

Please feel free to exchange greetings with one another upon your arrival. We invite you to enter into a time of quiet meditation as the prelude begins.

GATHERING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Prelude Michael McKnight, piano
Praise Him! Praise Him! - arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome Nick Lewis

*Call to Worship Sheree Bagley

Give thanks and praise to the Lord!
For God has dealt mercifully with us!
Even when we turned our backs on God,
God forgave us and restored us to life.
Rejoice in God's abundant love.
We will continually praise God who heals and loves us.
Help us to focus our lives on living as You would have us live.
May we always be open to ways of service and compassion.
AMEN.

*Opening Hymn No. 618 SAFETY
Love Lifted Me

Invocation Nick Lewis

LISTENING FOR GOD’S VOICE

Children’s Time Naomi Daugherty
(Children in Kindergarten through 5th grade will be dismissed to Children’s Church)

Old Testament Reading Dwayne Alligood, deacon
Psalm 107:1-9, 43

Morning Prayer Kerry Peeler

Hymn of Testimony No. 581 HANKEY
I Love to Tell the Story

Offertory Prayer Kathy Swindell, deacon

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Musical Offering Sanctuary Choir
We Are Singing, for the Lord Is Our Light - arr. Hal Hopson
No.155 - Congregation is invited to join to sing

*Hymn of Offering Dedication No. 706 OLD 100TH
Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Sermon Kerry Peeler
God’s Heart of Love
Hosea 11:1-11

Invitation to Discipleship and Membership Ministers

Hymn of Invitation No. 459 DIVERNON
Come, Share the Lord

Invitation to the Table Nick Lewis

Breaking the Bread Kerry Peeler
Pouring the Cup Nick Lewis

Musical Offering Michael McKnight, piano
I Sing Praises - arr. Mark Hayes

*Hymn of Unity No. 267 (Stanza 1) DENNIS
Blest Be the Tie

Sharing of Public Decisions Ministers

SENDING FORTH GOD’S PEOPLE

What’s Coming Your Way Kerry Peeler

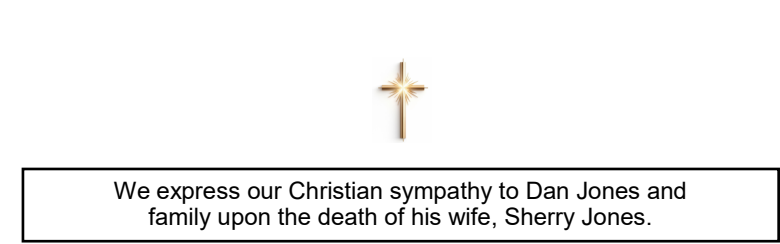
*Benediction Nick Lewis and Congregation

**We go now as those raised with Christ,
amazed at God’s great love and
telling the story of our salvation.
We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name and love of Christ. Amen.**

*Postlude Michael McKnight, piano
My Tribute - Dino Kartsonakis

*Please stand if able

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Prayer Concerns

Church Family

Alan Ashe Mary Ann Jones Clyde Swindell
Jerry Ashley Virginia Knight Frances Wages
Valeria Barrow Bobbie Love Beth Wagner
Judy Blythe Alice Lyle James Warren, Sr.
Tommy Daniels Helen Smaw Kimsey Welch
Rieko Evans Ty Smith Ellen Young
Mary Ann Stinson

Assisted Living & Retirement Residents

Cypress Glen—GVL NC Veterans Home - KIN
Elizabeth Brinkley Mary Ellen Kirschner

Champions-WIL Merrill Gardens - NBN
Doris Dyson Sylvia Pina

Homeplace Riverpoint Crest - NBN
Christine Peedin* Jewel Watson

Navion-NBN Gardens of Pamlico
Wilma Needham Tolar Simmons*

Woodland Terr - CARY
Louise Blizzard

Church Friends

Jerry Ashley (*L.B. Pope*) Sammy Riggs
Jennifer Bernabi (*nephew*) Keith Russell (*dad Archie Russell*)
Jan Burke (*Neal Cobb*) Dennis Sawyer (*brother Joe Sawyer*)
Isabella Cantrell Melanie Spear (*sister, brother in law, friend Glenda*)
Lisa Chitty (*parents, friend Sherry & family*) Bob Spooner (*Jude McBride*)
Sandra J. Dail (*Tommy Gaskins*) Becky Stewart (*Natalie Monroe*)
Kathy Daniels (*Wanda Folsom*) Jeremy Tavares (*Dennis Dowdy’s mother*)
Janet Doughty (*mother*) Beth Wagner (*Marian Elmore, John Wiltrout*)
Kaye Grant Kathy White (*Buddy Kirschner*)
Anita Gray (*Jim Baldrige*) Faye Willingham (*Sam Huff, Janis Miller*)
Barbara Gwaltney (*Wayne*) Jane Wooten (*friend*)
Phil Kaylor (*William & Peggy*) Beth Wynn (*Lori Saunders*)
Karen Killingsworth (*father*)
Brandy Holton (*father*)
Bobbie Love (*Jimmy Walker*)
Jim/Claudia McManamey (*niece*)
Sandy O’Brien (*Fred Deans*)
Anna Pearson (*Granddaughter Charlotte*)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	08/03/2025 Communion
9:00 AM	Sunday School for All Ages
9:50 AM	Café Connection
10:15 AM	Worship Service
TUESDAY	08/05/2025
9:00 AM	Staff Meeting
6:00 PM	Visitation at Cotton Funeral Home for Sherry Jones
WEDNESDAY	08/06/2025
6:30 AM	Men’s First Light
11:00 AM	Sherry Jones’ Funeral in Sanctuary
THURSDAY	08/07/2025
8:00 AM	RCS Soup Kitchen
10:30 AM	Praise Dance Camp
SATURDAY	08/09/2025
2:00 PM	Youth River Day
SUNDAY	08/10/2025
9:00 AM	Sunday School for All Ages
9:50 AM	Café Connection
10:15 AM	Worship Service
11:30 AM	Deacons Meeting
5:00 PM	Youth Connect

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE WEEK		
	08/03/2025	08/10/2025
DEACONS	Dwayne Alligood Kathy Swindell	Tracey Lorentzen Kelsie McBride
WATCHMEN	Phil Smith	Wayne Brown
USHER TEAMS	Eddie Games	Susan Williams
CAFÉ CONNECTION	Sandy McClinton	Andy Wilkinson
GREETERS	Bunting	Hall
CHILDREN’S CHURCH	Elizabeth Swicegood Mary Ella Swicegood Carole Hart	Sheree Bagley Chris Bagley
EXTENDED CARE	Rebecca Sanchez Jennifer Emens Kathy Swindell Cathy Rock Christine Soler Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow	Kelsie Ferguson Trey Ferguson Gretchen Overby Brian Swicegood Christine Soler Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow

First Baptist Church

Sunday, August 03, 2025 10:15 AM



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Welcome to Our Guests!

We are grateful that you are present today! You are invited to fill out an information card indicating your presence in worship and interest in First Baptist Church. Guest Information Cards are available in the Sanctuary pews or from an usher. Once completed, feel free to hand your card to an usher, one of our pastors, or drop it in one of the stationary offering plates.

God’s Invitation to You!

During worship, we hope you encounter Jesus Christ and His Good News, hearing the call to follow Him with your life. If the call of Christ is new to you, we encourage you to respond and receive Him, making a public profession of faith and receiving baptism. Or, if you already know Christ as Savior, you may be led to make other faith decisions such as life rededication or by joining the membership of this church. Our pastors will receive people during a time of invitation as we sing the last hymn of worship. You may also contact a pastor by telephone or email at any time to discuss your decision.

What’s Coming Your Way!

August 6th at 6:30AM - Men’s First Light resumes discussion of *Devotional Classics* edited by Richard J. Foster and James Bryan Smith. All men are invited to join us.

Sanctuary Refresh Project Update

At the May Church Conference, the congregation approved the proposed *Sanctuary Refresh Project*. This exciting initiative includes painting the sanctuary, replacing the carpet, and enlarging the stage area. The total cost of the project is estimated at over \$130,000.

Worship Service will be held in the FLC starting August 17th.

To help fund this effort, the church has established a Restricted Fund specifically for the Sanctuary Refresh Project. Members and supporters are invited to contribute directly by designating their gifts to this fund. Contributions may be made during Sunday morning offerings, by mailing a check to the church office, or through the church’s online giving portal.

We kindly ask that gifts to this project be given in addition to your regular tithes and offerings.

Please prayerfully consider how you might support the renewal of our beautiful and historic sanctuary. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

FINANCIAL RECORD JAN - JUNE 2025

Needed YTD: \$612,303 Received YTD: \$582,790

Dr. Richard D. Seagle, Senior Pastor
Rev. Kerry Q. Peeler, Associate Pastor of Christian Education
Rev. Michael McKnight, Interim Minister of Music
Rev. Barry E. Templeton, Associate Pastor of Senior Adults
Rev. Nick Lewis, Associate Pastor of Youth and Family Life
Mrs. Sheree G. Bagley, Children’s Minister
Miss Naomi Daugherty, Summer Intern

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