

HOMECOMING!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

Sunday, August 30

JOIN US FOR A TRADITIONAL HOMECOMING FOLLOWING THE COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE.

Following the ONE Worship service at 10:30am, we'll enjoy a wonderful time of food and fellowship!

- The church will provide the meat, drinks, condiments and serving utensils.
- Please bring a side dish (salad, vegetable, fruit, bread, etc.) AND a dessert to share.
- The Homecoming Committee asks that ALL food items be brought in disposable containers. *(Thank you!)*
- Volunteers will be stationed behind the Family Life Center to receive your dishes as you arrive at church that morning, making it easy for everyone! Drive up, and they will retrieve it from you!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO CELEBRATING THIS SPECIAL DAY WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY!



Church Calendar ~ Weekly Schedule

Sunday Morning, August 23rd

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

Sunday Evening, August 23rd

No Sunday evening activities.

Wednesday Morning, August 26th

10:00am-12:00pm Media Center

Wednesday Evening, August 26th

6:00-7:30pm Nursery (birth-3yr olds)
6:15-7:15pm **Kids for Christ**
6:15-7:30pm Youth Bible Study (7th-12th)
6:15-7:15pm Adult Bible Study/Prayer
6:15-7:15pm Praise Team Practice
7:15-8:30pm Adult Choir Practice



WANT TO DIVE INTO YOUR BIBLE?

Join us for Bible Study
Wednesday evenings at 6:15pm
in the sanctuary!

APOLOGETICS...

Bible study FOR ALL coming this fall!

Sunday evenings at 5pm
in the Sanctuary.

First class: **September 13th**



ALWAYS BEING PREPARED TO MAKE A DEFENSE

Financial Report for August 17, 2026

YTD Budget Requirement (WK 46)	\$ 732,443.74
YTD Budget Receipts	\$ 774,870.20
Budget Over / Under	\$ 42,426.46
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$ <u>15,922.69</u>
Actual Budget Offering	\$ 10,751.00

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THE INFORMER

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH • WASHINGTON, NC

August 19, 2026

**REMINDER: No children's activities
next Wednesday, August 26.**

Church Grounds Clean-Up Day!

Let's spruce up around church to get ready for Homecoming!

**Friday & Saturday 8am-12pm
August 21 & 22!!**

Come any of or a part of or all
of these days! Any time you can
give will be so appreciated!

**Call Jessie Paciocco (252-362-9038) if you
have a truck or trailer for hauling off debris
to the dump or if you have any questions!**

Bring flat head shovels, rakes and clippers if you have them!



"Swazi Sunday!" September 13

We look forward to sharing with you a
video about First Baptist Church's history
with Swaziland in your Sunday School class
on September 13! This will be for all
youth and adult Sunday School classes.

Fun fact:

Over 100 FBC members have been to Swaziland!

A letter from the Pastor

Dear Church Family,

It has been a rough couple of weeks for our community as we have had to wrestle with the deaths of several young people. I do pray that this is not the normal pattern of life for us moving forward. While it is very difficult to understand why things happen the way they do, we must never forget that God is upon His throne and that He is in charge. We must not ignore the opportunities in front of us. The church has been formed by God for the sole purpose of exposing the people of the world to the truth of who God is and why God sent His perfect Son into the world. We are the people who have the message of hope, compassion and love, something our community needs right now. I find it so interesting that as we study John 11, the whole theme of this chapter points us to the love of Christ, for his friend who died, for his family who survived, and for those who were friends of Lazarus. And all of this fits perfectly into what our community needs at this precise moment.

This week we will look more closely at one of the doctrinal implications of John 11 and focus on the truth of the spiritual deadness of mankind. This deadness is a direct consequence of Adam's sin and it is part of the main narrative of scripture starting in Genesis 3:6 and it runs all the way through until God will burn up this current creation with fire. One of the things we must understand is that the sins that we commit proceed from the sin nature that we have inherited. It is who we are, we are not sinners because we sin, we sin because we are sinners.

Blessings,
Pastor Matt

Dear Church Family,

As you all are aware that our sister in Christ, Joy Stallings, is soon retiring from her role as Children's Ministry Director at First Baptist Church on August 31. Joy has faithfully served our congregation (over and beyond just children's ministry!) for over 19 years! As we love her so, and will miss her in this role, we are blessed to know that she will continue to be a vital part of our church family. We are so thankful to her for all the love she has poured into the children of FBC and the myriad of behind-the-scene roles she has played and hats she has worn!

Please join us in sending Joy into this next chapter of life with a love offering! We will collect the love offering at the 8:30am and 11:00am services this Sunday, August 23rd. Please designate your offering as "Joy Love Offering."

"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."

Galatians 6:10

Thank you for your generosity and for the acts of love you will show Joy in the coming weeks.

In Christ,
FBC Personnel Committee

Give
Twenty
TO HELP
Kids get
READY!

Collection boxes
will be set up at
the sanctuary doors
and covered entrance.

\$20
Collecting from now
through September.

All proceeds
will go towards our
Bright Futures
designated fund.

Serving the Week of August 23, 2026

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

**Nursery Workers ~ Tracie Asby, Eric Asby, Kamryn Lewis,
Michael & Heidi Hoffland, Lisa Hill**

Children's Church ~ 8:30am ~ Joy Stallings

~ 11:00am ~ Elizabeth Coltrain

Deacon of the Week ~ Gabe White

Deacon Team Members ~ Justin Modlin, Angie Lewis

Benevolence Team Helper ~ Tuesday, August 25 ~ Suzi Piegols

**Audio/Visual Ministry Team ~ Luke Alligood, Fred Anderson,
Emerson Asby, Chandler Bradley, Jesse Davis, John Davis,
Carol Evans, Don Fann, James Fitts, Jimmy Harris, Taylor Head,
Carla Mitchell, Wyatt Renfrow, Levi Setzer. **We are always looking
for folks interested in serving in the Audio/Visual Ministry, call
Jesse Davis (946-8074) or Carol Evans (946-1724) and ask them
about the specifics of the different areas available. COME JOIN OUR TEAM!****

Bereavement Teams

Our bereavement teams provide a wonderful ministry to those who have lost a loved one by preparing a meal for them, typically following a Celebration of Life service. These teams are looking for more volunteers!

Please contact Tommy Hodges (252-702-6249) if you would be interested in being part of this ministry.



Meals on Wheels is a great opportunity to serve our Lord, church and community. My wife and I did it for a couple of years and enjoyed the smiles and kind comments of people who were shut in and needed a meal. It was for many the only meal they would receive that day. A lot of volunteers from our church have participated and you can too! It only takes about one hour a month of your time and you will feel good providing this service to people in need. All you have to do is contact Jean Williamson and God will bless you for your volunteering!

Blessings, Steve & Pat