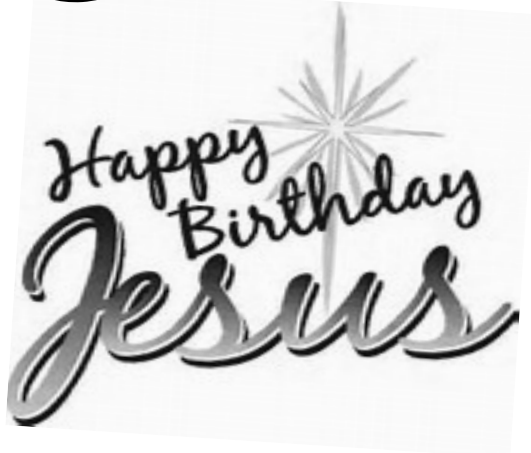


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Christmas Schedule

Sunday, December 24

Christmas Eve

9:45 am Bible Study

11:00 am Worship Service with Communion

5:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

No Evening Activities

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 26

Church Office Closed

Monday, January 1

New Year's Day

Church Office Closed

From the Pastor....

It's New Year's resolution time, right? Here's the question: has anyone ever made a New Year's resolution and actually kept it??? If you answered, "Yes," you are most definitely in the minority. About 8 years ago the Mike Ashcraft, senior pastor of Port City Community Church in Wilmington, NC realized he had never been able to successfully keep any one his New Year's resolutions in the past, so he came up with a better approach. He called it "My One Word" and it has become quite a movement. Here's how it works:

Instead of picking a goal for the New Year such as losing 20 lbs., or exercising every day, or giving up fast food (which almost always leads to frustration and defeat) pick One Word and focus on it for the entire year. So, instead of losing 20 lbs., daily exercise, and giving up fast food you could chose the word Health. That could be your own personal My One Word for the year.

On the My One Word website there is a scrolling list of words at the top of the page that gives examples of words real people have chosen. There are words in the list such as Joy, More, Blameless, Hopeful, Consistent, Simplicity, Balance, Silent, Grace, Learn, etc.

I like this approach and I have chosen a word for myself and for my role here as pastor. My One Word for 2018 is Grow. I want to grow. Hopefully I'll be a little more mature by the end of this

year than I am now. I want to grow to be more like Christ. I have a lot of room for growth in this area. A whole lot. I want to grow in service. "We are created in Christ Jesus for good works" (Ephesians 2:10) and I can certainly do more good works. And I want to grow in giving. It is always a blessing to give. For our church I hope we Grow as well. We can Grow in Spirit, in number, and in giving. Wouldn't it be great for us as a church body to Grow in Spirit and be more Christ-like, to Grow in number and add members to our rolls and attendance, and to Grow in giving so we can serve more people and fund more ministries? If we Grow in these areas in 2018 it will be a great year for First Baptist Church.

My One Word is Grow. What is your One Word? I bet it's a good one.

Phillip

Donuts with Deacons
Sunday, January 7th
9:15 am
Fellowship Hall

Please remember to pray for your Search Committee as God leads us in making decisions regarding the Minister to Families position here at FBC. The committee members are: Ashley Dubose, Gene Benfield, Shelley Richburg, Michael Johnson, F.B. Jones, Jimmy Thompson and Doug Strickland. Also remember Pastor Reynolds as he assists us along the way.

2018 Flower Calendar

Jan	7	14	21	28	
Feb	4	11	18*	25	
Mar	4	11	18*	25	
Apr	1*	8	15*	22*	29
May	6*	13	20	27	
June	3	10	17	24	
July	1*	8*	15*	22*	29*
Aug	5	12*	19	26	
Sept	2	9	16*	23*	30*
Oct	7*	14	21	28	
Nov	4	11	18*	25*	
Dec	2*	9*	16*	23*	30*

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Monthly Meetings

Sunday, January 7
7:00 pm Trustee Meeting

Sunday, January 14
4:00 pm Finance Meeting
5:00 pm Church Council Meeting

Sunday, January 28
7:00 pm Deacon Meeting

Weekly Offering 2017-2018

Weekly Budget \$12,020

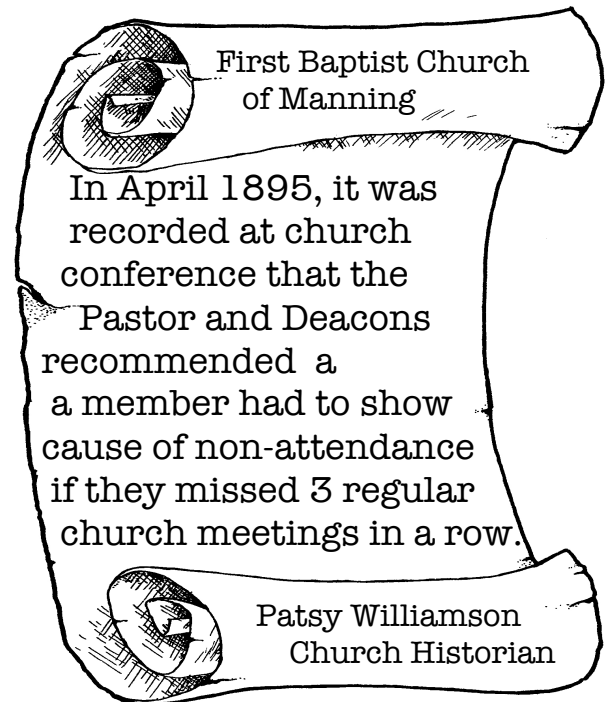
Offering Received:

November 26 \$ 8,331
December 03 \$12,618
December 10 \$17,355
December 17 \$ 9,473

SPRINGMAID BEACH RESORT

Senior Adult Retreat
February 5 – 7, 2018
See Anita Ard for details

<i>Sunday School & Worship Attendance</i>		
<i>Date</i>	<i>SS</i>	<i>11:00 am</i>
12/03	112	169
12/10	130	168
12/17	137	166



All gifts to be credited in 2017 must be in the church office by Friday, December 29th.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- Jan. 07:** Gabby Peters
- Jan. 14:** Sara Lyn Beatson
- Jan. 21:** Shelley & F.B. Dubose
- Jan. 28:** Need Volunteers

NURSERY WORKERS

- Jan. 07:** Angie Johnson & Jenny Wiggins
- Jan. 14:** Cheryl & Sheldon Ethridge
- Jan. 21:** Shelley Richburg & Renee Ward
- Jan. 28:** Brandon & Renee Ward

DEACON OF THE WEEK

- Jan. 07:** Richard Berry 803-410-0477
- Jan. 14:** C.E. Coker 803-410-1063
- Jan. 21:** Marion DuBose 803-460-8383
- Jan. 28:** Michael Johnson 803-460-9206

HALL MONITORS

- Jan. 07:** Buddy Lester 803-491-7819
- Jan. 14:** Bobby Ridgeway 803-938-3087
- Jan. 21:** Kevin Ross 803-473-8187
- Jan. 28:** SJ Saengjunt 803-460-4094



Men's Prayer Breakfast
Tuesday, January 2, 2018
 7:30 am @ Shoney's

Royal Servants
Tuesday, January 2, 2018
 3:00 pm – TEL Classroom

Praying Hands
January 9, 2018
 6:00 pm
 D & H BBQ

Thank You...

Dear First Baptist Church,
 Thank you so much for sending me a care package. All of the goodies will come in very handy as I prepare for finals. I appreciate all of the thoughts and prayers from my church family.

Much love,
 Ansley Ridgill

Dear Church Family,
 Wesley, Chris and I thank you for all of your prayers, calls, texts and cards. We are so happy to have such wonderful friends in our lives.

Jimmy truly loved our church family and was sorry when he was not able to attend.

Please keep our family in your prayers.
 In Christian love,
 Betty

Dear Church Family,
 Thank you for the gifts and goodies during the holidays.
 The Church Staff

If you would like to borrow the church tablecloths they will need to be checked out in the church office during office hours.

January

Read the Bible Through

Jan. 1 – Genesis 1-3: Matthew 1
Jan. 2 – Genesis 4-6: Matthew 2:1-12
Jan. 3 – Genesis 7-8: Matthew 2:13-23
Jan. 4 – Genesis 9-11: Matthew 3
Jan. 5 – Genesis 12-14: Matthew 4:1-11
Jan. 6 – Genesis 15-17: Matthew 4:12-25
Jan. 7 – Genesis 18-19: Matthew 5:1-16
Jan. 8 – Genesis 20-22: Matthew 5:17-48
Jan. 9 – Genesis 23-24: Matthew 6:1-18
Jan. 10 – Genesis 25-27: Matthew 6:19-34
Jan. 11 – Genesis 28-29: Matthew 7:1-14
Jan. 12 – Genesis 30-31: Matthew 7:15-29
Jan. 13 – Genesis 32-33: Matthew 8:1-17
Jan. 14 – Genesis 34-36: Matthew 8:18-34
Jan. 15 – Genesis 37-38: Matthew 9:1-26
Jan. 16 – Genesis 39-40: Matthew 9:27-38
Jan. 17 – Genesis 41-42: Matthew 10
Jan. 18 – Genesis 43-45: Matthew 11:1-19
Jan. 19 – Genesis 46-47: Matthew 11:20-30
Jan. 20 – Genesis 48-50: Matthew 12:1-21
Jan. 21 – Exodus 1-2: Matthew 12:22-50
Jan. 22 – Exodus 3-4: Matthew 13:1-23
Jan. 23 – Exodus 5-7: Matthew 13:24-58
Jan. 24 – Exodus 8-9: Matthew 14:1-21
Jan. 25 – Exodus 10-11: Matthew 14:22-36
Jan. 26 – Exodus 12-13: Matthew 15:1-20
Jan. 27 – Exodus 14-15: Matthew 15:21-39
Jan. 28 – Exodus 16-18: Matthew 16:1-12
Jan. 29 – Exodus 19-21: Matthew 16:13-28
Jan. 30 – Exodus 22-23: Matthew 17:1-13
Jan. 31 – Exodus 24-26: Matthew 17:14-27



January Birthdays!

01 Pansy Ridgeway
02 Lavonne Hamilton
05 Martha Prosser
06 Sandra Hodge
07 Clyde Wilkes, Jr.
08 Eddie Mathis
09 Jimmy Ham
10 Donald Hardy
12 Legrande Hyman
15 Frances Shorter
16 Leroy Phillips
17 Megan Hovermale
18 Jeannie Hardy
Angie Johnson
19 Mary Lee Welch
21 Gloria Hickman
Harriett Ward
Linda Dennis
22 Mary McClary
24 Richard Berry
28 Phyllis Eadon
Connor Trahan
29 C.E. Coker, Jr.
31 Kathy Gatlin
David Ridgill, Jr.

Staff Birthday

Kathy Gatlin 01/31

**Wednesday Morning
Bible Study
will resume
January 10, 2018**

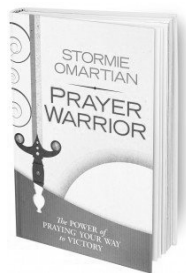
It's a Boy!!
Nolan Johnson Moore
12/18/2017
10lbs 4oz

Parents:
Shawn & Julie Ann Moore
FBC Grandparents:
Lee & Renee Stogner

It's a Girl!!
Scarlett Wren Conant
09/29/2017
8lbs 5oz

Parents: T.C. & Paige Conant
FBC Grandparents:
Scott & Terry Conant
FBC Great Grandparent:
Katherine McClam

***Women of Wonder
Bible Study***



Please join us in our new bible study group starting on Thursday, January 4, 2018 from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

The first study will be "Prayer Warrior" by Stormi Omartian. Sign up sheets are in the Sunday school classes.

See Linda Bragg for details

December Business Conference

December 20, 2017

Frank Jones, moderator, presided over the abbreviated December conference. Minutes of the November meeting were approved as printed. Two reports were as follows:

Personnel: Gene Benfield, chair, thanked the group for their prayers as they worked to hire a receptionist/ministerial assistant. They offered the job to Kelsey Steele from Alcolu. She accepted and passed the background check; therefore, she will begin work on January 2, 2018.

Finance: Frank Jones, chair, noted that our receipts exceeded our expenses for the month of November by \$9,368.46 and for the first three months of the year by \$19,545.66. Mission partners' contributions for November totaled \$675, and the Harvest Fund balance is \$45,134.08.

The moderator cleared up the confusion about Sunday school on the 24th. We will have Sunday school at regular time followed by the worship service. The Christmas Eve service of Candles and Carols will be at 5 o'clock sharp on Sunday afternoon.

This concluded our business.

Submitted by
Mary Alice Ipock, Clerk



Children's Ministry News...

Hello everyone. Hope you all have a Merry Christmas.

I want to thank everyone who participated in our Christmas program on December 15, 2017. We had a wonderful time and I pray everyone got a blessing from it. When we do our best to glorify God in whatever we do, we get a blessing. I want to thank all who was a help to me during this time, the Saengjunt family, who helped with decorations, Martha Morris with decorations, Lee Stogner with sound, Joe Conyers, Pastor Reynolds and all office staff for putting up with me. Thank you all so much and a big thank you to my husband, Don Bragg, who deals with all I do for the Lord. He is a blessing to me and a big support.

Starting back up on Wednesday, January 3, 2018 will be Dancer of Wonders at 5:30, Precious Hand Puppet Ministry at 6:00 and WWJD Ministry at 6:30. I pray that God continues to bless our Wednesday night ministry with the children and this year I pray that more parents will bring their children. I am going to have a 2nd group of performers for our Easter program coming up. We will be filling positions as follows: Wizard of Oz characters, Lion, Tin Man, Scarecrow, the Star player (Dorothy) and Dorothy's mom. We will still have the same people as we originally had rehearsing before, but with extra performers for anyone who out is sick or has any emergency. This will

provide us with backup performers. Also anyone wanting to be a puppeteer please come and join us. There is always room for puppets. This also includes grownups that would like to join us as well.

I truly want to thank the teachers who come and help me during this time as I could not do it without them, Vonda Strickland and Haley Saengjunt. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I thank you all and please continue to pray for our Children's Ministry.

God Bless,
Linda Bragg
Children's Chairman

**GA, RA & Youth on Mission will
resume meeting on
January 7, 2018.**

**Children's Choir will resume
meeting on January 21, 2018.**



Upcoming Events

Monday, January 1

New Year's Day
Office Closed

Tuesday, January 2

7:30 am Men's Breakfast at Shoney's
1:00 pm Personnel Meeting
3:00 pm Royal Servants

Wednesday, January 3

10:00 am No Wed AM Bible Study
5:30 pm Dancers of Wonder
6:00 pm Precious Hand Puppet Ministry
6:00 pm Prayer Meeting
6:30 pm WWJD Children's Ministry
7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, January 4

6:00 pm Women of Wonder Bible Study

Sunday, January 7

9:15 am Doughnuts with Deacons
9:45 am Bible Study
11:00 am Worship Service
No Children's Choir
6:00 pm Evening Service
6:00 pm RA/GA/Youth on Missions
7:00 pm Trustee Meeting

Tuesday, January 9

6:00 pm Praying Hands at D & H Restaurant

Wednesday, January 10

10:00 am Wed AM Bible Study
5:30 pm Dancers of Wonder
6:00 pm Precious Hand Puppet Ministry
6:00 pm Business Meeting
6:30 pm WWJD Children's Ministry
7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice

Sunday, January 14

9:45 am Bible Study
11:00 am Worship Service
4:00 pm Finance Meeting
5:00 pm Church Council Meeting
No Children's Choir
6:00 pm Evening Service
6:00 pm RA/GA/Youth on Missions

Wednesday, January 17

10:00 am Wed AM Bible Study
5:30 pm Dancers of Wonder
6:00 pm Precious Hand Puppet Ministry
6:00 pm Prayer Meeting
6:30 pm WWJD Children's Ministry
7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice

Sunday, January 21

9:45 am Bible Study
11:00 am Worship Service
5:00 pm Children's Choir
6:00 pm Evening Service
6:00 pm RA/GA/Youth on Missions

Wednesday, January 24

10:00 am Wed AM Bible Study
5:30 pm Dancers of Wonder
6:00 pm Precious Hand Puppet Ministry
6:00 pm Prayer Meeting
6:30 pm WWJD Children's Ministry
7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice

Sunday, January 28

9:45 am Bible Study
11:00 am Worship Service
5:00 pm Children's Choir
6:00 pm Evening Service
6:00 pm RA/GA/Youth on Missions
7:00 pm Deacon Meeting

Wednesday, January 31

10:00 am Wed AM Bible Study
5:30 pm Dancers of Wonder
6:00 pm Precious Hand Puppet Ministry
6:00 pm Prayer Meeting
6:30 pm WWJD Children's Ministry
7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Dr. Phillip Reynolds.....Pastor
Mr. Lee Stogner.....Worship Leader
Mrs. Becky Thomas.....Financial Secretary/Administrator
Mrs. Kathy Gatlin.....Organist
Mrs. Heather Hawkins.....Pianist
Mr. Joseph Conyers.....Custodian
Mr. Franklin Brown.....Maintenance
Mrs. Wendy Hill.....Preschool Director
Mrs. Annette Canty.....Housekeeper

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WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

Bible Study.....9:45 am
Sunday Morning Worship Service.....11:00 am
Evening Worship Service6:00 pm
Prayer Meeting – Wednesday Night..... 6:00 pm

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