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Check out First Baptist Church of Carolina Beach on Facebook and like us! See what everyone is talking about, get the latest on day to day happenings at our church!!

Audio/Visual Volunteers Needed

The church needs volunteers to help with Audio/Visual elements during the worship services and musical rehearsals. Training will be provided. If interested, please contact the church office



Needs for the Help Center

The Federal Point Help Center is in need of the following items: canned fish, canned fruit, breakfast cereal, and mayonnaise or Miracle Whip, or any other canned or dry goods, and toiletries. Please place your items on the table in the sanctuary.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Each Sunday evening at 7 pm FBCCB hosts the "Only Today" group of AA, which follows the Speaker Meeting format and is open to all.

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Narcotics Anonymous

Each Sunday evening at 7 pm, the church will be hosting a Narcotics Anonymous open discussion meeting group called "A New Way of Life."



Martha's Kitchen

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 – 7 PM

Everyone is invited to participate in our weekly ministry of offering warm, free meals to members of our community. We really need additional teams to form.

Contact Bob Hodge (458-4302) for info.



Mentoring Men for the Master

Every Tuesday at 6:45 pm in the Library. All men are invited to participate in this ministry that aims to support, encourage, and challenge men in their endeavors to live out godly lives and healthy relationships.

PRESORTED STANDARD

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*Putting the Focus on Christ . . . in our personal lives,
in our families, in our church, in our community, in our world!*

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Mission Statement

“First Baptist Church is committed to building a bridge to the community through outreach, education, spiritual and personal development. This is our mission.”

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Past, Present, and Future

As I write this article, I am in day two of jetlag, slowly adjusting back to real life after a wonder-filled nine days in Ireland. My sweet family welcomed me back home with lots of hugs, questions and piles of school papers, laundry and bills. Ah, home sweet home! ☺

I am praying that God will help me translate what I learned in Ireland into life here in North Carolina. I don't want to race back into “normal” unchanged—that would be a pretty ungrateful response to the One who made it all possible. I pray that the past few weeks will impact my present and future.

Christianity has a long history in Ireland, going back to the 5th century. That's over 1000 years before the faith came to North America! Since the 400's Irish people have been worshipping our God, building wood and then stone churches, and living out the Good News daily. One of our tour guides joked that when talking about the history of Christianity in Ireland the “recent past” means the 1700's!



As we visited churches, some in ruins, some restored, I was struck by how **hard** our ancestors in the faith had to work to create these houses of God. Before architects, drafting plans or complex tools, our brothers and sisters moved stones, cut and stacked them in balance, and painstakingly formed arches and windows. Hundreds of work hours and hundreds of hands were involved.

Even in churches that are now in ruins, most of the walls are still standing. There is something about praying in an ancient church, sky bright overhead where the roof once was, and sensing the deep faith in God that inspired the builders. These walls bear the marks of those who have gone before us, who have known God's goodness and responded with faithful hearts and willing hands. Their love of God and each other still stands, stone by stone by stone, still inspiring us today.

At FBC Carolina Beach, we have our own history that has shaped who we are today. Those who came before us built this church—its buildings *and* its faith foundation, lived out in worship, in mission and in discipleship. Their faithfulness blazed the trail for us and we continue to blaze the trail for those who will come behind us.

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NURSERY SCHEDULE

8:30 am Service

Hostess: Melissa Story (515-1277)
 3 – Tammy Dew
 10 – Debbie Morris
 17 – Melissa Story & Angie Leary
 24 – Beverly Lovingood & Peggy Creech

11:00 am Service

Hostess: Jane Walker (409-8213)
 3 – Jeff & Jennie Gaskell
 10 – Dianne Tucker
 17 – Jane Walker
 24 – Roxanna Barker
 31 – Tammy Dew & Angie Leary



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

8:30 am Service

3 – Matt Treppel
 10 – Melinda Latta
 17 – Molly Painter
 24 – Melissa Story

11:00 am Service

3 – Tina Stanley
 10 - Julie Pinkston
 17 – Sue King
 24 – Jeff & Jennie Gaskell
 31 – Lisa Jones



WELCOME TEAM

8:30 am Service

3 – Peggy Creech & Donna Flattery
 10 – Young Adults
 17 – Treppel Family
 24 – Ben & Beth Yarborough

Sunday School

3 – Marie Underwood
 10 – Brian Dew
 17 – Tommy Tucker
 24 – Paul & Maria Agrillo
 31 – Lee Latta

11:00 am Service

3 – Mike Sanford & Jane Walker
 10 – Special Disciples Sunday School Class
 17 – David Lehman & Joy Coats
 24 – Jerry & Diane Johnson
 31 – Margie Underwood & Bernie Mitchell



TELLERS

Diane Johnson & Debbie Buckingham



Sunday Morning Worship & Sunday School



8:30 Contemporary Worship Service
 9:45 Sunday School
 11:00 Traditional Worship Service

Whichever time or style you prefer, come with hearts prepared to worship. Bring your Bibles and plan to spend time studying and discussing God's Word during the Sunday School hour. We offer classes for all age groups



Nursery

During our worship services, the church provides a nursery for children 0-5 years old. Located on the first floor of the Education Building just behind the sanctuary.



Children's Church

Following the time of offering during both worship services, all children in K – 3rd Grades are invited to join our children's leaders in the foyer to be led over to the second floor of the Education Building for a special time of worship and activities.



Welcome Team Volunteers

We would like to extend the opportunity for additional people to serve as Greeters & Ushers. If you would like to be a part of the rotation on Sundays, please contact the church office.



Prayer Time

Everyone is encouraged to join the pastor every Tuesday morning at 8:30 am in the church library to pray for our church and community.



Children's Choir

All children ages 4 and up are invited to be a part of the Children's Choir. The children will be rehearsing each Sunday at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary.



May 1 – DeWayne and Dawn Guy

May 1 – Tom and Carolyn Mahon

May 1 – Jeryl and Betty Rowe

May 14 – Brian and Tammy Dew

May 26 – Claude and Vee Shore

May 27 – Matt and Marlies Treppel

May 29 – Paul and Mindy Erdman



Combined Worship Service Senior Sunday May 31st

We are celebrating our Seniors on Sunday, May 31st in a combined service. We will be providing the BBQ chicken as the main dish at the meal following the combined service. We ask that everyone please help by bringing the sides!!! Come and let us celebrate this special time in these young people's lives and their families!!! ...Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9



Be More Bible Study

Join us on May 11, Monday evening at 6:00 PM for a Beth Moore Bible study unlike any other you have taken. *Breaking Free: Is freedom a reality in your life?* As we identify our spiritual strongholds, we will progress on the journey toward greater freedom in Christ. This study *Breaking Free* is based on Isaiah 61: 1-4. For more information you can call Shirley James at 233-2829.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Alicia will be leading an in-depth, five week study of Psalm 23, one of the most beloved passages of scripture. On Wednesday nights at 6 p.m., we will gather in the Fellowship Hall to examine Psalm 23 closely and prayerfully, consider its historical use and reflect on how it speaks to us today. Please join us!



Ladies of All Ages – Come Join the WMU

All women are invited to come out to the church on the second Monday of each month to join the Vera Harris Circle of the WMU as it focuses on missions education and prayer and plans missions projects in our community.

WMU NEWS...

Our meeting was held April 13 with 12 members present. The goats and chickens were ordered and hopefully are on their way. Plans were finalized for the WMU Garden Party, April 25, with Alicia as our speaker. In May we will be visiting Autumn Care again. Last time they seemed to enjoy our singing. We had a captive audience!! It will be on Thursday, May 23, and hope to have a good group to go. May 11 at 1 pm is our last meeting until September so please plan to attend. Barbara Bigley will have the program and Mary Lou will be the hostess. Margie Underwood, WMU Director

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In this interim time, may we take heart that God has guided His people for thousands of years! Our brothers and sisters from days past faced hardships we can hardly imagine and still their faith flourished. The same One who guided their steps guides ours. The same One who steadied them as they built for the future steadies us, too. The same One who grew their faith is growing ours, too.

In Christ's *Everlasting Love*,
Alicia

Note: As we grieve our dear sister Glenda Odom Hurley, we give thanks for the many ways God worked through her to bless the world. She has now joined the company of those who are cheering us on in this life. She leaves a legacy just as real as those stone churches in Ireland, in every life she touched and every person she loved. May the witness of her faith and graciousness continue to comfort our hearts and bolster our faith into the future.



Baptist Men

All men are invited to join us for our breakfast meetings/mission projects. Our next breakfast is May 31st at 8 am. For more information, or to recommend possible mission projects, please contact Ben Yarborough, (398-8023).

Pastor Search News Update



We have started the process of finding our new Pastor. Your Pastor Search Committee has elected officers and taken the first steps toward finding a New Pastor for First Baptist Church of Carolina Beach. Chairman Brian Dew, Co-chair Shirley James, Secretary Jeannie Arnold, George Pinkston, Ben Yarborough, Alternate Jane Walker, and Alternate Jerry Johnson began our time together in prayer. We will continue to be in prayer through this process, and we will be thankful to our Lord for His perfect will to be done at the end of our search and forever more. We ask that you continue to pray for each of us. Pray for strength, wisdom, unity, spiritual eyes and a spiritual heart while we pursue this important task. Let's remain committed to Alicia Porterfield and this interim period and we will keep you updated throughout the search process.

We love you.
The Pastor Search Committee