

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 7 Caleb & Miranda's Wedding Shower 2 p.m.
May 19 VBS Plan/Prep Meeting 6-8 p.m. Wayland Hall
May 22 Graduate Sunday
May 26 Shelf Indulgence Book Club meets 1 p.m.
May 30 Office Closed for Memorial Day
June 22 Our first Summer Vespers @Fort Hamby 6:30 p.m.

A super fun VBS is planned for later this summer, stay tuned!

Also, First Kids Fun Days are returning in June!

New Wednesday Night Bible Study (No DVD)

That's right we are going Old School with this post-resurrection Bible Study as we take a look at the early church that formed after Jesus' departure as recorded in the Book of Acts. What did they honor as essential? How did they relate to one another and to God? How did they interact with people who were not Christians or not members of the Church? How are we the same church today? And how are we different? I hope you will join us on Zoom on Wednesday Nights at 6:30 as we delve into Luke's account of the formative years of the Body of Christ known as the Church. If you currently do not receive the email invitation to bible study with the Zoom Link, please email me at bertyoung@aol.com.



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With Many Thanks

Dear First Baptist Church Family,

This church has been the fabric of our family for decades. Our parents first joined as a young married couple. They celebrated the birth of their daughters and their marriages; they buried two and then were themselves eulogized in this church. Along the way there were so many celebrations, so many covered dish dinners and vespers on the mountain, so many committees, so many organizations, deacon meetings, Monday mornings cleaning the pews, knitting, and other spots where Raymond's and Marie's talents could be used. This church served our family and our family served this church for decades. We are forever grateful for all the love and support that was poured over us during Mother's illness through cards, words, thoughts, calls, and most importantly prayers. Dr. Young faithfully ministered to us for which we are truly grateful. Larisa, Tammy and Cheryl provided music at the funeral that lifted me and has sustained me since. William kept the technology running smoothly during the service. We were fed well and given space to enjoy some time as an extended family after the service. Katie patiently and lovingly answered many questions and emails. To every member who had a part in Mother's service and in helping us celebrate her life, whether in person or by video, thank you. First Baptist has been our family our whole lives and we are so grateful you were there for us in our grief and our joy.

Love, The Jennings

Rita and Jim, Andrew and Laura, Reece and Jodi

The Scope

Monthly newsletter, May 2022

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The Scope

The Pastor's Corner

Seven Stanzas at Easter

Make no mistake: if he rose at all
It was as His body;
If the cell's dissolution did not reverse,
the molecule reknit,
The amino acids rekindle,
The Church will fall.

It was not as the flowers,
Each soft spring recurrent;
It was not as His Spirit in the mouths
and fuddled eyes of the
Eleven apostles;
It was as His flesh; ours.

The same hinged thumbs and toes
The same valved heart
That—pierced—died, withered,
paused, and then regathered
Out of enduring Might
New strength to enclose.

Let us not mock God with metaphor,
Analogy, sidestepping, transcendence,
Making of the event a parable, a sign
painted in the faded

Credulity of earlier ages:
Let us walk through the door.

The stone is rolled back, not papier-mache,
Not a stone in a story,
But the vast rock of materiality that in
the slow grinding of
Time will eclipse for each of us
The wide light of day.

And if we have an angel at the tomb,
Make it a real angel,
Weighty with Max Planck's quanta, vivid
with hair, opaque in
The dawn light, robed in real linen
Spun on a definite loom.

Let us not seek to make it less monstrous,
For our own convenience, our own
sense of beauty,
Lest, awakened in one unthinkable
hour, we are embarrassed
By the miracle,
And crushed by remonstrance.

—John Updike, "Seven Stanzas as Easter" (1960)



Join us!

Adults, Youth, & Children's
Sunday School 9:45 am

Worship Service Sunday 11 a.m.

(nursery available for SS and Worship)

Sunday nights 4:30-6:30 First Kids/Youth

WE ARE THANKFUL FOR YOU!

We would like to thank our members, our guests and visitors, all of whom make this a wonderful place to worship and serve.

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The week of May 2-7 is Teacher Appreciation Week! We are so grateful to all our Sunday School, Children and Youth Teachers, as well as our community teachers. Thank YOU for all that you do!

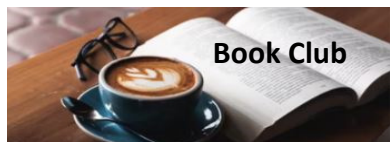
THANK YOU!!!

The Children's Ministry would like to give a big shout-out to our Youth for all their help during our First Parent's Night Out and our Easter Celebration/Egg Hunt! These events would not have been so successful or fun without their help. Thank you, Charlea Abrams, Gwynnie Young, Anabelle Higginbotham, Ainsley Young, Camden Higginbotham, and Aurora Higginbotham

Sundays at First Baptist

9:45 a.m. Adult, Youth & Children's Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service In Person and on YouTube
 11:15 a.m. Kids Own Worship (Ms. Jamie will guide children from the Sanctuary to Children's Building after the Children's Sermon (potty trained ages 4-12)
 Infant Nursery age 0-2 in the Children's Building lower level, first door on right
Sunday nights:
 Youth Family meets 4:30-6:30 p.m.
 First Kids resumes! 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Wednesday Night: 6:30 p.m. Zoom Bible Study, please email bertyoung@aol.com for link

On Thursday, May 26, Shelf Indulgence book club will meet at 1:00 pm to discuss "Last Summer at the Golden Hotel." The book, which is a *Good Morning America* Buzz Pick, is described as the story of a family reunion in the Catskills for 2 groups, and is reminiscent of the vacation trips from *Dirty Dancing* or *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*.



Book Club

Just a 🎵 Holy Week services at First Baptist Church went very well. All the services were moving and those that participated did a wonderful job. Many thanks to our Chancel Choir, Tammy Prevette and soloists, Karen Newman and Ahlivia McMillan for a job well done. Our children and youth choirs will be performing in May and they are also working hard to get ready to sing. "Make a joyful noise!"

Larisa

THANK YOU To members of FBC: I can't say thank you enough for those of you who reached out to me after the passing of my son, Jeremy, some of you who didn't even know Jeremy or myself. Your prayers, cards, texts, phone calls and memorials gave me comfort during this most difficult time. You are all very fortunate to be part of this wonderful church family and under the leadership of so many Christlike individuals. I hope to visit your church again in the near future after I leave the area this month. May God bless you all,

Shelley Leapley Barnes



You're Invited

A Wedding Shower for
 Caleb Higginbotham
 & Miranda Tedder
 Saturday, May 7th at two-o'clock p.m.
 In the Wayland Fellowship Hall
 The most important thing to us is that you are able to celebrate with us at our shower. However, if you wish to give a gift, we will gratefully accept a contribution towards our honeymoon.

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

We had a great night this past Sunday! Bert gave a lesson to the youth about getting rid of all the junk in your life to make more room for God. We enjoyed a taco meal for supper. At supper we had a great choir rehearsal. After that we had several very competitive games of 'Wall Ball.'

This Sunday, May 1, the Youth will meet at 5 p.m. to help clean up our Merlefest parking lot on School St. and then go across the street to Pizza Hut for dinner. Parents may pick up their children at 6 pm.

VBS Plan and Prep Meeting, May 19

Join us in the Wayland Hall on Thursday, June 19 from 6:00-8:00pm to begin planning and making decorations and props for Vacation Bible School. This year's theme is **ROCKY RAILROAD: Jesus' Power Will Pull Us Through**. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Pizza will be provided for supper!



2022 Relay for Life Luminaries

Luminaries are a special way to honor cancer survivors and remember those we've lost to cancer. On June 3, 2022, luminaries displaying the name of your loved ones will line the track at the "Relay for Life of Wilkes County". Forms are available for download from the church website, or contact Katie if you need to pick up a form. Luminaria are \$10 each and the due date for money and forms is May 20, 2022. Checks may be made payable to "American Cancer Society".

Please mail along with your form, to: Pat Handy, 404 Boone Gap Rd., Boomer, NC 28606

Sunday School Classes In Person & Zoom

Empty Nesters SS Class via Zoom: harveyhall1221@gmail.com and in person, Room 301
 Faith Finders SS Class in person Room 207, or via Zoom: posborne0427@yahoo.com
 Seminar SS Class meeting in person, large conference room (main office entrance) and Zoom: joelnavy66@gmail.com

Classes In Person Only

Coffee & Conversation/Young Adults: in person only, in The Gathering Place
 Philathea SS Class: In person, Room 205
 Rehoboth SS Class: In person, Room 206
 Wayland Men's SS Class: In person, Room 200
 Euzelian SS Class: In person, Room 201
 Youth SS & Children's SS

MAY PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Parents Night Out will be Friday, May 27 from 6-9 pm. Enjoy an evening out, while the kids have a blast! We will watch a movie, eat supper, create a craft, play games and eat popcorn! Drop off and pick up will be at the Portico, and please RSVP by Wed., May 25 to Ms. Jamie. Can't wait to see you there!

Graduate Sunday

Please join us Sunday, May 22 as we honor our high school and college graduates. This year's graduates:
 Anabelle Higginbotham
 Lily Kate Young
 Evan Zelensky
 Sydney Leapley
 Kevin Reynolds

We will also present scholarship awards. FBC awards the following Scholarships: The Dr. Conrad and Lib Shaw Scholarship, The Hal B. Hawkins Scholarship, The Hubert Billings Memorial Scholarship, and The James Huffman Family Scholarship

*if you have a graduate to be added, please call the church office

FINANCIAL REPORT & ENDURING GIFTS

WEEKLY REPORT SUN. APRIL 24, 2022

Designated Receipts	641.00
Budget Receipts	10,731.23
Weekly Budget Needed	9,616.23
Budget Needed to Date	163,475.92
Budget Received to Date	156,143.36
<u>EASTER MISSIONS OFFERING:</u>	\$6,940

Donations to Enduring Gifts/Rainy Day Fund

Memorials:

- In Memory of Thurman Horner**
Given by James Goble, Juanita Rhoades
- In Memory of Bob & Lou Toliver**
Given by Steve & Phyllis Wiggins, Juanita Rhoades, Herman & Bobby Province
- In Memory of Dr. Conrad Shaw**
Given by Chuck, Kiyly, Makayla, & Sebastian Elledge
- In Memory of Bill Michael**
Given by Chuck, Kiyly, Makayla, & Sebastian Elledge

- In Memory of Maurice Elledge**
Given by Chuck, Kiyly, Makayla, & Sebastian Elledge
- In Memory of Doris Moree**
Given by Barbara McKenzie, Gail Harris, Robert & Mary Jean Greene, Harriette & Kathy Compton, Bill & Martha Myers, Lloyd & Kim Sharp
Herman & Bobby Province, Margie Fagan
- In Memory of Bishop Bullock**
Given by Barbara McKenzie, Gail Harris, Ritchie & Tamarah Cornette, Robert & Mary Jean Greene, Bill & Martha Myers, Harriette & Kathy Compton, Celia Maddry, Lloyd & Kim Sharp, Sara McCall, Herman & Bobby Province, Margie Fagan
- In Memory of William C. Maddry (birthday)**
Given by Celia Maddry
- In Memory of Nora Carter**
Given by Barbara McKenzie
- In Memory of Art Earp**
Given by Bill & Martha Myers, Juanita Rhoades

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Welcome New Members To the First Baptist Family

Ms. Ashley Royall joined our church family on April 3.

Her birthday is 09/21

Email: abroyall@gmail.com

18711 Ruffner Drive, Unit 3B

Cornelius, NC 28031

Ph: 336-262-3750

Ms. Lynda Greene joined our church family on Sunday, April 10.

Her birthday is 05/11

472 Vannoy Maxwell Rd.

Purlear, NC 28665

Ph: 336-957-0046

Email: lhgreene1364@gmail.com

Library Mother's Day Drawing

Stop by the Church Library and enter your mom's name in the drawing for a beautiful Mother's Day trinket dish. The Winner will be picked on Mother's Day. HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY from the FBC Library!

In Memory of Abigail Shew:

Given by Bill & Martha Myers, Juanita Rhoades

In Memory of Rebecca Sharp:

Given by Bill & Martha Myers, Juanita Rhoades

In Memory of Mary Warren and Jeremy Barnes

Given by Bill & Martha Myers

In Memory of Marie Blevins, Gene Bell and John Bentley:

Given by Juanita Rhoades

In Memory of Jeff Halsch

Given by Linda Absher

Honorariums:

In Honor of Connie Glass (Birthday 4/4)

Given by the Philathea SS Class

In Honor of FBC Youth

Given by Janet Atwood

In Honor of William Prevette

Given by Danny & Stacy Dunn

In Honor of Brian & Jamie Higginbotham

Given by Gail Harris