

We offer Sunday School for all ages and would love to have you join us each week- 9:45am-10:45am. Also, join us for Worship, Sundays at 11:00am! Our Sunday service is heard on WCLN Radio 1170 AM or StarVision cable channel 16.

Don't forget to "LIKE" the First Baptist Church Facebook Page and "share" our page with your friends! Also, look for "Hymns With Hatch" on Facebook!

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[www.clintonfirstbaptist.org](http://www.clintonfirstbaptist.org)

### 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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# First Connections



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**First Baptist Church Clinton**  
**Sunday, April 14th**  
**4 - 6 PM**



**Scan to  
register  
and  
donate!**



*Help us package  
**10,000 meals**  
to fight global hunger!*

**or go to:**

[events.riseagainsthunger.org/FirstBaptistClinton4-24](https://events.riseagainsthunger.org/FirstBaptistClinton4-24)

Childcare will be provided for families with children 3 years and younger that participate in Rise Against Hunger, **April 14, 2024- 4pm-6pm.**

Drop off & pick up- Children's Wing, Sanctuary Building

**Please Remember in Prayer —**

**IN THE HOSPITAL**

Sandra Stafford, UNC

**OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

Carolyn Chestnutt, Ina Ruth Jones, Melvin Stafford, Sandra Pridgen, Noel Thompson, Andy Tyson, Mike Underwood, Carolyn Wrench

**OUR HOMEBOUND**

Bobbie Dixon, Rufus Herring, Cristie Quakenbush

**NURSING HOMES**

**Local**

Lee Brown, Mary Gran 705B

Bobby Bunker, Southwood 300

Juanita Rich, Mary Gran 801

Sandra Stafford, (hospital)

Louise Warren, Mary Gran 701

Willie Ruth Watson, Mary Gran 214-A

Linda Wright, Southwood 400

**Out of Town**

April Bissette, Calyx Living, Fuquay-Varina

Sue Miller, Rolling Ridge, Newton Grove

**EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

Our Soup Kitchen ministry

Tim's Gift Ministry

Life Line Sampson

Jared Hall, (Keith & Jodi Hall's son)

Pat Jones, (Tonya Wright's father) Mary Gran 203

**Memorials (through March 24)**

**Memory of Charles Jackson**

Given by: Norma Jean Jackson

**April Nursery Schedule**

April 7 Charlie & Megan Powell

April 14 Shantel & Nicholas Jackson

April 21 Jake & Catherine Newbold

April 28 Jaclyn, Reid Jr. & Anna Belle Smith

**For the Record**

Weekly Amt. Needed for Budget.....\$10,753.83

Offering Given Week of **3/17/24** \$11,972.37 (111%)

Fiscal Year Giving over Budget .....\$85,906.91

**BRICKS Update**

Owed on Building (875,596.36)

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**  
**BASKETBALL**  
**Game & Fundraiser**

Churchwide FUN!  
 \$2 PIZZA!  
 HALFTIME SHOW!  
 \$2 CONCESSIONS!  
 CHILDREN V/S ADULTS  
 DONATIONS ACCEPTED!  
 \$5 ADMISSION!

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024 | 6PM-7:30PM | FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, GYM

Money raised will send our 1st -5th Grade children to Summer Camp! Children, wear your black & white FBC shirts! Adult/Youth players, wear a blue shirt!

**PARENT/CHILD DEDICATION**

May 12, 2024- 11:00am Worship

"Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from Him." Parent/Child Dedication is a time for us to celebrate and thank God for the gift of your child. If you would like your child dedicated contact Margo, 910-990-1242 or the Church Office. We look forward to celebrating in this special day with your family.

April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Sunday Schedule</b> 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Morning Worship in the Sanctuary 5:30-7:00 pm Youth Fellowship and Bible Study					<b>Wednesday Schedule</b> 5:30 pm Wednesday Family Supper 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study 6:15 pm Adult Bible Study 6-7:00 pm Children's Missions and Choirs 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal	
	1 10:00am Homebound Visitation	2	3 NO WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES	4	5	6 Family Ministry Center Reserved
7 Sr. Adult Council, 2:00 pm Youth Fellowship, 5:30	8 8:00pm AA, Social Hall	9 10:00 am Nursing Home Visitation	10 Regular Wednesday Activities	11 Soup Kitchen 4:00	12 Trip to Airlie Gardens, Wilmington NC 9:00 am	13
14 Rise Against Hunger, 4-6:00 pm, FMC	15 Spring Bible Study Begins 10 am 8:00pm AA, Social Hall	16 "Precious Gems" 10:00am Fellowship Hall	17 Regular Wednesday Activities	18 Soup Kitchen 4:00	19 Parents vs Kids Basketball Game, 6:30 pm	20
21 Youth Fellowship, 5:30 pm Church Council, 7:00 pm	22 Spring Bible Study 10 am 8:00pm AA, Social Hall	23	24 Regular Wednesday Activities	25 Soup Kitchen 4:00	26	27
28 Youth Sunday	29 Spring Bible Study 10 am 8:00pm AA, Social Hall	30				

**April Birthday Wishes**

- |                   |                   |                       |                     |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Henry Moore     | 7 George Raynor   | 19 Jeanne Hobbs       | 27 Anna Edwards     |
| Michael Chestnutt | 8 Rex Little      | 21 Lake Montgomery    | Emma Adkins         |
| Robbie Montgomery | 9 Jeff Warren     | 23 Louise Warren      | Nolan Jackson       |
| 2 Ricky Taylor    | 14 Barbara Dixon  | Lynn Underwood        | 28 Bobby Warren     |
| Georganna Coombs  | Juanita Rich      | Tony Fallert          | 29 Wanda Nashwinter |
| 3 Sheila Lewis    | Ruby Johnson      | Debbie Raynor         | Craig Richardson    |
| Nicholas Jackson  | Gage Jackson      | 24 Jeana Grace Bowker | Lynn Butler         |
| 6 Cameron Fardy   | 15 Johnny Kaleel  | 25 Hannah Murphy      | 30 Sylvia Blinson   |
| Savannah Matthews | 16 Cheryl Norris  | 27 Bill Nance         |                     |
| 7 Donald Starling | 17 Vernon Clifton | Paula Peters          |                     |



LIFTED sang during the worship service on March 17.



Some of the volunteers who helped with the East Regional Baptists On Mission Rally.

"A LOCAL FOOTPRINT OF GOD'S GRACE"

**tim's GIFT, inc**  
GIVING HELP & HOPE

*Rise-Up*  
*Rejuvenate*  
Heart - Soul - Mind - Strength  
Christian Event

CELEBRATING 15 YEARS

SUNDAY, MAY 19TH • 3PM - 6PM  
FREE ADMISSION  
MEALS/SNACKS MAY BE PURCHASED FROM FOOD TRUCKS ON SITE

EVENT LOCATION: HUBB'S FARM  
10276 N US 421 HWY.  
CLINTON, NC 28328

BLEACHERS AND PICNIC TABLES PROVIDED.  
CHILDREN SHOULD BE SUPERVISED BY ADULTS.  
FEEL FREE TO BRING LAWN CHAIRS/BLANKETS.

AFTERNOON AGENDA:  
CLINTON TIGER CHEERLEADERS  
CCC PRAISE BAND  
NEW BETHEL QUARTET  
TESTIMONIES  
GOOD SAMARITAN & YOUTH GROUP AWARDS  
TAG TEAM MESSAGE  
CLOSING AT THE FIREPIT

First Baptist's Danielle Johnson will perform in Dunn, NC, on May 22.

## Senior Happenings

*"Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you" KJV*  
God is love. The love of Jesus, God's one and only Son, and our savior. Call on Him and He will answer. He is always waiting to hear from you. He will never let you down. The rain will come, the storms in our lives will come. We need to ask God not why, but what are you teaching us in these storms. We need to ask what can we do for you Lord? He will guide your steps. . . Trust and obey, there is no other way!! Now get out and take a walk and enjoy all that God has given us to enjoy: the sunshine, beautiful flowers, fresh air. Love for one another.

Love in Christ,  
Faye B. Warren, Senior Adult Director

### Upcoming Senior Adult Events

**Monday, April 1**

Homebound Visits, 2:00 p.m.

**Sunday, April 7**

Senior Adult Council, 2:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 9**

Nursing Home Visits, 10:00 am

**Friday, April 12**

Trip to **Airlie Gardens**, 9:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, April 16**

Joy Walk 9:15 a.m. in the Family Ministry Center  
Precious Gems 10:00 a.m. in the FMC

**Thursday, April 25**

EBA Women on Mission, Charity Rebuild Center

**Sunday, May 5**

Senior Adult Day

**Monday, May 6**

Homebound Visits

**Tuesday, May 14**

Nursing Home visits

### Upcoming Trip

Senior adults will travel to **Airlie Gardens** in Wilmington, NC, on Friday, April 12. We will leave the church at 9:00 a.m. Cost of admission is \$5.00. A sign up sheet is outside the church office.

### Homebound Visits in March



Seniors traveled to see the Rudy Theater Easter Show on March 18.



# Kids' Page



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Upcoming Children's Events



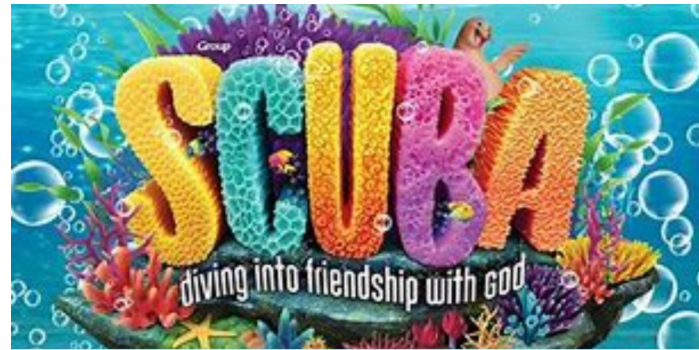
**END OF SCHOOL YEAR  
FOOD TRUCK & FELLOWSHIP!**  
**WEDNESDAY,  
MAY 15, 2024, 5:30-7:00PM**

It's a CHURCH WIDE Celebration!  
Bring your yard chair & join us for  
dinner & fun as we wrap up another  
successful school year!

Menu: Hotdogs, French fries, Funnel  
Cake, Lemonade & Shaved Ice

*Children's Day*  
**SUNDAY,  
MAY 19, 2024  
11:00AM**

**JOIN US AS OUR  
CHILDREN LEAD  
IN WORSHIP!**



**First Baptist Church invites you to  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!**  
**Dinner, Bible Lessons, Music, Worship,  
Recreation & Crafts**  
**Children- 3yrs-5th Grade**

**5:30PM JUNE 2-5 8:00PM**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**  
Sign up with Ms. Margo  
**910-990-1242 or 910-592-8124**

**KIDS SUMMER  
CAMP**

**ROCKFISH  
MEADOWS** | **JULY 21-26**  
Drop off Sunday, 4pm-5pm  
Pick up Friday, 4pm-5pm

**133 Meadow Lane  
Rose Hill, NC 28458**

**WE WILL PRAY OVER OUR CAMPERS SUNDAY,  
JULY 21 DURING THE 11:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE.**

**WHAT'S UP APRIL?**

Has anyone ever done something nice for you for no special reason? Jesus loved to do nice things for people. He had the heart of a true servant. During the Last Supper, Jesus showed His disciples a genuine act of kindness. After everyone had eaten, Jesus got a bowl of water and a towel and began to wash each of the disciples' feet. The act He performed was usually done by a servant because it wasn't a very pleasant job. By washing the disciples' feet, Jesus showed them how much He loved them. He didn't do it to get a prize for being nice, and He surely didn't do it because it was the cool thing to do. Jesus washed the disciples' feet because He loved them and wanted to do something special for them. Their feet were very dirty. They wore sandals and walked everywhere they went. The roads were made of dirt, so you can imagine that washing their feet was not a clean job. Jesus showed us a great example of being a servant. Pray and ask God to show you a way to serve someone this week. It's simple to do. Ask yourself three questions. "What do they need?" "How can I help?" "When would be the best time to help them?" Remember, when you serve with love, God's blessings will be your reward!

*XOXO,  
Ms. Margo*

**Wednesday Night Activities- Dinner, Music & Missions**  
3yrs- 5th Grade | 5:30pm-7:00pm | FMC

**"Sunday School & Snacks" - Every Sunday**  
Birth - 5th Grade | 9:45am-10:45am | Children's Wing

**Childcare is provided each Sunday during worship.**  
Birth -4yrs. | 11:00am-12:00pm | Children's Wing

**Quiet Bags are available during worship for children.**  
Bags contain resources to keep kids engaged & focused!

**Wednesday, April 3rd | SPRING BREAK!**  
No Activities Tonight!

**Sunday, April 14th | 4pm-6pm | FBC GYM**  
Rise Against Hunger Project | Ages 4+  
Childcare provided for participating families.

**Friday, April 19th, 6:00pm-7:30pm | FBC GYM | Churchwide**  
"Children vs Adults Basketball Game & Fundraiser"  
Pizza, Concessions, Halftime Show & More  
Kids wear your black & white FBC shirts!  
Adult Players wear a blue shirt!



**Get excited: Jesus Is Alive!**

Have you ever lost hope? Has the feeling of great disappointment caused feelings of defeat and sadness? Maybe you have lost something or someone of great importance or perhaps wanted something so badly only to feel the sting of being let down when things don't quite work out? Imagine for a moment how the disciple, Jesus' family and followers felt as they watched their best friend, teacher, brother, and son die in such a painful way. They knew all the wonderful things Jesus had said and done; they loved him deeply. It can be very difficult to see a silver lining when the cloud seems so very dark, covering the warmth of the sun completely.

Jesus' followers paid close attention. They knew that he would die, just as he said, but that did not make the loss any easier. We can imagine that hope would seem lost and sometimes we probably find ourselves losing hope or even our faith when disappointments come. But guess what?!

Jesus was not dead for long!

When they went to the tomb where Jesus was laid, an astounding discovery was made. Jesus rose from the dead and is very much alive! *"While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.""* (Luke 24:4-6a)

All hope was not lost. Instead, all hope was restored. So get excited! Jesus, our Savior, our friend, our Lord conquered death. He took on the sins of the world and he is risen. We are saved because God loves us so much that he sent Jesus and Jesus is the most perfect gift of love we can ever receive.

So just when you think hope is lost, remember Easter. Remember that it is okay to feel sad when you think things are not working out or when you feel the pain of loss. Hold on to the hope we have in Jesus Christ and hold onto his everlasting love for you.

**Minister of Students: Lauren E McCollister**

**YOUTH SPRING SCHEDULE**

**+Wednesday Schedule:**

- 5:30-7:00pm

Mission Focus & Music

**+Sunday Schedule:**

- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11:00am Worship
- **Youth Fellowship & Bible Study**
  - 5:00-6:30pm Middle School
  - 5:45-7:15 High School

**+Sunday, April 14, 2024**

- **Rise Against Hunger Mission Project** (church-wide)
  - 4-6pm (FMC)

**+Sunday, April 28, 2024**

- **YOUTH SUNDAY!**
  - lead 11:00 worship
  - rehearse 9:30-10:30am

**+Wednesday, May 15, 2023**

- **Food Truck & Fun**
  - 5:30-7:00pm

**+Sunday, June 2, 2024**

- **Graduate Recognition**
  - 11:00am Worship

**+Vacation Bible School**

- **June 2-5, 2024**
  - 5:30-8pm \*Youth help

**Looking ahead:**

Passport Youth Mission Camp  
July 14-19 @ Converse College-Spartanburg, SC

Youth Connections

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