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First Baptist Church

Messenger

September

FBC New Bern Fall Emphasis

Growing Young

Over the years, I have had the privilege to be the pastor for a tremendous group of young people and young adults. First Baptist Church of New Bern has produced a stellar group of individuals who are living out their faith daily through being teachers, engineers, doctors, realtors, lawyers and many other positions including pastors. The congregation should be proud of the faith that they have instilled in our young people throughout the years that has led them to make a difference for God in the world. We want to continue that tradition of ministry.

Our church wants to continue our calling to help guide our young people toward their vocational calling based upon the Christian principles instilled in them by their church and their family. That is a goal of FBC's Growing Young program.

The nine members of the Growing Young Team met with me monthly to study, learn and dream about instituting the Growing Young program at First Baptist Church of New Bern. Throughout the Fall, on Wednesday nights, I will be leading an introduction to the concepts of Growing Young with our congregation using video and spoken word. There are six key core concepts that congregations who are growing young exhibit. As we hope to grow and maintain the ministries to and with younger adults (especially aged 19 – 29), we will evaluate how we are doing in each of these areas.

The Growing Young Core Commitments are as follows:

1. Unlock keychain leadership.
2. Empathize with today's young people.
3. Take Jesus' message seriously.
4. Fuel a warm community.
5. Prioritize young people (and families) everywhere.
6. Be the best neighbors.



See Page 7 for more information on this year's event!

Over the weekend of September 10-12, Rev. Andy Jung will meet with our deacons and with our congregation to introduce the concepts of Growing young. **Rev. Jung will speak to our deacons at our annual retreat on September 11. He will then preach at both morning worship services on September 12 and lead a joint Sunday School class for all youth and adult classes on that same day at 10:00 AM in the FLC.**

Following this kickoff weekend, each **Wednesday night throughout** the Fall, I will try to flesh out what these Core Commitments mean for our church and congregation. I hope that you will join us for these key events in the life of our church.

	W O R S H I P S E R V I C E V O L U N T E E R S			
	SEPTEMBER 5	SEPTEMBER 12	SEPTEMBER 19	SEPTEMBER 26
DEACONS	Dwayne Alligood John Duff	Bobby West James Garner	Betty Pace Joe Overby	Roger Pait Andy Wilkinson
WATCHMEN	Travis Blalock	Steve Simmons Mike Heiman	John Duff	Don Eglinton Ed Stinson
USHER TEAMS	Richard Wagner	Bobby West	Reuben Hart	Mike Seawell
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Elizabeth Swicegood Kelsie McBride	Elizabeth Swicegood Rebecca Sanchez	Elizabeth Swicegood Bella Bernabi	Elizabeth Swicegood Caroline Strickland
EXTENDED CARE 8:45	The Brinson Family Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow	Kyle Compton Mallory Compton Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow	Allison Bunting Gale Evancho Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow	David Zink Thaih Zink Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow
EXTENDED CARE 11:00	Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow	Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow	Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow	Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow
WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER SCHEDULE	9/8 NO MEAL THIS WEEK	9/15 Sherry Wilkinson's Team BBQ Pork Baked Beans Cole Slaw Corn Bread Assorted Ice Cream	9/22 Tommy Daniels' Team Meatloaf Homemade Macaroni and cheese Green Beans Sister Schubert rolls Dessert	9/29 Gwyn Rice's Team Ham Scalloped potatoes Green Beans Rolls Dessert

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01 Bo Doak	08 Rachel Hardy	16 Holly Campbell	25 Robert Strickland, Jr.
03 Henry Parker	09 Harvey Dail	Kierlan Aiuto	Mandy Lambert
Ann Sledge	10 Miriam Wood	17 Kathy Fuller	Alexander Hardy
Paige Muse	Kathy Daniels	19 Jeffrey Wood	26 Trent Wynn
Natalie Blalock	Ngai Chin Cung	Cason Bell	27 John Doughty
William Owen	Mary Ella Swicegood	Norma Harvey	Robert Strickland
Mona Quick	Cruz Willard	20 Kenneth Muse	28 Graycen Thornton
04 Cindy Glover	12 Linda Wilkinson	Tha lang Cung	Brooks Compton
Megan Ireland	Jeffrey Quinn	21 Doug Amerson	29 Kristin Beyer
05 Wesley Seawell	Nancy Marcom	Olin Stewart	Lilagrace Ostmann
Meriam Hawng	Mary Smaw	Warren Cheves	30 Alan Ashe
Michael Cheves	Sawyer Townsend	Taylor Best	Andrew Fuller
06 Hayley Smith	13 Debbie Kaylor	22 Brian Nobles	Rodney Bell
08 Ben Williams	15 Timothy Stewart	25 Teegan SinClair	

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FINANCIAL RECORD

Required 08/22 YTD: \$ 696,864

Received 08/22 YTD: \$ 728,121

01 John & Lori Meads	14 Don & Debra Brinkley
04 Don & Pat Eglinton	15 Thomas & Erica Smith
05 Joe & Gretchen Overby	24 Ken & Sharlene Dimpsey
Tony & Meloni Wray	Carlton & Anne Metts
06 Frank & Linda Ipock	26 Jackie & Ginny McKinney
07 Jed & Amy James	29 Kyle & Mallory Compton
08 Bill & Sandy McClinton	

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



W.O.W. Worship on Wednesday

Beginning September 15th
 5:45 pm: Preschool & Children to Classes
 6:00 pm: Preschool Choir 6:25 pm: Children's Choir



Preteens (5th & 6th Graders) Fellowship

Sunday, September 26th

5:00 pm

Devotions, Games, Food



**Weekend Mission Trip for
4th, 5th, & 6th Graders**

November 5th-7th

Register Now!

Cost: \$40



Youth

YOUTH MINISTRY

As school begins, I wanted to let our youth and their families know that they are continually prayed over. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any other pastoral staff members any time at all.

The Myrtle Beach Youth Retreat went extremely well, and the theme was very true. We did indeed grow closer to God and each other. God continues to bless our youth ministry and my prayer is that we continue to listen for God's calling and to be willing to say as Samuel, "Speak Lord, your servant is listening."

Boventions will take place at 6:45 a.m. on Thursday mornings at the Bojangles located over by New Bern High School. I am excited to have this time together where we can start the day off with a devotional time, food, and conversation.

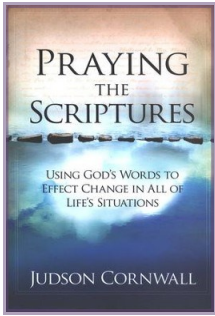
Youth Reconnect will return on Sunday, September 12th from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. We will continue the same format of having small groups after a big group time to begin the discussion.

Ministering Together,

Jeremy

The Power of Prayer, Part III

The Key Ingredient and Praying with Understanding



Have you ever left out an ingredient when baking cookies, perhaps not including the sugar? What a disappointment as you have to start all over. When we pray, God has a perfect plan for opening our hearts to Him – opening with His Word. Justin Cornwall shares in his book, Praying the Scriptures, that there are 650+ prayers in the Bible! Examples of how we should commune with Him, even as our hearts are closed through pain, worry, anxiousness, are in scripture. God's heart is ever open!

Praying God's words back to Him adds the needed ingredients:

Vigor is added to our words. "The word of God is living and powerful – sharper than any two-edged sword, pruning even to the division of the soul and spirit and joints and marrow and is the discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Hebrews 4:12.

Verification that God truly is speaking to you. Just as our children often need assurance that we are supporting them, we need that link to and from God. We more clearly recognize the voice of God the more we study His word.

Vocabulary in the Bible is full of emotion – the book of Psalms expresses every human feeling known to man. Scripture wakes up our soul. Cornwall sums it up best – "When we want to speak to God, we pray. When we want God to speak to us, we search the scriptures."

We don't have to be a rocket scientist to pray, but we do have to have a measure of "spiritual intelligence". Through our trust and confidence in the Father, we must repeat His words back to Him as we pray, (much like a poem you are trying to memorize.) The Bible is God's textbook, how He draws us with understanding towards Him. In Psalm 138:2, David declares, "For You have magnified Your word above all Your name".

As human beings, we can convince ourselves through our thoughts to believe a certain thing. Scripture changes our hearts. We receive assurance that God will "do what we ask in His name" John 14:14. We gain authority *with* God and in our trust in Him, and also gain authority *over* evil.

Our understanding of who answers our prayers is important. Cornwall points towards four persons involved when we pray. God is the **provider**, the source of our needs. Jesus is our **intercessor**, linking us to the Father. Additionally is the Holy Spirit, the **implementor** of God's will. This is the key piece in our connection to God. Lastly, the angels, in a subdued manner, act as **activators** of answered prayer, giving us a snapshot of His will.

Scripture provides the knowledge we need to communicate effectively with God, giving our prayers clearer understanding of our needs and God's response to those needs. What joy can await when we are restored and reassured of His promises through His word!

Mona Quick



Dear friends and partners in Ministry,



Whew! It has been quite a year, hasn't it? I have spent every day for the last 15 months thanking God for the strong and faithful churches who have continued to partner with us to feed hungry children in our area! Throughout the 15 months of the pandemic, (and really dating back to hurricane Florence!) we have seen hunger needs among our Jones, Pamlico and Craven County students continue to increase. And thanks to your faithfulness, we have been able to meet the needs of our community in ways that filled the nutritional requirements of the students we serve and brought the light of Christ to them! THANK YOU for the gifts you have so willingly shared with Backpack Blessings this year, by your financial resources, your volunteer hours, and especially by your prayers. I have never made a truer statement than when I say we could NOT have done it without each of you!

Ruth Powers,



Executive Director of Backpack Blessings

BACKPACK BLESSINGS UPDATE

Lots of volunteers from First Baptist worked to pack and deliver food for needy families in our community at the "pack event" June 29 and 30. We had another pack event in July. If you are interested in helping, contact Carole Hart at 252-671-0464 (call or text) or you may email carolehart22@gmail.com





REHEARSALS for the FBC

Children, Youth, and Adults

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

Sunday, September 12

4:30 PM – Youth/Parent Choir

5:00 PM – Adult Ensemble

6:00 PM – Praise Team

Wednesday, September 15

6:00 PM – Preschool Choir

6:25 PM – Children's Choir



*Thursday
September
16th !*

We'll depart at 10:00 AM from the FBC parking lot and return mid-afternoon.

You'll need to bring money for lunch and a "special treat" for dessert.

Please RSVP to the church office
by Friday, September 10th!



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.

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

MYRTLE BEACH & BROOKGREEN GARDENS

DECEMBER 9 AND 10

DEPART CHURCH AT 8:00 AM

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



PRAYER CONCERNS

CHURCH FAMILY

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

CHURCH FRIENDS

Karen Alexander (<i>parents, Natalie Munroe, Aunt Ann Holton</i>)	Reuben Hart (<i>brother in law Tim Johnston</i>)
Rodney Bell (<i>Mike Hargett</i>)	Norman Kellum (<i>Sara Ferebee Williams</i>)
Situation in Myanmar	Molly Knowles (<i>mother</i>)
Betty Bloomberg	Helen Mathews (<i>nephew Drew Littleton</i>)
Charles Blythe (<i>sister Janice Littleton</i>)	Gwyn Page (<i>granddaughter Sarah Muse</i>)
Ronnie Brinson (<i>Ward Withrow</i>)	Greg & Anna Pearson (<i>Anna's sister Sally and brother-in-law David Bourland</i>)
Pauletta Covington	Todd Price (<i>brother in law</i>)
Sandra J. Dail (<i>mother, Tommy Gaskins</i>)	Cathy Rock (<i>Dad, sister in law Kathy, nephew</i>)
Doris Dillinger	Patsy Setzer (<i>son</i>)
Cathy Fuller (<i>father</i>)	Becky & Wes Stewart (<i>friend Ron Carleton</i>)
James Garner (<i>Sherry Vernelson</i>)	MaryAnn Stinson (<i>son Josh, Lee</i>)
Kim Glass	Kathy Swindell (<i>friend Courtney</i>)
Anita Gray (<i>sister in law</i>)	Barry Templeton (<i>Annis Barrington</i>)
Dale Goldman	Jewel Watson (<i>Michael Watson</i>)
Ann Greb	Cathy White (<i>Rich Meyers</i>)
Chris Hale	Faye Willingham (<i>brother</i>)
Brenda Hall (<i>Rita Piner</i>)	
Brenda Hardee (<i>niece Lisa, Shauna Sturgeon</i>)	
Mary Lou Harrell (<i>Katie Atkinson</i>)	

Care Facility & Retirement* Residents

BERNE VILLAGE
Rev. David Page
Gwyn Page
Peggie Wooten

BROOKDALE
Jean Ritter

CHAMPIONS
Doris Dyson

HOMEPLACE
Jean Fulcher
Christine Peedin
Ann & Lamar Sledge

WOODLAND TERRACE
Louise Blizzard*

SPRING ARBOR
Addie Mae Butler



Braswell World Religions and Global Culture Center Presentation

Dr. Caleb Oladipo
Sunday, October 4

Guest Preacher
at 8:45 am & 11:00 am Worship Services

Group Discussion for Youth & Adults
9:45 am in the Family Life Center



Dr. Caleb Oladipo – Director of the Center
Snellings Chair of Evangelism and Missions,
Campbell University Divinity School
B.A. in Theology – Wayland Baptist University
M.Div – Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
S.T.M. – Yale University Divinity School
Ph.D. in Theological Studies – Baylor University
Contact Kerry or the Christian Education Committee for additional information.



Learn about
What's Happening at
First Baptist of New Bern
in the 2021-22 Church Year!

Preschool, Children,
Preteens,
Youth & Adults



First Baptist Church
of New Bern

Our new website at
www.fbchurch.com
has been launched.

We hope to make it easier to learn
"What's Happening at
FBC New Bern"
Take a look at it now
and look forward to new additions.

Invite others to be a part of the FBCNB Family!

Requests for Operation Inasmuch are accumulating. If you would like to **contribute** any of the following items please leave them in the FLC hallway in the designated area(s) underneath the coat rack.



These are some of the requested items:

- Habitat for Humanity — Cases of Water
- Badge, Faith and Community—Cases of Water
- Reviving Lives Ministry—paper goods such as paper towels, plates, toilet paper, kleenex
- Coastal Women's Shelter—Toiletries
- Service Organizations—Individually wrapped snacks and goodies
- Badge, Faith and Community—Individually wrapped candies

Also we would encourage everyone to **sign up** for an Inasmuch project. The sign-ups will initially be available on Wednesday, August 25th at the Hot Dog Supper. If you can not participate in person please consider donating some of the requested items listed.

Here are the Inasmuch Projects List :

- ♦ Habitat for Humanity -for 4 different work teams (about 22 volunteers)
- ♦ Merci Clinic - need about 5 volunteers
- ♦ RCS - need up to 12 volunteers
- ♦ Pamlico High School- maybe 10-12 volunteers
- ♦ New Bern High School - about 5-6 volunteers
- ♦ Bangert School-5-6 volunteers
- ♦ New Bern Parks and Recreation-10-12 volunteers
- ♦ Gideons -See Greg Williams
- ♦ Middle Street-Water Bottle Distribution (alongside Gideons)-need several
- ♦ Basket Assembly for Service Organizations-5-6 volunteers
- ♦ Greeting Card Making-led by Sweet Pittard ladies
- ♦ Badge, Faith & Community - Help take cases of water and cakes and candy to Lawson Creek Park

Thank you,

Cathy Chitty Pike

THANK YOU

To my First Baptist Church Family, Dr. Seagle and especially Kerry Peeler,

Thank you for the kindness you showed to my family and to Tanner Wainright upon his death. His funeral was a glorious send off, one which he did not necessarily earn but needed. I am so happy to be a member of such a magnificent church.

Doug Amerson, Jr.

The plaque and typed information were found in the archives room. If anyone knows what these go with, contact Elaine Varley at 1105dav@gmail.com

On June 19, 1974, at Glenburnie Park, a fund raiser was begun for the renovation of First Baptist Church Sanctuary. This bowl was used to hold the collection and was displayed the following Sunday in the Sanctuary. It originally contained about \$5.00 in change.



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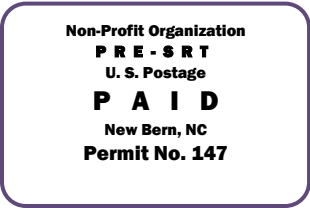
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NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

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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CROP HUNGER WALK On September 26th we will gather with others in our community to fight hunger both here and around the world.

The FBC team is in need of both walkers and sponsors. The New Bern CROP Walk will take place on Sunday, September 26th at 3:00pm starting at Union Point Park. Please see Elizabeth Swicegood for more details and to sign up to be a walker, sponsor, or both. You may donate to our team or sign-up to walk online at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/first-baptist-new-bern> For donations turned in to the church office, please make checks payable to CWS/ CROP WALK.

Thanks for helping feed the hungry in our community and throughout the world.