

YOUTH CORNER



Parking Help Needed!

Merlefest Parking Lot time is fast approaching! We need YOU!

HAVE FUN & HELP FBC Youth attend PASSPORT Summer Camp and participate in missions throughout the year!

Sign up for one or more shifts FOR A GOOD CAUSE!

Contact: Patricia 704-473-4644

◇ MerleFest is fast approaching! The youth, along with volunteers, run a parking lot fundraiser (Dr. Bond's old office lot on School St.) If you would like to support the Youth Ministry by volunteering, please sign-up early to help park cars with Patricia. Lots of volunteers are needed for MerleFest and all funds raised will support Youth PASSPORT Camp and Missions. It takes everyone helping out and we appreciate you volunteering!!

CHURCH-WIDE INTERGENERATIONAL MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES



Blessing Bags night, March 22

Patricia and Jamie want to thank everyone who joined the Youth and First Kids for our second Intergenerational Mission Project of 2026. Friends came together to enjoy fellowship and to make blessing bags to be personally passed out as they see those that may need a bit of assistance. Please join us for our next event that will be held Sunday, April 12th from 5:30-6:30 p.m. We will be making and delivering goodie baskets for/to our police officers, fire departments, and EMS.

Upcoming Dates:

April 12 - Baskets for and delivery to our Community Helpers
May 17 - Event to be announced.

Contact Jamie or Patricia if you have any questions.

These projects help youth and children understand the importance of serving others while also creating meaningful relationships across generations.

ATTENTION: GRADUATES

Graduate Sunday is on **May 17th**, and we want to celebrate your special milestone! Please submit a **photo and brief bio** that includes:

- Your name, parents, grandparents, siblings
- The high school or college you are graduating from
- Your area of study
- Extracurricular activities and awards
- Your future plans

Send your write-up to **Patricia or Katie** as soon as possible. Also, please let **Rev. Patricia** know if you will be attending on May 17th so we can plan the processional. Congratulations to all of our graduates!

FIRST KIDS

Our April series kicks off with the greatest news ever—Jesus is alive!



But even his closest friends were surprised by what they discovered. Each week, kids will follow the clues in the Bible, looking at the stories leading up to Easter and connecting them to other moments in Jesus' life and ministry. Along the way, they'll see that the Bible isn't just full of clues about who Jesus is—it's the complete story of God's love. In this 4-week series, kids will learn that the Bible says Jesus is alive, the Bible tells us Jesus loves us, the Bible reveals who Jesus is, and the Bible shows us how to share God's love.

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Important Dates:

- April 5th: Happy Easter!
- April 12th: Intergenerational Mission Project (5:30-6:30)
- April 15th: First Kids Players (6:30-8pm) ***Note the time change.**

Attention! First Kids Players: We will be meeting on Wednesday, April 15th for our 2nd session! This group of theatre/drama enthusiasts have already agreed on the theme of our first production, Fruits of the Spirit. We are so excited to move forward and begin creating something for everyone to enjoy. This group is for kids (6-11). Youth and adults are welcome to join to assist our First Kids in creating their first production! This will be an original production from start to finish including the plot, lines, props, and stage direction. Please contact Jamie if you would like to participate or have any questions!

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Nursery Volunteers Needed! If you are willing and able, please sign-up for one or two spots every 3 months. This would ensure that our nursery is covered, you get to play with some adorable little humans, and enjoy the company of our Ms. Racheal! Just click the "Nursery Volunteer Sign-Up" button below (also located on our website.) Thank you!



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Holy Week at First Baptist

Palm Sunday March 29

Bible Study 9:45am

Worship Service 11am

First Kids/Youth "Journey to the Cross" 4:30-6:30pm

Maundy Thursday April 2

Catered Meal 5:30pm RSVP required by March 30

Tenebrae Service w/Communion 6:30pm

Good Friday April 3

Service 11:30am in the sanctuary

Meal following the service (no reservation required)

Easter Sunday April 5

Sunrise Service Wilkesboro Commons 6:45am

Easter Worship Service with orchestra 11am

No First Kids or Youth this evening

First Baptist Ministerial Staff

Senior Pastor: **Dr. Bert Young**

Associate Pastor: **Rev. Patricia Turner**

Music Director: **Larisa Leapley**

Children's Director: **Jamie Higginbotham**

Pianist & Organist: **Tammy Prevette**

Faith. Friendship. Community.

*"There is a seat at the table
for everyone at First Baptist"*

DR. BERT YOUNG

A Word from the Pastor
Celebrate The Resurrection

Frederick Buechner writes about Easter in his daily devotional book Listening to Your Life under the heading “No Metaphor”:

For Paul, the Resurrection was no metaphor; it was the power of God. And when he spoke of Jesus as raised from the dead, he meant Jesus alive and at large in the world—not as some shimmering ideal of human goodness or the achieving power of hopeful thought—but as the very power of life itself. If the life that was in Jesus died on the cross; if the love that was in him came to an end when his heart stopped beating; if the truth that he spoke was no more if no less timeless than the great truths of any time; if all that he had in him to give to the world was a little glimmer of light to make bearable the inexorable approach of endless night—then all was despair.

And Easter is NOT despair; for I, along with the Apostle Paul, Frederick Buechner (and you) believe wholeheartedly in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. That belief is the cornerstone of Christianity, and it is the lynchpin of eternity. I love the succinct quote of theologian Jaroslav Pelikan, “If Christ is not risen, nothing else matters. And if Christ is risen, nothing else matters.”

Be a Part of Our Church’s Celebration of the Risen Christ

Welcome, New Members!

Banian Banner joined our church family on **March 1**.

Address: 1224 Swaim St., N. Wilkesboro
Cell: 336-452-3498 Birthday: Feb. 14



Bobby Huffman joined FBC March 22.

Address: 1224 Swaim St., N. Wilkesboro

Birthday: July 27

A warm welcome to you both! We are glad you are here!

NEW BABY ANNOUNCEMENT

Stephanie and Scotty Williams are the proud grandparents of new baby Ottimer “Otto” Lucario Ojeda. Otto was born on Tues., March 12, 2026 at 5:33 a.m. weighing 8 lbs., 3 oz, and 20-1/2” long. Their daughter, Caroline (husband Dan Ojeda) and baby are healthy and doing well. Congratulations!

Worship with us at First Baptist

Regular Sunday Activities

- 9:15 am Library Open
- 9:45 am Sunday School/Bible Study all ages
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- Nursery available ages birth to 3 years during Sunday School and Worship
- 4:30-6:30 pm First Kids and Youth Groups meet

Weekly Activities (Unless Noted on Calendar)

- Mondays: 12:30 p.m. Lunch Group-See Schedule
- Wednesdays: 4:00 p.m. Bible Study Wayland Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Adult Handbells Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Choir/Handbells Small Group
- 6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 2nd/4th Thursdays: 11:00 a.m. CareNet Alzheimer’s/Dementia Caregiver Support Group-All Welcome

LIBRARY NEWS

Mark your calendars for **April 12, 9:30-10:30** to celebrate **National Library Week** in the church library. Light refreshments will be served, totes will be given to anyone checking out a book (or you can buy one for \$2), and a \$25 Amazon gift card will be given in a drawing, to trivia questions answered about our library and our collection.



First trivia question is:

1. Who in the FBC family wrote the book "Remember our Heroes?"

Place your answers in the designated box **in the library** with your answer. Don't forget, you can use the FBC Library Link to find answers as well!

www.librarycat.org/lib/fbcnwlibrary

FBC Scholarship Committee

First Baptist Church of North Wilkesboro offers four scholarships for high school graduates: the **Hubert C. Billings Scholarship**, the **Conrad and Lib Shaw Scholarship**, the **Dr. Hal Hawkins Scholarship**, and the **James Huffman Family Scholarship**.

To be eligible, applicants must be members of FBC or immediate family members of a current FBC member. Each scholarship has specific requirements; please review these on the application, which is available on our church website or can be requested through the church office.

Recipients of the Hawkins and Huffman Scholarships are eligible to apply for a sophomore-year renewal. Additional details are provided on the application.



OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT

RELAY FOR LIFE WILKES

Shred-It at GFL-489 Boone Trail: Shred documents for a great cause! On Sat., April 18 from 9am-Noon. Cost is 60 cents/lb.,

(Minimum \$10 donation) and ALL proceeds benefit Relay for Life of Wilkes! Need more info? Call Lynn Day: 336-909-2049

Relay for Life Luminaries: Honor or remember a loved one with a luminary for \$10. Proceeds go to **Relay for Life/American Cancer Society**. Luminaries will be sold at FBC on **Sunday, April 19**. Forms are also available in the **newsletter** or at the **church office**. **Purchase deadline: April 27. Relay Event:** Friday, May 8 at 6 PM, **Rotary Park**.

Financial Report & Donations to Enduring Gifts

Weekly Report March 22, 2026

Designated Receipts	\$ 2,735.60
Budget Receipts	\$ 3,195.00
Weekly Budget Needed	\$ 11,421.46
Budget Needed to Date	\$ 137,057.54
Budget Received to Date	\$ 113,173.01
Budget Deficit	\$ (23,884.53)

Memorials:

In Memory of Lois Bentley
 Given by Celia Canter, David & Beth Reynolds, Sara McCall, Ken & Ruth Rollins, Lecia Bentley, Jack Mazingo and Linda Jeffords

In Memory of Max Joines

Given by Jim & JoAnn Caudill
In Memory of Helen Shinaman
 Given by Sherry Griffith

“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights” James 1:17a

IN HOUSE DEACON MISSIONS GROUP

SPRING FOOD GIVEAWAY UPDATE

Our May “Spring Food Giveaway” is coming up! **We could not do this without YOU!** Thank you to everyone who has donated so far. Bins are located at entrances to the Portico, rear of the Education Building, and the Narthex, as well as at the church library.

Our next phase has begun, and we will be accepting the following items **through Fri., April 10:** Soup, Ramen Noodles, Spaghetti Noodles and Sauce, Pork & Beans, Canned Pasta, Canned Meats/ Tuna, Shampoo & Conditioner, Soap/Body Wash, Feminine items.

Final Phase: **Sun., April 12-Sun., May 3:** Mac & Cheese, Crackers, Rice, Juice, Peanut Butter/Jelly, Cereal, Cookies, Canned Fruit, Toilet Paper, Hand Sanitizer, Tissues

SMALL GROUP CONTACTS

If you’ve been waiting for a sign to jump into a small group... this is it! We have something for everyone, and we’d love to help you find your place. Small groups are where real connection happens, friendships grow, and our church family comes alive. Don’t sit on the sidelines—reach out and get plugged in today!

Handbell/Choir Small Group---Contact Debra Kilpatrick (804) 337-6965

Nursing Home Visitation---Contact Janet Atwood (336) 452-0008.

Current Events---Contact Nellie Archibald (336) 528-1898

Sermon Discussion Group---Contact Bert Young (910) 876-4247

Trailblazers Hiking/Walking---Wednesdays 9am, Cub Creek by E-chargers. Contact Donna Greene (828) 381-3433

Reading Between the Vines---Group Contact Tiffany Young (910) 876-4616

Lunch Group---We will meet at 12:30 pm on Mondays. Contact Patricia Turner (704) 473-4644

1st Monday: The 50's, *2nd Monday:* Moravian Falls Grill,

3rd Monday: Cagney’s; *4th Monday:* Amalfi’s

5th Monday: TBD

Fishing Group---Contact Bert Young (910) 876-4247

Board/Card Games Group---Contact Tory Norwood (336) 469-2441

Poverty Book Study Group---Group Contact: Gary Newman 336-902-0343

Happy Wanderers Small Group---Next Meeting April 14 at 3:30 p.m. in lg. conf. room. Contacts: Jerry Swaim (336) 262-2855 or (336) 818-1450 and Jim McRae (336) 981-7082

***SUNDAYS Regular Activities**

9:15 a.m. Library Open
 9:45 a.m. Bible Study All Ages
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
 4:30-6:30 p.m. 1st Kids/Youth

April 2026

****WEDNESDAY Regular Activities**

4:00 p.m. Bible Study Wayland Hall
 5:00 p.m. Adult Handbells
 6:00 p.m. Choir/Handbells small grp.
 6:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 ONLY: Bible Study 4pm Choir 6pm	2 Maundy Thursday Meal at 5:30pm Service at 6:30pm	3 No School Good Friday Service 11:30am Meal afterward	4
5 Sunrise Service 6:45 am Bible Study 9:45 Easter Service 11 am No 1st Kids/Youth tonight	6 Church Office Closed	7	8 **Regular Activities	9 CareNet Alzheimer's Dementia Caregiver Support Group 11am in The Gathering Place	10	11
WILKES COUNTY SCHOOLS SPRING BREAK						
12 *Regular activities All Ages Missions 5:30-6:30	13	14 Health Found. 12 pm, No Finance, Happy Wanderers 3:30 pm, Exec. Committee 4pm	15 **Regular Activities and 1st Kids Players 6:30pm	16	17	18 Shred-It GFL 9-Noon Relay for Life
19 *Regular activities Relay for Life Luminary sale Passport \$ due	20	21	22 **Regular activities	23 Team "B" St. Paul's 9:30 am CareNet Group 11 Book Club 1pm Merlefest begins	24 Merlefest	25 Merlefest
26 *Regular service & Bible study times, 1st Kids 4:30-6:30pm Merlefest Youth meet TBD	27 Relay for Life Luminary Deadline	28	29 **Regular activities	30		

First Baptist Church North Wilkesboro

April Worship Volunteers

	April 5	April 12	April 19	April 26
Ushers	Robert Greene's Team	Bill Myers Team	Tommy Caudill's Team	Frank Day's Team
SS Nursery	Two Volunteers Needed	Linda Wehrmann	Ashley Davis	Tory Norwood
Worship Nursery	Adena Greene 1 Volunteer Needed	Nursery Volunteer Needed	Nursery Volunteer Needed	Ashley Davis
SS Greeters	Jim & Marie Waddell	Brian Huffman; Mickey Leapley	David & Hilda Smith	Frank Day
Worship Greeters	Dawn Gardner	Madelene Johnson	Steve Moree	Bill Bumgarner
Visitor's Table	Pam Greene	Martha Myers	Marie Waddell	Madelene Johnson
Open Up	Danny Stanley	Danny Stanley	Danny Stanley	Danny Stanley
Lock Up	Mike Norwood; Anthony Davis	Mike Norwood; Anthony Davis	Mike Norwood; Anthony Davis	Mike Norwood; Anthony Davis

April Birthdays

April 1: Lloyd Walker	April 11: Brooke Welborn	April 22: Holly Carver
April 2: Madelene Johnson	April 12: Susan Christenbury	April 24: Sam Mayberry
April 3: Myra Johnson	Alicia Johnston	April 25: John Warren
April 4: Connie Glass	Larisa Leapley	April 27: Vickie Murphy
April 5: Jenni Foster	April 13: Hanion Johnson	Pat Osborne
April 6: David Mastin	April 17: Sydney Owens	Katie Rash
April 8: Bobbi Jennings	April 19: Michael O. Greene	April 29: Georgia Mastin
April 9: Amy Cox	Lauren Larsen	April 30: Jeanie Davis
Ryan Smith	Brady Scott	

May Birthdays

May 2: Rayne Mae Higginbotham	May 10: Dr. Bert Young	May 21: Mary Ann Norwood
May 3: Ronnie Osborne	May 17: Pat Handy	May 22: Charles Felts
May 7: Sheryl Lowe	May 19: Ann Dorsett	Edward Garvin
May 8: Brittany Martin	Bobby Province	May 25: Sara Caudill
Lily Kate Young	Diane Swaim	Rev. Patricia Turner
May 9: Gracie Bare	May 20: Joe Brooks	May 27: Marcia Conley
Aileen Bentley	Lisa Lentz	Kelly Dodge
Len Brooks	Jim McRae	Logan Osborne
Erica Marsh	Tyler Norwood	May 28: David Johnston
Tami Dearman Newton		