



9:15 SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:15 WORSHIP SERVICE

MESSENGER

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Why do Churches need Deacons?

If you've ever been stretched too thin, lacking time to accomplish everything on your "do list," you can appreciate the predicament the twelve disciples faced in Acts 6. The disciples were busy teaching, preaching, and healing, and, as a result, the fledgling church was growing rapidly. Fast growth inevitably led to some growing pains, including a complaint that some church members' physical needs were not being met. The church had been providing daily food for widows, who were dependent on this generosity, and the Greek-speaking Jews felt that their widows had been overlooked in the food distribution. This issue was causing division in the church.

Frustrated, the disciples realized that they simply couldn't do it all. "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables," they told the believers (Acts 6:2). So they asked the congregation to participate in a solution: "Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word" (v. 3-4). This meant that the Twelve could spend their time sharing what they had learned at the feet of Jesus, something they were uniquely qualified to do, and the Seven could minister to the physical needs of church members. While these men aren't actually called deacons in this passage, they certainly served in that role. They were model servants set aside by the entire congregation to fulfill a particular task—and that's exactly what deacons do in our church today.

The word "deacon" comes from the Greek word "diakonos," which means servant of the church. Deacons serve FBC New Bern by meeting physical and administrative needs, including hospital visits, contacts with church visitors, and ministering to an assigned group of church members as part of our Family Ministry Plan, as well as serving on deacon committees responsible for the church's financial plans, missions projects, and facilities planning, among other things. This, in turn, allows our pastors and ministry staff to prioritize their spiritual leadership responsibilities.

Our church selects 18 active deacons to serve three-year terms, so that six deacons rotate off and six are added each year. Our deacons who are being set apart and consecrated by this church family this year are: Dwayne Alligood, Josh Bell, Don Brinkley, Wayne Brown, Jennifer Emens, Charlotte Fuller, James Garner, Ken Gray, Joey Holton, Tracey Lorentzen, Kelsie McBride, Cathy Chitty Pike, Amy Price, Mona Quick, Kathy Swindell, Bobby West, Chuck White and Andy Wilkinson. Our congregation needs to love and support these deacons, as well as our pastors and staff, as they carry out their ministry.

As Sheree stated in a recent children's sermon about deacons, "A deacon is someone who serves others with joy." Let it be so!

Bazaar Workshop October 5th 9:00 am - 12 noon

It's beginning to look like a bazaar! Only a few weeks remaining to put on those final touches, that last coat of paint, sew those last few seams, etc.. We're getting quite the collection. For those of you making things at home, you can bring them to church any Wednesday evening or Sunday morning during cafe connection. Should those days not work, please call Judy 864.266.0916 and she will be happy to meet you at church another day/time or even come pick up your items from your home. The earlier we can get them the better.

For all you cooks and bakers, it's your time to shine!. Please remember your items should be considered gifts as well and should be wrapped accordingly.

We will have another workshop to make final touches on birdhouses, put hangers on ornaments, make snowmen and anything else anyone wants to bring and have us help finish.

The workshop will be **OCTOBER 5th** from 9:00am-12:00noon. This would be a great day for you to bring your items as well!

Get excited and start making your Christmas list. NOVEMBER is coming!

JUDY BILLS



MUMFEST PARKING FUNDRAISER

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY
OCTOBER 12TH AND 13TH**

**Support our Youth and have a
great place to park!**



Join us for the CBFNC Youth Ski Retreat
at Winterplace Resort, West Virginia
the weekend of
January 31 – February 2, 2025.
We will have a weekend filled with
skiing, worship, and fun!
More details coming soon!





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| October 4 | First Friday 7 - 9pm |
| 5 | Craven County Clean Sweep* Downtown trash pickup 9 - 11am followed by ice cream at the Cow Café, pickup 12pm |
| 12 | Mumfest Parking Fundraiser |
| 13 | Mumfest Parking Fundraiser No Sunday night Youth |
| 27 | Fall Festival Setup 11am - 12:30pm, Volunteers arrive at 4pm. Fall Festival 5 - 7pm |
| November 1 | First Friday 7 - 9pm |
| 9 | Holiday Bazaar 9am - 1pm* |
| 17 | Snack Supper & Escape Room 5 - 7pm |
| December 6 | First Friday 7 - 9pm |
| 8 | Progressive Dinner 4:30 - 9:30pm |
| | *Activities where youth can earn community service hours |



Adult Discipleship

Wednesdays at 6 pm
following our Fellowship Supper

October 9 – November 13
How Did We Get Our Bible?
by Dr. Richard Seagle
in the Family Life Center



Decorate your car trunk with a Fun and Non-Scary theme and have lots of candy ready to give out to the kids!



Winter 2025 Plans

The Christian Education Committee would like to have one of our small groups (5-6 weeks) in Winter 2025 feature **Great Theologians**.

We are looking for 5 or 6 volunteers to prepare and present a 30 minute program on a "Great Theologian." (We already have two volunteers!) If you would be willing, please contact Kerry.

We are willing to help with suggestions, research, PowerPoints or anything else you need.

| WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEERS | | | | |
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| | OCT 6 | OCT 13 | OCT 20 | OCT 27 |
| DEACONS | Amy Price Joey Holton | Don Brinkley Josh Bell | Cathy Chitty Pike Bobby West | Mona Quick Jennifer Emens |
| WATCHMEN | Ken Gray | Eddie Games | Donald Heath | James Garner |
| USHER TEAMS | Todd Spear | Mike Seawell | Eddie Games | Bobby West |
| CAFÉ CONNECTION | Terry Hall | MumFest - n/a | Brant Bills | Sherry Wilkinson |
| GREETERS | Bunting | Hall | Rock | Wilkinson |
| CHILDREN'S CHURCH | Jennifer Benton Sarah Moore Bella Bernabi Allison Bunting | Beth Wynn Matthew Holton Westleigh Holton Mona Quick | Elizabeth Swicegood mary Ella Swicegood Carole Hart Lori Meads | Sheree Bagley Tyler Barker Caroline Strickland Addison Strickland |
| EXTENDED CARE 10:15 | Kendal Strickland Caroline Strickland Addison Strickland Jeremy Tavares Courtney Tavares Cindy Lewis Mandy Mueller Molly Streblov | Lori Meads Sherry Wilkinson Mandy Mueller Molly Streblov | Sonya Thurman Gale Evancho Mandy Mueller Molly Streblov | Rebecca Sanchez Kathy Swindell Cathy Rock Jennifer Emens Mandy Mueller Molly Streblov |
| WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER MENU | <p>Oct 2 <u>Dwayne A.'s Team</u> Grilled Pork Loin Stewed Apples Green Bean Almondine Bread Dessert</p> | <p>Oct 9 <u>Terry Hall's Team</u> Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Green Peas Bread Dessert</p> | <p>Oct 16 <u>Sherry W's. Team</u> Cheeseburgers Baked Beans Chips Dessert</p> | <p>Oct 23 <u>Gwyn Rice's Team</u> Spaghetti Salad Bar Bread Dessert</p> |
| | <p>Oct 30 <u>Terry Hall's Team</u> Hamburger Steak Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Bread Dessert</p> | | | |



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| 02 | Alice Lyle | 07 | Joe Pike | 12 | Javan Willard | 23 | Tyson Osmanovic |
| | Sarah Moore | 08 | Andrew Pait | | Sullivan Townsend | 24 | Debra Brinkley |
| 03 | Barbara Gwattney | | Jennifer Bernabi | 15 | David Page | | Andrew Lorentzen |
| | Charlie Pace | 09 | Gwyn Rice | 16 | Declan SinClair | 25 | Benjamin Fuller |
| | Ronnie Antry | | Debbie Roberts | 19 | David Blythe | 27 | Whitney Templeton |
| | Arlo Adams | | Vicki Neilson | 20 | Tommy Daniels | 28 | Lynn Moore |
| 04 | Lauren Harrell | 10 | Lucy Doak | | Ruth Pai | 30 | Dellaina Hardy |
| | Amy Amerson | 11 | Jacob Zink | 21 | Ellery Russell | | Mary Ellen Kirschner |
| 07 | Betty Pace | 12 | Reid Chitty | 22 | Eliza Fields | 31 | Patrick Wynn |
| | Walter Fuller | | Erin Thrasher | 23 | Jeannie Simmons | | |



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| 01 | Benjamin & Laura Fuller |
| 08 | Ronnie & Judy Antry |
| 15 | Joey & Brandy Holton |
| 19 | Charles & Patricia Hughes |
| 21 | Kevin & Cathy Rock |
| 22 | Randy & Amy Amerson |
| 27 | Donald & Melanie Geiling |

| FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FINANCIAL RECORD | |
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| Required 09/26/24 YTD: | \$851,304 |
| Received 09/26/24 YTD: | \$840,189 |



LEADING IN WORSHIP AT FIRST

Sunday, October 6 – Communion
 10:15 AM – Praise Team & Youth/Parent Ensemble

Sunday, October 13 – MumFest Sunday
 10:15 AM – Sanctuary Choir & Chancel Bells

Sunday, October 20
 10:15 AM – Praise Team

Sunday, October 27
 10:15 AM – Sanctuary Choir & Adult Ensemble

MUSICAL EVENTS & HAPPENINGS



Music in the Garden
 Friday, October 11th at 5:30
 Patrick Riddick and Dora Bullock
 from Centenary Methodist Church

DAYTON VESPER

Pianist



In Concert

Works By:

WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART (1756-1791)

ARAM KHATCHATURIAN (1903-1978)

SERGE PROKOFIEV (1891-1953) and

FREDERIC CHOPIN (1810-1849)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024, 3:00 PM

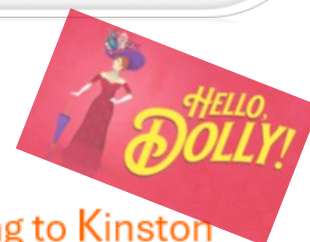
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



**Youth/Parent Ensemble Outing
 to DEADWOOD**

Saturday, October 26

**Dinner including Haunted House
 & Ghost Train Ride**



**Senior Adult Outing to Kinston
 HELLO DOLLY!**

**Friday, November 15 – 7:00 PM
 Lenoir Community College**

\$20.00 per person is due when you sign up!

**Please call the church office no later
 than Thursday, October 31st to reserve a seat.**

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD TOY DRIVE
LET'S BRING SMILES EVERYWHERE

FBC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY IS HAVING A CONTEST
BOYS VS GIRLS!
 DURING OCTOBER BRING A TOY FROM THE LIST AND DROP IT IN THE DECORATED BOX IN THE CHILDREN'S AREA.
PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN TO WHO HAS THE MOST DONATIONS!

SAVE THE DATE

DADS & SONS

Mark your calendars for a fun morning of building, food & fellowship.

Saturday
November 16th
9:30am - 11:00am

Details and Sign-ups coming soon.

a sweet
BABY BOY
is on his way!

JOIN US FOR A BABY SHOWER HONORING
Tyler & Carla Barker

Sunday
OCTOBER 6 2:00-4:00 PM

Family Life Center / First Baptist Church
 Baby Registry:
 Amazon

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Girl Shoebox Gift Suggestions

A gift-filled shoebox can be the first present a child ever receives, so it is important to uniquely pack each gift and make it FUN, FULL, and PERSONALIZED-praying for the child and adding a photo and personal note.

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| <p>A "WOW ITEM"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small backpack or purse Doll Soccer ball and pump Stuffed animal Jewelry making or hobby kit Large toy | <p>GAMES & ACTIVITIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Puzzles Coloring books or pads Dry watercolor set Binoculars and compass Musical Instruments Chalkboard and chalk Jump rope Stickers Games |
| <p>PERSONAL CARE ITEMS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toothbrush Washcloth Comb and brush Nail clipper and file Water bottle Flashlight | <p>TOYS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small ball Building blocks or LEGO sets Slinky or yo-yo Plastic animals Magnets Finger puppets Interactive toys Other small toys and figures |
| <p>SCHOOL SUPPLIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pencils, sharpener, erasers Pencil container Pens Crayons Colored pencils Markers Notebooks Scissors Ruler Glue Stick | <p>DO NOT INCLUDE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food, candy, or gum Toothpaste Used or damaged items Scary or war-related items Wearable traditional camouflage Seeds or organic matter Liquids Medication Money Breakable items Matches, fire starters or aerosols Knives, saws, or razor blades |
| <p>CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flip flops or shoes sunglasses Hat Wristwatch Hair accessories Clothing and undergarments Winter cap, scarf, and mittens | |

Boy Shoebox Gift Suggestions

A gift-filled shoebox can be the first present a child ever receives, so it is important to uniquely pack each gift and make it FUN, FULL, and PERSONALIZED-praying for the child and adding a photo and personal note.

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| <p>A "WOW ITEM"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Small backpack Soccer ball and pump Stuffed animal Hobby kit Large toy truck or car | <p>GAMES & ACTIVITIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Puzzles Coloring books or pads Dry watercolor set Binoculars and compass Musical Instruments Chalkboard and chalk Jump rope Stickers Games |
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PRAYER list

CHURCH FAMILY

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| Alan Ashe | Howard Mathews | Patsy Setzer |
| Valeria Barrow | David Page | Ty Smith |
| Kathy Daniels | Gwyn Page | Richard Wagner |
| Mary Lou Harrell | Selma Piner | Jewel Watson |
| Janice Huggins | Lynn Rausch | Kimsey Welch |
| Mary Ann Jones | Bobby Reece | Ellen Young |

CHURCH FRIENDS

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| Deborah Ashley (<i>sister Betsy Dickerson</i>) | Matt Kaylor (<i>friend Alicia</i>) |
| Sheree Bagley (<i>Jennifer Bufford</i>) | Jim/Claudia McManamey (<i>niece</i>) |
| Jo Ann Banks (<i>Wanda, Chris, & Donna</i>) | Sandy O'Brien (<i>BIL Jerry Hardin</i>) |
| Jennifer Bernabi (<i>nephew</i>) | Roger Pait (<i>father</i>) |
| Judy Blythe (<i>Fran Eaves</i>) | Anna Pearson (<i>Granddaughter Blythe, cousin</i>) |
| Jan Burke (<i>Neal Cobb</i>) | Keith Russell (<i>dad Archie Russell</i>) |
| Lisa Chitty (<i>parents, friend Sherry & family</i>) | Melodie Seagle (<i>mother</i>) |
| Sandra J. Dail (<i>Tommy Gaskins</i>) | Kathy Swindell (<i>Ben Bunn</i>) |
| Janet Doughty (<i>mother</i>) | Jeremy Tavares (<i>Dennis Dowdy's mother</i>) |
| Lisa Francis (<i>husband Jesse</i>) | Beth Wagner (<i>Marian Elmore, John Wiltrout</i>) |
| Anita Gray (<i>Breanna Gray, Jim Baldrige</i>) | Kathy White (<i>Buddy Kirschner</i>) |
| Phil Kaylor (<i>William & Peggy; John & Martha</i>) | Jane Wooten (<i>friend</i>) |
| Karen Killingsworth (<i>father</i>) | Ken Wooten (<i>mother</i>) |
| Lori Hale (<i>brother in law</i>) | Beth Wynn (<i>Lori Saunders, Lori M.S. Marx</i>) |
| Fred and Nancy Hausman | <i>Persecuted relatives of our church families</i> |
| Brandy Holton (<i>father</i>) | <i>Pray for our country</i> |
| Joey Holton (<i>father</i>) | |

CARE FACILITY & RETIREMENT* RESIDENTS

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| <u>Cypress Glen—GVL</u> | <u>Woodland Terr - CARY</u> |
| Elizabeth Brinkley | Louise Blizzard* |
| <u>Champions-WIL</u> | <u>NC Veterans Home - KIN</u> |
| Doris Dyson | Mary Ellen Kirschner |
| <u>Homeplace</u> | <u>Merrill Gardens - NBN</u> |
| Christine Peedin | Rev. David Page |
| Rudy Rowe | Gwyn Page |
| Patsy Setzer | Sylvia Pina |
| <u>Spring Arbor - KIN</u> | <u>Riverpoint Crest - NBN</u> |
| Beverly Leathers | Stacy Chapman |
| <u>McCarthy Court</u> | Jewel Watson |
| Dot Smith | |

The **WNS Teams** are looking forward to another year serving up some of your favorite dinners on Wednesday nights. We hope you and your family are ready to get back to our Wednesday night Bible Studies and fellowship.

The price breakdown is listed below:

Birth to 5 --- Free

Ages 6 to 12 --- \$3.00

Child Special = Chicken Nuggets unless otherwise stated

Ages 13 to Adult --- \$5.00

There are cards available in the back of the church pews for you to complete and place in the offering plate. You can also call the church office at 252-638-5691 **by 4pm Monday** to place your reservation.

The permanent sign-up sheet starts fresh, so call today and get your name added if you plan to come every Wednesday night!

ROTHERMEL FOUNDATION

presents

**Big Bang Cosmology and Divine
Creation: The New Physics and the Old
Metaphysics**

by

Br. Guy Consolmagno, S.J.



Sunday October 20, 2024 at 2pm

**First Presbyterian Church
400 New Street, New Bern**

FREE
ADMISSION



OPEN TO
THE PUBLIC

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First Baptist Church

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 New Bern, NC 28563
 Church office located at 409 Pollock Street
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Please Deliver Promptly

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Newsletter articles are due in the church office no later than 9:30 AM on the third Monday of each month. All articles must be written out—none over the phone or verbally, please.

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| Dr. Richard D. Seagle, Senior Pastor..... | Richard@fbchurch.com | Ext 124 |
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| Rev. Kerry Q. Peeler, Associate Pastor of Christian Education..... | Kerry@fbchurch.com | Ext 127 |
| Rev. Jeremy L. Slagle, Associate Pastor of Youth and Family Life..... | Jeremy@fbchurch.com | Ext 121 |
| Mrs. Sheree Bagley, Director of Children's Ministry..... | Sheree@fbchurch.com | Ext 128 |
| Lorna Brown, Secretary..... | Lorna@fbchurch.com | Ext 122 |
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| Bette Jo Oglesby, Organist..... | Bettej.oglesby@gmail.com | |
| Gwynn Rice, Food Service Manager..... | Gwynn69@hotmail.com | Ext 107 |
| Tyler Barker, Grounds Custodian..... | jamestyerb42@gmail.com | |
| Kit Emmerich, Buildings Custodian..... | Chemmerich2020@gmail.com | |

On Friday, October 11th, from 5:30 to 6:30, Patrick Riddick and Dora Bullock will be sharing their musical gifts with us in our Memorial Garden. Patrick and Dora are coming to us from Centenary Methodist Church where they lead the contemporary service in music on Sunday mornings. They have been performing together for over 8 years!



Patrick is a business owner in New Bern and Dora is a deputy sheriff with the Craven County Sheriff's Dept. Patrick toured professionally with a NC country band prior to moving to New Bern. Dora is married to a US Marine, leads the youth choirs and ensembles at Centenary UMC and is also active with the NB Civic Theater. They are looking forward to providing some music for us and downtown New Bern and promise to play a little something for everyone! Please put this on your calendars and plan to attend!