

SMALL GROUP CONTACTS

God created us for community, and at First Baptist, our small groups are a wonderful way to live that out. Come be a part of a group where you can grow in faith, share in fellowship, and support one another as we journey together in Christ.

Nursing Home and Homebound 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, “John Henry Groce” Trail, 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: Olive Garden, **2nd Monday:** Moravian Falls Grill, **3rd Monday:** Cagney’s, **4th Monday:** Sagebrush

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

Board/Card Games Group---Next meeting will be planned after school is out for the summer. Contact Tory Norwood (336) 469-2441

Happy Wanderers Small Group---Contacts: Jerry Swaim (336) 262-2855 or (336) 818-1450 and Jim McRae (336) 981-7082

Summer Worship Schedule

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

In August, on the Fifth Sunday, we will meet in the Wayland Hall at 9:30 a.m. for “Fifth Sunday Fellowship” in place of Bible Study. Refreshments served by the Empty Nesters Sunday School class.

FBC Committee Meetings July 2026

Thurs., Aug. 13

Finance Committee 2:30 pm

Executive Committee 4 pm

Thurs., Aug. 20

Building & Grounds Committee 4 pm

Sun., July 19

Deacons meet 8:30 am



As we prepare for our 2026 Hope and Harmony Bazaar, our team is excited to host a drop-off event on Friday, August 7th from 11:00-1:00. Team members will be available at the circle drive off the kitchen to accept Christmas items, books, art work, baskets, florals, home decor, canning jars, children's toys, etc. We respectfully ask that items be in good condition worthy of resale. We want to maintain the reputation of offering quality gifts and items the community is accustomed to. Just a reminder that we do not take donations of clothing.

New for this year's Hope and Harmony Bazaar

Many of us are discovering that our children are not always interested in inheriting the treasures we had hoped to pass along. If that has been your experience, we invite you to consider donating your china to the Bazaar.

Whether it's a cherished Christmas pattern or an everyday set, your china can find a new home while helping support the Bazaar. If you have a complete service for 8, 10, or 12 but no longer need that many place settings, we would be grateful to receive sets of 4, 6, or 8 place settings.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Madelene Johnson, Pam Greene, Pamela Call, or Tamarah Cornette.

**Financial Report &
Donations to Enduring Gifts**

Weekly Report July 26, 2026

Designated Receipts	\$ 1,464.00
Budget Receipts	\$ 22,017.12
Weekly Budget Needed	\$ 11,421.46
Budget Needed to Date	\$ 342,643.85
Budget Received to Date	\$ 304,982.76
Budget Deficit	\$ (37,661.09)

Memorials:

In Memory of Jim & Mary Iva Gray

Given by Gary & Madelene Johnson

In Memory of Jim Robinson

Given by Bill & Martha Myers

Honorariums:

In Honor of Cheryl Church on her birthday July 2

Given by Philathea SS Class

In Honor of First Baptist Visitation Team

Given by Bettie Braswell

The Scope
First Baptist Church
of North Wilkesboro

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Final Summer Vespers

Wed., August 19
6:30 p.m. at The Summit
365 Cross Mountain Rd.
Jefferson, NC 28640



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

August is Anything but Ordinary

If there is one thing that can be said about August at First Baptist Church, it is this: there will be no such thing as an "ordinary" Sunday. Every week offers a unique opportunity to gather, worship, and experience God's presence in a different way. I hope you'll make plans now to be here for each one.

Deacon Vote

We begin the month on **Sunday, August 2**, with our annual Deacon Election following worship. This important part of our church's life gives us the opportunity to affirm those who have been called to serve our congregation in this vital ministry. We are also grateful that Rev. Peggy Haymes will continue leading us in worship **Sun., August 2, and 9th** while Bert is away.

Children's Sunday



Then, on **August 16**, prepare yourself for something truly special. Our worship service will move to Wayland Hall as our incredible First Kids Stage Company presents "Not Today, Gerald, Not Today." Under the leadership of Jamie and our children's ministry team, our young people have worked hard to create a production that is

both entertaining and deeply meaningful. Through humor, creativity, and the story of one man's everyday struggles, they will remind us that following Jesus produces the Fruit of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control—even when life throws us a "Gerald."

One of the great joys of being a church family is watching our children discover and share their faith. Join us and let's pack Wayland Hall to encourage them and celebrate their gifts. Be sure to invite friends and neighbors to experience this wonderful morning with us.

We would be remiss if we did not mention that Bert will be back with us on **August 16**! We are excited to welcome him back to First Baptist, refreshed, renewed, and rested after a well-deserved sabbatical. (See more info in the First Kids News section, including rehearsal dates!)

Blessing of the Backpacks

As schools across our community begin another year, **Sunday, August 23**, will be our annual Blessing of the Backpacks. We invite all children, youth, teachers, administrators, school staff, and anyone involved in education to bring their backpacks, book bags, or school totes as we pray God's blessing over the coming school year. Rev. Patricia Turner has also invited our church



family to participate in the four-week Back2School devotional series through the d365 app or at d365.org, centered on Romans 12:2. What a wonderful way for students, parents, grandparents, and teachers alike to begin the school year grounded in God's Word.

Fifth Sunday Fellowship and Olive Branch Ministries

Then, on **August 30**, we will enjoy Fifth Sunday Fellowship in the Wayland Hall at 9:30 a.m., in place of Sunday School. We will enjoy refreshments provided by the Empty Nesters Sunday School Class, a devotional, and then a time of friendship and togetherness. During the 11 a.m. worship service, we are honored to welcome Rev. Scarlett Jasper, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Field Personnel and Rural Poverty Advocate, who will tell us more about the Appalachian Christmas Shoebox Ministry through Olive Branch Ministries.



You may remember last year, when we began to support this exciting ministry. Beginning **August 30**, you'll have the opportunity to pick up a shoebox to fill with school supplies, winter hats and gloves, small toys, candy, and other gifts that will brighten a child's Christmas. Our goal this year is 160 shoeboxes.

But this ministry is about so much more than Christmas gifts. These shoeboxes open doors for lasting relationships with families living in deep poverty throughout Appalachia. Through those relationships come opportunities for financial literacy programs, counseling, health clinics, practical assistance, and, most importantly, sharing the love and hope of Jesus Christ. We are excited to partner in this meaningful work and hope every family in our church will consider filling a shoebox.

In Closing

As you can see, August is filled with worship, celebration, mission, prayer, and opportunities to encourage one another. Every Sunday offers something unique, but each points us toward the same purpose: growing closer to Christ and helping others experience His love.

We hope you'll make worship a priority this month. Bring your family. Invite a friend. Come expecting God to speak, encourage, and challenge each of us as we continue living out our faith together.

Sabbatical Reminder

Dr. Young is still on sabbatical until August 16. This is just a reminder that if you have any pastoral needs, or urgent prayer requests, please contact Rev. Patricia Turner at 704-473-4644. You may also contact me in the office, and I would be happy to assist! Katie 336-838-5197.

Youth News

A new school year brings excitement and new opportunities. Many of our youth are participating in fall sports, and practices are already underway. Fall sports schedules will be posted on the hallway bulletin board, so please take a look and make plans to attend a game or event. Your presence and encouragement can make a meaningful difference in the lives of our youth. Ministry doesn't just happen inside the walls of the church—some of our greatest opportunities for ministry take place beyond them, as we support and invest in the lives of our youth and others.

Blessing of the Backpacks will happen as we prepare for a new school year beginning on Monday, August 24. On Sunday, August 23 all children, youth and school staff are encouraged to bring their backpacks to worship for a special Back to School Blessing. Church families begin praying now for all the students and staff for a meaningful school year full of learning and relationships.

Finally, in August the final summer activities will happen for our youth. Friday, August 7 at 6:00 p.m. our youth will gather for supper and an activity. On Sunday, August 9 at 3:00 p.m. our youth will gather at FBCNW for a final Lake Day including boat rides and tubing.

Wednesday, August 19 our youth will go canoeing and to Vespers at the Summit together. The final activity before school will be Sunday, August 23 with supper and Back to School activity together.

Thank you for supporting and encouraging our youth throughout the year. Your prayers, kind words, and presence at their sporting events and activities will remind them that their church family is cheering them on.

I am so appreciative of our wonderful church family. Patricia

First Kids News



Time travel is such an exciting concept to imagine! If we could hop into a time machine and visit the past, we might be surprised by how much has changed—and how some things stay exactly the same.

One thing we'd discover is that God's love and faithfulness are timeless. In this 5-week series, kids will explore how God's messages to us never change, no matter the time or place. They'll learn that God's love is timeless, we can seek God any time, God is good all the time, God takes the time to forgive, and God is with us at all times.

BIG IDEAS & BIBLE STORIES

- 1. **God's love is timeless.** (Hosea the Prophet: Hosea 11:1–11; Hebrews 10:19–25)
- 2. **We can seek God any time.** (Isaiah the Prophet: Isaiah 1:1, 10–20; Hebrews 11:1–3, 6)

- 3. **God is good all the time.** (Micah the Prophet: Micah 6:1–8; Hebrews 12:1–3)
- 4. **God takes the time to forgive.** (Jeremiah the Prophet: Jeremiah 18:1–10; Hebrews 12:18–29)
- 5. **God is with us at all times.** (Ezekiel the Prophet: Ezekiel 37:1–14; Hebrews 13:6–8)



Practices:

Thur, August 6th: 6–8

Tues, August 11th: 6–8

Thur, August 13th: 6–8

Sunday School:

Aug 9th: 9:45–10:45

Aug 16th: 9:30–10:45

Children's Sunday 2026 is sure to entertain and inspire our congregation and guests. Our First Kids Stage Company and Camp has created an incredible theatrical performance showcasing how everyday life comes with challenges; however, when we follow Jesus and trust in God, we are able to face those challenges with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Please join us and show your support on Sunday, August 16th in the Wayland Hall during worship for "Not Today, Gerald, Not Today," a production performed and crafted by our incredible First Kids. Come and meet our main characters Steve, who seems to be down on his luck, and Gerald, who enjoys generating Steve's misfortune. You will see who God puts in Steve's path to show him the Fruits of the Spirit and introduces him to this "cool dude" named Jesus.

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 on the church website!



A New Baby to Love!

Congratulations on baby girl, Elsie Jean Bell. Born July 17th, 7 lbs., 21 inches long. Parents Jacob and Olivia Bell. Big brother Jace, and big sisters Emersyn and Lainey Bell. Grandparents Richard and Andrea Wilcox, Great-Grandparents Mike & Dianna Bullock and Gene and Bobbie Bell.

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*Regular Sunday Activities Unless Otherwise Noted

9:15 a.m. Library Open

9:45 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Study all ages

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Nursery available during Sunday School and
Worship, Ages 0-3 years

August 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 *Regular activities Deacon Nominee Vote after worship	3 Lunch Group 12:30 Olive Garden	4 CareNet Support Group 11am	5 Walking Group 9am Cub Creek	6 First Kids Stage Company Rehearsal 6-8 p.m.	7 Bazaar Drop-Off 11am-1pm Youth supper & activity 6 p.m.	8
9 *Regular activities Youth Lake Day 3 pm	10 Lunch Group 12:30 Mo. Falls Grill	11 First Kids Stage Company Rehearsal 6-8 p.m.	12 Walking Group 9am Cub Creek	13 Finance Committee 2:30pm Exec. Committee 4pm First Kids Stage Company Rehearsal 6-8 p.m.	14	15
16 8:30am Deacons meeting Children's Sunday 11am in Wayland Hall, First Kids Stage Co. present their production	17 Lunch Group 12:30 Cagney's	18 CareNet Support Group 11am	19 Walking Group 9am Cub Creek Vespers at The Summit 6:30pm	20 Book Club 1pm Building & Grounds 4pm	21 Choir Retreat Laurel Ridge	22 →
23 Blessing of the Backpacks 11am Youth Back to School Event	24 Wilkes Co. Schools back in session Lunch Group 12:30 Sagebrush	25	26 Walking Group 9am Cub Creek Choir Rehearsal resumes 6:45pm	27 St. Paul's "Team A" Volunteers 9:30am	28	29
30 Fifth Sunday Fellowship 9:30am Olive Branch Ministries 11 am						

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August 2026 Worship Volunteers & Birthdays

	Aug 2	Aug 9	Aug 16	Aug 23	Aug 30
Ushers	Robert Greene's Team	Bill Myers Team	Tommy Caudill's Team	Frank Day's Team	Youth Team
SS Nursery	Linda Wehrmann	Tory Norwood	Tory Norwood	Ashley Davis	Ashley Davis
Worship Nursery	Anabelle Higginbotham	Adena Greene	Tory Norwood	Ashley Davis	Ashley Davis
SS Greeters	Jim & Marie Waddell	Brian Huffman; Mickey Leapley	David & Hilda Smith	Frank & Sandy Day	Jerry & Diane Swaim
Worship Greeters	Bill Bumgarner	Marie Waddell	Rod Watts	Brian Huffman	Patricia Alexander
Visitor's Table	Pam Greene	Tamarah Cornette	Marie Waddell	Madelene Johnson	Women of the Church
Open Up	Danny Stanley	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	Mike Norwood; Anthony Davis

August Birthdays

Aug. 1: Phillip Greene Shelby Hill	Aug. 8: Sheila Crews	Aug. 16: Edith Ann Day Cole Higginbotham	Aug. 26: Celia Canter Martha Myers
Aug. 3: Shari Smith	Aug. 9: Janet Atwood Josh Day	Aug. 17: JoAnn Caudill	Jim Waddell
Aug. 4: Mary Jean Greene	Aug. 11: Richie Cornette	Andrew Marshall	Aug. 28: Elizabeth Keatley
Aug. 5: Juanita Sparks	Marie Felts	Bob Taylor	Aug. 30: Karen Newman
Aug. 6: David Hill Blake Huffman Eli Osborne	Aug. 12: Tamarah Cornette Phyllis Wiggins	Aug. 21: Randy Bumgarner Barrett Necessary Steve Newton	Aug. 31: Kathy Compton John German Beth Hartong Jean Miller
Aug. 7: Vickie Caudill Gloria Mastin	Aug. 15: Dr. Martha Simpson	Aug. 23: Steve Curlee Marie Ray	

September Birthdays

Sept. 1: Austin Owens	Sept. 14: Megan Hill Mull	Sept. 20: Michael Parsons	Sept. 27: James Carlson
Sept. 2: Ida Maude Collins	David Reynolds	Sept. 21: Ashley Royall	Holt Hanchey
Sept. 3: Monette Nixon	Sept. 15: Sydney Leapley	Sept. 22: Neil Day	Dawn Gardner
Sept. 4: Ian Hagaman	Reid Huskey	Ahlivia McMillan	Elaine Young
Sept. 5: Lou Pendry	Sept 16: PJ McFaddin	Beth Reynolds	Sept 28: Cindy Smith
Sept. 10: Kelly Huffman Nancy Nixon Patrick Smith	Tammy Prevette	Sept 24: Pam Edwards Wilma Sue German	Sept 29: Wilma Lovette
Sept. 11: Michael Lentz	Sept. 17: Chris Day Margie Fagan	Sept. 25: Lake Carver	Sept 30: Bill Johnson
Sept. 12: Bettie Braswell	Sept. 18: Dianna Bullock	Bill Myers	Betty Kilby
	Sept. 19: Nellie Archibald		