

Church Calendar ~ Weekly Schedule

Sunday Morning, February 18th

8:30am ~ Worship
 9:30 - 9:50am ~ Lite Breakfast
 9:45am ~ Bible Study for All Ages
 10:30 -10:55am ~ Media Center
 11:00am ~ Worship

Sunday Evening, February 18th

4:00 - 4:45pm ~ Youth Praise Team Practice
 4:45 - 5:30pm ~ Children of Parents attending Bible Study or Prayer Time at 5:00pm will go to the Large Children's Room and will be taken to Children's Choirs at 5:30pm

5:00-6:30pm ~ Adult Prayer Time (Sanctuary)

Men's Bible Study (Classroom 203/204)
 Women's Bible Study (Family Life Center)
 Youth Bible Study (Basement)

5:30-6:30pm ~ Preschool Cherub Choir (Preschool Area)

1st - 6th Children's Choir (Choir Room)

6:30-7:30pm ~ Adult Handbells

Wednesday Morning, February 21st

9:30am - 12:00pm ~ Media Center

Wednesday Evening, February 21st

4:30-5:15pm ~ Children's Handbells (3rd-6th)
 5:15 - 6:00pm ~ Churchwide Fellowship Meal
 6:00 - 7:30pm ~ Nursery (birth - 3yr olds)
 6:15 - 7:15pm ~ **Mission Groups for Children**
 ~ Mission Friends (4 yr. - K) Preschool Hall
 ~ Girls in Action (1st - 3rd) Children's Hall
 ~ Girls in Action (4th - 6th) Children's Hall
 ~ Royal Ambassadors (1st - 6th) Lg Rm 222
 6:15 - 7:15pm ~ Youth Bible Study (7th -12th)
 6:15-7:15pm ~ Adult Bible Study/Prayer Time
 6:15 - 7:15pm ~ Praise Team Practice
 7:15 - 8:30pm ~ Sanctuary Choir Practice

Mission Support Opportunity:

Ralph Matthew Cullom is the son of Scott and Daphne Cullom and attends NC State University. Matthew is part of the College Ministry at Providence Baptist Church in Raleigh and has the opportunity to go on a Mission Trip to Central Asia. If you would like to contribute to his mission trip, simply go to this link: <https://pray.managedmission.com/Donations/Donate/71272>.

WEE School 2024/2025

OPEN ENROLLMENT has begun!

Space available, until all classes are full

Registration Fee \$150.00 ~ Questions ?

Call Crystal Modlin, Lead Teacher 252-946-8074

@ Ext. 111; leave a message & she will return your call asap.



First Baptist Church WEE School

YOUTH FUNDRAISER FOR CASWELL

Board is now located outside the Sanctuary near the Welcome Center. Please grab an envelope, fill it with cash, check or make a contribution on-line. Turn ALL envelopes in to the church office drop box, sanctuary offering boxes or in the Sunday offering plate. Please include \$\$\$, Name if you need tax credit, and date you turn it in. Thank you in advance for your generosity toward - Youth Caswell Group!

First Baptist Church Family
DO YOU NEED HELP?
 Do you need a light bulb, an air filter, toilet seat changed or maybe some other minor repair done?
 We are dedicated to our church family to help our elderly, widowed, single or disabled members. If you are in need of a helping hand, please give me, Robert Belcher a call at 252-946-3509 and we will see what we can do.
 We are ready to serve, NO JOB too small, Just call the church office 252-946-8074.

Pastor Search Team Update: February 14th

Hello Church Family,

We thank you for your continued prayer during our search process. We have reviewed resumes and conducted some preliminary interviews. We are faithfully praying for God to lead us through our next steps. We are thankful for Dr. Olechea's leadership for the next few months because this allows the search team to complete our task with due diligence. As a reminder about this process, once the search team determines a candidate to pursue, we will only be in conversations with that candidate until the team determines whether the candidate should be presented to the congregation. This stage of the search could take several weeks and possibly months as questions, concerns, background checks, and references are reviewed. When we determine that we have a candidate for consideration, ample notice will be provided to the church. The Pastor Search Team nor staff will discuss a candidate prior to the decision to present them to the church. We ask that you continue to demonstrate patience as we follow God's lead and timing.

Sincerely,
 Pastor Search Team

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Volunteers Needed in PreSchool Department

We are in need of two assistants in the 3 -5 yr. old Sunday school class. You will serve every other month alongside either Kim Anglim or Louise Hinsley. Please see Debbie Harris, Taylor Head or Joy Stallings.

If you would love to greet folks and help them feel welcome at First Baptist Church we need

Ushers and Greeters Needed



you to be apart of our Greeter/Usher Team getting back up and rolling. Please contact Joy Stallings.

Dear FBC Family,

Kim and I continue in our prayers for you and those ministering on your behalf during this time of transition – including your Pastoral Search Committee. I appreciated their updates in both services this past Sunday. I sense that they are handling this ministry opportunity that you have granted them appropriately and prayerfully!



Kim and I grew up in a tradition that did not practice things such as Advent or Lent. I remember as a young person (yes, young people, we were young once!) wondering why we sang certain songs that were more mournful than joyful. Then, I heard about these practices and realized where those types of songs belong. We have both concluded that we missed out on the “rhythms” of the church calendar and have grown to appreciate these practices.

While Lent emphasizes prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, it also carries the idea of suffering as it was such a time in Jesus’ and His disciples’ lives. As I write this and Teresa publishes it today, it is Ash Wednesday that begins the 40 days of Lent.

In preparation for the need of the miracle of Easter in our lives, we will follow Jesus in three Passion Declarations as He shares with His closest disciples that He must go to Jerusalem to be tried and put to death. On each of these occasions that Jesus shares his heart and His future, the disciples have a wrong response and Jesus uses these opportunities to teach them something about discipleship: Conversion, Community, and Conflict. Prayer, suffering, and the call to personal sacrifice in taking up our cross to follow Him are all a part of this. I am praying and preparing for our times together!

REMEMBER: The only place that “glory” comes before “suffering” is in the dictionary.

Pastor Joe

Thank you, Deacon’s and anyone else who helped make the Senior Adult Valentine Banquet so special!

Matthew 5:16~ LET your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.



LET is a powerful word, it means SURRENDER, PERMIT, GIVE PERMISSION TO, NOT PREVENT OR FORBID; ALLOW.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Meals

Cost: \$6.00 Adult Plate & \$4.00 Child Plate

(Sign-up required by Monday at 4pm)

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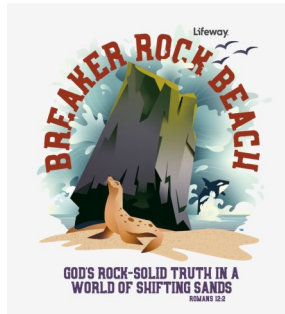
3rd Wednesday ~ Menu ~ February 21st

Taco Salad or Tacos, Tea and Dessert

4th Wednesday ~ Menu ~ February 28th

Pork Chops, Scalloped potatoes, Peas, Bread, Tea & Dessert

After the deadline call 943-8772 Pam Warren, she will have the list and knows how much food she has and how far it will go. Thank you!



Mark Your Calendars!

Vacation Bible School 2024

Save the Date: July 15th – 18th

More details to come. . .

SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE: STAY CONNECTED

FACEBOOK MAIN PAGE: FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH WASHINGTON

FACEBOOK PRIVATE PAGE: FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH WASHINGTON COMMUNITY GROUP (THIS PRIVATE PAGE WILL BE FOR CHURCH MEMBERS ONLY WHERE WE CAN SHARE PRAYER REQUESTS AND IMPORTANT UPDATES)

INSTAGRAM MAIN PAGE: FIRSTBAPTISTCHURCHWASHINGTONNC

A meal, and so much more.



WE ARE **Meals On Wheels** so no senior goes hungry.

Volunteers NEEDED!

DO YOU HAVE 2 to 3 HOURS ONE DAY A MONTH???

We need your help delivering a hot meal to local area shut-ins on the 3rd Tuesday each month.

Call Jean Williamson 945-2384 who is currently serving.

Serving the Week of February 18, 2024

*Nursery Workers, please include Sunday night, let's make sure we have at least 2 people per service.

Nursery Workers ~ Debbie & Jimmy Harris, Jeannie Yount, Lib Lewis, Ashley & Gabe White, Justin & Mariah Van Staalduinen, Pauline Taylor

Children's Church ~ 8:30 ~ Joy Stallings
11:00 ~ Kathy Morris

Deacon of the Week ~ Matt Renfrow

Deacon Team Members ~ Wesley Adams, James Fitts

Breakfast Team Contact ~ Alan Hill ~ 3rd Sunday

Benevolence Team Helper ~ Tuesday, February 20th – Judy Kibler

Audio/Visual Ministry Team ~ Fred Anderson, Emerson Asby, John Davis, Carol Evans, Don Fann, James Fitts, Brody Fox, Jimmy Harris, Wyatt Renfrow, and Levi Setzer

We are always looking for folks interested in serving in the Audio/Visual Ministry, call [Jesse Davis 946-8074](tel:946-8074) or [Carol Evans 946-1724](tel:946-1724) and ask them about the specifics of the different areas available. ~ COME JOIN OUR TEAM!

YOUTH NEWS

- **Adults needed to sit in on Bible studies on Wednesday or Sunday nights.** Contact Taylor if interested. Call FBC 252-946-8074 ext. 105 or email: taylor@thefirstbaptistchurch.com
- **Youth will be doing a fundraiser during February to raise funds for summer camp at Fort Caswell.** Cost per student is around \$320
- **Caswell registrations are open.** The link to signup can be found on the youth webpage or Facebook group.

Financial Report for February 12, 2024

YTD Budget Requirement (WK 20)	\$	261,145.40
YTD Budget Receipts	\$	262,991.97
Budget Over / Under	\$	1,846.57
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$	13,057.27
Actual Budget Offering	\$	9,769.00

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