

Operation Christmas Child Volunteers Needed!



October 25

During Fall Festival: "Decorate A Christmas Child Shoebox Lid"

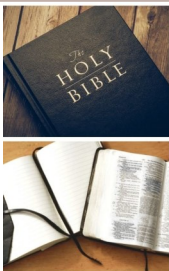
Volunteers needed to help keep the decorating tables supplied and shoeboxes available for the children.

November 18

Operation Christmas Shoebox Packing Party

Volunteers needed to sit at a table and check shoeboxes to make sure they are filled, put rubber bands on them, or label them as a girl or boy box. Many volunteers can make this process move smoothly and quickly!

Sign-up sheets for both of these opportunities to serve are on the bulletin board outside the church office.



WANT TO DIVE
INTO YOUR BIBLE?

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

Church Calendar ~ Weekly Schedule

Sunday Morning, October 18th

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

Sunday Evening, October 18th

4:00-4:45pm Youth/Praise Team Practice
5:00-5:30pm Children's Handbells (Grades 3-6)
5:00-5:30pm 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. (4 yr olds-6th grade)
5:00-6:30pm Adult Prayer Time (FLC)
Apologetics Bible Study (Sanctuary)
5:30-6:30pm Preschool Cherub Choir (Preschool Area)
1st - 6th Children's Choir (Choir Room)
6:30-7:30pm Adult Handbells

Wednesday Morning, October 21st

10:00am-12:00pm Media Center

Wednesday Evening, October 21st

5:15-6:00pm Churchwide Fellowship Meal
6:00-7:30pm Nursery (birth-3yr olds)
6:15-7:15pm **Mission Friends**
• 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
6:15-7:30pm Youth Bible Study (7th -12th)
6:15-7:15pm Adult Bible Study (Sanctuary)
6:15-7:15pm Praise Team Practice
7:15-8:30pm Adult Choir Practice



Come to Our Shoebox Packing Party

DATE: 11/18/26 TIME: 6:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Family Life Center



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VIEW COLLECTION DISCLOSURE INFORMATION FOR SAMARITAN'S PURSE ONLINE AT SAMARITANSPURSE.ORG/DISCLOSURE.

Financial Report for October 12, 2026

YTD Budget Requirement (WK 2)	\$	31,789.24
YTD Budget Receipts	\$	29,489.00
Budget Over / Under	\$	2,300.24
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$	15,894.62
Actual Budget Offering	\$	13,015.00

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH • WASHINGTON, NC

October 14, 2026

FBC FALL FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 25, 2026
5:00-7:00 PM

HOTDOGS, GAMES, PUMPKIN
PAINTING, FUN &
FELLOWSHIP

*"While you have the Light, believe in the Light,
so that you may become sons of Light."
These things Jesus spoke...*

John 12:36a

A letter from the Pastor

Greetings Church Family,

I do hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful weather we are having. Autumn is upon us and this weekend we will get some seasonal autumn temperatures. This weather should prepare us for our upcoming Fall Festival! We are looking forward to enjoying some fun and fellowship with our church. If you are interested in hosting a game, please sign up on the board in the office hallway.

We will continue to host our apologetics class on Sunday evenings for the next few weeks (except for October 25, which is the Fall Festival!). If you have not been joining us for those, you really are missing out as it has been a wonderful time for us to learn together and share some time in fellowship and refreshments afterwards.

As you are all aware, Taylor has decided to pursue other opportunities. While we are sad that he has left us, we do thank him for the years of service he provided to this church. As we navigate through this season of change, please know that we are praying for God's guidance on how to nurture and support our youth. Currently our youth council, made up of several parents, is working with the staff to continue to lead our youth through this transition. I do encourage everyone to pray for Taylor/his family, as well as our youth/church that we all work towards fulfilling God's plan for each of us. I am available to speak with anyone who may have any questions/concerns/opinions about our youth program. Please feel free to call me, text me, email me, or come by the office and see me in person. You can reach me at (919) 395-1674, or matt@thefirstbaptistchurch.com. If you are planning to come to the office, please check with Alison to make sure that I have an opening in my calendar.

Blessings,

Pastor Matt



WMU Red Box

For many incarcerated women, a shoe box full of toiletries may be the only Christmas gift they receive. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, join us in collecting toothpaste to add to these boxes.

Now through the November 1st, help us reach our goal of 100 tubes of toothpaste!

Toothpaste requirements:

- 6 to 9 ounces
- Leave in original box.
- Multipacks are acceptable as well!
- With fluoride, preferred.
- No charcoal!

Toothpaste can be dropped off on the table in the Gathering Space.

Thank you so much for your help!



APOLOGETICS...

Bible study FOR ALL!

Next class: **October 18th**

- Sunday evenings at 5pm in the Sanctuary.
- Social with refreshments to follow in the FLC!



ALWAYS BEING PREPARED TO MAKE A DEFENSE

Serving the Week of October 18, 2026

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

Nursery Workers ~ Joan Harris, Patty Lewis, Derek & Tyler Brooks, Beth Coats, Karen Moore, Jennifer Dupree, Charlotte Dupree

**Children's Church ~ 8:30am ~ Melonie Alligood
~ 10:30am ~ Penney Doughtie**

Deacon of the Week ~ Jeff Williamson

Deacon Team Members ~ John Lohman, Gabe White

Audio/Visual Ministry Team ~ Luke Alligood, Fred Anderson, Emerson Asby, Chandler Bradley, Jesse Davis, John Davis, Carol Evans, Don Fann, James Fitts, Jimmy Harris, 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!

Coats for the City



Collection Dates: Now through October 28, 2026

New or gently used heavy coats that can withstand a New York City winter. No holes, tears or stains. Zippers should work and all buttons should be present. Men's, women's and children's coats (preferred sizes are S, M, L and XL). Monetary donations can also be given to help purchase new coats.

If you would like to donate, please drop off coats in the box under the bulletin board in the church office hallway.

Wednesday Night Fellowship Meals...

Cost: \$7.00 Adult Plate
\$5.00 Child Plate

Sign up on the church office hallway bulletin board, or call/text to get on the list by Monday at 4pm.

October 21st

**Taco Night
Chips
Tea
Dessert**