

Leader: One part of each of your life’s journey is complete. You now prepare to begin another phase of that journey. As you prepare for your next steps, we hope that you remember the ones you leave behind, who have loved and supported you through the years.

People: You are a child of God. We thank God for the journey we have shared together so far, and we remember you and give you the blessings of prayer, love, and support as you journey into the world.

Leader: As you remember your life thus far – the hours and celebrations, mistakes and failures, heartache and loss, successes and achievements, love and support – use it all to help guide you on your path forward.

People: We pray that God will give you strength and determination to develop new relationships that will help to strengthen and sustain your faith.

Leader: Because we are made in the image of God we have been blessed with free will to make choices and decisions.

People: We pray that God will give you knowledge, wisdom, and discernment in your decisions. God hears, listens, and is always with you. Remember this promise.

Leader: Just as Jesus commissioned the disciples to go be God’s witnesses in the world, so do we commission you to do the same through the way you live.

People: We send you forth with our love, prayers and support to live into God’s mission for your life to grow in Christ’s likeness.

Leader: Christ is the light of all people. Let him shine in you during tough times and always keep that light alive.

All: Let Christ’s light always guide you and shine in and through you. Love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength and love your neighbor as yourself. Amen.

Communion BlessingAinsley Young
A Blessing for World Communion Sunday, by Jan Richardson

The Lord’s Supper Dr. Bert Young, Rev. Patricia Turner, Youth

Hymn of Commitment Youth Choir & Congregation

Let Us Be Known by Our Love

Liturgical Folk

Let us be known by our love

In every word, in every deed, honor the Son

Let our light shine in every eye

Let us be known by our love.

Refrain

For the glory of the Father

For the glory of the Son

For the glory of the Spirit

Let us be known by our love

Let us be known for our joy

In every home, in every heart sing to the Lord

Let our life show goodness and hope

Let us be known by our joy

Refrain

Let us be known by our peace

In every town in every tribe, Jesus is King

Let us go forth, heal and restore

Let us be known by our peace

Refrain

BenedictionHenry Welborn

Postlude Tammy Prevette

He Is Exalted

Twila Paris; arr. Cindy Berry

Ushers/Servers:

James Carlson, Ian Hagaman, Tyler Norwood, Eli Sharp
Caleb Norwood, Grayce Mitchell, Noah Horton, Maddie
Caudill, Camden Higginbotham, Blake Huffman, Lake
Carver, Ainsley Young, Henry Welborn, Reid Huskey

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YOUTH &
GRADUATE SUNDAY

May 17, 2026

Ministers: Every Member

Senior Pastor: Dr. Bert Young

Associate Pastor: Rev. Patricia Turner

Director of Music: Larisa Leapley

Organist/Pianist: Tammy Prevette

Children’s Director: Jamie Higginbotham

The Worship of Our Lord

Youth & Graduate Sunday

May 17, 2026

11:00 a.m.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

Psalm 139:14

Chiming of the Trinity

Lighting of the Christ Candle..... Jordan Johnson

Leader: Why do we light a candle?

People: To recognize the spirit of God is in this place.

Graduate Processional..... Tammy Prevette

Pomp and Circumstance

Welcome and Announcements Reid Huskey

Presentation of Church Scholarships Rev. Patricia Turner

Spoken Call to Worship Noah Horton

Leader: See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what ..we are!

People: The world does not know us because it did not know Him.

Leader: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every .spiritual blessing in Christ.

People: For He chose us in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in His sight.

Leader: For His anger lasts only a moment, but His favor lasts a lifetime.

People: Weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

Leader: For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither

angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers...

People: Neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

Choral Call to Worship First Kids & Youth Choir

I'm So Blessed

Jonathan Smith, Matthew West, Cain

Exchanging of Peace..... Caleb Norwood

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

Praise Song Youth Choir & Congregation

In His Time

Diane Ball

In His time, in His time

He makes all things beautiful in His time

Lord, please show me every day

As You're teaching me Your way

That You do just what You say in Your time

Children's Message Camden Higginbotham

Children remain in the sanctuary

Offertory Hymn No. 10 Blake Huffman, piano, Youth Choir &

Congregation

How Great Thou Art

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Offertory Prayer..... Sydney Hagaman

Offertory Lake Carver

The Right Side

Flat Lonesome

Scripture Reading Psalm 139 Blake Huffman

Leader: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer..... Kellan Barton

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and

lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.

Responsive Reading Charlea Abrams

Leader: He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples;

People: And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks;

Leader: Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,

People: Neither shall they learn war anymore.

Leader: He will wipe away every tear from their eyes,

People: And death shall be no more,

Leader: Neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore,

People: For the former things have passed away.

Leader: And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new."

All: Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Special Music Youth Choir

Beautiful Things

Michael & Lisa Gungor

Graduate Faith Stories Bethany Atwood, Grayce Mitchell, Caleb Norwood

Graduate Recognition & Blessing Bert Young & Patricia Turner

Leader: We are gathered together to celebrate the journey and accomplishments of members of our community.

People: We give thanks to God for the gifts of your lives and what you mean to the members of this church body.

Welcome to First Baptist Church of North Wilkesboro

Thank you for being here for worship today. We are honored to have you as our guest! If you would like to be added to our church email list, please send an email to katie1fbc@gmail.com and Katie will be happy to do that for you.

You may also go to our website, www.firstbaptistnw.org and sign up as a site member, you will then be able to view our church prayer list and add a prayer request of your own.

This Week at First Baptist

Sun., May 17

- 11:00 a.m. Youth & Graduate Sunday Worship Service
Luncheon for High School graduates,
their families, and Youth Wayland Hall
- 4:30-6:30 p.m. First Kids final meeting before summer break

Mon., May 18

- 12:30 p.m. Lunch Group Cagney's

Tues., May 19

- 11:00 a.m. Celebration of Life Gwyn Wyatt
7:30 p.m. WCHS Spring Choral Concert, all are invited

Wed., May 20

- 9:00 a.m. Walking Group Cub Creek (by E-chargers)
4:00 p.m. Final Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thurs., May 21

- 7:00 p.m. Wilkes Central Baccalaureate

Fri., May 22

- 6:15 a.m. Youth to The 50s for breakfast

Sun., May 24

- 9:15 a.m. Library Open
9:45 a.m. Bible Study Children, Youth, & Adults
(nursery 0-3 years)
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

This Week's Birthdays

- May 17:** Pat Handy
May 19: Ann Dorsett, Bobby Province, Diane Swaim
May 20: Joe Brooks, Lisa Lentz, Jim McRae, Tyler Norwood
May 21: Mary Ann Norwood
May 22: Charles Felts, Edward Garvin

FIRST BAPTIST ANNOUNCEMENTS 5-17-2026

*Today after worship, there will be a lunch for Graduates, their families, and the Youth. First Kids will have their final meeting before summer break 4:30-6:30 p.m.

*Mon., May 18 the Lunch Group 12:30 p.m. at Cagney's

*Tues., May 19 at 7:30 p.m., the Wilkes Central High School Choral Concert, everyone is welcome.

*Wed., May 20 the Walking Group meets 9 a.m. at Cub Creek (by the E-chargers). Our final 4pm Bible Study, then a break for the summer. Choir will meet at 6pm for rehearsal.

*Thurs., May 21 at 7:00 p.m. Wilkes Central High School Baccalaureate.

*Fri., May 22 Youth breakfast at The 50s 6:15 a.m.

Mark Your Calendar

Wed., May 27th 9 a.m. and Sat., May 30 at 9 a.m., Church Clean Up Days, something for everyone. ****Sign up now on bulletin board****

Crawdads Game June 5th

Our first Vespers will be Wed., June 17 at 6:30 p.m. at "Walk By Faith" Camp, 530 Mtn. View Rd., in the Hays Community. If this will be your first Vespers, we worship, share a brief devotional, and enjoy time together and a pot luck supper! Beverages, plates, utensils are provided, just bring a dish and/or dessert to share!

Worship Volunteers

	May 17	May 24
Ushers	Tommy Caudill's Team	Frank Day's Team
SS Nursery	Gwynnie Young	Linda Wehrmann
Worship Nursery	Ashley Davis	Susan Hagaman
SS Greeters	David & Hilda Smith	Frank Day
Worship Greeters	Patrick Smith	Marie Waddell
Visitor's Table	Marie Waddell	Madelene Johnson
Open Up	Danny Stanley	Danny Stanley
Lock Up	Mike Norwood	Mike Norwood



Caleb Michael Norwood is the son of Mike and Tory Norwood and grandson of Mike and Maryann Norwood and Jim and Gail Thompson. He is a December graduate of Landmark Christian Academy. During his high school career, Caleb was a

member of Millers Creek Fire Department, and Cricket Fire Department. He obtained his EMT license in 2024. He was a Care Assistant at Wilkes Assisted Living and employed with a privately owned EMS agency in Forsyth County. Caleb is currently employed at Watauga County EMS. His future plans are to continue his education by obtaining a degree in Emergency Medical Science and advancing to the Paramedic level of emergency medicine. Later, he plans to continue on to Critical Care Paramedic licensure. Caleb is extremely thankful to this church for helping to raise him. He appreciates the prayers and advice he has gotten from this church and credits this church for helping him to become who he is today.



Bethany Brook Atwood is the daughter of Nathan and Alison Atwood, sister to Ethan, Camila and Gabriel, and granddaughter to Mac and Janet Atwood. She is graduating on June 5th, 2026, from Watauga High School

with a commitment to attend UNC Chapel Hill in the fall and major in Global Studies. Bethany has been involved in many activities throughout her

high school years including volleyball, track, journalism, National Honor Society, tutoring children and immigrants in English, as well as working part time throughout her junior and senior years. Bethany is a gift and we are so very proud of her academic accomplishments and even prouder of the hardworking, kind and thoughtful young woman she has become.



Grace Dorsett is the daughter of Rob and Courtney Dorsett and the granddaughter of Ann Dorsett. She is graduating from Wilkes Community College with an Associate in Arts degree. In the fall, Grace plans to continue

her education at Lenoir-Rhyne University, where she will pursue a degree in Elementary Education.

During her time at WCC, Grace served as Vice President of the Students for Christ Club while also working full time at 7 Brew Coffee. She was also honored to receive the Red and Black Scholarship.

Grace is thankful for the love and encouragement of her family, friends, and church family throughout her educational journey. She looks forward to this next chapter as she continues pursuing her calling in education.



William Prevet, son of Dwayne and Tammy Prevet, is graduating from Appalachian State University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, majoring in

Computer Information Systems. During his time

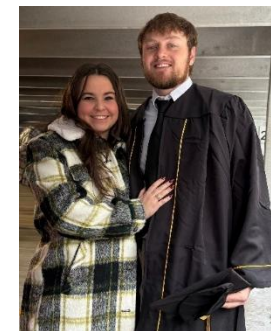
at App, he worked at Blowing Rock Country Club as a Marketing and Communications assistant and continued volunteering on the audiovisual team at the church, marking a decade of service this year.

William is grateful for the encouragement and support of his family, friends, and church family throughout his college journey, but, more importantly, for his past health care battle with lymphoma. He looks forward to pursuing a career in the technology field and plans to continue living locally.



Grayce Mitchell is a 2026 graduate of Wilkes Central High School. During her time in school, she was a member of the chorus and played the lead role of Justice Charlier in the Wilkes Central production of

Rock of Ages. She is also a member of the First Baptist Church Youth Group and enjoys spending time with her dog, Rusty. Grayce also works at Coaches. She plans to attend Wilkes Community College before transferring to a university. Grayce is so grateful for the prayers and support of her FBC family!



Ben Huffman is the son of Brian and Carol Huffman, brother to Caleb, and grandson of the late James and Shirley Huffman. He began his academic journey with two years at Wilkes Community College

before transferring to Appalachian State University. During his time at App State, Ben

distinguished himself academically by consistently earning a place on the Dean's List. He graduated in December 2025 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Management.

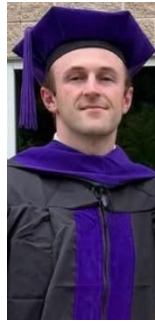
Ben will begin his professional career with Optomi-IT Talent Services at the end of May. After completing an intensive two-month training program in Atlanta, he will relocate to Charlotte to begin working as a Technical Recruiter.

Ben is grateful for the encouragement and support of his family, friends, and church family throughout his educational journey. He looks forward to this exciting new chapter as he begins his career in the technology and recruiting field.



Evan Zelensky is the son of Simon and Holly Piotrowski and brother to Owen Piotrowski and Jonathan Zelensky. Evan graduated from

University of North Carolina at Charlotte with a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education. While attending UNC he was active with CBSF (Cooperative Baptist Student Fellowship). His future plans include teaching fifth grade reading in Concord, where he completed his student teaching.



Robert G. (Tripp) Greene, III is the son of Bert and Shannon Greene, grandson of Robert and Mary Jean Greene. Tripp graduated from Appalachian School of Law with a Juris Doctor Degree. He will take the NC State Bar exam in July.



Kevin Reynolds is the son of David and Beth Reynolds and the brother of Melissa Minton. He is graduating from Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine with a Doctor of Osteopathic

Medicine degree. Kevin has matched into Wake Forest University School of Medicine's pediatric residency program at Levine Children's Hospital in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Throughout medical school, Kevin participated in activities focused on serving children with intellectual and developmental delays, including Special Olympics and Pizza with a Pal. His experiences have strengthened his passion for caring for children and families through medicine.

Upon completion of his residency, Kevin plans to practice as a pediatrician and hopes to pursue a fellowship in either emergency medicine or sports medicine.



First Baptist Church of North Wilkesboro GRADUATES 2026

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

Jeremiah 29:11