



# Messenger

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## Orders Remained Unchanged

Several years ago, I had the opportunity to tour Washington, D.C. with a group from First Baptist Church led by our own Howard Mathews. When you visit Washington, D.C., you encounter many monuments that remind you of our nation's heritage. There is no more powerful monument than the one located in northern Virginia at the Arlington National Cemetery. The vast sea of white crosses remind you of freedom's extravagant price tag. Every hour a dramatic event occurs in Arlington at the **Tomb of the Unknown Soldier** that amplifies the daunting task of our military. It also reminds us of the task of all those who have enlisted as a follower of Jesus Christ.

When the guardian of the sacred tomb has completed his duty and the transfer of the sentinel's responsibility occurs, a three-word exchange is made as the replacement soldier shoulders his responsibility. If you listen closely, you can hear the departing watchman say to his reliever during the changing of the guard, **"Orders remain unchanged."** For decades, that simple command has been exchanged twenty-four times each day at the top of the hour at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Christ, our Commander-in-Chief, speaks the same orders to our spirits: **"My Beloved and faithful Child, your orders remain unchanged."**

Jesus gave His followers a last command which should be our first priority. Jesus said, **"Go and make disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Teach them all I have commanded you; and I will be with you to the end of the age."** (Matthew 28:19-20). These orders cannot be negated or re-negotiated. Jesus' orders remain unchanged. Are you in compliance or in disobedience? Are you sharing the love and light of Christ in such a magnetic way? Jesus calls us to attention. Our task is the most important on the planet: Share Jesus with everyone. Your orders remain unchanged!

Sharing Jesus with our World Together,

## Guatemala Mission Team

Be in prayer for our Guatemala mission team as they travel and minister representing Jesus Christ and First Baptist Church. They will return to New Bern on Friday morning, August 5th around 3:00 AM. The team will be sharing a report on their trip on Wednesday night, August 24, at 6:00 PM.

Members of the team are:

Dwayne Alligood	Doug Amerson
Kate Amerson	Tanner Brown
Eddie Games	Sam Mang
Richard Seagle	Andy Wilkinson

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## Resuming Two Morning Worships

Our summer Sunday schedule comes to an end on Sunday August 21st.

We return to our regular Sunday morning schedule on August 28th:

8:45 Non-traditional worship

9:30 Café Connection

9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Traditional Worship

This will be Sunday School Promotion Sunday.

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## August Deacon Dinner & Church Conference

Our deacons will be preparing dinner for the congregation on Wednesday night August 17<sup>th</sup>. Serving time will be 5:30 PM. After dinner, the church will be called to order for our quarterly church conference at 6:00 PM.

# 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 7	AUGUST 14	AUGUST 21	AUGUST 28
<b>DEACONS</b>	Terry Hall Cathy Rock	Brian Swicegood Rosemary Dow	Amy Price Beth Wynn	Eddie Games Tracey Lorentzen
<b>WATCHMEN</b>	Kyle Compton	Steve Wynn	Travis Blalock	Steve Simmons Mike Heiman
<b>USHER TEAMS</b>	Richard Wagner	Bobby West	Todd Spear	Mike Seawell
<b>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</b>	Megan Ireland Arden Grant	Megan Ireland Graycie Thornton	Megan Ireland Carole Hart	Megan Ireland Bella Bernabi
<b>EXTENDED CARE 10:00</b>	Brenda Hall Terry Hall Brian Swicegood Susan Trout Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow	Mona Quick Jeremy Tavares Courtney Tavares Cindy Lewis Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow	Becky Stewart Wes Stewart Lori Meads Thaih Zink Allison Bunting Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow	Kelsie Ferguson - 8:45 Trey Ferguson - 8:45 Sonya Thurman - 8:45 Gale Evancho - 11:00 Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS - HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

02	Deidre Edwards	09	Elaine Varley	16	Hunter Brinson	25	Mason Parnell
	Jewel Watson		Elizabeth Compton		Jess Brinson		Meredith Laskovics
	John Duff	10	Barry Templeton		Josie Doak	26	Todd Price
	Tommy Hardy		Alex Sanchez	17	Amy Price		Tom Hall
05	Henry Russell		Colin Ireland		Karissa Hargett		James Garner
	Diane Slagle	11	Donald Heath		Jim McManamey		Murdina MacDonald
06	Mary Lou Harrell	12	Norman Kellum	18	Mary Lynn Cheves		Charles Knowles
	Melanie Spear		Jenna Brinkley	19	Bill McClinton		Shiloh Willard
	Martha Johnson		Richard Seagle		Kimsey Welch	28	Mason McQuistion
	Malcolm Chitty	13	Judy Antry		Matthew Rock	29	Martha Tharrington
	Drew Wilkinson		Benjamin Rahlan	20	Vicki Heath	30	Kevin Adams
08	Peggie Wooten		Randy Banks	22	Michael Heiman		Wyatt Bell
	Boots Parker	15	Jamye Russ		Karen Wilkes		Tracey Lorentzen
	Payton Muse		Lynn Rausch		Joey Holton	31	Todd Thornton
	Brandi Parnell	16	Beth Wynn	23	Kaye Grant		David Barnhill
			Jenny Carter	24	Maddie Templeton		

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO YOU!

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

### Training for New Wedding Directors

First Baptist Church's wedding policies require that a trained director from our congregation be involved in each ceremony conducted in our facilities. Would you like to be available to serve in this capacity in the future? Directors meet with brides and others who are planning the ceremonies to "map out" the services and then to direct the coming and going on the day of the event. Faye Willingham has directed many weddings at our church and has offered to train a new group of directors. The class will take place on Sunday afternoon, August 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM in the sanctuary. Please call the church office to register for this class.

## *Summer Worship in August at First*

**Sunday, August 7** – Communion

10:00 AM – Soloist

**Sunday, August 14**

10:00 AM – Adult Ensemble

**Sunday, August 21**

10:00 AM – Praise Team

**Sunday, August 28** – “SS Promotion Sunday”

8:45 AM – Praise Team

11:00 AM – Sanctuary Choir

### **Resuming Two Morning Worship Services**

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Sunday morning schedule  
**on Sunday, August 28th:**

8:45 Non-traditional worship

9:30 Café Connection

9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Traditional Worship



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

**Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup> – 5:30 PM**  
**with Homemade Ice Cream, Dessert  
& Entertainment**



**Cost: \$6.00 – Adult**  
**\$3.00 – Children ages 4-12**  
**Free – Children 3 & under**



**Please RSVP to the Church Office  
by Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Proceeds will benefit Senior Adult Ministry**

### **Senior Adult Mystery Trip**

**Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**

The destination will be outdoors, and a “dutch” lunch  
will be enjoyed before returning.

We will depart the church at 9:30 AM.

**Please RSVP to the Church Office  
by Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**Wednesday,  
September 7<sup>th</sup>**

**FALL  
KICK-  
OFF**



# Summer Adventures



**Wednesday, August 3rd @ 9:40 am**

**@Bear Town Cinema**

**On Trent Road**

**KIDS' MOVIE: SING 2**

*(3rd grade & Under must be accompanied by a chaperone.)  
No Cost for Kids. Adults are \$8.00—includes popcorn & drink.*

## **Sunday Slushies @ Sonic**

**Sunday, August 7th @ 5:00 pm**

**1st Kids Families are invited to fellowship  
together at the Sonic playground.**

*All children must have a chaperone.*

**Kids' Slushies are Free.**



**August 27th**

**Summer's End Pool Party**

**For All 1st Kids Families**

**At New Bern Golf &  
Country Club 7:00 - 9:00 pm**

**Pizza & Snacks Provided**

**Sunday, August 28th**

**Pre-K & Under will move to their  
new classes according to their age.**

**School-age children will go to classes  
according to their grade.**

**9:45 am Sunday School Time**







**Miniature Golf,  
Bowling and Arcades, OH MY!**

**The FBC Youth group is going  
to have so much fun at  
Mac Daddy's on July 31st**

**"Growing Even  
Closer to God  
and Each Other"**



**Youth Summer  
Beach Retreat  
Myrtle Beach, SC**







### CHURCH FAMILY

Allie Andrews	Gwyn Page	Tyler Smith
Rodney Bell	Boots Parker	Ron Snipes
Kenny Brownell	Ray Parker	MaryAnn Stinson
Roseann Brownell	Selma Piner	Kathy Swindell
Stacy Chapman	Lynn Rausch	Beth Wagner
MaryLou Harrell	Bobby Reece	Richard Wagner
Mary Ann Jones	Louise Reece	Jewel Watson
Sherry Jones	Penny Rettew	Patsy White
Ruth Kellum	Mary Jo Roberts	Karen Wilkes
Seth Needham	Rudy Rowe	Peggie Wooten
Betty Pace	Jeremy Slagle	Ellen Young

### CARE FACILITY & RETIREMENT\* RESIDENTS

#### BAYVIEW

Howard Mathews

#### BROOKDALE

Jean Ritter

#### CYPRESS GLEN

Elizabeth Brinkley

#### CHAMPIONS

Doris Dyson

#### NC VETERANS HOME

Mary Ellen Kirschner\*

#### HOMEPLACE

Jean Fulcher

Christine Peedin

Patsy Setzer

Ann Sledge

#### MERRILL GARDENS

Rev. David Page

Gwyn Page

Peggie Wooten

#### WOODLAND TERRACE

Louise Blizzard\*

### CHURCH FRIENDS

Ronnie & Kelly Brinson (*John Rouse, Bryson Capps*)  
 Carol Carroll (*friend Diane Griffin*)  
 Sandra J. Dail (*mother, Tommy Gaskins*)  
 Joy Duff (*sister Tammy Pollock*)  
 Cindi Farnham (*brother in law Chris*)  
 Carolyn Fulcher (*friend Calvin Warren*)  
 Dan Jones  
 Ruth Kellum (*friend Bob Mallard*)  
 Helen Mathews (*nephew Drew*)  
 Jim & Claudia McManamey (*granddaughter Tori*)  
 Sandy O'Brien (*Jeannie O'Brien*)  
 Ashley Patterson's mother  
 Greg & Anna Pearson (*granddaughter Blythe*)  
 Carol Register (*Courtney Mong*)  
 Cathy Rock (*Dad, sister in law, nephew*)  
 Becky & West Stewart (*Sam Altman*)  
 MaryAnn Stinson (*sons Tommy and Josh*)  
 Kathy Swindell (*Clyde Swindell, friends Katie M., Michael Parker*)  
 Richard and Beth Wagner (*Chris Wagner*)  
 Faye Willingham (*niece*)  
 Ken Wooten (*mom Doris Wooten*)  
 Pray for our country

## Our Newest Members!



Andrew & Garrett Pait

Date joined: 7/17/22

Parents: Roger & Meredith Pait

Baptism will be August 21st.

## NEW BABY BOY!



Charles Byrum Plummer "Charlie"

Born Friday, June 24, 2022

Parents: Will and Dana White Plummer

Grandparents: Chuck and Kathy White

Phillip and Gale Evancho

## FALL WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We are excited to announce our fall Women's Bible Study, **Faith and Fire ... Elijah** by Priscilla Shirer.

Elijah emerged as the voice of unapologetic truth during a time of national crisis and moral decline. His ministry was marked by tenacious faith and holy fire. This study takes a fresh look at difficult choices that will keep us anchored and sharpen our faith.



Our seven week study will begin on Thursday, September 22 and will end November 3. We will meet in the church chapel from 10:30 until noon.

If you want to join us in this study, call the church office to sign up. Be sure to give your preferred contact information. The deadline to sign up is September 7 so that Kerry can order enough books for our start date. Sign up NOW if you know you want to participate, and please call even if you have been in our studies before.

We are looking forward to sharing what you have to offer as we study the prophet Elijah.

JoAnn and Carole



Sunday School has been an important part of my life from childhood until now. I grew up in a small country church in western North Carolina. I was blessed to have teachers who taught Bible stories and taught us to read our Bible. They taught us that God is always near and He hears us when we pray. They also taught us to love each other.

When I came to New Bern in 1971 and became a member of First Baptist Church those blessings continued. Jimmie Garver was my first Sunday School teacher. We joined a couples class and made friends that have continued today. Jimmie had a saying that I remember today: You may be the only Christian someone knows. That's a Sunday School lesson I can't forget. I need to watch my actions and words and make sure they are Christ-like.

I am currently a member of the Jane Marshall Jenkins Sunday School class. Our class is made up of senior adult ladies, but we do have some younger women who have chosen to meet with us. After Jane Marshall retired from teaching, four (4) ladies from our class began teaching. They give us wonderful lessons each week, lessons that guide us to follow Jesus. They encourage us to read our lesson each week and use a Bible during the lesson. One of our teachers quite often gives us homework.

This class is very mission minded and when we hear of a need, we try to respond. Our class is very caring, we keep up with each other, and we pray for each other. When you are sick or have a need, it's very reassuring to know that your friends are remembering you in prayer.

I will always be thankful for Sunday School, and to the teachers who have taught me through the years.

Faye Willingham, Jane Marshal Jenkins Class

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

## Senior Adult Annual Fund Raiser Hot Dog, Homemade Ice Cream, Bake Sale

On Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, we will have our annual end of summer celebration with hot dogs, homemade ice cream and bake sale. It will begin at 5:30 pm in the Family Life Center. Entertainment will be provided. We will be having our bread sale and Silent Auction Cake Sale. We have several ladies in the church who bake cakes for this event. Thank you so much, and if you will notify me that you will be doing this it would be very helpful.

Cost for the event will be \$6 adults, \$3 children, age 3 and under free. Please RSVP by Monday, August 29 if you will be attending.

This is a fun evening for all. Hope to see everyone there.

Faye Willingham, Chair  
Senior Adult Committee