

September 2025



Sunday Church Fellowship Brunch September 7 @ 11:00 a.m. It's covered dish style, so bring a brunch item to share!





Homecoming Choir

Homecoming Choir Practice is every Sunday at 4:00 p.m. until September 28. All are welcome!

Reminder

Please do not bring food or drinks into the Sanctuary.

Clean Up Work Day, Sept. 27 @ 9 AM

Please see our sign up sheet posted on the office window if you are available and willing to attend Church Clean Up Day in preparation of Homecoming.

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Banquet



Thursday, September 25th
6 - 8 pm * Doors open at 5:30 pm
Sunday Attire

Guest Speaker Tara Quinn

Special Music by Katie Hales Dinner Catered by the Old Store Cafe

RSVP by Friday, September 5, 2025

Call us at 910.990.2794 or sign up on our website: llsfriends.org/events/Fall Banquet

Thanks to our generous sponsors, there is no charge to attend this event. There will be an opportunity to make a donation during the program.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:5



Tara Quinn is the visionary founder of Help Pregnancy Center, established in 1991. Tara's life mission is to support women facing unexpected pregnancies, guiding them toward choosing life for their precious children. As the guiding force behind the ministry, she oversees operations with an unwavering commitment, ensuring that every mother, father, and baby finds hope and support at the center.

Tara is passionate about educating local churches on their essential role in this mission. She eagerly shares her insights and experiences as a sought-after speaker, reaching church congregations, mission groups, and special events with a message of compassion and hope."

Celebrate Life Banquet, Sept. 25

Amie Cavenaugh is hosting a table at the Celebrate Life Banquet above. The dinner and program are free. The tables will be collecting donations if anyone feels led to do so. Proceeds are a fundraiser for LLS-LifeLine Sampson in Clinton, NC. Their pregnancy center supports Duplin County (Wallace) as well. Contact Amie Cavenaugh at 910-282-8519 for more information or contact LifeLine directly at 910-990-2794.

(†) Greeters

Sunday Greeter Sign Ups

Please see our sign up sheet posted on the office window if you are available and willing to be a greeter on Sunday mornings! See Lori Murray for details.

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Embrace Grace

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Embrace Grace is a ministry that provides support and community through local churches for single and pregnant young women and their families.

Amie Cavenaugh and Lynn Futrell are leading an Embrace Grace Pro-Life



support group during the Life Group hour on Sundays at First Baptist Church Wallace in the Parlor. Each support group runs for 12 weeks for those impacted by unexpected pregnancies. See Amie Cavenaugh (910-282-8519) for more information.

(†) Women on Mission

Women on Mission, September 15

All women of the church, please join us on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Amie Cavenaugh. Our next meeting is <u>Monday</u>, <u>September 15 @ 6:30 p.m.</u> Please see Amie Cavenaugh for more information (910-282-8519).



"Wallace First works with hundreds of high school girls to get them outfitted for the prom at NO CHARGE!"

① WMU

WMU Meeting, September 8

All women of the church, please join us on the second Monday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in R305. Our next meeting is Monday, Sept. 8 @ 10:30 a.m. Please see Sue Baker for more information.



"Share the love of Jesus"

by providing warm coats & the gospel to residents of NYC

Also be in prayer as our state goal is to collect 10,000 coats!

All coats must be new or very slightly used!

The deadline to have your coats to Charity Mission Center is November 3rd

WMU Coats for the City Collection

The WMU is collecting new and slightly used coats for the "Coats for the City" Ministry. Everyone is encouraged to donate coats! The coats can be dropped off in the Welcome Center before October 31. Please see Sue Baker for more information.











Local Artisans & Food Vendors, BBQ Cookoff, Kid's Turkey Calling Contest, Live Christian Music, Bouncy Houses and Reindeer Games for the Kids!

All Proceeds Benefit "The Paul Langston Wheelchair Ramp Fund"

For Vendor & Contest Info contact our office M.F, 9am-3pm @ (910) 293-7077 Sponsored by Eastern Baptist Association, Women on Mission & our Great Local Sponsors!



"Get your grills smokin" HOT-Cause we want to see what ya got!

Saturday, October 25th, 2025

Pulled & Chopped BBQ Pork Competition

Judging will take place around 10:00 am during the Annual Harvest to Holidays Festival-

Then be ready to sell all of that great grilled pork on a sandwick, tray or by the pound!

Proceeds to benefit

"The Paul Langston Wheelchair Ramp Fund"

Please sign up by October 1st

For More Information Contact: Tammy Weeks @ (910)385-1567

Senior Adults



Alabama Theater Christmas Trip

We are heading off to the Alabama Theater for their amazing and wonderful Christmas program, followed by dinner at the Chestnut Hill Restaurant. We are departing from the church parking lot at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday morning, December 2. We are stopping for a quick lunch on the way, and arriving at the theater by 12:45 where you will have time to purchase some popcorn and/or a drink to enjoy during the show. Dinner is immediately following the show.

Tickets cost \$80 per person for members/non-members. Ticket costs includes the show, dinner, and transportation. You will need money for lunch and any snacks or souvenirs you purchase at the theater.

You may begin purchasing tickets on Tuesday, September 2. There are only 25 tickets available for this trip so don't mess around! You might miss your opportunity for the fun, fellowship, entertainment, and excitement! Please see Kim in the office before October 31, to sign up / pay for your tickets!



Senior Adults



Senior Adult Lunch, September 9

Tuesday, Sept. 9 @ 11:30 a.m.: we will have another delicious meal together! The church will provide the chicken and tea, but the rest is up to you! Locate that new recipe you've been meaning to try out, invite a friend, and join us for a time of great food and fellowship!



Remember in Prayer

Those in our community whom God has called us to lead to Christ and minister to in His love. Alan Baker, Sue Baker, Ray Bradshaw, Earl Brinkley, Charles Bristow, Arledge Castles, Johnathan Cavenaugh, Tom Fowler, Ben Klett, Donna Miller, Steve Mills, Ronnie Rich, Bertha Mae Rogers, Stephen Thompson, Lynn Wood, lost people in our community.

Sympathy to the Family of: Lottie Squires

Baptisms 8/24/2025: Britton Blanchard Liam Williams Aaron Murray

OCC Shoeboxes



OCC Packing Party, November 9

We'll have our Annual OCC Shoebox Packing Party on Sunday, November 9 @ 6 p.m. after our Fall Church Conference at 5:00 p.m. See Michelle Blanchard for details.

OCC Dedication Sunday, November 23

We'll have our Annual OCC Shoebox Dedication on Sunday, November 23 @ 9:30 a.m. during worship.



Fall Conference, November 9

We'll have our Fall Conference on Sunday, Nov. 9 @ 5 p.m. in the Sanctuary followed by our OCC Packing Party at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We'll present the 2026 proposed budget and Ministry & Leadership Team Volunteers for 2026.



Men's Dinner, September 2

All men of the church, please join on Tuesday, September 2, 6:00 p.m. at **Gold**en City in Wallace, for food and fellowship. We'll meet the first Tuesday



of each month. Please see Wayne Aramini for more information.

TOCC Shoeboxes



Operation Christmas Child monthly collection is now underway! As we prepare to spread joy and hope to children in need around the world, we invite you to join us in this wonderful opportunity to make a difference.

Every month, we will be collecting items to fill shoeboxes for children in poverty-stricken areas. These shoeboxes will be filled with toys, school supplies, hygiene items, and other gifts to bring smiles to the faces of children who may not receive any other gifts during the holiday season.

Here is the collection schedule:

September: Socks, underwear, shirts, shorts

October: Hair bows, ponytail holders, combs & brushes

Scan the QR code for a direct link to order OCC/Samaritan's Purse preapproved items from Amazon.

We encourage you to participate in any way you can, whether that means donating items, helping to pack shoeboxes, or spreading the word about this initiative to others. Your generosity can help make a difference in the lives of children who may not have access to basic necessities.

Thank you for your support, and may God bless you abundantly as we work together to serve those in need and reach to the ends of the earth!

Also check out: wowsupplies.com for sampler bundles and other shoebox items that are available.

Also, we're collecting T-shirts (cotton only) for Jump Ropes for OCC shoeboxes. A box is set up in the Welcome Center to receive donations.

(†) Wallace Kids



On your mark, get set, go! When a shepherd named David became king, it was a whole new ballgame! He had some big wins and some big losses, too, but he also had a great plan for how to overcome his challenges. In this 4-week series, kids will team up with David and learn that making peace, following God, showing kindness, and forgiveness are all part of God's game plan for us!

MEMORY VERSE: "But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations." — Psalm 33:11 (NIV)

WEEK 1

This week, kids see how Abigail made peace with David.

BIG IDEA: Making peace is part of God's game plan.

BIBLE: 1 Samuel 25:2–35; Psalm 33:12–22

WEEK 2

This week, kids see how David celebrated when the Ark of God was brought into Jerusalem.

BIG IDEA: Following God is the best game plan.

BIBLE: 2 Samuel 6:12–22; Psalm 34:1–8

WEEK 3

This week, kids see how David showed kindness to Saul's descendant. Mephibosheth.

BIG IDEA: Showing kindness is in God's game plan.

BIBLE: 2 Samuel 9:1-13; Psalm 34:9-14

WEEK 4

This week, kids see how Nathan confronted David to realize his wrongdoing.

BIG IDEA: Forgiveness is always God's game plan. BIBLE: 2 Samuel 11:26–12:13; Psalm 34:15–22



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Christmas Program Sign Ups

Please see our sign up sheet posted on the office window if you are interested and willing to participate in our Christmas Program on Sunday, December 7 @ 4 p.m. See Donna Marshburn for details.

Wallace Kids

As we enter a new school year, it is the traditional time that kids move up in their Sunday school level as well. We have some 5th graders that are now joining our youth group, and we have some who are leaving our 3 yr. old-K class for the older Wallace Kids group. Also, if you have a child in the nursery, when they turn 3, please bring them to our 3 yr. old class.

Other changes in WK involves our volunteers. In May, Doug & Deb Lloyd moved to the Mt. Olive area to help care for their granddaughter. In July, Myranda Ross moved to Leland. In August, Elleanna Rogers is returning to college, and is not available to volunteer. With all this being said, our WK needs some fresh volunteers.

Fortunately, we have a great base group of teachers. You will start out primarily assisting, and will hopefully join the teaching rotation as well. Our goal is to have enough volunteer teams that each team serves once a month. It is essential that we get back to having enough volunteers to have 2 people in each room every Sunday. This is also true for the nursery.

Jesus valued children. We, as a church can as well. We can provide materials and volunteers to teach and lead our children, to show we value them as Jesus did. We can grow as a church by taking care of our children. Please be in prayer for this and be active in being a part of the solution to this need.

If you are willing to volunteer with Wallace Kids or the Nursery, please contact Kim in the office and she will put you in touch with the coordinators. Also see our WK Sign up sheet at the office.

FCA Nights

Dear First Baptist Church Family,

Many of you have asked about what our FCA Nights at the middle and high schools are all about. I wanted to take a moment to share not only what happens during these powerful evenings, but also the heart and preparation behind them.

The vision began when Lori Murray suggested we sponsor an FCA Night at Wallace Elementary. It was the first opportunity we had to reach students in a way FBCW had never done before. After presenting the idea to my team, there was no hesitation—it was clear to all of us that this was something the Lord had placed in our path.

But these events aren't thrown together overnight. Countless meetings and hours of planning go into making each night what we envision. Our FBCW Students have stepped up in incredible ways. Many of them come straight from school—despite sports, homework, and next-day tests—fully committed to reaching their peers for Christ.

At FBCW, our worship program strives to do everything with excellence. We pour ourselves into ministry, often sacrificing multiple evenings to serve. These FCA Nights take a whole team to pull off—and I'm grateful for every single person involved.

Ashley Bradshaw and Leigh Anne Hesse have each sacrificed over 7 hours of their workdays to ensure that every chord is plugged in, every light is positioned just right, every song runs smoothly, and every mic has the correct volume. Our AV team may often be behind the scenes, but without them, these nights simply wouldn't happen.

While they're hard at work, about 15 of our students are busy transforming the worship space into a welcoming environment. Their teamwork is essential to making the evening flow seamlessly.

At our first FCA Night at Wallace Elementary, we had over 70 students attend! Our FBCW Students led games and worship—something truly unheard of and deeply impactful. Their willingness to serve the Lord is incredible, and even though we thank them often, it could never be enough.

I want to highlight two people I have the honor of leading worship with: Liz Haddock and Bryson Brown. These two are my anchor in worship ministry. They are always ready and willing to serve with the talents God has given them, and I'm beyond grateful for every opportunity we have to lead together.

FCA Nights

Aidan Murray and Allie Higgins are the backbone of these events. Aidan brings powerful, Spirit-led messages that have led many students to Christ. It's evident that he allows the Lord to speak through him, and the fruit of that is undeniable.



Allie is a "game machine," creating fun, engaging activities for large groups of students. It may sound easy, but directing over 70 middle schoolers in any game is no small task! Allie also helps coordinate with the schools to

ensure every detail is covered—and yes, she assists with transporting all of our equipment as well. Let us not forget the sheer amount of gear we bring to each event. It truly takes an entire team—an *army*, really—to pack, transport, set up, and later unload everything we need to make these nights possible. From sound systems to lighting, instruments, staging, and more, this behind-the-scenes work is both physically demanding and essential to the success of each event.

Each FCA Night kicks off with two games, lasting about 45 minutes, followed by a time of worship where students can have fun, jump around, and lift their hands in praise. At our first event, I was amazed to see almost every hand raised during worship—it completely changed my perspective. What we do *matters*. Our outreach is making a real difference.

After worship, Aidan shares the message. He captivates students and shows them the love of Christ—often a love they may not experience elsewhere. We end the night with a time of invitation, and each night we've seen no fewer than 15 students give their lives to Christ. Again, what we do matters.

We're continuing FCA Nights this fall, and some dates are already scheduled. Please pray for our team—that we would have strength, boldness, and endurance to keep building God's kingdom. Pray that we stay humble and keep Christ at the center of everything we do.

Your encouragement, prayers, and kind words mean more than you know. And if you feel led to get involved—we'd love to have you.

Thank you for supporting us. I'm incredibly grateful for all you've done and continue to do.

With gratitude,

Caleb LeVan

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Ways to Give



Church Texts

Text the word, "update" to 910-285-2534 to receive general church text updates.

The Worship Services

First Baptist Church Worship Services

8:30 a.m. Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall 9:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary 10:45 a.m. Life Groups for All Ages

FBC Store

Check Out Our Online Store!

Go to our website: https://www.fbcwallace.org/shop.

We have everything you may want to represent First Baptist Church on our website! Visit the "Shop" page. With this, if you don't see a design you like, you can customize any apparel in the shop with our logos. The



options are unlimited with changing logos, sizes, and placements. Get creative, have fun, and support First Baptist Wallace!



Office Hours

Monday: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. &

1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. &

1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. &

1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Thursday: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. &

1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.



The Volunteers

September Volunteers

Worship Nursery

9/7-Gail Cavenaugh, Sharon Teachey 9/14-Lindsey Blanchard, Sarah Longenbach

9/21-Caroline Rivenbark, Ivy Johnson 9/28-Jessica Higgins, Kaylee Powell

Wallace Kids Pre-K (3-5 years)

9/7-Donna Marshburn, Emelie Acosta 9/14-Donna Marshburn 9/21-Donna Marshburn, Beverly Benton 9/28-Donna Marshburn, Sarah Perry

Wallace Kids (6 yrs-5th Gr), R203

9/7-Bobbie King, Hartleigh Harrelson 9/14-Cindy & Mark Pearce 9/21-Juliana Guthrie, Jennifer Costin 9/28-Crystal Stallings, Makayla Stallings



9/2-(Tues.) Sue Baker, Beverly Benton 9/8-(Mon.) Sue Baker, Beverly Benton 9/15-(Mon.) Sue Baker, Beverly Benton 9/22-(Mon.) Sue Baker, Beverly Benton 9/29-(Mon.) Sue Baker, Beverly Benton

Newsletter



Oct. Newsletter Submission Deadline: Sept. 15, 2025

Please email articles to office.fbcw@gmail.com Please make articles brief!

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Attendance

Life Groups

8-3	8-10	8-17	8-24	
69	60	70	95	
Worship				
8-3	8-10	8-17	8-24	
140	126	151	186	

Budget and Receipts

2025 Budget \$443,739.00

Offering Receipts To Date 7-31-2025 \$226,117.00

T Sept. Birthdays

- 1 Janet Bryan
- 4 Vince King
- 5 Harris Rivenbark, Jr.
- 5 Ray Spell
- 9 Lindsey Blanchard
- 10 James Earl Rich
- 14 Randy Brock
- 17 Pat Spell
- 18 Ann English



- 20 Doug Lloyd
- 21 Lois Carter
- 22 Dickie Jones
- 24 Jason Bryan
- 26 Bertha Mae Rogers
- 28 Denise Baker
- 29 Nadine Bradshaw
- 30 Joe Blanchard



First Baptist Events

September 2025

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
	1 Caleb, Aidan, Liz, Leanne- Conference in Nashville	2 Caleb, Aidan, Liz, Leanne- Conference in Nashville	3 Caleb, Aidan, Liz, Leanne- Conference in Nashville	4 Caleb, Aidan, Liz, Leanne- Conference in Nashville	5 Caleb, Aidan, Liz, Leanne- Conference in Nashville	6
	OFFICE CLOSED Labor Day	6:00 pm-Men's Dinner @ Golden City, Wallace 6:40 pm-Worship Band	10:30 am-Fellowship & Bible Study, FH	FH Reserved		
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NO BREAKFAST 9:30 am-Worship 0:00 am-Wallace Kids NO LIFE GROUPS 1:00 am-BRUNCH, FH 4:00 pm-HC Choir Practice 6:00 pm-Wallace Students	8 10:30 am-WMU, R305	9 11:30 am-SAM Lunch, FH 6:40 pm-Worship Band	10 10:30 am-Fellowship & Bible Study, FH 5:45 pm-FCA Night @ Wallace Elementary	11	12	13
4	15 Newsletter Deadline	16	17	18	19	20
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