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O how abundant is your goodness that you have laid up for those who fear you and accomplished for those who take refuge in you in the sight of everyone. Psalm 31:19

#### Weekly Report for Sunday, September 19, 2021

<b>Designated Receipts</b>	4594.00
<b>Budget Receipts</b>	8616.21
Weekly Budget Needed	9620.77
<b>Budget Needed to Date</b>	365,589.23
<b>Budget Received to Date</b>	338,475.58

DONATIONS TO ENDURING GIFTS /RAINY DAY FUND IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER:

# MEMORIALS:

In Memory of: Delmas (Pete) Elledge

Given by: Bertha Gene Elledge In Memory of: U.W. Foster Given by: Verna Foster

In Memory of: Dave Poorbaugh
Given by: Marilyn Poorbaugh
In Memory of: Nancye Johnston

Given by: Gail Harris

# **HONORARIUMS:**

**In Honor of: TLC Trio** Given by: Gail Harris



# Shelf Indulgence Book Club

Fifty Words for Rain, by Asha Lemmie, is the October reading selection for Shelf Indulgence. The book club will gather on the portico on October 28 at 1:00. Anyone who would like to read and discuss this historical novel is welcome! Contact Betty Kilby for information.

# Live Stream Worship Sundays at 11:00 a.m.

There are several places you can find our Livestream!
Directly on YouTube
FBC of North Wilkesboro
Or go to our website
Firstbaptistnw.org
Click on the YouTube link on our Home page or the Worship Services Tab

We look forward to having you worship with us!

# **SPECIAL THANKS**



Dear FBC family,
Thank you church
family for your
generous support of the
Necessary/Battle/Steel
Magnolias Relay For Life
team. We are
humbled to know that so

many of you understand the importance of being vigilant in our fight against cancer. Please join us on October 8th for our celebration.

# Special Thank You!

A big thank you to everyone who volunteered at our Merlefest Parking Lot this year! We were able to raise \$4,304 for our Youth to attend PASSPORT Summer Camp!

# To Our Wonderful Church Family

John and I want to express to you just how much your cards, notes, letters, calls, visits and food have meant to us. Each card has the most loving and caring words and your best wishes for us bring so much hope and encouragement. We know that our God in Heaven must know and listen to the multitude of prayers that have been sent up to Him on our behalf. We also want to thank Pastor Bert for calling and texting and keeping everyone upto-date on our progress. Thank you for being such a loving, caring Church Family. "O My Soul, wait silently on God alone for he is our Expectation" Psalm 62:5 In Christ, John & Mary Warren

\*\*Wednesday Night Zoom Bible Study\*\*

On Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m., join Bert via Zoom for Bible Study. If you would like a Zoom invitation, please email Bert at bertyoung@aol.com

# Our Current Covid Policy (Updated 09/17/2021)

Anyone who desires to worship in person at First Baptist Church, and feels safe and comfortable doing so, is welcome to attend on Sunday mornings as long he/she is willing to maintain the following Covid protocols:

- Wear a facemask covering the nose and mouth for the entirety of time spent inside the building.
- Maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from all people not in your immediate family.
- Remain at home if you have a runny nose, headache, cough, fever, or congestion.

Our sanctuary is large enough for all who want to worship in person to gather safely as long as we honor these protocols and refrain from congregational and choral singing. Please come if you are so led.

Having said that, we also realize that the infection rate is twice what it was during the peak last year. We also know that the Delta Variant is 2 to 3 times more contagious than the first strain of Covid-19 and that it has, in rare cases, infected people who were vaccinated. This is the reason that we are not gathering in person for Sunday School or in person on Wednesday nights. Since we have the capability of worshiping virtually, if you feel more comfortable doing so, please join us online. We respect and honor that choice just as we respect and honor the choice of worshiping in person.

Of the 150+ Wilkes County residents who have perished as a result of contracting Covid-19, not one has been a member of First Baptist Church. It is our strong to desire to keep it that way. Thank you for your patience, your faithfulness, and your perseverance through this strange and challenging days. God is with us, and we will make it through to the other side.

# Mark Your Calendars for Outdoor Worship Service, October 24

What could be better than worshiping in God's beautiful creation—complete with brilliantly colored leaves, a pristine lake, and crisp fall weather—TOGETHER! Bring a lawn chair (we will socially distance by families) to Walk By Faith Christian Camp (where we had a Vespers Service in July) on Sunday, October 24 for a 10:00AM worship service. The address of the camp is 5390 Mountain View Rd, Hays, NC 28635. Parking is limited, so we will have shuttle service from the Mountain View Elementary School parking lot as well as the Fire Station Parking lot as needed, come early.

We plan on singing together and collecting a love offering to go to the Camp (in addition to our regular tithes and offerings). Please bring children, there is plenty of room for them to walk around with parents if needed.

If it is raining, we will NOT worship at the Campground and will gather in the sanctuary and observe normal Covid-19 protocols.

# Outdoor Children's Church & Indoor Baby Nursery Re-Open Sunday, October 3

Understanding the critical Christian formation that occurs during childhood combined with the research that shows that the safest place to gather during Covid is outside, we will once again offer Children's Church outdoors beginning October 3. Please take children directly to the tent in the grass next to the children's building before coming to worship. As we move into fall, please dress children appropriately to be outdoors (but active) in the cooler temperatures. \*\*If it rains, we are not equipped to have Children's Church outside, so it will be canceled.

Also, in an attempt to make worship plausible for our young parents, the Nursery for 0-2 year-olds will also re-open on October 3. Rachael Brionez, a friend of Jamie's and the Infant Teacher at *Playworks* will be our paid Nursery Worker. She is vaccinated and will wear a mask in the nursery.

WE WILL NOT HAVE CHILDREN"S CHURCH OR NURSERY ON OCTOBER 24 WHEN WE MEET AT THE WALK BY FAITH CHRISTIAN CAMP.

# North Carolina Guardian Ad Litem

Wilkes County is in need of advocates for the children in our community. Volunteer advocates and attorneys work together to champion children's needs in court. Training is provided, which includes 5 training classes plus an orientation. Our volunteers include retirees, stay-at-home parents, and working people with flexible schedules that allow for them to go to court every 6 months or so. After training, the average time commitment is just 4-6 hours a month, much done by phone and email. Won't you consider being an advocate in the Wilkes Guardian ad Litem Program? Contact 336-651-4421 for more information, our next training for new volunteers begins Oct. 12, 2021. Thank you!

#### Wilkes Prison Ministry

While it is still summer, WPM is preparing to share Christ's love with those who will be spending Christmas in Wilkes Correctional Center. We provide a meal from a local restaurant, and a bag with necessities and treats. For many these are the only Christmas gifts they will receive. Any monetary gift, big or small, is appreciated. You may make checks payable to FBCNW with "Wilkes Prison Ministry" in the memo line and drop off in our church drop box, or mail to PO Box 458, N. Wilkesboro, NC 28659

Our Mission Statement:
"To bring people into the presence of Christ, so they may be made into His likeness."



# Nathan & Alison Atwood and Family

The Atwood Family will be moving to Jacksonville, FL and continue missions work with Go to Nations, spreading the gospel near and far. Here is their contact information:

Email: Nathan.atwood@gotonations.org Alison.atwood@gotonations.org

To give online: Gotonations.org/atwood To mail in a donation, make checks payable to Go to Nations (In Preference to M464) and mail to:

> Go to Nations PO Box 10305 Jacksonville, FL 32247

Thank you so much for your prayers and partnership!

# **Virtual Sunday School**

Join A Zoom Sunday School class. Our church currently offers 3 Sunday school Classes via Zoom each Sunday morning. If you are currently not part of one of them and would like to receive the email link to join, please email the following people:

Empty Nesters SS Class jdswaim@charter.net Faith Finders SS Class: posborne0427@yahoo.com Seminar SS Class: bettyannkilby@gmail.com

