



JOIN US FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP  
8:45: NON-TRADITIONAL WORSHIP  
9:45: SUNDAY SCHOOL  
11:00: TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

# First Baptist Church Messenger

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*And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, **inasmuch** as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'*  
Matthew 25:40 (NKJV)

It is these words of Jesus that members of First Baptist Church of New Bern will follow on **Saturday, September 18** as we assemble for the church's annual Operation Inasmuch Day. Operation Inasmuch began in 1995 with the efforts of

one church – Snyder Memorial Baptist Church in Fayetteville, NC – to reach out to their community through local service projects. Twenty-six years later that one day of service has evolved into a movement of thousands of local churches to show love and compassion through service to communities spanning 21 states and 3 countries.

"Operation Inasmuch is a one-day mission blitz by church folk in their community," according to its manual, published by the Hollifield Leadership Center.

It's an attorney delivering lunches to volunteers, a retired Marine roofing the house of a stranger, a schoolteacher cleaning a shut-in's yard, a secretary sewing lap blankets for nursing home patients, fifth-grade boys passing out flyers about their church's non-traditional worship.

FBC New Bern has participated in an annual Inasmuch day for many years, mobilizing a large group of its members each year to participate in a day of service to benefit organizations, families and individuals in the Greater New Bern Area. Each project is planned with the intention of serving the community outside of our congregation. This year volunteers will gather for an early morning breakfast at **8:00 AM in our Family Life Center**, and following a time of fellowship and prayer, ready hands and feet will disperse into the community to get to work.

*For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.*  
Matthew 25:35-36 (NRSV)

FBC's Missions Committee has been hard at work, under the direction of Cathy Chitty-Pike, developing a long list of mission opportunities in our community for Operation Inasmuch Day. Forms will soon be available where you can register you and your family for a specific project. Here is a listing of just a few projects that we are working on (others will be added):

- Craven and Pamlico School Systems work projects
- Kennedy Children's Home in Kinston
- New Bern/Craven County Parks and Recreation Projects
- Collecting donations for Coastal Women's Shelter
- Making Gift Baskets for New Bern area service organizations such as Police, Fire, Highway Patrol
- A construction project such as a handicap ramp
- A project supporting smaller local area churches who are in need of assistance
- Merci Clinic project
- Greeting Card Crafting
- Habitat for Humanity
- Religious Community Services

From the youngest to the oldest members of the FBC community, Operation Inasmuch will provide an opportunity for volunteers to put their faith into action. Children will be invited to work alongside of their parents and/or grandparents. It will be a wonderful day to show gratitude and to share God's love with our community. Each person will come away inspired and richer in love for this little corner of the world in which we are called to live and minister. While Operation Inasmuch provides the framework for one day of service, our hope is to be a congregation with an outward focus, to be a family of faith that encourages its members to incorporate compassion and service into their daily lives, to be a church equipping every member to be a minister both inside and outside its walls.

We hope that you will be inspired by the mission and the message of Operation Inasmuch and that you will find ways to join us as we strive to love our neighbors, our community and our world with the words of Jesus in Matthew 25 as our guide.

*Richard*

	W O R S H I P S E R V I C E V O L U N T E E R S				
	August 1	August 8	August 15	August 22	August 29
<b>DEACONS</b>	Wade Fuller Kimsey Welch	Hoyt Doak Cathy Rock	Reuben Hart Kathy Swindell	Amy Price Cathy Chitty Pike	Eddie Games Tracey Lorentzen
<b>WATCHMEN</b>	Chuck White	James Garner	Joe Pike	Kyle Compton	Steve Wynn
<b>USHER TEAMS</b>	Mike Seawell	Richard Wagner	Bobby West	Reuben Hart	Mike Seawell
<b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b>	Jennifer Benton Sarah Moore	Jennifer Benton Caroline Strickland	Jennifer Benton Matthew Holton	Jennifer Benton Ava Brinson	Kelly Brinson Carole Hart
<b>EXTENDED CARE 8:45</b>	Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow	Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow	Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow	Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow	Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow
<b>EXTENDED CARE 11:00</b>	Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow	Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow	Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow	Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow	Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow

### August Birthdays

02 Deidre Edwards	11 Donald Heath	19 Matthew Rock
Jewel Watson	12 Norman Kellum, Jr.	20 Vicki Heath
John Duff	Jenna Brinkley	22 Michael Heiman
Tommy Hardy	Richard Seagle	22 Karen Wilkes
05 Henry Russell	Leigh Welborn	Joey Holton
Helen Hawng	13 Judy Antry	24 Maddie Templeton
Rhody Mastin	Benjamin Rahlan	25 Mason Parnell
Diane Slagle	Randy Banks, Jr.	Meredith Laskovics
06 Mary Lou Harrell	15 Jamye Russ	26 Todd Price
Melanie Spear	Lynn Rausch	Tom Hall
Martha Johnson	16 Beth Wynn	James Garner
Malcolm Chitty III	Jenny Carter	Murdina MacDonald
Drew Wilkinson	Hunter Brinson	Charles Knowles
08 Peggine Wooten	Jesse Brinson	Shiloh Willard
Boots Parker	Josie Doak	28 Mason McQuiston
Payton Muse	17 Amy Price	29 Martha Tharrington
Brandi Parnell	Karissa Hargett	30 Kevin Adams
09 Elaine Varley	Jim McManamey	Wyatt Bell
Jessica Wehner	18 Corey McKinney	Tracey Lorentzen
Elizabeth Compton	Doris Dyson	31 Todd Thornton
10 Barry Templeton	Mary Lynn Cheves	David Barnhill
Alex Sanchez	19 Bill McClinton	
Colin Ireland	Kimsey Welch	

### August Anniversaries

03 Wayne & Valeria Barrow	18 Mike & Sharon Seawell
04 Eddie & Cathie Wall	18 James & Stephanie Warren
05 Warren & Mary Lynn Cheves	19 Darryl & Laura Russell
06 Eddie & Susie Games	22 Joseph & Kim Glass
08 Charles & Judy Blythe	29 Arnie & Mary Lou Harrell
16 Richard & Beth Wagner	31 Kimsey & Renea Welch
17 Ken & Jane Wooten	

## New Members!



John and Martha Crawley  
201 Quincy Ct  
New Bern, NC 28560

#### Received by:

Membership Transfer  
7/04/21

Quinn Osmanovic

Joined: 7/11/21

Baptism: tba

Mother: Julie Osmanovic

Brother: Tyson





You are invited...

Summer Fellowship/Cookout for FBC Music Ministry Teams  
Sanctuary Choir, Adult Ensemble, Praise Team and Chancel Bell Choir

Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 4:00 – 6:00 PM

Fuller's Residence on Bernhurst Road

Please RSVP to Barry at [barry@fbchurch.com](mailto:barry@fbchurch.com) or call the church office  
by Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend!

**ATT: Children, Youth, and Adults**

***Choir rehearsals will begin on the  
following dates in September...***

Wednesday, September 1

10:00 AM - Community Gospel Choir

7:00 PM – Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, September 2

5:30 PM – Chancel Bell Choir

Wednesday, September 8

6:00 PM – Preschool Choir

6:25 PM – Children's Choir

Sunday, September 12

4:30 PM – Youth/Parent Choir

5:00 PM – Adult Ensemble

6:00 PM – Praise Team



**Cost: \$6 Adult  
\$3 Children  
under age 3 free**

## **HOT DOG SUPPER & Bake Sale**

**Wednesday, August 25  
5:30 PM**

in the Family Life Center

Special Entertainment  
provided by  
David Knight

**With Homemade  
Ice Cream & Dessert**



**RSVP by 4:00 PM, Monday, August 23  
Proceeds benefit Senior Adult Ministry**

**SIGN UP NOW!**

## **MYRTLE BEACH & BROOKGREEN GARDENS**

**DECEMBER 9 AND 10**

**DEPART CHURCH AT 8:00 AM**

**Christmas Matinee,  
Dinner & Light Show** *with* **Outlet Shopping  
on Friday**



### ***Save the Date...***

Sunday, September 19, 2021

4:00 PM

### **Stephen Franklin Craig Hines Memorial Concert**

Paul Saik, concert artist, will present  
piano/organ and vocal solos,  
and the choirs from First Baptist Church  
and Centenary United Methodist Church  
will present anthems of praise and worship.

A reception will follow  
in the Family Life Center.

(Love offering will be taken)

*This concert is being funded by the  
Stephen Franklin Craig Hines Endowment Fund.*





# August Activities



**Water Park Wednesday** Wednesday, August 4th  
**The Salty Pirate Water Park**  
**in Emerald Isle**

Cost is \$5.00

Leave FLC at 9:00 am. Return by 2:00 pm.

3rd-6th grade

*(Under 3rd grade must be accompanied by a chaperone.)*

**Summer End Pool Party**  
**For All 1st Kids Families**

**Saturday, August 21st**

**5:30-7:30 pm at The Emerald Club**

**Pizza & Snacks Provided**





## YOUTH AND FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES

**Passport Camp** was the perfect first trip to go on with our youth. We learned what it means to be a part of God's story which continues to be written through us. There is no greater honor than to be awarded Honor Camper pins at Passport Camp. We had 5 youth win Honor Camper of the Day and one youth win Honor Camper of the Week. That is the most that I have seen from one church in all my years at Passport Camp! The youth are already planning for next year's Passport Camp experience.

As you see in the picture to the right, there are 13 youth and 4 adults that are going to **Myrtle Beach Christian Retreat Center** to grow closer to God and grow closer to each other throughout the week. Please pray for God to continue guide and direct our youth ministry to help our youth to a personal relationship with Christ and to grow in their faith once that relationship is already present.



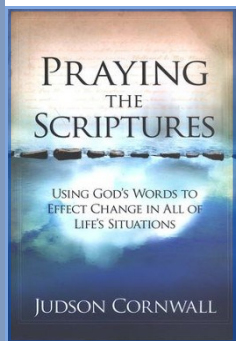
Craven County Parks and Recreation held their basketball camp from July 12 - July 15 at First Baptist Church in the Family Life Center. This begins a partnership that will continue for volleyball camp from August 9 - 12 and into the future for a long time to come. This is indeed an exciting time to be the Associate Pastor of Youth and Family Life at our church! Thanks be to God for the ways that he continues to bless us.

CBFNC Youth  
**BEACH RETREAT**  
September 24-26, 2021  
North Carolina Baptist Assembly at Fort Caswell

RESTORE  
LIFE

## The Power of Prayer, Part II

### The Holy Spirit Connection



Prayer IS powerful, but how do I know if I am praying powerfully? Sometimes, I pray with myself instead of to God. I need help to know how to pray so that MY prayers are powerful. Judson Cornwall in his book Praying the Scriptures emphasizes over and over that we need to turn to the Holy Spirit for help. Jesus told his disciples that when he returned to heaven, HIS HOLY SPIRIT would come to illuminate his people. We need to turn to the Holy Spirit for help in making our prayers powerful.

**Romans 8:26** says, “the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. These “groans” are the Holy Spirit speaking to us.....

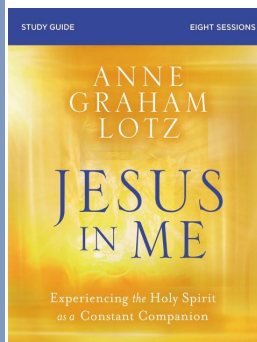
Judson Cornwall gives advice in his book:

1. One of the Holy Spirit's favorite ways to intercede in our prayer life is by QUICKENING our minds to a portion of Scripture that is applicable to our present situation. “**Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path....The entrance of Your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.**” **Psalm 119:105,130.** It just hits home! The connection is made! I get it! I hear the groans! Of course, I have to be reading the Scripture in order for the quickening to happen.
2. There is no greater source of the expressed will of God than the scriptures. As we bring the Scriptures into our prayer lives, we are far more likely to pray according to the will of God than if we always pray out of our minds and emotions. Our prayers move from merely expressing feelings to expressing God's will and our submission to that will. “**Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on our own understanding.**” **Proverbs 3:5.** The Scriptures give POWER to our prayers!
3. Increasing our prayer life, our dialogue with God, also gives our prayers that POWER we so desire. Only a rare relationship can survive sameness. Praying the Scriptures increases the substance and scope of our relationship with God....we insure our prayers with heaven's own underwriters!
4. Praying using the Scriptures takes the responsibility of worrying whether we are doing it right off our shoulders and on to HIS shoulders. It allows us to “**approach the throne of grace with confidence.**” **Hebrews 4:16.** It is hearing what God has said - not God's hearing what we have said - that gives us the assurance we are on the right track in our prayer life... this POWERFUL!

**If we begin our prayers with Scripture and listen for the Holy Spirit to speak to us, we will be on our way to knowing the power of prayer. Acts 1:8 “...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you....”**

Carole Hart

## Fall Women's Bible Study



We are excited to let you know that we will start an in-person Bible study on Thursday mornings from 10:30am until noon beginning September 16. Together we will study Anne Graham Lotz's Jesus in Me, an eight session study which will teach us how to better experience the Holy Spirit as a constant companion.

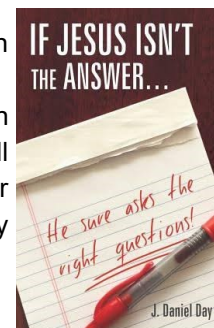
Space will be limited to about 15, so if you are interested, please call the church office to sign up but no later than August 22. Kerry will order the books for us the end of August and more details will follow.

Jo Ann and Carole

## Men's First Light

The men are continuing to discuss Dan Day's book If Jesus Isn't the Answer... He sure asks the right questions on Wednesday mornings at 6:30 am. All men are invited to join this group for prayer and study. We meet in the Family Life Center.

Contact Kerry if you have questions!



## Welcoming Our Guests



Thanks to our volunteer greeters who are welcoming members and visitors to our church worship services! If you see a new person or family, please take time to introduce yourself and help them find the worship services, Sunday School classes, bathrooms, and any other needs. Let's keep our great reputation as a loving church family.

Please ask them to complete one of our Guest Information Cards.



thank you!

### First Baptist Church Family

Thank you so much for all of your kindness during my recent back surgery and recovery through the cards, food and most of all your prayers. I am now back to my regular activities. You are all very special to me and my family.

Love,  
Kathy White

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the prayers, funds, and encouragement for me on Sunday, June 20, 2021.

These past few weeks, I have been reminiscing through all my journeys as I am preparing for my next journey to Mexico for Missions School. God has been with my family and me through many experiences from Vietnam to America. He has brought my family here; he has been so faithful to us.

My family came here with nothing, speaking no English; because of Christ, you, our church family, took us in and clothed us with love, kindness, and generosity, and blessed us in so many ways. My family and I will never be able to thank you enough or to repay our church family.

We pray for you all to have good health, love, and comfort from our faithful Father as we each individually and as families are battling different struggles in life. Thank you for continuing prayers, love and encouragement for my family and me. May God bless you way more than you could ever imagine. Your reward in the Kingdom of God is great.

Love,  
Then Ksor and The Mark (Koi) Ksor family

Dear Church Family,

I would like to thank you for the Mary Maxwell scholarship as well as the church scholarship. This financial help is unbelievably appreciated. Once again, I also want to thank you for your continuous love and support. Your graduation cards and gifts have been so special to me. I am going to miss you all. I will be headed to Florida mid to late August, but I will look forward to seeing you all at Christmas!

Lots of love always,  
Teegan SinClair

## PRAYER CONCERNS

### CHURCH FAMILY

Valeria Barrow	Mavis Lee	Patsy Setzer
Elizabeth Brinkley	Howard Mathews	Bill Sherratt
Bernie Brunese	Sandy McClinton	Tyler Smith
Connie Brunese	Seth Needham	Ron Snipes
Stacy Chapman	Wilma Needham	Norman Tharrington
Sandra T. Dail	Charlie Pace	Holly Thornton
Hillary Duff	Gwynn Page	Ray Vawter
Barbara Gwaltney	Henry Parker	Frances Wages
Brenda Hall	Ray & Boots Parker	Jewel Watson
Arnie Harrell	Sylvia Pina	Kimsey Welch
MaryLou Harrell	Selma Piner	Patsy White
Janice Huggins	Bobby Reece	Karen Wilkes
Martha Johnson	Louise Reece	Lindsay Hall Wilkinson
Mary Ann Jones	Penny Rettew	Karen Wood
Sherry Jones	Mary Jo Roberts	Ken Wooten
Ruth Kellum	Rudy Rowe	Anna & Danny Young
Then Ksor	Byun Serchom	Ellen Young

### Care Facility & Retirement\* Residents

#### BERNE VILLAGE

Rev. David Page  
Gwyn Page  
Peggie Wooten

#### HOMEPLACE

Jean Fulcher  
Christine Peedien  
Ann & Lamar Sledge

#### BROOKDALE

Jean Ritter

#### WOODLAND TERRACE

Louise Blizzard\*

#### CHAMPIONS

Doris Dyson

### CHURCH FRIENDS

Karen Alexander ( <i>parents, Natalie Munroe, Aunt Ann Holton</i> )	Molly Knowles ( <i>mother</i> )
Rodney Bell ( <i>Mike Hargett</i> )	Helen Mathews ( <i>Aiden Weeks, Allison Farah</i> )
<i>situation in Myanmar</i>	Susan Norris
Pauletta Covington	Wayne O'Brien
Sandra J. Dail ( <i>mother, Tommy Gaskins</i> )	Gwyn Page ( <i>granddaughter Sarah Muse</i> )
James Garner ( <i>Sherry Vernelson</i> )	Ashley Patterson ( <i>mother</i> )
Kim Glass	Greg & Anna Pearson ( <i>Anna's sister Sally and brother-in-law David Bourland</i> )
Anita Gray ( <i>sister in law</i> )	Todd Price ( <i>brother in law</i> )
Ann Greb	Cathy Rock ( <i>Dad, sister in law Kathy, nephew</i> )
Chris Hale	Patsy Setzer ( <i>son</i> )
Brenda Hall ( <i>Rita Piner</i> )	Becky & Wes Stewart ( <i>friend Ron Carleton</i> )
Brenda Hardee ( <i>niece Lisa, Shauna Sturgeon</i> )	MaryAnn Stinson ( <i>son Josh and grandson Joe, Lee</i> )
Mary Lou Harrell ( <i>Katie Atkinson</i> )	Kathy Swindell ( <i>neighbor Pat Woodward</i> )
Reuben Hart ( <i>brother in law Tim Johnston</i> )	Yvonne Templeton ( <i>friend Sam</i> )
Sally Huffman ( <i>grandmother Lavern Herrin</i> )	Jewel Watson ( <i>Michael Watson</i> )
Mary Ann Jones ( <i>brother Jeff Mohn</i> )	Faye Willingham ( <i>brother</i> )
Norman Kellum ( <i>Sara Ferebee Williams</i> )	

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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.

**Dated Material**  
**Please Deliver Promptly**

## AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

Dr. Richard. D. Seagle, Senior Pastor.....	ext. 124
Rev. Barry E. Templeton, Associate Pastor of Music & Worship.....	ext. 125
Rev. Kerry Q. Peeler, Associate Pastor of Christian Education.....	ext. 127
Rev. Jeremy L. Slagle, Associate Pastor of Youth and Family Life.....	Ext. 121
Mrs. Kelly W. Brinson, Director of Children's Ministry.....	ext. 128
Loma Brown, Secretary.....	ext. 122
Sandy O'Brien, Financial Secretary.....	ext. 126
Bette Jo Oglesby, Organist.....	ext. 105
Gwyn Rice, Food Service Manager.....	
Tyler Barker, Custodian.....	ext. 108
Sai Par Sang, Custodian.....	

July 30 - Aug 7	Guatemala Mission Trip
Aug 9 - 12	Craven Parks & Recreation Volleyball Camp in our FLC
Aug 18	First Baptist Church Conference
Aug 22	Sunday School Promotion
Aug 23	NC Baptists on Mission Regional Rally
Aug 25	Hot Dog Supper and Bake Sale
Aug 26 - 27	CBF Carolina's Regional Gathering at Providence Baptist Church in Charlotte
September 1	Wednesday Night Fall Kickoff