

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH WILMINGTON KINGDOM

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EDUCATION

Share, hold hands, take a nap, clean-up, play fair.... these are some of the important life lessons that Robert Folghum lists in his very familiar book *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*. Folghum's list focuses on social skills, using imagination, paying attention and keeping a sense of wonder. However, I'd like to add another essential lesson I see the children at Alderman Elementary School learning: Remember that you are capable and loved.



Over the last couple of years, it has been a privilege to share stories, practice the alphabet and sight words, and play learning games with kindergartners at Alderman as a "Teach One, Reach One" (TORO) volunteer. It may seem that you can't accomplish a lot in thirty minutes each week. However, the friendship that grows with each child is meaningful and offers the love of Christ through encouragement and care. I've found that the blessings flow both ways, especially when genuine enthusiasm shows up in the form of hugs and smiles! Along with the dedicated staff of the school, FBC TORO volunteers are improving the children's chances of learning that they are capable and loved. *By Janet Nelson*



SCHOOL SUPPLIES – It's Back-to-School time! Our partner school, Alderman Elementary, is in need of the following items: 1-Subject Spiral Notebooks | Dry erase markers | Glue Sticks | Colored Pencils | Pencils | Clorox Wipes | Hand sanitizer. Please bring your donations to the Activities Center by September 15.

PRAYER PARTNER – Be paired with a staff member to provide prayer support throughout the coming year.

"TEACH ONE, REACH ONE" TUTORING PROGRAM – Help a Kindergarten child develop strong reading skills as you spend thirty minutes each week with your special reading buddy. Tutoring will begin in late September once student assessments have been completed.

HOSPITALITY TEAM FOR SPECIAL EVENTS – Blessing the teachers and staff throughout the year with homemade goodies or helping provide breakfast or lunch during staff appreciation times is a wonderful way to use your time and talents.

VISIT FBCWILMINGTON.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SIGN UP



MORE THAN ABC'S AND 123'S

As we were preparing to ask for volunteers for our mission partner, Alderman Elementary, the Staff and PTA were also preparing for the start of a new school year by hosting a neighborhood block party for the kids who live in Houston Moore, a low income housing community where close to 80% of the children live who attend Alderman. It was a hot afternoon with hot dogs, ice cream, laughter, games and smiles, until the unthinkable happened. Less than two blocks away, but still in visible site shots from a gun were heard. A young man was shot and later died at the hospital. The staff and parent volunteers along with their kids were in complete fear as they witnessed this act of violence. They also experienced first-hand the brokenness the children face in their day-to-day lives.

It's easy to think of our mission as isolated to a weekly reading buddy, a simple prayer partner or supplying a few pencils, glue sticks and snacks, but the truth is our mission is so much more. It is God's work. Our mission IS TO BE the very presence of Christ and allow him to work through us to make a Kingdom difference. We may see the fruits of his working through us or we may just plant seeds to be harvested later. As God prompts and leads you, we pray you will have courage to step out in faith.



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE CHRISTIAN?

When is the last time you stopped and thought about what it really means to be a Christian? Most of us, myself included, can take our beliefs and practices for granted, especially if we've held them for a long time. But if you stop for a moment and think about it, how would you answer the question—what does it really mean to be a Christian?



IS IT GOING TO CHURCH? Bible study, worship and being a part of a Christian community is certainly important.

IS IT HAVING THE RIGHT BELIEF SYSTEM? We live in a world where truth might seem fuzzy, but in the end truth is still truth.

IS IT LIVING A WHOLESOME, ETHICAL LIFE LIFESTYLE? Doing the right thing and living a Godly life definitely matter.

While acknowledging the significance of each of those possibilities, let me offer a different answer. What it really means to be a Christian is simply this—knowing and following Jesus. Everything else we do flows out of that essential commitment. And sometimes, as Christians we have to go back to the foundation of our faith--the person of Jesus, who he was and what he did, if we're going "to be" and "do" what we're supposed "to be" and "do" as Christians.

So that's what we're going to do in September. We will take a fresh look at our Lord and Savior, examining the parts of Jesus that we tend to overlook and neglect. There's no better topic for us to focus on to understand Jesus and to allow that understanding to shape who we are as his followers. Let's re-discover the one whose life, death and resurrection can change the world through each of us.

Matt Cook



'The Loop' is our new online tool to improve communication and connections between you and your church family.

Your secure access will allow you to:

- Connect with group members and church friends
- Get involved with or find a Sunday School or Small Group
- Find opportunities to serve in our church, community and world
- View a personalized and church-wide calendar
- Share needs and meet the needs of your fellow members
- Give online and review giving statements and history with ease
- Discover, register and pay for events and classes online

REQUEST A LOGIN ON OUR WEBSITE
FBCWILMINGTON.ORG

After requesting a login, you will receive an email inviting you to create a password. Use the link in the email to access your online community.

Record Your Username

Record Your Password

GETTING STARTED

YOUR PROFILE

Click your initials found in the circle (top right) on the page. This is where you manage your Profile.

UPLOAD A PHOTO

Update your address, phone, and email. Verify your family information and set communication preferences. Click Involvement to view your serving, giving, groups, etc.

GROUPS

Clicking on Groups icon brings you to a list of all the groups you are currently a member or leader of.

STAY CONNECTED

Clicking the group name allows you to view information and see more options for connecting with group members. Search for a new group by clicking the search icon.

PEOPLE

Search for and view people who attend our church. For privacy, only email and phone number are visible.

FIND FRIENDS

It is easy to email or phone friends in 'The Loop'. You will see more information such as address, for people that are in your groups.

CALENDAR

Click the Calendar icon to view a personalized calendar based on your groups and serving positions.

STAY UP TO DATE

You can view all events on the church-wide calendar. For details on an event, click the event name. Find a specific event by typing in key words in the search box.

SERVE

View positions, needs and opportunities to use your gifts and talents in the Serve-Positions tab.

A PLACE FOR YOU

Visit the My Personal Fit tab, under your profile to update your interests and gifts so you can easily identify opportunities to offer your gifts.

GIVE

You can securely give online through the Give icon. You can also set up recurring giving.

CONFIDENTIAL

You are the only person who can see your giving and pledge statements. Register and pay for events and activities in the Forms tab on the home page.

- Don't forget to visit the HELP screen ?
- Bookmark the login page to save your login information ★
- Profiles for children 12 and under private

GIFTS IN HONOR & MEMORY

GENERAL FUND

In memory of Wayne Burkhardt
by Ron & Tracey Thayer

In memory of Betty Warren
by Jean C. Jarvis
by Charles "Bud" & Ann Davis
by Chris Reaves
by Becky Phillips
by Bill & Therese Smith &
Garcia Marlowe
Kathy Vars Bullock
by Orrell & Reiner, P.C., CPA

In memory of Nancy Davis
by Frank Davis

In memory of Herbert Fisher by
Steven & Rachel Edgerton Fisher

In honor of Don Womble
by Lannie & Kenneth Kirby

FEEDING MINISTRY

In memory of Betty Warren
by Jack & Beth Upton
by R. Michael & Tannis Nelson
by Ken & Keena Newland

CARD MINISTRY

In memory of Betty Warren
by Joan B. Marshall

In memory of Carl Lahetta, Jr.
Joan B. Marshall

MUSIC MINISTRY

In memory of
Mary Fales Lippard
by Jack & Beth Upton

In memory of Betty Warren
by Ann W. Brown

In honor of Steven Thomason
by Russ Fales

TUESDAY NOON CHURCH

In memory of Betty Warren
by Sylvia W. Fisher
by Carlton & Julie Fisher

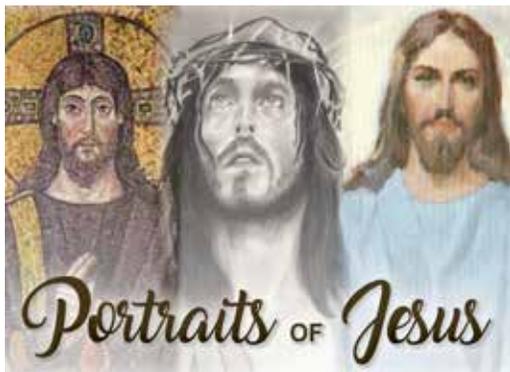
FBC WEBSITE IS LIVE

We are excited to announce that our new and refreshed website is live!

The new website is interactive and gives better and easier access for opportunities to Worship, Grow, Connect, Serve and Give.

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE!
FBCWILMINGTON.ORG

SEPT WORSHIP SCHEDULE



SEPTEMBER 2:
"Jesus the Radical"
Matthew 10:34-39

SEPTEMBER 9:
"Jesus the Jew"
Matthew 5:17-18

SEPTEMBER 16:
"Jesus the Human"
John 11:1-11

SEPTEMBER 23:
"Jesus the Friend of Sinners"
Luke 7:40-47

SEPTEMBER 30:
"Jesus the Lord"
Luke 7:1-10

"Jesus said, 'I am the way, the truth and the life.'" - John 14:6"

MISSION UPDATE

WORSHIP

This number includes participant engagement in the following opportunities for worship each week.

WEEK OF	JULY 1	JULY 7	JULY 15	JULY 22	JULY 29
8:50 AM	1 SERVICE	249	276	226	256
11:00 AM	416	206	197	200	165
KAREN	NO KAREN	51	NO KAREN	67	40
TUES. NOON	NO TNC	77	NO TNC	NO TNC	NO TNC

GROW

This number includes participant engagement in the following opportunities for discipleship each week.

WEEK OF	JULY 1	JULY 7	JULY 15	JULY 22	JULY 29
SUN. MORNING	NO SS	365	333	277	245

21 CONNECT

Number of new members who have joined our church this year.

290 SERVE

Number of individuals who participated in hands on missions through FBC this year.

471 GIVE

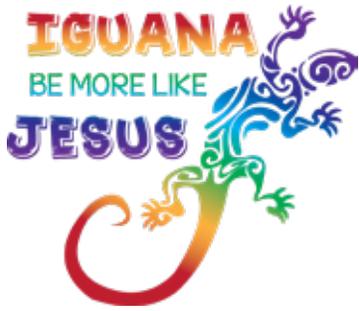
The number of individual families who supported the mission and ministry of God through our church this year.

\$162,439.00	July Goals
\$138,362.00	Juy Receipts
\$1,131,072.00	YTD Goals
\$1,035,120.00	YTD Receipts
\$32,896.00	July Special Collections
\$187,364.00	YTD Special Collections

TUESDAY NOON CHURCH

Join us at the Activities Center each week for a meaningful midweek devotion and delicious homecooked meal beginning September 11. John Daniels will be our speaker.

We have several openings available to join one of the weekly cooking and serving teams. Visit our website to volunteer and for weekly menus.



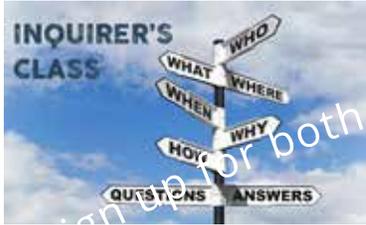
IGUANA BE MORE LIKE JESUS

The Kids Fall Retreat will focus on discipleship, relationships and fun!

WHO? 3rd-5th graders **WHEN?** October 5-7

WHERE? Camp Dixie in Fayetteville

Cost is \$120 per child. Male and Female chaperones are needed. Sign up online at fbcwilmington.org by September 19.



FALL KIDS INQUIRER'S CLASS

September 16 | 5pm | Activities Center room 204

Is your child asking questions about following Jesus as their personal savior or questions about being baptized? Inquiring kids and a parent or grandparent are invited to participate. Sign up online at fbcwilmington.org by September 12.



NEW SUNDAY MORNING PROCEDURE

Preschoolers are using an automated check-in system on Sunday mornings. Parents will go to one of the check-in kiosks and follow a few simple prompts to "check-in" their preschoolers. Badges for each child as well as a security badge for the parent will print out. An option to print an additional badge for the child's bag is available. This important system will help us to keep our preschoolers safe, to have parent contact information readily available and will replace our other roll keeping methods. Please help us by checking in your Infants to 4 year olds every week!

GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP

Last month I had the privilege of taking my first First Baptist Church mission trip to Guatemala. I have been around the world on mission for Christ both individually and with groups, but this particular trip will remain highlighted in my memory. Simply put, First Baptist does mission well. The trip was a perfect blend of planning and "go with the flow," allowing space for the Holy Spirit to move and guide spontaneously as we served the Guatemalan community.

It was a joy putting my Spanish skills to use as we built homes for impoverished men and women who, more than anything, desired to express their gratitude for a job well done. My group worked several days with a man named Jeremiahs, a brother in Christ from one of the local churches. He and I shared stories of the faith with each other, and I pray that he remains encouraged, doing as Paul commanded the Colossians in remaining "stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the Gospel that [he] heard."

God was heavily present during our travels and our witnessing in Guatemala. I pray that anyone reading this article will head the call and go on this trip.

- John Kimbrough



Middle SCHOOL MINISTRY



MIDDLE SCHOOL DNOW
FALL RETREAT (6TH-8TH)
September 7-9 at Fort
Caswell. Cost is \$120

High SCHOOL MINISTRY



HIGH SCHOOL DNOW
FALL RETREAT (9TH-12TH)
September 29-30 at
Fort Caswell. Cost is \$90

Sign up for both trips at fbcwilmington.org under the events tab

GROW IN FAITH THIS FALL

More info at fbcwilmington.org

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Resilient: Using Childlike
Faith for Big Girl Problems

September 29 | 9 am - 3 pm

"Resilient: Using Childlike Faith for Big Girl Problems" will be the theme for our annual Women's Retreat led by Rev. Kristen Tucker (pictured right). Join us for a wonderful day by the beach where you will be challenged, inspired and renewed! The retreat will be at the Holiday Inn Resort on Wrightsville Beach. The \$35 cost includes a continental breakfast and lunch.



THE ENNEAGRAM JOURNEY SMALL GROUP



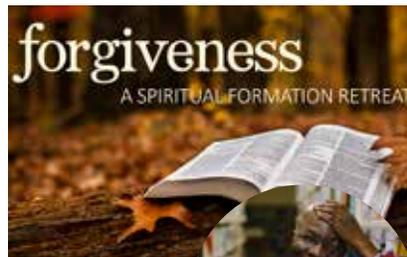
Thursdays at 6 pm
September 6 - October 25
Led by Connie Vigus

The Enneagram Journey is a DVD-based curriculum giving participants a powerful tool for learning more about themselves. The Enneagram is an ancient personality typing system that identifies Nine Personality Types that are expressed individually and in relationship to others.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION RETREAT

October 19-21, 2018 | Camp Agape

Renew your spirit, rest your body and reset your rhythm. Our FBC Spiritual Formation Retreat will be held at beautiful Camp Agape in Fuquay Varina, NC. Dr. Caleb Oladipo (pictured right) of Campbell University Divinity School will lead us as we focus on Forgiveness. Cost is \$149/person, double occupancy. Reserve one of the few remaining spots with a \$50 deposit.



OPIOID DISCUSSION



Sunday, September 16 | 5-6 pm
FBC Activities Center | Smith Hall

You are invited to a round table discussion concerning the Opioid crisis. Whether you are personally affected or simply passionate about this crisis you are invited to a time of sharing, discussion and prayer alongside your church family. Led by Dr. Bill Dunn

FORMATION GROUP: SILENCE & SOLITUDE

Tuesdays, 6:00 - 7:15 pm
September 25 - October 30

This six-week formation group will help us to practice the disciplines of silence and solitude incorporating them into our daily lives and creating space to hear God in a noisy world.



COMMUNITY *Life*

VERSE OF
THE MONTH:

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another."
- John 13:34



FAM*YA BEGINS

Our Young Adults Ministry, FAM*YA, will meet in September at the home of John and Muriel Kimbrough. Text John at 404-580-9877 for more information and directions.



GET YOUR FLU SHOT

FBC Activities Center

Wed, September 19 | 4 - 6:30 pm

Tues, September 25 | 11 am - 1:30 pm

Wal-Mart Pharmacy will be at the Activities Center giving flu vaccines. Bring your insurance or Medicare card for vaccines at no cost. Wal-Mart will be able to take payments if a copay is required.

GEARING UP FOR CHRISTMAS AT FBC

The Chancel Choir is gearing up for the 25th annual "Christmas at First Baptist!" If you would like to take part in this year's program, contact Steven Thomason, or join us in the choir room (downtown) at 7:00 PM on Thursday nights. We would love to have you join us!

Christmas at First Baptist is an open front door for our community to experience the love and warmth of our church. This year we would like to expand our hospitality to our guests during Christmas at First Baptist. If you would be interested in serving as a 'hospitality host' during one (or more) of the performances please contact Jeannie Troutman.

EXPANDING OUR HOSPITALITY:

If you would like to serve on a team welcoming our guests to Christmas at First Baptist email Jeannie at jtroutman@fbcwilmington.org.



SAVE THE DATE:

25th Anniversary
Christmas at First
Baptist Church

December 7 - 9, 2018

NEW MEMBERS

MICHAEL & ELIZABETH DE SHERBININ



We welcome Elizabeth and Michael de Sherbinin to our church family. They have joined us by transfer of their membership from Milbrook Baptist Church in Raleigh. They enjoy living in the Porter's Neck area where they have retired from careers in accounting and economic development. Elizabeth enjoys painting landscapes and Michael likes to fish. They worship in our traditional service and look forward to making new friends in Sunday School.

RICH PELLEU



We welcome Rich Pelleu to the First Baptist family! Rich has been worshipping with us in the early service and joined through the Connect Gathering upon his statement of faith. Rich has a big heart and takes faith, community and serving seriously. He has found a home as one of our worship leaders in the 8:50 service and has been welcomed as a member of the Covenant Sunday School Class.

AIRLIE ALTMAN



Airlie Altman grew up knowing the love of Jesus from her parents, Heath and Chelsea, and from being an active member of our Children's Ministry. We couldn't be more proud of the decision Airlie has made to make Jesus her Lord and Savior. She is a 3rd grader and enjoys playing soccer, singing, crafts and working on the UNCW baseball field crew!



MISSIONAL CELEBRATION

SEPTEMBER 16 AT 6PM
ACTIVITIES CENTER

SEPTEMBER 30
2018

Beach Baptism

5 PM WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH

The day, or night, in my case, when I was baptized is one of the most memorable events in my life. The act itself occurred in a baptistery pool within the cozy confines of the Immanuel Baptist Church in Fayetteville. I was nine years old. I understood the act was an outward expression of the inner experience of professing faith in Jesus Christ and beginning the journey of faith in this One that promises he loves me dearly and will always be with me in the midst of my celebrations and struggles. I knew that being baptized was the natural next step after committing to live as a follower of Jesus. What I did not realize was the impact on those that witnessed my baptism. The ripple effect was wide.

Our upcoming Beach Baptism is an opportunity for people of all ages that have professed faith in Jesus but not been baptized. We will gather as a church to celebrate the next step of new believers as people along the shore observe our outward witness of faith. Parents and children can be baptized together. Contact a member of the pastoral staff if you would like to talk about being baptized on this unforgettable afternoon. It will be life changing for you and those that gather with you.

SOUTH END SOUND SIDE WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH
SHUTTLE BEGINS AT 3PM FROM
WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH ELEMENTARY
BAPTISM BEGINS AT 5PM
BRING A CHAIR & PICNIC



HARRELSON CENTER COURTYARD COFFEE & TOURS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23
9:45 AM COURTYARD COFFEE
10 AM TOUR BEGINS

Join the Harrelson Center for
Courtyard Coffee and Tour.
Register at Harrelsoncenter.org
or contact Christy Aley at
christy.harrelsoncenter@gmail.com.

Can't make it Sunday?
Come for the Open House on
September 27 from 4-6 pm!



**HARRELSON
CENTER**

SEPTEMBER MISSION OFFERING

NC Disaster Relief is the focus for our September Special Offering. NC Baptist Men and Women are some of the first to respond to the needs of people when a hurricane, flood or natural disaster happens.





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WEDNESDAYS
SEPT 5 - NOV 14



6:15 - 7:15 PM
FBC ACTIVITIES CENTER

CROSS *training*

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH WILMINGTON

There are opportunities for all ages to participate - kids, youth and adults. Nursery Care is provided for infants to 2 years old.

KIDS
(3YRS-5TH GRADE)

Learn to praise and be active worshipers, develop Bible skills and apply scripture to everyday life.

YOUTH
(6TH-12TH GRADE)

Participate in one of our Youth Small Groups (divided by grade & gender).

ADULT

Classes are available to help you grow in knowledge and faith: Book of Exodus and Questions Jesus Asked.

KAREN
REFUGEE MINISTRY

Help kids and youth with homework and reading skills. Make new friends while mentoring Karen moms.



We encourage you to start or join a dinner community on Wednesdays before CrossTraining at Chick-fil-a or K&W. FBC staff will be present beginning at 5pm at both these locations.
COME JOIN THE FUN.