

8:45 NON-TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
 9:45 SUNDAY SCHOOL
 11:00 TRADITIONAL WORSHIP



MESSENGER

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It is Time to Prepare for VBS 2024!

One of the most important efforts of the entire year is **Vacation Bible School**. We will invite and involve over one hundred children and volunteers to engage in a concentrated time of learning key truths about Jesus Christ that will make a massive earthly and eternal difference. This year, our kids will dive into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. Our kids and leaders will have oceans of fun and learn that God is a real friend who loves them forever!

Please help us in the following ways:

- PRAY** for the Lord to send many children. Especially ask God to draw to First Baptist during VBS many children who need to understand the Gospel and commit their lives to Christ as their Savior. Pray for the teachers and other volunteers to have sensitive hearts and to radiate God's love which makes them effective ambassadors for Christ.
- REGISTER** children and leaders. Our registration website opens May 1st. Simply go to <https://vbspro.events/p/03824b> online and sign up to participate.
- BRING** children. Since most kids do not drive and we do not have a fleet of buses, we need you to shoulder the task of acting like Andrew, the bringing-disciple of Jesus, and intentionally help children come to VBS. Invite and bring your child, a neighbor, a grandchild, relatives, and whoever you can find. Bringing kids to VBS is like offering them a free ticket to Disney World! Invite your kids into the clubhouse and show them the God who has an ocean full of love for them. God will use your efforts to impact them for eternity.
- Attend** VBS Kick-off on Sunday, June 16 at 9 AM in the Family Life Center. We will gather during the Sunday School hour to be introduced the 2024 theme, to worship together, to commission our VBS leaders and to celebrate God's activity among us. Daily classes and activities will take place on Monday through Friday, June 17-21 from 9:00 AM until 12 Noon. We will conclude VBS with Children's Sunday at our 10:00 AM worship service on June 23.



Thanks so much for your invaluable prayers and support.

Dive in,

Richard

May Quarterly Church Conference

Our congregation's May Quarterly Church Conference will be held on Wednesday night, May 15 at 6:00 PM. We hope that you will come and enjoy Family Night Supper at 5:15 PM and then stay for the conference. Remember to register for supper by noon on Monday. This will be the last Wednesday night gathering until after summer.

Summer Worship Schedule

Don't forget - we start the summer worship schedule May 26, 2024.
9:00 AM Sunday School - 10:00 AM Worship Service

Looking for oceans of fun?



JOIN US FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

June 17 – 21

9:00am – 12:00pm

At Scuba VBS, kids dive into friendship with God! Scuba is filled with awesome Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch! Hands-on science experiments, team-building games, unforgettable Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life—something we call God Sightings®. Get ready to hear that phrase a lot!

We hope to “sea” you here!

Registration opens May 1, 2024

Use the QR Code below



OR REGISTER ONLINE @ https://vbspro.events/p/03824b



VBS Workshops

We need your help creating fun backdrops, decorations and craft items for VBS. Workshops will be held Saturday, May 18th 9am-12pm & Friday, May 24th 6pm-8pm. Pizza dinner and childcare provided Friday night. Call Sheree Bagley @ the church office to register.

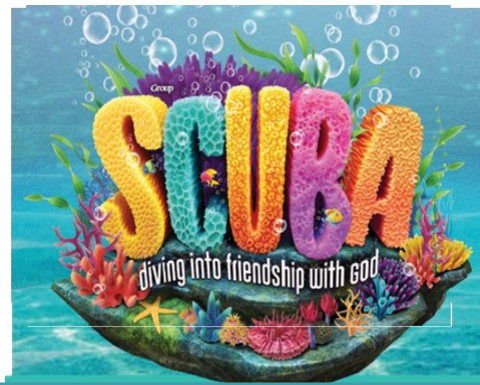
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Vacation Bible School is one of the BIGGEST outreach opportunities for a church to share the Gospel of Jesus with children.

We need YOU to help us be the hands & feet of Jesus to children during VBS,

June 17th – 21st.

The spiritual impact that can be made in a child’s life during VBS is AMAZING!





Thank You

To all of you who attended our first Bible Belle Tea. It was a special time learning about Hannah, Power of Prayer and enjoyed some yummy treats and tea together.

A special "THANK YOU" to those who helped with donating teapots, teacups, saucers, decorating, preparing food / tea, serving and clean up after. I am thankful for the extra hands!

*Blessings,
Sheree Bagley*



WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEERS				
	MAY 5	MAY 12	MAY 19	MAY 26
DEACONS	Chuck White James Garner	Brant Bills Ken Gray	Dwayne Alligood Kathy Swindell	Kelsie McBride Tracey Lorentzen
WATCHMEN	Phil Kaylor	Chip Dombrowsky	Donald Heath	James Garner
USHER TEAMS	Bobby West	Susan Williams	Todd Spear	Mike Seawell
CAFÉ CONNECTION	Amy Price	Carole Hart	Martha Tharrington	n/a
GREETERS	8:45 - Pace 11:00 - Bunting	8:45 - Hall 11:00 - Duff	8:45 - Cheves 11:00 - Rock	8:45 - Garner 11:00 - Wilkinson
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Jennifer Benton Sarah Moore Bella Bernabi Allison Bunting	Megan Ireland Matthew Holton Westleigh Holton Mona Quick	Elizabeth Swicegood Mary Ella Swicegood Carole Hart Lori Meads	Carla Barker Tyler Barker Caroline Strickland Addison Strickland
EXTENDED CARE 8:45	Meredith Pait Garrett Pait Hannah Garner Lori Meads Mandy Mueller Molly Streblov	Joe Thornburg Trish Thornburg Sonya Thurman Mandy Mueller Molly Streblov	Rebecca Sanchez Kathy Swindell Cathy Rock Mandy Mueller Molly Streblov	Summer Schedule Starts Sunday School @ 9am Worship Service @ 10am Trey Ferguson Kelsie Ferguson Melanie Rice Brian Swicegood Gretchen Overby Mandy Mueller Molly Streblov
EXTENDED CARE 11:00	Sherry Wilkinson Mandy Mueller Molly Streblov	Gale Evancho Mandy Mueller Molly Streblov	Jennifer Emens Mandy Mueller Molly Streblov	
Wednesday Night Supper Menu	MAY 1 <u>Terry Hall's Team</u> Grilled Hamburgers Baked Beans Chips Dessert	MAY 8 <u>Gwyn Rice's Team</u> Assorted Sub Sandwiches Chips Dessert	MAY 15 <u>Dwayne Alligood's Team</u> Grilled Pork Tenderloin Macaroni & Cheese Marinated Vegetable Salad Bread Dessert	May 15 is the last Wednesday Night Supper for the Summer!



02 Amy Par	12 Dwayne Alligood	18 Betty Blythe	26 Tom Denton
03 Richard Wagner	Addison Strickland	19 Savannah Thornton	Darius Hargett
Mike Seawell	Rosalie Rocham	21 Matthew Holton	27 Jamie Slagle
Kathy Swindell	Sandra J. Dail	Diane Thompson	28 Brenda Hall
06 Marlie Kate Hardy	13 Deborah Ashley	Hram Mang	Phil Kaylor
Clara Emmerich	Connie Brunese	22 Sandy Franks	Linda Autry
Blessing Kim	Jase McQuiston	23 Chandler Seagle	29 Pete Heiman
08 Jeff Killingsworth	15 Sutton Tavares	Thang Hre	Janet Doughty
Emily McQuiston	Sui Hre	25 Eddie Games	Tiffany Glover
09 Marylou Noyes	Ronnie Brinson	Catherine Alligood	Quinn Osmanovic
10 Catherine Ward	Brant Bills	Merritt Best	30 Phil Smith
Miles Wilkes	17 Blake Belcher	Layla Williams	Kay Hall
Frederick Laskovics	Evan Ireland	26 Jan Burke	



03 Todd & Amy Price	20 Thang & Sui Hre
08 Alec & Tammi Newton	21 Chris & Lori Hale
13 Jeremy & Diane Slagle	23 Ken & Anita Gray
14 Phil & Lee Ann Smith	25 Richard & Melodie Seagle
Sean & Brandi Parnell	26 Larry & Cindy Taylor
16 Reid & Lisa Chitty	28 Charlie & Betty Pace
Dwayne & Catherine Alligood	Bernie & Connie Brunese

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FINANCIAL RECORD	
Required 04/22/24 YTD:	\$353,792
Received 04/22/24 YTD:	\$388,418

Music Notes from Rev. Templeton



Worship at First



Sunday, May 5 – Communion

8:45 AM – Praise Team

11:00 AM – Sanctuary Choir & Chancel Bell Choir

4:00 PM – Community Gospel Choir

- *A Festival of Hymns* Worship Celebration

Sunday, May 12 – Mother’s Day

8:45 AM – Praise Team, Children’s Choir,
Youth/Parent Ensemble

11:00 AM – Sanctuary Choir/Children’s Choir

Sunday, May 19 – Pentecost Sunday

8:45 AM – Praise Team/Adult Ensemble

11:00 AM – Sanctuary Choir/Adult Ensemble

Sunday, May 26 – Trinity Sunday

10:00 AM – Sanctuary Choir

A Festival of *Hymns*
Arranged by Lloyd Larson
A Worship Celebration for Choir and Congregation

PRESENTED BY
THE COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR
MAY 5, 2024 4:00 PM



Itineraries for the Sr. Adult trip to Lancaster, PA in October are now available in the church office!

DUTCH TREAT LUNCH AT
La Casetta Restaurant
New Bern
June 14, 2024 * 11:00 AM
RSVP by Friday, June 7.

Tour of Liberty Hall historic house and the Cowan Museum with lunch at The Country Squire

May 10th Depart at 9:00 AM

"The old-world charm of this world famous restaurant has enchanted diners and guests since 1961."

RSVP to the church office no later than Friday, May 3rd!

Senior Adults having fun at Boone Hall Plantation in Charleston, SC! And they even went on a Historic Carriage Ride! Fun, Fun, Fun !





The weekend of April 13th, all four of our baseball teams kicked off their season with the New Bern Sunday School League. Below you will see the schedule of games for the month of May. Please come out and support our kids and youth!



Bazaar Workshops

Saturday, April 27th from 9am - 1pm
 & Saturday, May 11th from 9am - 1pm
 in the Family Life Center



It was so nice having some youth at the last workshop. I think they enjoyed making angels, clothespin crosses and bookmarks with great bible verses. Other items you can look forward to buying created by all generations are crystal earrings (donated by a non member), seatbelt covers, zippered bags (donated by a non member), keychains, lap boards, Easter rabbit door hangers, assorted Christmas ornaments, woodblock crosses, cork Christmas trees and snowmen, greeting cards, birdhouses, floor cloths, aprons, snowmen with top hats and doggie scarves. I'm sure I've left some things off because it grows daily. Many have told me they are working from home. And you won't believe what we have for the silent auction! It's going to be wonderful and a blessing to many.

We look forward to seeing you, your family, friends and neighbors on the 27th and May 11th!



TEAM	DAY	DATE	TIME	VENUE
T-BALL	FRI	05/03/24	6:00 PM	JOY CORNER
T-BALL	TUES	05/07/24	6:00 PM	JOY CORNER
T-BALL	THUR	05/09/24	6:00 PM	SNACK BAR
T-BALL	TUES	05/14/24	6:00 PM	SNACK BAR

TEAM	DAY	DATE	TIME	VENUE
ROOKIE	MON	05/06/24	6:00 PM	CARAWAY
ROOKIE	TUES	05/07/24	7:30 PM	CARAWAY
ROOKIE	MON	05/13/24	7:30 PM	FIELD 1
ROOKIE	TUES	05/14/24	6:00 PM	CARAWAY

TEAM	DAY	DATE	TIME	VENUE
MINOR	MON	05/06/24	6:00 PM	PROGRESS ENERGY
MINOR	MON	05/13/24	6:00 PM	PROGRESS ENERGY
MINOR	FRI	05/17/24	7:30 PM	PROGRESS ENERGY
MINOR	THUR	05/23/24	6:00 PM	PROGRESS ENERGY
MINOR	FRI	05/24/24	6:00 PM	PROGRESS ENERGY

TEAM	DAY	DATE	TIME	VENUE
MAJOR	THUR	05/02/24	6:00 PM	WEYERHAEUSER
MAJOR	TUES	05/07/24	7:30 PM	WEYERHAEUSER
MAJOR	THUR	05/09/24	7:30 PM	WEYERHAEUSER
MAJOR	TUES	05/14/24	7:30 PM	WEYERHAEUSER
MAJOR	THUR	05/16/24	6:00 PM	WEYERHAEUSER

CHURCH FAMILY

Alan Ashe	Mary Ann Jones	Bobby Reece
Valeria Barrow	Howard Mathews	Phil Smith
Sue Campbell	Elizabeth Minton	Ty Smith
Jane Chitty	Gwyn Page	Kathy Swindell
Charlotte Fuller	Vanesa Pollard	Jewel Watson
Mary Lou Harrell	Lynn Rausch	Kimsey Welch
Frank Ipock		Greg Williams

CARE FACILITY & RETIREMENT* RESIDENTS

<u>BROOKDALE - NBN</u> Jane Chitty	<u>SPRING ARBOR - KIN</u> Beverly Leathers
<u>CYPRESS GLEN - GVL</u> Elizabeth Brinkley	<u>WOODLAND TERR - CARY</u> Louise Blizzard*
<u>CHAMPIONS-WIL</u> Doris Dyson	<u>NC VETERANS HOME - KIN</u> Mary Ellen Kirschner
<u>HOMEPLACE</u> Jean Fulcher Christine Peedin Patsy Setzer Ann Sledge	<u>MERRILL GARDENS</u> Rev. David Page Gwyn Page Sylvia Pina

CHURCH FRIENDS

Judy Blythe (<i>Linda Piner</i>)	Carol Register (<i>Courtney Mong</i>)
Sandra J. Dail (<i>Tommy Gaskins</i>)	Holton S.
Janet Doughty (<i>mother</i>)	Steve Simmons (<i>brother Tolar</i>)
Roger Grossmann	Jeremy Slagle (<i>sister and nephew</i>)
Lori Hale (<i>brother in law</i>)	Kathy Swindell (<i>Ben Bunn</i>)
Matt Kaylor (<i>friend Alicia</i>)	Beth Wagner (<i>Marian Elmore, Mary Jo Mills</i>)
Karen Killingsworth (<i>father</i>)	Kathy White (<i>Buddy Kirschner</i>)
Dr. Nate Leonard & family	Jane Wooten (<i>friend</i>)
Jim/Claudia McManamey (<i>niece</i>)	Ken Wooten (<i>mother</i>)
Roger Pait (<i>father</i>)	Beth Wynn (<i>Lori Abee, Lori M.S. Marx</i>)
Anna Pearson (<i>great niece, friend</i>)	<i>Pray for our country</i>
Todd Price (<i>mother</i>)	

Dear First Baptist Church,

Words cannot express the love my family has felt from FBC with my mom's passing in March. We have felt God's presence with all the cards, food, prayers, and visits. Church is all about family and we are blessed to be a part of the FBC family. Blessings to each of you from the Hall family.

Thank you

Terry A. Hall

HAPPY
Mother's
May 12, 2024 DAY

Collection of food items and gift cards for the Baptist Children's Home in Kinston is taking place through the first week in May. Boxes and a list of needs are placed in the breezeway and FLC. Gift cards are always welcome - please give these to the church office or to Mona Quick.

Blessings,
Mona Quick
Director - Baptist Women of FBC



Election of Deacons

(summarized from Church Bylaws, Article V, sec 2)

QUALIFICATIONS

- Spiritual qualities described in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1
- Member of First Baptist Church at least two years
- Deacons cannot be elected to consecutive terms

DEACON NOMINATING AND ELECTION PROCESS

- Deacon Nominating Committee solicits nominations from the congregation.
- Deacon Nominating Committee prayerfully considers all nominations to serve Christ and First Baptist Church.
- Deacon Nominating Committee presents a proposed list of candidates to the Deacons for approval or change.
- Deacon Nominating Committee asks proposed candidates whether they are willing to serve if elected by the church.
- Deacon Nominating Committee reports to the Deacons the candidates willing to serve and recommends additional candidates, if needed.
- Deacon body recommends the proposed set of Deacons to the church for a vote.
- The church votes on the set of proposed Deacons.

Please review the FBC Church Bylaws for more specific details on the Deacon nomination and election process summarized above.

Deacon Nomination Form

First Baptist Church of New Bern, NC

You are invited and encouraged to nominate up to six current members of First Baptist Church as prospective Deacons for the October 2024 to September 2027 term.

Qualifications and requirements to serve as Deacon are shown on the reverse side of this form.

Please submit nominations to the church office by May 28, 2024.

CURRENT ACTIVE DEACONS

The following individuals are currently serving as active Deacons, and they are **NOT** eligible for the 2024 - 2027 term:

2024 TERM

Brant Bills
Kyle Compton
Rosemary Dow
Terry Hall
Brian Swicegood
Beth Wynn

2025 TERM

Wayne Brown
Jennifer Emens
Charlotte Fuller
James Garner
Ken Gray
Joey Holton

2026 TERM

Dwayne Alligood
Josh Bell

Tracey Lorentzen
Kelsie McBride
Kathy Swindell
Chuck White

*Family members of deacons rotating off the 2024 term ARE eligible to be nominated.

Please keep the Deacon Nominating Committee in your prayers during this process.

DEACON NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Tracey Lorentzen, Chair
Ken Gray, Chuck White,
Brian Swicegood, Richard Seagle

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3. _____

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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.

Dr. Richard D. Seagle, Senior Pastor.....	Ext 124
Richard@fbchurch.com	
Rev. Barry E. Templeton, Associate Pastor of Music & Worship.....	Ext 125
Barry@fbchurch.com	
Rev. Kerry Q. Peeler, Associate Pastor of Christian Education.....	Ext 127
Kerry@fbchurch.com	
Rev. Jeremy L. Slagle, Associate Pastor of Youth and Family Life.....	Ext 121
Jeremy@fbchurch.com	
Mrs. Sheree Bagley, Director of Children's Ministry.....	Ext 128
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Loma Brown, Secretary.....	Ext 122
Loma@fbchurch.com	
Sandy O'Brien, Director of Finance.....	Ext 126
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Tyler Barker, Grounds Custodian.....	
jamestyerb42@gmail.com	
Kit Emmerich, Buildings Custodian.....	
Chemmerich2020@gmail.com	

From the
*Jane Marshall Jenkins
 Sunday School Class*



Helen Sims Smaw! She received an award for her music composition, "Song of Isaiah". The national competition was sponsored by the National League of American Pen Women. "Song of Isaiah" is included in Helen's cantata concerning Isaiah: "Music of Immanuel".

Congratulations Helen!