First Baptist Church

Messenger

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MAY 2021

Say YES to VBS!

Vacation Bible School

June 7th-11th

Ages 5 through 6th grade

8:40 am- 12 Noon

Register at www.fbchurch.com

Did you know that Vacation Bible School is one of the biggest opportunities our church has for outreach? Kids love summer activities, parents love having anything to take their children to in the summer, and our ministerial staff love getting to invest in the lives of children! It's amazing what a spiritual impact VBS can make in the life of a child. Our church will fill with children singing, eating snacks, making crafts, hearing about missions and learning about Scripture. Kids will have fun. The gospel will be shared.

Next month brings us to the annual celebration of Vacation Bible School on June 7-11! We are activating our holy imagination in our planning and preparation, and we anticipate over 100 children participating. So, we need your help.

Say Yes to VBS by PRAYING…Ask God to stir the hearts of parents and children so they come to the feast that is being prepared. "*Jesus said to His disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send workers into His harvest.'*" (Matthew 9:37-38)

Say Yes to VBS by BRINGING CHILDREN…Any children connected to you would be deeply benefited by coming to our Vacation Bible School. Since kids can't drive, they need you to round them up and bring them down to FBC where they will receive a giant dose of God's word wrapped in love and fun. Your willingness to bring your children to VBS could make a vast earthly and eternal difference because many of these precious children will choose to follow Jesus as their Savior and Forever Friend.

Say Yes to VBS by SUPPORTING THE WORK…From your checkbook to your calendar and car…serve as a VBS supporter and God will use these efforts to grow His children and expand His Kingdom.

Praying, Bringing and Supporting God's Work TOGETHER,

Richard

"We are so excited to be hosting an in-person Vacation Bible School this year! Last year due to Covid-19 restrictions we planned a Virtual VBS that our children completed from home. This year we are inviting our First Baptist Church children and volunteers back to our church campus to join us for a week of Vacation Bible School fun and learning with **Treasured VBS—Discovering You're Priceless to God**. We will see some changes such as reduction in class size and a limit to the number of registrations that we can allow, but we are excited to be here together the week of June 7th-11th from 8:40-12 noon each day.

Our children will embark on an epic question through hidden ruins, ancient caves and dense jungles as children dig into action-packed, faith-filled adventures. They will discover that God's greatest treasure isn't diamonds, gems, gold, money or possessions---it's them! Children will learn that…

God knows us. God hears us. God comforts us. God forgives us. God chooses us.

A few notes about this year's VBS:

--Classroom size is limited to 10 children to each classroom. (So please register now at www.fbchurch.com) We want to register our FBC families first and then open available spaces to the community.
--Masks are required for all indoor activities for ages 4 & up. We will not wear masks outdoors for games and snack activities.
--Temperature checks may be implemented upon check-in each day.
--Volunteers are needed. Please register online at www.fbchurch.com if you would like to volunteer. We will have a class for Volunteers' children under the age of 5.

Our VBS Offering this year will be divided between several missions and ministries including: The Willard Family, Operation Christmas Child, Backpack Blessings, The Kennedy Home, & The Good Shepherd Orphanage in Guatemala. We will also have opportunities for our congregation to give to the VBS Offering on Sunday, June 6th and Sunday, June 13th. Please be in prayer for this offering, these ministries, and our Vacation Bible School.

Join Us in this Great Adventure!"

Kelly

WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

	May 2	May 9	May 16	May 23	May 30
DEACONS	Dwayne Alligood John Duff	Bobby West James Garner	Betty Pace Joe Overby	Roger Pait Andy Wilkinson	Wade Fuller Kimsey Welch
WATCHMEN	Chip Dombrowsky	Kimsey Welch	Ed Wall	Ken Gray	Dwayne Alligood
USHER TEAMS	Reuben Hart	Mike Seawell	Richard Wagner	Bobby West	Reuben Hart
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Jennifer Benton Ava Brinson	Jennifer Benton Carole Hart	Jennifer Benton Kelsie McBride	Jennifer Benton Rebecca Sanchez	Kelly Brinson Bella Bernabi
EXTENDED CARE 8:45	Sheila Bell Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow	Katie Bell Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow	Allison Bunting Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow	Kathy Swindell Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow	Ava Brinson Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow
EXTENDED CARE 11:00	Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow	Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow	Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow	Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow	Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow

MAY BIRTHDAYS

02	Amy Zin	12	Addison Strickland	19	Sui Cung	26	Jan Burke
	Amy Par		Sandra Dail	21	Howard Mathews		Caroline Roberts
03	Richard Wagner	13	Deborah Ashley		Matthew Holton	26	Darrius Hargett
	Mike Seawell		Connie Brunese		Diane Thompson	27	Thomas Cung
	Kathy Swindell		Jase McQuistion		Hram Mang		Jamie Slagle
	Thung Ksor	14	Helen Mathews	22	Sandy Franks	28	Brenda Hall
04	Arnie Harrell	15	Sutton Tavares	23	Chandler Seagle		Reuben Hart
06	Marlie Kate Hardy		Sui Hre		Lauren Welborn		Phil Kaylor
08	Emily McQuistion		Ronnie Brinson		Kim Khup		Linda Autry
10	Catherine Ward		Brant Bills		Thang Hre	29	Pete Heiman
	Miles Wilkes	17	Blake Belcher	25	Eddie Games		Janet Doughty
	Frederick Laskovics	19	Louise Blizzard		Catherine Alligood	30	Phil Smith
11	Evan Ireland		Savannah Thornton		Merritt Best		Kay Hall
12	Dwayne Alligood					31	Ginny McKinney

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

03	Todd & Amy Price	14	Sean & Brandi Parnell	20	Thang & Sui Hre	25	Richard & Melodie Seagle
13	Jeremy & Diane Slagle	15	Michael & Jessica Wehner	21	Chris & Lori Hale	26	Larry & Cindy Taylor
14	Phil & Lee Ann Smith	16	Reid & Lisa Chitty	22	Jason & Sally Huffman	28	Charlie & Betty Pace
	Ron & Jewel Snipes		Dwayne & Catherine Alligood	23	Ken & Anita Gray		Bernie & Connie Brunese

New Baby Boy!

Baby: William "Ty" Tyler Smith
Birthdate: April 3, 2021
Parents: Tommy and Erica Allen Smith

VBS NEEDS:

Rolls of brown craft paper

Please Take Note…

of these Exciting

Senior Adult Opportunities

Morehead City

Dutch Dinner on
Thursday, May 13
Depart church 3:30 PM
RSVP by Thursday, May 6

DUTCH LUNCH AT

Morgan's Tavern & Grill
Historic Downtown New Bern

Tuesday, June 15
11:00 AM

RSVP by Tuesday, June 8

We will meet in the church parking lot and walk over together

Sr. Adult Annual Fall Trip To Pigeon Forge area

Monday - Friday,
October 18 - 22, 2021

Where you can:
Play, Shop,
Dine, Explore!

A $250.00 non-refundable deposit is due when signing up for the Pigeon Forge trip in the church office.

Please reserve your space by Monday, May 3rd.
(You can pick up an itinerary in the church office)

Church Calendar

May 2	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	Preteen Paint Party at The Accidental Artist Deacons Meeting
May 9	8:45 am 11:00 am	Parent/Child Dedications Baptism of Colin Phinney & Addison Strickland
May 13	3:30 pm	Sr Adults Dutch Dinner at The Ruddy Duck
May 15	8:00 am	Brotherhood Local Mission Morning
May 19	6:00 pm	Church Conference
May 23		Graduate/Youth Sunday
May 31		Memorial Day/Office Closed

Senior Adults Rock as Cheerleaders

On Saturday, April 3, several members of the Jane Marshall Jenkins Sunday School Class met at Creekside Park for the special needs children/adults ball game. We are honored to serve as cheerleaders for this event. Some of the ball players ran the bases, some were assisted from base to base, and some used wheelchairs to run the bases. Rev. Jeremy Slagle, our group of ladies, Rev. Barry and Yvonne Templeton, their daughter Whitney, grandchildren Maddie and Greyson, were very vocal in supporting the ball players. After the ballgame we lined up on each side of the walkway and continued to honor the players for a wonderful game. Their smiles and thumbs up made our day! Even though it was a cold and windy day, we agreed we enjoyed every minute and look forward to going next year.

Faye Willingham

Preteen Paint Party

For 5th & 6th Graders

Sunday, May 2nd

4:00 pm Drop-Off at Accidental Artist

6:15 pm Pick-Up at the FLC at Church

Vision Plan for the Christian Education Building (Building B)

First Baptist Church recognizes the need to maintain and grow strong and vital youth, children's, and adult ministries. The provision of adequate and functional classroom/meeting space is becoming more essential to the growth of our church and of these ministries.

For several years improvements and accessibility of Building "B" have been mentioned and discussed but there has never been a formal plan developed. We are now at a time where we have a need to address the changes to Building B. A small committee consisting of Eddie Games-chair, Phil Smith, Kimsey Welch, Jeremy Slagle and Kelly Brinson has been formed to begin putting formal plans into action. On March 24, we released a Request For Proposal (RFP) to several architectural firms to help us develop a plan for Building "B". Our project goals for this plan may include but are not limited to the following:

*Handicap accessibility among the three floors including the basement
*Upgrading all bathrooms for handicap accessibility and cosmetic appearance
*Renovation of all classrooms, hallways and meeting spaces for efficiency and age-appropriateness
*Evaluation of building HVAC systems
*Ease of accessibility into Building B
*Attention to fire alarms, security systems and internet needs

RFP's are due April 23, 2021 and we plan to make a recommendation to the church for a vote of approval during the May 19, 2021 church conference. Our plan is to award the selected firm in June and kick-off the planning process later this summer.

Celebrations in Worship!

May 9th

Parent and Child DEDICATION

8:45 AM

Colin Phinney

Addison Strickland

Candidates for Baptism 11:00 AM

Graduate/Youth Sunday

May 23, 2021

Both worship services will be held in our Sanctuary to allow for final decorations and preparations for our Graduate Luncheon. The luncheon will be held in our Family Life Center at the conclusion of our second worship service.

Myrtle Beach Youth Retreat

Growing Closer to God & Each Other

July 19-23, 2021

In lieu of Unidiversity, the Youth will be going to Myrtle Beach Christian Retreat Center! Total cost will be $200.00. Deposits of $100.00 are due by Sunday, May 16, 2021. The remaining $100.00 is due by Sunday, June 6, 2021.

Summer Worship Update

In our church's annual calendar, it is stated that there will only be one worship service throughout the summer. The ministers and deacons have decided **to hold two services at least through June**. It has been so long since we have been able to gather as we are now, that we want to continue for a while. Also, having only one worship limits our space to spread out during our current pandemic situation. The deacons will evaluate plans for gathering at their June meeting.

Also, deacons will not be serving Wednesday evening meals nor leading devotions during the summer. We look forward to September hoping that conditions will be right for us to begin Wednesday evening fellowship meals and discipleship training.

Join us on Wednesday nights by Zoom through May 12 at 6:00 pm as we share prayer concerns and Rev. Jeremy Slagle leads us in a study of his favorite book of the Bible: James.

Our regular church conference will be on Wednesday, May 19 at 6:00 pm in the FLC and also by Zoom.

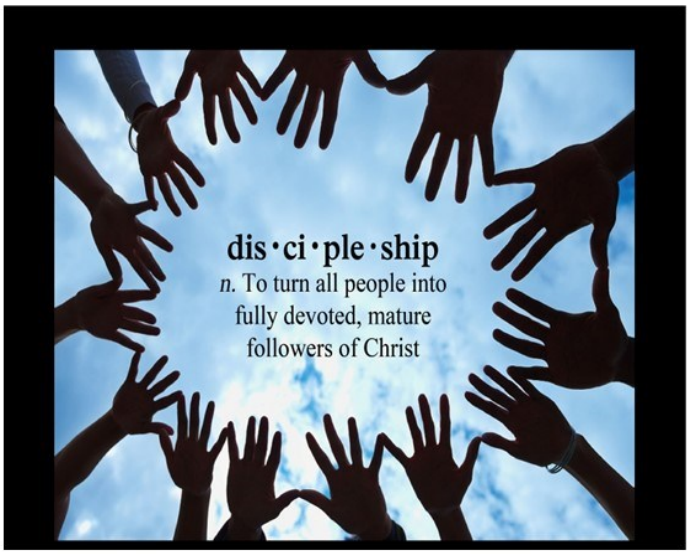
Thanks to those of you that participated in our first round of surveys for our Growing Young emphasis as we try to reach young adults ages 15-29. You will be hearing more this Summer and a major emphasis this Fall.

If you know of someone in your family or neighborhood ages 15-29 who would be a prospect for our church, please contact the church office so our Growing Young team can follow up with them.

We have a renewed excitement at First Baptist Church as we regather this Spring and Summer. I challenge you to take this opportunity to invite a neighbor, friend or even an enemy to worship with us and attend a Sunday School class!

We are excited to have Sunday School available for all ages at 10:00 am on Sundays!

If you need literature for the coming months, check with your Sunday School class or call the church office.



PRAYER CONCERNS

CHURCH FAMILY

Lynn Barnhill
Valeria Barrow
Elizabeth Brinkley
Bernie Brunese
Connie Brunese
Stacy Chapman
Sandra T. Dail
Barbara Gwaltney
Arnie Harrell
MaryLou Harrell
Janice Huggins
Martha Johnson
Sherry Jones
Ruth Kellum
Mavis Lee
Howard Mathews
Seth Needham
Charlie Pace
Ray & Boots Parker
Anna Pearson
Sylvia Pina
Selma Piner
Bobby Reece
Louise Reece
Penny Rettew
Mary Jo Roberts
Rudy Rowe
Byun Serchom
Patsy Setzer
Tyler Smith
Ron Snipes
Norman Tharrington
Holly Thornton
Ray Vawter
Jewel Watson
Kathy White
Patsy White
Karen Wilkes
Karen Wood
Ellen Young

Care Facility Residents (Members & Friends*)

BERNE VILLAGE
Rev. David Page
Gwyn Page
Peggie Wooten

BROOKDALE
Jean Ritter

CHAMPIONS
Doris Dyson

HOMEPLACE
Jean Fulcher
Christine Peedin*
Ann & Lamar Sledge

KILDAIRE WOODS
Louise Blizzard

Sympathy

We express our Christian sympathy to:

- *Meredith Pait & family in the death of Meredith's uncle.*
- *Dave and Gwyn Page in the death of their great grandson James Muse.*

CHURCH FRIENDS

Karen Alexander (*parents, Natalie Munroe, Aunt Ann Holton)*
Rodney Bell (*Mike Hargett)*
situation in Myanmar
Pauletta Covington
Sandra J. Dail (*mother, Tommy Gaskins)*
James Garner (*Sherry Vernelson)*
Kim Glass
Anita Gray (*sister in law)*
Ann Greb
Chris Hale
Brenda Hardee (*niece Lisa)*
Mary Lou Harrell (*Katie Atkinson)*
Reuben Hart (*brother in law Tim Johnston)*
Sally Huffman *(grandmother Lavern Herrin)*
Janice Huggins (son *Arthur & wife Noelle Jackson and granddaughter Katelin)*
Norman Kellum (*Sara Ferebee Williams)*
Molly Knowles (*mother)*
Tracey Lorentzen (*friend Dick Thomas)*
Helen Mathews (*Aiden Weeks, Allison Farah)*
Susan Norris
Wayne O'Brien
Gwyn Page (*granddaughter Sarah Muse)*
Greg & Anna Pearson (*Anna's sister Sally and brother-in-law David Bourland)*
Sylvia Pina (*husband John)*
Todd Price (*mother*, *brother in law)*
Cathy Rock (*Dad, sister in law Kathy)*
Patsy Setzer (*son)*
MaryAnn Stinson *(son Josh and grandson Joe, Lee)*
Kathy Swindell (*neighbor Pat Woodward)*
Jeremy Tavares (*father)*
Jewel Watson (*Michael Watson)*
Faye Willingham (*brother)*

NEW MEMBERS

Jim and Claudia McManamey
425 Satterfield Dr
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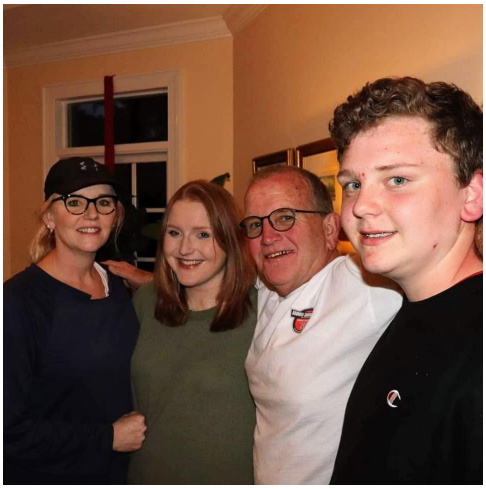

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NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Newsletter articles are due in the church office no later than 9:30 AM on the third Monday of each month. All articles must be written out—none over the phone or verbally, please.

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Bette Jo Oglesby, Organist		ext. 105
Gwyn Rice, Food Service Manager		
Tyler Barker, Custodian		ext. 108
Sai Par Sang, Custodian		

thank you!

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the prayers, cards, and phone calls during my hospitalization. My wonderful church family has been my blessing and I'm feeling much better.

God's love is unconditional, faithful and true. May God bless my church family.

Your friend in Christ,

Janice Huggins

To All my First Baptist Church family,

Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers in the loss of my brother, Thomas Peters. Best brother ever!

Thank you!

Sincerely,
Charlie & Jane Schmidt