

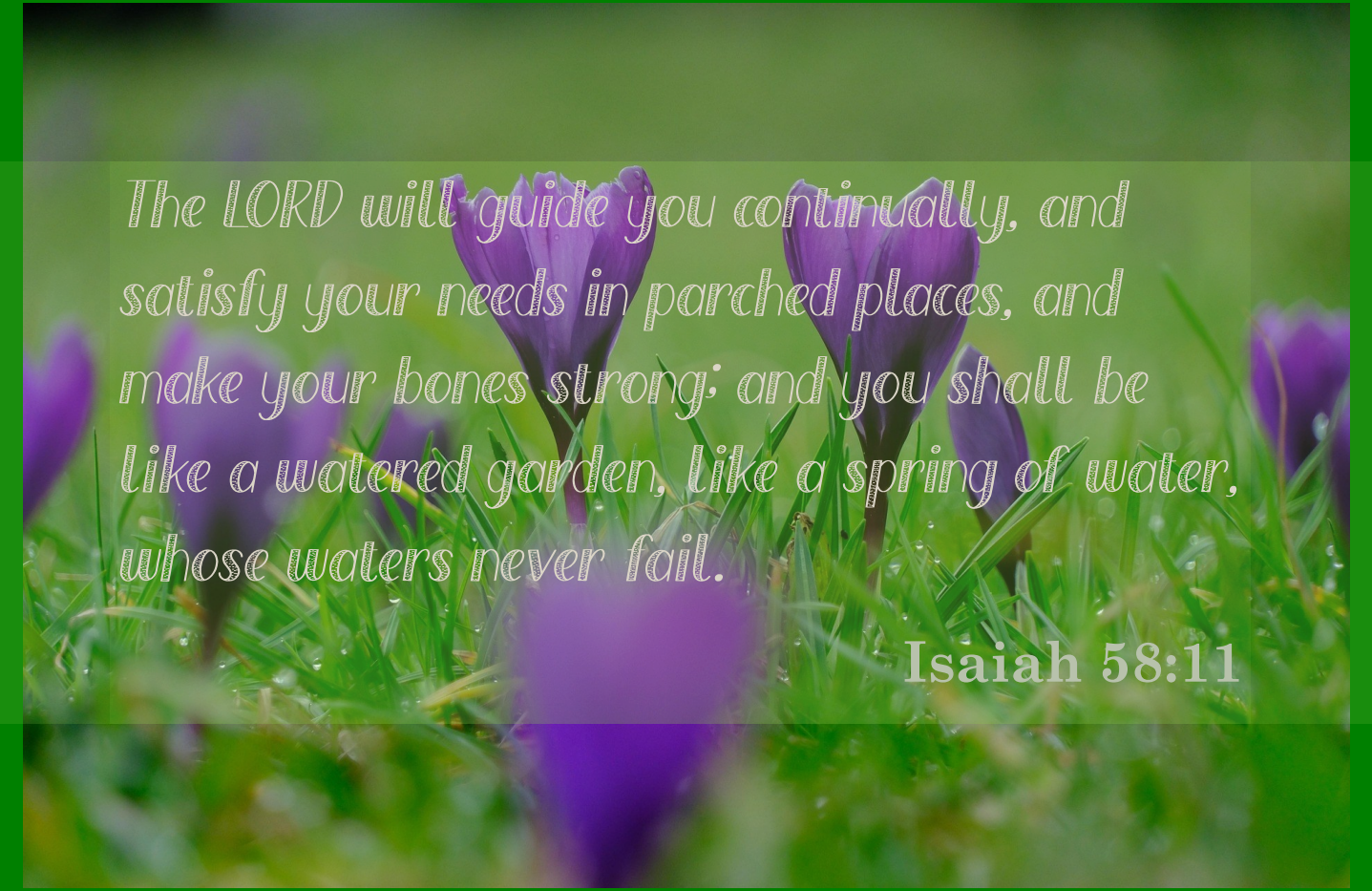
Pastor Bert's Benediction
Live Simply
Love Generously
Care Deeply
Speak Kindly
Forgive Freely
Pray Daily
And Leave the Rest to God

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510 D. Street ~ North Wilkesboro, NC 28659



The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

Isaiah 58:11

Upcoming Events

See Weekly Schedule for Regular activities———>>>

Refer to Calendar for Monthly Meetings

Special Events

- Sun., March 2 Honoring Tammy's 30th Anniversary, special guest Mark Hayes Youth/First Kids Lunch & Parent's Meeting following worship, and will not meet 4-6 pm
- Sun., March 9 Daylight Savings Time begins
- Wed., March 5 Ash Wednesday Service 6:30 pm Service (meal 5:30 pm)
St. Joe's University "APEX" students will be our guests
- Thurs., March 20 Forever Young to Reynolda House, K&W Winston-Salem
- Thurs., April 17 Maundy Thursday Service 6:30 pm (meal 5:30 pm)
- Fri., April 18 Good Friday Service at 11:30 a.m. w/boxed lunch to follow
- Sun., April 20 Easter Sunday (No 1st Kids/Youth)
- Mon., April 21 Easter Monday, Church Office Closed
- April 24-27 Youth Merlefest Parking Lot
- Sun., May 4 Final First Kids & Youth before summer break
- Sun., May 11 Children's Sunday on Mother's Day
- Sun., May 18 Youth & Graduate Sunday
- Wed., May 21 Final Wed. night before summer break
- Mon., May 26 Memorial Day, Church Office Closed

- 9:15 a.m.
- 9:45 a.m.
- 11:00 a.m.
- 4-6:00 p.m.
- 4:30 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m.
- 6:00 p.m.
- 6:15 p.m.
- 7:15 p.m.

FBC Weekly Schedule

Regular Sunday Activities

- Library Open
- Sunday School/Bible
- Study all ages
- Worship Service
- First Kids/Youth (Note new time)**

Regular Wednesday Activities

- Early Bird Bible Study/Adult Handbells
- Fellowship Meal
- First Kids/Youth**
- Adult Bible Study, First Kids
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Faith. Friendship. Community.

*"There is a seat at the table
for everyone at First Baptist"*

DR. BERT YOUNG

First Baptist Ministerial Staff

- Senior Pastor, Dr. Bert Young
- Associate Pastor & Youth Leader, Rev. Patricia Turner
- Music Director, Larisa Leapley
- Children's Director, Jamie Higginbotham
- Pianist & Organist, Tammy Prevette

Church Group, Team & Committee Meetings

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will meet on March 11 at 2:30 p.m.

Executive Committee/First Baptist Diaconate

The Executive Committee will meet Tues., March 11 at 4 p.m. and the Diaconate will meet Sun., March 16 at 8:30 a.m.

Alzheimer/Dementia Caregivers' Support Group

The group meets on the 2nd/4th Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. (New meeting room, enter through the front office). This month, March 13 and 27.

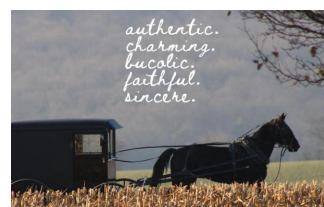
Book Club

The *Shelf Indulgence Book Club* will meet on Thurs., March 27 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss *Becoming Mrs. Lewis*, by Patti Henry.

St. Paul's Crisis Ministry Volunteers "Team A"

Meeting 9:30 a.m. on Thurs., March 27.

Library News



New Library Display features books of Amish fiction. The library has

over 40 books of Amish fiction, with popular authors Beverly Lewis, Wanda Brunstetter and others. Please stop by on your next visit and check out the collection.

Little Free Pantry

The **Deacons In-House Mission Team** is busy planning ways to support our church missions and the needs of our church family.

Food Pantry update - Bins will be placed in locations for you to donate food to our Food Pantry. Please bring easy open items such as Pop-Tarts, Beanie Weenies, crackers, individual serving size foods. The deacons in-house team will be overseeing the placing of the food in the pantry box, (or you may continue to put food in the box also). Thank you for supporting this ministry.

Do you need transportation to worship? Contact the church office and we would be glad to help with that, as well as help you with any needs you may have around the house.

Youth Corner

Youth Ministry at FBCNW has begun a new study entitled *Kindred: Developing Christ-Centered Friendship*. Our four topics are *The Call to Be Christ-Centered*, *Connected in Christ*, *Committed to Christ*, and *The Importance of Community*. Pray for our youth as they study together, do devotions and have conversations with their parents about this topic and grow in their walk with Christ and develop Christ-centered friendships.

March 13-16 several of our youth will be in a musical called "Mamma Mia". The performances will be at The Mayes Pitt on Wilkes Community College campus. I encourage you to contact the Wilkes Central Choral Department to reserve a ticket to attend. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Our youth are going on Sunday afternoon to support.

MerleFest is a little over a month away. The youth, along with volunteers run a parking lot fundraiser (Dr. Bond's old office lot on School St.) If you would like to support the Youth Ministry by volunteering, please sign-up early to help park cars with Patricia. Lots of volunteers are needed for MerleFest and all funds raised will support Youth PASSPORT Camp and Missions. It takes everyone helping out and we appreciate you volunteering!!

Your support, prayers and encouragement are so important. We appreciate our church family. Please reach out to the youth and their parents to encourage them but also to learn more about their lives. They need trusted adults willing to share in their lives.

Blessings to each of you, Patricia

SAVE THESE DATES FOR 2025:

March 16
April 24-27
May 4
May 18
July 14-18

Youth Lunch and Mamma Mia Musical after worship
MerleFest Parking Fundraiser - Signups will begin in March
Lunch and Fellowship at Eddie and Lou Pendry's Camp
Youth Sunday/Graduate Recognition
Passport Missions Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA

Forever Young

Now is your chance to join us for a fun outing! Forever Young is going to the beautiful Reynolda House estate and museum in Winston-Salem on Thurs., March 20. Afterward we will enjoy a delicious meal at K&W. RSVP Patricia or the church office by Mon., March 17.



Kids News

BIG PICTURE: A 5-Week Series from the Gospels



Every great movie tells a great story. When we see those stories played out on the big screen, we can learn a little more about ourselves and the world around us. Jesus knew how powerful stories could be, and he made them a big part of how he taught his followers. In this 5-week series, kids will hear

some of the stories Jesus shared that can help them see the big picture of a life spent following God. Kids will see that God helps us know what's true, the ways we can give back to God, how God sends us helpers, and how God gives us second chances.

We are in continuous need of nursery volunteers. If you can assist our little humans of First Baptist, please click on the volunteer button on our website and sign up for the time and date that will work for you.

A Word from Pastor, Dr. Bert Young

Together We MARCH into a High and Holy Season

This month the church enters into the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, March 5th which guides us through six weeks to Holy Week—the last week of Jesus' earthly life—and concludes with high celebration of Jesus' Resurrection on Easter Sunday, April 20th. The purpose of these 7 weeks is to spiritually prepare ourselves to experience the resurrection and its profound and liberating meaning for our lives anew. The word "Lent" comes from an old Anglo-Saxon word "Lencten" which means "spring season."

The observance of Lent began for Christians after it was decreed by the church at the Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D. The 7 weeks equal exactly 40 days if you do not include Sundays/Resurrection Days (so if you are fasting or giving something up for Lent you are not required to deprive yourself on Sundays). The 40 days are based up Jesus' 40 days of fasting in the desert that ended with his defeat of Satan and his temptations. The early church only performed baptisms on Easter Sunday, so these 40 days prior were times of intense bible study, prayer, fasting, and spiritual formation for the baptismal candidates. Believe it or not, prior to the Council of Nicaea, some churches required three years of fasting, prayer, spiritual formation, etc. before baptizing a new convert.

The purpose of fasting is not to simply inflict pain or discomfort upon ourselves; rather, when we feel tempted to partake in what we have given up, we are to turn to the Lord in prayer for strength and conviction—hopefully to discover again and again that God's grace is, indeed, sufficient. It is also appropriate to commit to doing something for Lent (prayer, bible study, acts of service) daily, instead of giving something up. Either method is suitable spiritual preparation for the Season of Lent.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

All are invited to gather in the sanctuary on Wednesday evening, March 5th at 6:30pm for our Ash Wednesday Service. The focus of this service is to remember our need for a savior and to begin the process of confession and repentance. The service include prayer, music, a short message, and the imposition of ashes on the forehead or the back of the hand, which is a biblical symbol of repentance. Please join us.

We will have a meal in the Wayland Hall for those with reservations at 5:30pm. There will be no Early Bird Bible Study that night.

FIFTH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

There are five Sundays in March, so you know what that means! On the fifth Sunday, March 30th, everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am for a delicious breakfast. We will not have Sunday School that morning so that we will have plenty of time to visit with friends and get to know new members and visitors we have not had a chance to get to know yet. WE WILL ALSO HAVE A BRIEF DEVOTIONAL MESSAGE so we don't totally ignore Sunday School. There is no cost for this Big Country Breakfast, but we will accept donations that will go directly to support our work with the St. Paul's Crisis Ministry. Make sure you come, and make sure you bring someone with you.

Remember the dance (1, 2, 3 Love God, Love Your Church, Love Others enough to invite them, 1, 2, 3.... 1, 2, Come and See!

FINANCIAL REPORT & DONATIONS TO ENDURING GIFTS

Weekly Report February 23, 2025

Designated Receipts:	\$725.25
Budget Receipts:	\$11,063.33
Weekly Budget Needed:	\$11,328.87
Budget needed to Date:	\$90,630.92
Budget received to Date:	\$73,086.84
Budget Deficit:	\$17,544.08

Donations to Enduring Gifts/Rainy Day Fund

Memorials

In Memory of Joe & Carole Eller

Given by Diane Eller

In Memory of Babe Faw

Given by Karen & Scott Glover, Kaye Hall, Vanya Greene, Annette Battle

In Memory of Joe & Pat Brooks

Given by Donald Thompson

In Memory of Rebecca Sharp

Given by Lloyd & Kim Sharp

Honorariums

In Honor of Linda Bentley-90th birthday

Given by Barbara McKenzie, Bobby Province, Annette Battle, Eddie & Lou Pendry

In Honor of Barbara McKenzie-birthday 3/11

Given by Janet Atwood

In Honor of Tammy Prevette

Given by Shirley Deal

In Honor of Chuck & Anne Beddingfield

Given by Charles & Joann Wooten

In Honor of Sandy Day

Given by Lillian Horner

In Honor of Pastor Bert & Church Staff

Given by Lillian Horner

In Honor of Rehoboth SS Class

Given by Lillian Horner

In Honor of Katie Rash

Given by Marie Davis

In Honor of Women of the Church

Given by Annette Battle