

The Scope

First Baptist Church of North Wilkesboro

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FBC Visitation Team

The blessing belongs to both the giver and the receiver! We would love to have more people join our team, we could visit even more often with TWO teams. Contact Janet Atwood, if you would like to be a part of this wonderful Ministry!



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

WITH GRATITUDE

Beloved First Baptist Church Family,

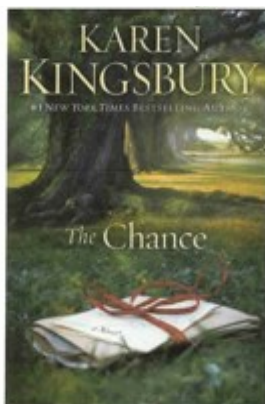
Your *incredible* Sabbatical Love Offering left me feeling:

Speechless.....*Overwhelmed*..... Humbled.....

Amazed.....Grateful..... **Overjoyed**...

Loved..... **Appreciated**..... and **BLESSED!**

LIBRARY NEWS



When Ellie and Nolan were kids, they had put letters they had written to each other in a metal box, under the oak tree. They promised to return 11 years later. Now Ellie is a struggling single mother and Nolan an NBA star. Will their reunion heal their hearts and restore their faith?

4 copies are available in the library for checkout.

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!

First Kids News

We Are Family: a 4-Week Teaching Series for Children's Ministry

Nothing brings a family together—or stirs up some friendly drama—like a family game night! Just like in games, family life can have its own ups and downs, whether it's with our given or chosen families. In this 4-week series, kids will explore how Abraham's family navigated challenges and blessings while learning how we can care for our families, serve them well, and remember that we're all part of God's family. As they do, kids will learn that we can believe God's promises, we can pray for our families, we can trust God to provide, and we're all welcome in God's family.

BIG IDEAS & BIBLE STORIES

We can believe God's promises. (God Calls Abram: Genesis 12:1–5, 13:1–18; Psalm 145:8–14)

We can pray for our families. (God Spares Lot's Family: Genesis 18:20–33, 19:15–29; Psalm 65:1–8)

We can trust God to provide. (Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac: Genesis 21:1–6, 22:1–14; Psalm 139:1–12)

We're all welcome in God's family. (Jacob and Esau: Genesis 25:19–34, 27:1–33; Romans 8:31–39)

First Kids Stage Company Camp- First Kids and our Youth are welcome to join us July 13,15,17 and 20,22,24, 9am to Noon.

We are using these two weeks to prepare for a very special event that we will be performing for our congregation on August 16. This is NOT just an acting camp! We will be creating and choosing props, learning stage direction, playing games, making snacks, experience Bible stories, and so much more. Please contact Katie in the church office or Jamie by email or call/text 336-825-0452 to register no later than Friday, July 10th. There is no cost to attend camp!

Summer Vespers

Wed., July 15, 6:30 pm

Big R Orchards

355 Bethany Ch. Rd., Mo. Falls

Wed., August 19, 6:30 pm

The Summit

365 Cross Mtn. Rd, W. Jefferson



Summer Vespers is a long-held and sacred tradition at First Baptist Church that offers time for us to gather outside the sanctuary and fellowship hall to enjoy nature and recreation, delicious food along with a brief time of devotion and worship. The atmosphere and the dress are relaxed and casual. It is a covered dish meal, so please bring food for yourself and some to share. Plates, napkins, tea and water will be provided.

Special Music

Sun., July 5: Choir and Brass Quintet will present patriotic music during worship at 11 a.m.



On the first Sunday of Dr. Young's sabbatical, (Sun., July 19) Dr. Larry Hovis will be in the pulpit. Dr. Larry Hovis has served as the Executive Coordinator of CBF of North Carolina since 2004. Prior to assuming this leadership role, Larry served as pastor of four congregations: The Memorial Baptist Church, Greenville, NC; First Baptist Church, Mocksville, NC; Bethlehem Baptist Church, Richmond, VA; and Washington Baptist Church, Washington, VA.

Larry is married to the former Kimberly Lee. They have one daughter, Lauren, who works as a foreign service officer with the U.S. State Department. In his limited spare time, Larry enjoys cycling, traveling with his family (especially to historic places) and watching sports (primarily ACC football and basketball).

Larry earned a B.A. from North Carolina State University, an M.Div. from Southeastern Theological Seminary, and a D.Min. from Union Theological Seminary.



First Baptist North Wilkesboro welcomes Rev. Peggy Haymes to the pulpit Sun., July 26, August 2, and August 9th.

Bio: A native of Winston-Salem, Peggy Haymes' ministry has included serving on a church staff, as an interim pastor, hospital chaplain and the first editor of Reflections daily devotional magazine. For over twenty years she's been a licensed counselor in Winston-Salem. The author of a number of books, she also enjoys playing with her 10 year old rescue lab and serving at the pleasure of her cats. She's a graduate of Furman, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and Wake Forest University.

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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

FBC Committee Meetings July 2026

Tues., July 14 Finance Committee 2:30 pm

Executive Committee 4 pm

Thurs., July 16 Building & Grounds Committee 4 pm

Sun., July 19 Deacons meet 8:30 am

Financial Report & Donations to Enduring Gifts

Weekly Report June 28, 2026

Designated Receipts	\$ 750.00
Budget Receipts	\$ 16,017.75
Weekly Budget Needed	\$ 11,421.46
Budget Needed to Date	\$296,958.00
Budget Received to Date	\$258,168.35
Budget Deficit	\$ (38,789.65)

Memorials:

In Memory of Jerry McNeil

Given by Staci Dunn

In Memory of Robert Wyke (birthday)

Given by Sandra Couch

In Memory of Bobby Elledge (best dad!)and

LaNelle Elledge

Given by Christy Rhoades

In Memory of Lois Bentley

Given by North Wilkesboro Rotary Club

In Memory of Claude Canter (Father's Day)

Given by Marie Canter

Honorariums:

In Honor of Dr. Kevin Reynolds

Given by Linda Bentley

A Letter from the Diaconate

Dear First Baptist Church Family,

As Dr. Young is preparing for his 4-week Sabbatical, please keep in mind the purpose for a pastor to take a sabbatical. Very few members of any congregation will ever know and understand the demands on their pastor. A pastor is on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Even when a pastor is on vacation they are often called back to the church for an illness or passing of a church member.

For those reasons our church voted to award Dr. Young a 4 week sabbatical in honor of his 10 years of service to our church. This was done to give him and his family complete relief from all church responsibilities. We ask that everyone honor the sabbatical by not contacting him during this time. We are extremely fortunate to have Rev. Patricia Turner (704) 473-4644 on staff who will handle Ministry and Pastoral Care issues that may arise during Dr. Young's leave. Each church member has a family deacon who is also available if you or your family member has any needs during that time. His last Sunday in the pulpit will be Sunday, July 12, and he will return to us on Sunday, August 16.

It is our hope that with the time away, Dr. Young will be renewed and that he will continue to lead our church as he has done so well for almost 10 years.

In the Peace of Christ,

The FBC Diaconate

Please see the enclosed insert of newly elected deacons and their bios.

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.

Youth News

Church family thank you for all the mail, prayers, encouragement and support for Passport Missions. From the worship service one could tell the youth are growing in their spiritual journey. Please continue to pray for them as it is easy at camp but challenging when you are home among other influences. Share encouragement and pray for our youth especially this summer.

Many of our youth are working this summer, so the summer schedule is being adjusted. Friday, July 10 and July 24 we will have supper and an activity on Friday evening beginning at 6 p.m. On Sunday, July 12 we will have a youth activity at the lake beginning at 4:00 p.m. Youth and parents watch your band app and emails for more details. Hopefully these days and times will help us be together this summer.

Finally, youth and families remember that Vespers will be at Big R Orchards on July 15. More information is in the Scope. I encourage you as families to attend this time of food, fellowship and faith. This time provides an opportunity for everyone to learn more about our church family.

Blessings,

Patricia

Being the Hands and Feet



The Saturday after Passport, two of our Youth, Noah Horton and Camden Higginbotham came to the rescue, planning and arranging the movement of some furniture for Becky Blackburn after her surgery. Thank you Camden and Noah for stepping up and doing missions as the hands and feet of Jesus. May we all follow their example and be ready to serve when called upon.