

The Scope

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LET'S CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S!

JOIN US IN THE
WAYLAND HALL FOR A

Valentine's Brunch

THURSDAY, FEB 12TH,
2026 @ 11:00 AM

FOOD, FUN, FRIENDLY FELLOWSHIP

GUEST SPEAKER: DR. BERT
YOUNG FOLLOWED BY TABLE
GAME W/ PRIZES

RSVP TO KATIE BY NOON
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays beginning
February 11, 2026

4pm | Wayland Fellowship Hall



WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON (4:00PM) BIBLE STUDY IN THE WAYLAND HALL NOW BEGINNING FEBRUARY 11

On Wednesday, February 11, all church members and guests are invited to the Wayland Hall at 4:00pm for Bible Study. Although a meal will not be served, we will have time for FELLOWSHIP, PRAYER CONCERNS & PRAYER, AS WELL AS A DISCUSSION OF SCRIPTURE LED BY THE PASTOR. If at the conclusion of the Bible Study folks choose to go out to eat together to continue the fellowship, that will be a bonus and an individual choice each participant will be free to make. 4:00 will not interfere with any current small groups or music activities, and will allow for everyone to be home before dark if that is a concern. This bible study is IN ADDITION TO and NOT IN PLACE OF our current small groups. The plan is for this NOT to be a video study but rather a discussion-based contemplation of scripture. I look forward to seeing you there.

God is
Love

FBC loves
You

Faith. Friendship. Community.

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

DR. BERT YOUNG

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



A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

Lent Begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18

The Season of Spiritual Preparation for Easter known as Lent begins this year on Wednesday, February 18. We will observe the occasion by coming together for an Ash Wednesday Service in our sanctuary at 6:30pm. This time of worship includes self-reflection, prayer, and scripture reading with a focus on understanding our need for forgiveness and

salvation. Of course, the service concludes with the placing of ashes on each forehead (or hand) as a sign of repentance. I hope you will make plans to be part of this service that marks the start of the holiest season of the Christian year.

The Lent we observe today is based upon the 40 days and nights Jesus spent praying and fasting in the desert immediately following his baptism and just prior to being tempted by Satan. Early Christians emulated Jesus by praying and fasting for 40 days as preparation for baptism (at one time this time of trial lasted for three years). In those days, baptisms were only performed on Easter Sunday, so the fasting always occurred in the season 40 days (minus Sundays) before Easter. Today, we continue the tradition, not as preparation for baptism, but for spiritual renewal as we draw near to the cross and suffering of Jesus.

The purpose of fasting (or giving something up) for Lent is a spiritual exercise for turning us to prayer every time we have a longing for whatever it is we are fasting from (coffee, soft drinks, cigarettes, the internet, television, etc.). Another worthy pursuit during Lent is to add something to do whether it be 10, 15, or 30 minutes of silent meditation on God each day, doing something for the “least of these” each day of Lent, inviting someone to church every day of Lent, writing a letter to someone telling him/her about the difference he/she has made in your life—the possibilities are endless.

If you observe Lent in a significant way of your choosing, I can assure you it will deepen and enrich your experience of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

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

Planning Group---(2nd and 4th Wednesdays) 1:00 p.m. in the Wayland Hall; Contact Annette Battle (336) 500-3383 Feb. 11 and 25

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

Lunch Group---We will meet at 12:30 p.m. 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

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

Worship with us at First Baptist

Regular Sunday Activities

9:15 a.m. Library Open

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

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Nursery available ages birth to 3 years during Sunday School and Worship

4:30-6:30 p.m. First Kids and Youth Groups meet

FOREVER YOUNG

Let's try again to have lunch, plan for our 2026 adventures and play games together. Mark your calendars for Thursday, February 19 at 11:30 a.m.

RSVP to Katie or Patricia by Sunday, February 15 if you can attend so lunch plans can be made.

Come prepared with your ideas and bring your games to play.

Looking forward to 2026 with Forever Young.

Patricia

YOUTH CORNER

February is here, and February 8 is an exciting day for many as we celebrate the Super Bowl. The Young's will be hosting a Super Bowl party at 5:30 p.m. at their home for 1st Kids, Youth and their parents/families. Youth are asked to bring an appetizer or dessert along with a 2-liter drink to share.

Before we gather for fellowship and enjoy the game together, our youth will be collecting donations (with soup pots) after worship for Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday. Funds raised will support those in our community who experience food insecurity, helping provide meals for individuals and families in need.


As the youth stand at the doors following worship and when you attend the luncheon, please consider giving, as you will be supporting the St. Paul's Crisis Ministry so others may receive a nourishing meal.

Beginning in February, our youth and children will also launch Churchwide Intergenerational Mission Projects once a month on Sunday evenings. More information later in this newsletter!

As always, please keep our youth in your prayers. When you see them, take a moment to ask how they are doing and offer words of encouragement. Your presence and support help remind them that they are valued and that there are caring, trusted adults within our church community who walk alongside them in faith.

Blessings,

Patricia



SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY!

SUNDAY, Feb. 8th

After Worship Youth will stand at the Narthex and Portico with soup pots to collect donations for "Souper Bowl of Caring"

Then, join us in the Wayland Hall for vegetable beef soup, pinto beans, cornbread, and homemade desserts, courtesy of Women of the Church. All donations for today will go to help provide meals at St. Paul's Crisis Ministry.

NEW! CHURCH-WIDE INTERGENERATIONAL MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES

Come join the children and the youth as we do missions together.

The first project will be Sunday, February 15 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

We will be making placemats for our St. Paul's Crisis Ministry February Meal.

Adults are encouraged to join in these projects not only to serve, but also to get to know our children and youth better. Let's grow our missions outreach and relationships together!!

Other dates:

March 15 - Blessing Bags

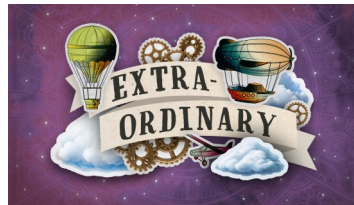
April 12 - Baskets for and delivery to our Community Helpers

May 17 - Party at Ebenezer Children's Home.

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.

FIRST KIDS



Jesus was a true trailblazer—not just for his time, but for all time! Jesus' teachings and way of life often went against the grain of what people expected, showing us a whole new way to live and love. While blazing

new trails, Jesus never wavered from the path of following God, and he paved the way for us to follow his lead. In this 4-week series, kids will learn to trust Jesus even when it's not easy, show others the way to God, let God's love take the lead, and pray the way Jesus prayed.

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S EVENT



PARENTS NIGHT OUT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

6:00PM-9:00PM

Drop Off
Your Children Ages 4-11 year in **Clean & Safe Environment!**

DAVID

Saturday, February 14 510 D St North Wilkesboro

That's why we're excited to invite you to our exclusive Parents' Night Out event! Dinner, snacks, a movie (David), and games provided. Please register by phone no later than 5pm on February 12th.

Contact Us

www.firstbaptistnw.org 336-838-5197

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT Saturday, February 14, 2026 from 6-9 p.m. Children ages 4-11 are invited to join us for a movie, "David," dinner, snacks, and games, **Please call Jamie or the office to register your child for this event no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2026.**

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! Thank you!

LIBRARY NEWS

The library is currently featuring books by Melody Carlson, with several copies available. Her writing is inspirational, and she has been writing for over 20 years, publishing more than 200 novels. She attributes her success to changing environments, such as her beach cottage or her home in the Cascade Mountains. She reflects on the diverse scenery and easily gathers plenty of writing ideas.

Her favorite Bible verse is John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Melody says, "It's the whosoever that gets me—and it's the whosoever I write for."

Stop by the library and check out one of her novels this Sunday!

See available media via this link: www.librarycat.org/lib/fbcnwlibrary

FROM THE SECRETARY

Let's stay up to date! Please send me (Katie) any changes to your phone, address, or email. You are welcome to update your individual or family photo also! I would like to create an updated online church directory by April 1st. So please email any photos or changes to: katielfbc@gmail.com by the end of March. I will be updating you with reminders. Thanks!

FEBRUARY EVENT CALENDAR

Feb. 4: POSTPONED DUE TO ICY TRAVEL IN SOME PLACES : Our New Wednesday Night Bible Study will now begin next week, Feb. 11. at 4:00 p.m.

Feb. 5-7: Chancel Choir to Charleston

Feb. 6: Youth, watch for announcement from Patricia about breakfast!

Feb. 8: Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, Youth collect donations at the doors after worship, and Women of the Church are providing lunch

in Wayland Hall. (Donations all provide meals at St. Paul's Crisis Ministry)

5:30 p.m.: Super Bowl Party for First Kids/Youth and their families at The Young's home.

Feb. 9: Lunch Group 12:30 p.m. at Moravian Falls Grill **Deadline to RSVP for Galentine's Brunch, call Katie by noon TODAY**

Feb. 10: Finance Committee meets 2:30 p.m., Executive Committee meets 4:00 p.m.

Feb. 11: Planning at 1 p.m. in Wayland Hall Bible Study Begins 4 p.m., Handbells at 5 p.m., Handbell/Choir Small Group 6 p.m., Chancel Choir Rehearsal 6:45 p.m.

Feb. 12: Women of the Church Galentine's Brunch 11 a.m.

CareNet Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregiver Support Meeting 11 a.m.

Feb. 13: School Day, Youth breakfast at The 50s 6:15 a.m.

Feb. 13-14: Rev. Patricia Turner On Call for Pastoral needs

Feb. 15: Deacon's Meeting 8:30 a.m., First Kids/Youth meet 4:30-6:30. The first intergenerational project from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the Wayland Hall. We will be making placemats for our St. Paul's Crisis Ministry February Meal.

Feb. 16: No School, President's Day, Lunch Group at Cagney's 12:30 p.m.

Feb. 18: Lent begins, Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30 p.m. (No Bible Study today)

Feb. 19: Forever Young Planning/Games/Lunch meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Feb. 23: Lunch Group Amalfi's 12:30 p.m.

Feb. 25: Planning at 1 p.m. in Wayland Hall, Bible Study at 4 p.m., Handbells at 5 p.m., Handbell/Choir Small Group 6 p.m., Chancel Choir Rehearsal 6:45 p.m.

Feb. 26: St. Paul's Crisis Ministry "Team B" provides lunch 9 a.m.

CareNet Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregiver Support Meeting 11 a.m. Shelf Indulgence Book Club meets 1 p.m.

Feb. 27-28: Handbell Festival in Mebane, NC

Financial Report & Donations to Enduring Gifts December 28, 2025—Feb. 1, 2026

Weekly Report February 1, 2026

Designated Receipts	\$ 1,075.00
Budget Receipts	\$ 5,300.00
Weekly Budget Needed	\$ 11,421.46
Budget Needed to Date	\$ 57,107.31
Budget Received to Date	\$ 36,057.11
Budget Deficit	\$ 21,050.20

Donations to Enduring Gifts/Rainy Day Fund January through Feb. 1

Memorials:

In Memory of Joe Collins (birthday Jan. 22)

Given by Vivian Collins

In Memory of Bobby & LaNelle Elledge

Given by Christy Rhodes

In Memory of Jamie Martin

Given by Linda Bentley, Gail Harris, Bill & Martha Myers, Roger & Katherine McGrady, Shirley Deal, Ida Maude Collins, Friday After-noon Book Club, Mike & Mary Southwell, Kelly Church, Sara McCall

In Memory of Herb McKenzie (birthday Jan. 12)

Given by Barbara, Reid, and Suzanne

In Memory of Dick McNeil

Given by David & Beth Reynolds

In Memory of Helen Shinaman

Given by David & Beth Reynolds

In Memory of Roger Trivette

Given by Linda Bentley, Gail Harris, Dan & Traci Rajkowski

In Memory of Robert Wyke

Given by Sandra Couch

Honorariums:

In Honor of Bettie Wyke Braswell

Given by Sandra Couch

In Honor of Libby Brooks

Given by Matthew Brooks

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February 2026

***Sunday Regular Activities**
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Study All ages
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 4:30-6:30 p.m. First Kids/Youth



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>Lunch Group to The 50s 12:30 pm</i>	3	4 <i>Handbells and Small Group canceled, Choir 5:30-7:30 pm</i>	5	6 <i>No Youth Breakfast</i>	7
				Choir to Charleston, 5-7th		
8 <i>Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, Bible Study 9:45 Worship 11 am, Luncheon after worship Youth/1st Kids Super Bowl party 5:30 pm at The Youngs</i>	9 <i>Lunch Group to Mo. Falls Grill 12:30 RSVP deadline at Noon for Galentine's Brunch</i>	10 <i>Building & Grounds Committee meets 9 am Finance Committee meets 2:30 pm Exec. Committee meets 4:00 pm</i>	11 <i>Plarn Group 1pm New Bible Study Begins 4 pm Wayland Hall Handbells 5 pm Choir Small Group 6 pm Choir 6:45 pm</i>	12 <i>Galentine's Brunch 11 am CareNet Support Group 11 am</i>	13 <i>Youth 50s 6:15 am</i>	14
15 <i>Deacons meet 8:30 am *Regular activities with the addition of Intergenerational Missions 5:30-6:30 pm in Wayland Hall, all welcome</i>	16 <i>President's Day No School Church Office Closed Lunch Group to Cagney's 12:30 pm</i>	17	18 <i>Ash Wednesday No Bible Study today Lent begins Ash Wednesday Service 6:30 pm (nursery available)</i>	19 <i>Forever Young Lunch, Games, and Planning Meeting 11:30 am in Wayland Hall</i>	20 <i>Youth 50s 6:15 am</i>	21
22 <i>"Parenting in the Pew" *Regular Activities</i>	23 <i>Lunch Group to Amalfi's 12:30 pm</i>	24	25 <i>Plarn Group 1 pm Bible Study 4 pm Wayland Hall Handbells 5 pm Choir Small Group 6 pm Choir 6:45 pm</i>	26 <i>St. Paul's Team B CareNet Support Group 11 am Book Club 1 pm</i>	27 <i>Youth 50s 6:15 am</i>	28
				Handbell Festival-Mebane, 27-28th		

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February Worship Volunteers

	Feb. 1	Feb. 8	Feb. 15	Feb. 22
Ushers	Robert Greene's Team	Bill Myers' Team	Tommy Caudill's Team	Frank Day's Team
SS Nursery	Linda Wehrmann	Katie Rash	Ashley Davis	Sandy Day
Worship Nursery	Adena Greene	Susan Hagaman	Adena Greene	TBD
SS Greeters	Jim & Marie Waddell	Brian Huffman; Mickey Leapley	David & Hilda Smith	Frank Day
Worship Greeters	Brian Huffman	Dwayne Prevette	Jim Archibald	Marie Waddell
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

Upcoming February and March Birthdays

Feb. 2: Kellan Barton, Eva Scott

Feb. 4: Sylvia Bare, Linda Bentley,
Gary Newman, Jennifer Royall,
Jenny Whittington

Feb. 5: Jill Woodie

Feb. 6: Steven Foster

Feb. 7: Holly Piotrowski, Lloyd Sharp

Feb. 8: Cayleigh Davis, Nancy Schuder,
River Wilcox

Feb. 11: Daniel Brooks

Feb. 12: Marie Canter, Scott Church

Feb. 13: Danny Dunn

Feb. 14: Carl Elledge, Phyllis Kilby

Feb. 15: David Brown

Feb. 16: Kirby Lowe

Feb. 17: Scotty Williams

Feb. 20: William Prevette, Joann Vestal

Feb. 23: Caleb Higginbotham

Feb. 24: Ryan Abrams, Michael W.
Greene, Grayce Mitchell

Feb. 25: Dylan Hill, Astrid Marsh

Feb. 26: Jean Graf, Kaitlyn Holder

Feb. 27: Will Cornette, Noial Handy

Feb. 28: Steve Moree



March 1: Anthony Davis, Bobby
Johnson

March 5: Tabitha Garvin

March 6: Susan Hagaman

March 7: Donna Brooks

March 10: Olivia Edwards

March 11: Marie Davis, Barbara
McKenzie, Will Slate

March 13: Lynn Day, Aven Eller

March 14: Steven Call, Harold Lloyd,
Linda Wehrmann

March 15: Vivian Collins

March 16: F.D. Forester, Dannette
Hincher

March 17: Angela Eller

March 18: Whitney Abrams

March 20: Mickey Leapley, Owen
Piotrowski

March 24: Steve Nixon

March 25: Tammy Watts

March 26: Bennett Hagaman

March 27: Larry Christenbury

March 28: Matthew Carver, Gene
Reynolds

March 30: Donna Greene, Noah Horton,
Caleb Norwood