

# First Connections



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## A GRADUATE'S PRAYER

**Father, I have knowledge, so I pray you will show me now  
how to use it wisely and find a way somehow  
to make the world I live in a little better place,  
and make life, with its problems a bit easier to face...  
Grant me faith and courage and put purpose in my days,  
and show me how to serve Thee in the most effective ways  
so all my education my knowledge and my skill,  
may find their true fulfillment as I learn to do Thy will...  
And may I ever be aware in everything I do  
that knowledge comes from learning  
And wisdom comes from You.  
-Helen Steiner Rice**

## Congratulations to our Graduates!

### High School

**Skyler Cannady**, Clinton High School  
**Jacob (Jake) Edwards**, Harrells Christian Academy  
**Paxton Hudson**, Hobbton High School  
**Gage Jackson**, Clinton High School  
**Caroline Montgomery**, Clinton High School  
**Cassidy Montgomery**, Clinton High School  
**Brayden Sutton**, Harrells Christian Academy,  
Valedictorian

Graduate Recognition of high school seniors in our church family will be Sunday, June 3, during our morning worship service.

### College

**Katie Butler**, Murphy Deming College of Health Sciences, Doctor of Occupational Therapy. Inducted into Pi Theta Epsilon Honor Society  
**Kelsey Jones**, UNC Wilmington, Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education, with Honors  
**Lane Hall**, NC State University, Bachelor of Science in Crop and Soil Services, Cum Laude



Also, congratulations to Landon Anderson, who graduated from Liberty University with degrees in Molecular Biology and Mathematics, and to Rachel Leigh Anderson who graduated from Liberty Christian Academy. They are the grandchildren of Bobby and Faye Warren.

(These are all the graduates whom we have been made aware of. If there are any others, we offer our heartfelt congratulations.)

## ***Please Remember in Prayer —***

### **In the Hospital**

To our knowledge, none of the church family was hospitalized at the time of this printing.

### **Our Church Family**

Ann Boyette, Bobby & Glenda Bunker, Jeanne Hobbs, Willa Dean House, Mary Poole, Faye S. Warren

### **Our Homebound**

Joe Butler, John Daly, Marianna Dawkins, Lesley Godwin, Rachel Johnson, Jane Kaleel, Vara Matthis, Terry Penny, Juanita Rich, Frances Tart, Margie Woodall

### **Nursing Home and Skilled Care**

#### **Local**

Margaret Boykin, Mary Gran 411  
R.J. Underwood, Mary Gran 211

#### **Out of Town**

Edna Bass, Warsaw Nursing & Rehab, Room 10  
Carla Goodwin, Cypress Point Rehab, Wilmington  
Ruby Nunnery, Harnett Woods, Dunn

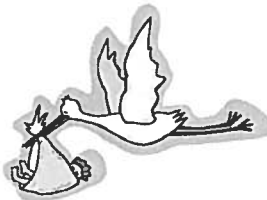
### **Extended Church Family & Friends**

**Glenda Barber** (Gina Hamilton's mother)  
**Merle Brown** (Lee Brown's uncle)  
**Lynn Phillips Cheadle** (Steve and Johnny Kaleel's cousin)  
**Todd Daane** (Becky Todd's nephew)  
**Hilda Draughon** (Jeff Draughon's wife)  
**Tommy & Ann Glover**  
**Lloyd & Jane McGowan** (Amela Sutton's parents)  
**Pamela Medford**  
**Zack Millican** (Becky Todd's great-nephew)  
**Rose Marie Soto**  
Our Soup Kitchen ministry  
*Tim's Gift Ministry*  
Kay Turner, Sue Singleton, *Shelter of Love* in Cambodia.  
David & Heather Webb (*City on a Hill Ministry*)

## **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Pastor Ray and Mrs. Cathy Ammons on the birth of their first grandchild.

William Martin Etheridge was born on Sunday, May 27, 2018. He weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces.



## **Memorials** (April 29-May 27)

### **Memory of Nancy Kitchin**

Given by: Tart & Sue Lee  
Charles & Norma Jean Jackson  
Vonnie Marshburn  
Joyful Belles Sunday School Class

### **Memory of Doris Lewis**

Given by: Frank & Ann Boyette

### **Memory of Frances Ward**

Given by: Jacque King  
Carlton & Pat Albritton  
June S. McLemore  
Bill & Alta Starling

### **Memory of J.F. Wright**

Given by: Carlton & Pat Albritton

## **Condolences**

The pastor and church family express deepest sympathy to Ann Matthis and family for the death of her brother, Went Parker.

Also, deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Nancy Kitchin.

## **Thank You**

Dear First Baptist Church:

My family and I would like to thank you for your many acts of kindness during the loss of our mother. We appreciate your thoughts, prayers, cards, telephone calls, visits, flowers, and food so generously shared with us. May God bless each of you.

Ann Merritt



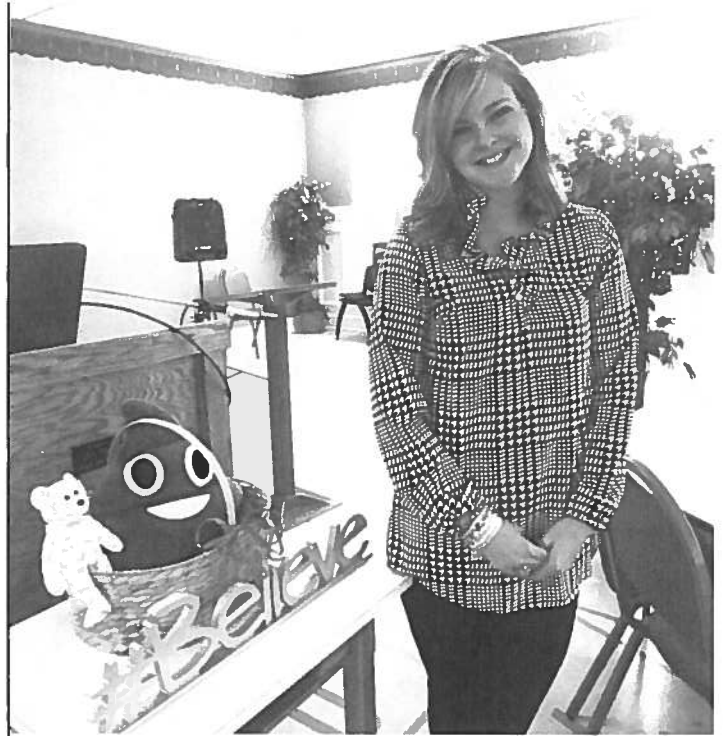
## **Parent/Child Dedication**

Gray Jonson Montgomery, son of Robbie and Ashley Montgomery, and baby brother of Lake and Drew, was dedicated on Mothers' Day, May 13.

# FROM THE PASTOR

I have a *Book of Totally Useless Information*. The information I share with you is not in there so it must be useful. The fastest recorded flying speed of a dragonfly is 60 miles per hour. Why a dragonfly would need to fly 60 miles in one hour is beyond my useful imagination. Horseflies have been clocked at approximately 20 miles per hour. I read where a horsefly flying-speed enthusiast said, "My horse can gallop faster than a horsefly can fly, but trotting is not fast enough to get away." We once owned horses and while I never attempted to out-run a horsefly, I did observe the swish of the horse's tail was quick enough to swat the pest. The common housefly flutters along at a paltry 4 miles per hour. That seems like an insignificant speed until we are attempting to swat them from our kitchens. Mosquitoes lumber along at 1.5 miles per hour. They can smell us from up to 35 feet away, but it takes awhile (at top speed approximately 15 seconds) to reach us. It is the season of bugs and flying insects. They can be pesky nuisances. They also help to carry the rich, beneficial elements of pollination. They are amazing creations even if they are frequently annoying. Somehow, somehow, Noah herded them into the ark. Perhaps they simply followed the other critters. How they are made to fly, why their speeds vary, how they know where to go and when...I have no useful information. My conclusion: God made them that way. I realize we do not always want these insects around us. Some even intimidate us. They are a part of the balance, cycle, and creative genius of the earth's magnificence. Whether it is their speed, their diversity, or their bothersome presence, we must admit each one is a fascinating creation. Genesis declares God created these wonderful varmints, "every winged creature...every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." (Gen. 1:21-24) In confession, I swat at gnats, flies, mosquitoes, and horseflies and then wonder why we have them. Tennyson wrote, "Ours is not to reason why. Ours is but to do and die." We have two fly swatters so, when necessary, the pests will die first. I do believe it is essential to declare that God is absolutely, miraculously brilliant in establishing such life. I also believe such information is *useful* as well as true.

Blessings, Ray



### Fifth Sunday Speaker

Our special guest speaker for Fifth Sunday Joint Sunday School on April 29 was Heather Faircloth.



### Special Guest

Kathryn Goretzka shared her beautiful singing voice with us recently during Sunday morning worship.

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# The Kids' Page



**Mothers' Day 2018**



**Children's End-of-School Celebration**



## JOY Club

### Senior Adult Day

May 6, 2018, was a blessing to all who attended. Dr. Charles Gainey welcomed everyone and shared some tidbits about senior adults. Carolyn Wrench talked about her memories of her mother and growing up, and then as a young lady and meeting the young man who would become her husband, Mr. Donald. She told how she helped with "Operation in As Much, and how the workers at a fast-food restaurant were so receptive when the "Good news of Jesus" was shared with them. Linda Combs recognized our oldest senior adults and recited the names of those who had passed away since last year's Senior Adult Day. Margaret Boykin is our oldest senior adult. She will be 103 years old on May 31. Ruth Roderick sang a beautiful song, "There's No Other Name Like Jesus".

Willie Ruth Watson is our oldest active senior adult. She gave her testimony after our delicious lunch. Dr. Ray presented her with a bouquet of red roses and dismissed us. What a beautiful, blessed day! Special thanks to anyone who helped in any way to make this day so special. (Thank you to Daniel and all the youth for a job well done. It was a blessing to be served and not have to work! Thank you also to Ellery Bowker for making a video for us, you did a great job.) A love offering was given for the youth to use for trips and activities.

### EBA Senior Adult Rally

On Tuesday, May 15, our seniors traveled to Poston Baptist Church in Wallace for our spring Senior Adult Rally. There were "pop up" testimonies where individuals would stand and tell what the Lord is doing for them. There was special music by the Magnolia Baptist Choir, Joseph and Nicole Murry, Chris Jarman, and the Hallsville Baptist Men's Choir. Afterward, we were treated to a dinner of fried chicken, barbecued pork chops, potatoes, vegetables, assorted fresh fruit and dessert. What a feast to behold! Door prizes were given after dinner. Many thanks to Noel Thompson for being our chauffeur. May God bless each of you.



### Bible Study Completed

This group recently completed a Beth Moore Bible study entitled *The Quest*, facilitated by Ann Weeks.

## Upcoming Senior Adult Events

### Sunday, June 3

Senior Adult Council meets at 4:00 p.m.

### Monday, June 4

We will meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. and visit our homebound.

### Tuesday, June 12

Nursing Home visitation at Mary Gran and Southwood, We will leave the church at 10:00 a.m.

### Thursday, June 14

We will leave the church at 10:45 a.m. to go to the Rudy Theater in Selma, NC. Lunch at Golden Corral.

### Tuesday, June 19

"Precious Gems" will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

### July 21

Ice Cream Social in the Fellowship Hall. There will be entertainment by Michael Mozingo.

## Senior Adult Day 2018



# June 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p align="center"><b>Sunday Schedule</b></p> <p>9:00 am Library Open (until 11:00 am)</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 am Morning Worship in the Sanctuary</p> </div>					1	2 High School Seniors Dinner @ Ribeye's
3 <b>Graduate Day</b>  1:00 pm Haitian Worship, Chapel 2:00 pm Students of J. Hatch Recital 4:00 pm Sr. Adult Council 5:00 pm Children's Council  <b>CHS Baccalaureate, 6 pm</b>	4  10:00 am Homebound Visitation  AA 8:00 pm, Social Hall Al-Anon	5	6  Adult Choir Practice, 6:30 pm	7	8	9  <b>CHS Graduation</b>
10  Eagle Scout Ceremony, 2:00 pm, Chapel  Deacons' Mtg. 7:00 pm	11  AA 8:00 pm, Social Hall Al-Anon	12 10:00 am Nursing Home Visitation  10:00 am History Committee in the Library  Youth Meet 12 Noon-2:00 pm	13  Children's Activity: "Date With Dad", 6 pm  Adult Choir Practice, 6:30 pm	14  <b>Trip to Rudy Theater in Selma, NC 15P</b> Bus Reserved  Youth Meet 12 Noon-2:00 pm	15  Deadline for July Newsletter	16
17 <b>Fathers' Day</b>  1:00 pm Haitian Worship, Chapel	18 <b>Deadline for Food Pantry Items</b>  AA 8:00 pm, Social Hall Al-Anon	19  "Precious Gems" 10:00 am, Fellowship Hall	20  Adult Choir Practice, 6:30 pm  Children's Activity: PJ Run to Sweet Frogs, 7:30 pm	21	22	23
24  1:00 pm Haitian Worship, Chapel	25  AA 8:00 pm, Social Hall Al-Anon	26	27  Children's Activity: Morning Movie @ The Omni in Fayetteville, 10 am  Adult Choir Practice, 6:30 pm	28	29	30

### June Greeter Schedule

- 3 Carol McCullen & Mary Tyson  
 10 Ricky & Tenna Autry  
 17 Rufus & Glenda Herring  
 24 Tart & Sue Lee

### Monetary Committee for June

- 4 Ruth Roderick, Notre Yarborough, Bonnie Matthews  
 11 Teresa Underwood, Kay Richardson, Mary Ann Hobbs  
 18 Ann Merritt, Tenna Autry, Carolyn Wrench  
 25 Linda Combs, Fred Cumbo, David Jones

If you are unable to count on your designated day, please find someone to switch with. The alternates are Bill Miller.

\*Tuesday

### June Meals on Wheels Schedule

#### Monday's

#### Wednesday's

- |                                  |                                |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 4 Pat & Dempsey Craig            | 6 Volunteers Needed            |
| 11 Linda Combs & Bonnie Matthews | 13 Volunteers Needed           |
| 18 Kay Richardson                | 20 Volunteers Needed           |
| 25 Gracie Moore & Joyce Lippard  | 27 Jerry Hatch & Donald Wrench |

If you are unable to serve on your assigned date, please exchange dates with someone else or call 592-5604.

### A/V Assignment for June

Jerry Merritt

### June Nursery Schedule

- June 3 Kaitlin & Jeremy Adkins  
 June 10 Joel & Annette Starling  
 June 17 Erika Starling & Cheryl Norris  
 June 24 Georganne Carlton & Lynn Underwood

If you are unable to be in the nursery on your Sunday, please arrange to trade with someone on the list. Also, please update the church office with those changes. Thanks!

### Senior Adult Activities

Visits to Homebound is the 1st Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

Nursing Home Visitation is the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

Other Activities are announced as planned. **Please join us!**

### Deacon Greeters for June

Faye McCullen, Faye B. Warren

### Food Pantry for June

During April, we are collecting **Rice and Canned Tomatoes** for the Food Pantry. Items must be brought to the church by **Monday, June 18, 2018**.

### Sunday Worship Schedule

- 9:00 am Library Open (11:00 am closed)  
 9:45 am Sunday School for all ages  
 11:00 am Morning Worship  
 5:30 pm Youth Fellowship

### June Birthdays

- |                           |                        |                     |
|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Tommy Combs             | 16 Magdalene Parker    | 23 Kristin Stafford |
| 3 Ann Merritt             | 17 Dottie McCullen     | 24 Jennifer Carr    |
| Brian Donaldson           | Carla Johnson          | 28 Debra Reeves     |
| Bill Dixon                | 18 Nancy Pope          |                     |
| 4 Delton Glover           | Erica Autry Page       |                     |
| 5 Scott Eldridge          | 19 Marianna Dawkins    |                     |
| 6 Mary Poole              | Jeffrey Merritt        |                     |
| Peyton Beasley            | Brittany Montgomery    |                     |
| Kitty Flake               | Noah Tart              |                     |
| 9 Keith Hall              | 20 Mary Tyson          |                     |
| 12 Bill Starling          | Missy Tart             |                     |
| 13 John Robert Williamson | Brooke Foley           |                     |
| 14 Becky Spell Vann       | 22 Tart Lee            |                     |
| 15 Tonya Wright           | Laura Catherine Glover |                     |

Our Sunday morning service is heard every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. on WCLN radio, 1170 AM. You may also hear us on StarVision cable channel 16.

### **Phones**

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## **Our Mission**

*"The purpose of First Baptist Church is to*

*honor God as we love and minister to all people, witness to them of our life-changing Savior, lead them into the fellowship of His church, and nurture them in Christian growth."*

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