



From the Pastor...

After a year of visioning, we are ready to move into implementation! This process started two years ago with our 150 th Anniversary Celebration. We then moved into a visioning time. In other words, we embraced our heritage so we could grow our future.

During our visioning process we reaffirmed our core values of building a community where all belong, demonstrating God's love in mission, learning and growing together and practicing generosity. We also identified dozens of assets, like our facilities, our people, and our community connections that could be used to meet needs in our area.

After identifying over seventy possible actions, our Visioning Team chose five to get us started. This Sunday, we will ask you to choose an area where you filled called. You could pray for this ministry, give to finance its implementation, or volunteer to make it a reality. For us to succeed, it will take everyone's help.

Here are the new ministries we will launch this Sunday.

Youth Services

We want to partner with area schools to match students looking for service hours with projects in our church and community. By doing so, we will build relationships with area teens while building a stronger community.

Poverty Alleviation

No one church can solve poverty, but we can make a significant difference in our community. Our Poverty Alleviation team will focus on working with our local partners to lift at least one family out of poverty.

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Schedule

Sunday, May 31

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream

Visioning Report During Worship Service

Monday, June 1

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, June 3

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, June 4

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Sunday, June 7

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary & Live Stream

Monday, June 8

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

Wednesday, June 10

8:30 a.m. Pickle Ball

7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, June 11

1:00 p.m. Clothes Closet

Church Staff Directory

Dr. Nelson Granade.....Senior Minister
Mr. James Martin.....Minister of Music & Worship
Rev. Melissa Wilson.....Minister of Children & Youth
Mrs. Kristina Kyles.....Children's Ministry Associate / Preschool Director
Mrs. Elizabeth Kilby.....Minister of Young Families & Missions
Mr. Eddie Wiseman.....Accompanist / Music Assistant

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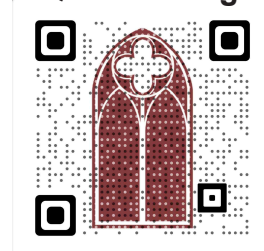
Spiritual Statistics

	5/17	5/24
In-Person	170	184
Online	23	18
Sunday School	83	90

Financial Statistics

	May	Year-to-Date
Giving Goal	81,226.00	719,575.00
Budget Receipts	133,459.00	702,138.00
Goals Not Met	52,233.00	(110,806.00)
Alms	1,912.00	17,503.00
Designated	6,457.00	111,175.00

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Disaster Relief

We have a history of helping when disaster strikes. We sometimes travel great distances to help, but what are we prepared to do if disaster strikes in our area. The team will identify ways we can prepare to use our facility and talents to help in the event of a local disaster.

Expanding Services for Community

We do great work with our clothes closet, medical supply closet, and local partnerships; but we could do much more. This team will focus on how we can expand our ministries to more fully help those who come to us. It will focus on both physical and spiritual needs.

Super Seniors Serving

Our senior adults are one of our greatest assets. We also have seniors with unaddressed needs. This team will focus on involving our senior adults in meeting the needs within our church. It will also offer our seniors the opportunity to pass along skills to the next generation.

Please pray about which new ministry you will support and sign up Sunday or through the church office.



Upcoming Events

Passport Kids Camp
June 10-13

Passport Youth Camp
June 21-26

Colorado Mission Trip
July 11-17

Jubilee Sunday
July 26

Vacation Bible School
July 27-31

Wednesday Evening Activities Resume
August 19

Operation Inasmuch / Project Nehemiah
August 29

Parents Night Out
September 11



Announcements

Hannah Beale Serves as Church Intern



Hannah Beale will serve as our Church Intern for the summer. She will help with various tasks alongside the ministers of staff. Hannah's position is sponsored by the Campbell-Johnson Foundation.

Hannah is the daughter of Crystal and Kevin Beale and has grown up at First Baptist Church. She is entering her junior year at UNC-Wilmington as a criminology major and pre-law minor. She also made the Chancellor's List with a 4.0 GPA.

Visioning Progress Report Sunday, May 31, 2026

During the worship service on Sunday, May 31, the Visioning Team will recap the visioning process and give a report of our next steps.

Adopt-A-Prop for Vacation Bible School

If you would like to help with Vacation Bible School, please adopt a prop. Projects of varying skill levels are in individual bags. Please take the bag home, complete the prop, and bring back to the church. If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Wilson.

Happy Birthday

June 2

Almitra Blackwelder
Lexie Blackwelder

June 3

Eddie Wiseman

June 4

Andrew Kilby

June 5

Sarah Mullins

June 6

Dennis Dyckes
Nina Guy
Mike Plyler

Andrea Williams

June 7

Holly Hinceman

Jaye Lippard

June 8

Ellen Tsumas

June 9

Wayne Laws

June 11

John Milwood
Becky Petree
David Potter

June 12

Linda Dawbarn

June 13

Jason Gilliam
Elle Gordon

June 15

Hannah Beale
Gemma Hinceman
Caroline Taylor
Pam Winston

June 16

Gwen Miler

June 19

Peggy Koepnick

June 20

Izzy Faulkenberry
Theresa Williams

June 21

Joe Hilton
Trey Whittenton

June 22

Edna Davis
Gary Fyfe

Brad Shook

June 25

Janet Hamlett
Fleeta Speaks

June 26

Pat McMillan
Katelyn Mitchell
Kim Strickland

June 27

Richard Sykes

June 29

Terry Wimpy

