



SOUNDINGS

First Baptist Waynesboro | Do. Love. Walk.

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A note from Pastor Justin

What a great ending to the Lenten season! Our weeks and months of planning for the return of our contemporary worship service came to fruition with a wonderful restart of the contemporary worship service on Palm Sunday. There were more than one set of teary eyes in the congregation as we joined with the praise band to worship Jesus Christ together. As I said at the end of final One Worship service before restarting the contemporary service on Palm Sunday, worshiping together in one service was and is a gift. One for which we are incredibly grateful. Far from ignoring that gift, we are looking forward to the ways that God will use both of our services to expand our reach and serve more people. If Palm Sunday was any indication of what is to come, the future is bright at First Baptist. We had 280 people join us for worship between our 2 services. What an amazing gift!

There are so many people who have put work into this service. Too many to name them all, but I do want to take a moment to say thank you to the Contemporary Worship Committee for their work. Their appreciation for the contemporary worship service is clear. But more importantly, they have a deep love for First Baptist Church and want to see it thrive as we seek to Do, Love, and Walk together as Christ in this world.

As we look to the future we will continue to pursue excellence in both our worship services so that whoever enters our doors will feel the welcoming love of Christ as we enter into the presence of the Holy One. God is at work here! It is an exciting time to be a part of FBW.

Love Offering for Pastor Kristen

Throughout April we will be taking up a love offering to show our appreciation for Pastor Kristen. I have only been here a couple months, but one thing that is crystal clear is that Pastor Kristen went far above and beyond her during the interim. She did it not out of duty, but out of love. Love for her God, this church, her calling, and you. I am incredibly grateful for all the hard work she put in during those nearly 2 years without a full time Senior Pastor. She not only carried this church with incredible grace and professionalism, but because of her work my transition into the pastorate here has been easy and smooth. I could not ask for a better partner in ministry and we could not ask for a more gifted Associate Pastor. I hope you will consider showing your appreciation for her through a financial gift. Please have your gifts to the office by April 28 to show her your appreciation for her.

April Mission Focus

For the month of April, we want to show a little love to the teachers and staff at Berkeley Glenn by stocking their break room with sweet and salty snacks! You can bring individually wrapped sweet or salty snacks to the church by Sunday, April 21st. Items can be placed in the Canada room.

National Day of Prayer Luncheon

Join us for our 11th annual National Day of Prayer luncheon on May 2nd at 11:30a at First Baptist! This year, our speaker will be Dr. Earl Pendleton, Senior Pastor at Union Baptist Church in Waynesboro. A catered lunch will be provided for \$13/person. To reserve your spot, please send your payment to Charlie Downs. Reservations are due by April 18th! If you have any questions, please contact Charlie Downs for more information.

Deacon Ministry Teams

Our hope is that every church member will consider joining a team based on the gifts and passions that they have been given by God. Together, we will care for this body of Christ through crisis and celebration, joy and sorrow. When we care for one member of the body, we are providing care for the whole body.

Our Ministry teams consist of Connections Team, Grief Support Team, Homebound Team, Hospital Care Team, Meals Team, Prayer Team, and Small Jobs/Rides Team.

We ask you to prayerfully consider which team you would like to join. Contact J McCollum at j.mccollum3@verizon.net or visit <http://firstbaptistwboro.org/deacon-ministry-teams> and one of our deacons will get in touch with you to help you get connected to your team(s)

Business Meetings


APRIL 3RD, 6PM CALLED BUSINESS MEETING

The Columbarium Committee makes the motion that the Trustees be authorized to sign a contract with Nielsen Construction for up to \$250,000 for construction of a columbarium at First Baptist Waynesboro and the Columbarium Committee's approval of other vendor invoices for payment. Both Nielsen invoices and other vendor invoices would be for not more than \$250,000. Funding will be a combination of up front sales of niches and memorial plaques with any additional funds needed to be borrowed from First Baptist endowment funds at a repayment and interest rate as set by the Stewardship Committee.

APRIL 24TH, 6PM BUSINESS MEETING

Our next quarterly Business meeting will be on April 26th at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall and on Zoom. This meeting will contain updates from our standing committees. An agenda will be sent out closer to the meeting date, but go ahead and add this meeting to your calendar.

Deacon ministry teams are intended to support those that are a part of the First Baptist Waynesboro community. These teams are led by current members of the diaconate. In order for these teams to function fully, support is needed from members of the congregation. Together, the deacons and our congregation will work to make sure that our members are cared for.



A special thanks to Mary Kate

Did you know that we've had a fully remote staff member working with us during the interim period? In January 2022, Mary Kate Deal started in her role as our digital communications manager. She has handled all of our digital communications for the last 15 months, and we are extremely grateful. She has tackled video editing, created graphics for emails and social media, put together the FBWeekly, and updated our website. All of these have been vital tasks as we have going through a pastor search process and done our best to keep our online presence active and up to date.


With the hiring of Katy Boyd as our new Ministry Assistant, she will be taking on the digital communications responsibilities. Mary Kate's last day with us was March 31st.

Mary Kate, thank you so much for all of your work with us over the last 15 months. You were a gift to our staff and church during an interim time and we are grateful for the ways you used your skills and talents to help further the work of our church. We wish you the best on the next part of your journey!



Envelope Challenge

Help support our summer programs for children and youth! Beginning April 7th, there will be envelopes numbered 1-50 in the Canada Room. Each envelope will have a number on it. You simply choose an envelope and put the amount of money in the envelope that matches the number. So you take the #37 envelope and give cash or check in the amount of \$37. Or you take the #4, #12, and #20 envelopes and place the respective amount in each envelope. Envelopes can be returned to the church office or placed in the offering plate by April 28th. If all the envelopes are taken, we will raise \$1,325! So get ready to choose your lucky number on April 7th.



Volunteers Needed for the A/V Team

With the return of our contemporary service, we are looking for some folks who would be interested in joining our A/V team! You would be trained on using the Sound Board and/or the Livestream equipment. Our A/V team is a crucial part of our worship experience and we would love to have a few more folks in the rotation. If you are interested in learning more or signing up, email Mark Hamilton.

His email is: mhamilton.cfa@gmail.com

PRAYER & PRAISE

We remember in Prayer:

Nita Hughes Chuck Perdue Davis Waite
Sara Howlett Velma Hanger Sandra Beadles

We will gather to celebrate the life of Nickie Aldridge on Wednesday, April 17th at 11am at First Baptist.

Happy Birthday to:

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| 1st - Jeffrey Coole | 11th- Penni Crist | 14th- Madison Crist | 20th- Sam Whitcomb |
| 1st- Meredith Barber | 11th - Ralph Billings | 15th- Bobbi Poats | 24th- Colin Barber |
| 1st- Preston Hicks | 11th - Reba Brothers | 15th- Mark Dameron | 26th- Megan League |
| 3rd- Levi Price | 12th - Lynn Markin | 16th- Jim Ailor | 27th- Faye Dickerson |
| 4th- Jerry Thomas | 13th- Jean Farmer | 17th- Eli Whitcomb | 28th- Steve Howlett |
| 11th- Chris Dillow | 14th- Dale Coffey | 17th- Kim Cook | |



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Sunday Mornings:
 8:45AM Contemporary Worship
 10:00AM Sunday School
 11:00AM Traditional Service

Church Staff and Contact Information

Katy Boyd.....Ministry Assistant
 Kim CookCustodian
 Jaime Coulling.....Ministry Coordinator
 Carrie JonesWeekday Preschool Director
 Kristen KogerAssociate Pastor for Spiritual Growth
 Kathy Melton.....Pianist
 Brenda MillerFinancial Administrator
 Justin Moser.....Senior Pastor
 Adam PhillipsChoirmaster

Prayer Requests:

- By Telephone: 949-8187—leave a message if after hours.
- Submit online request: go to website FAITH FORMATION page, PRAYER; follow the “submit” link to the request form.
- Requests are submitted immediately to staff.

Text to Give:

540-709-7392

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 9am-3pm | Friday: Closed



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www.firstbbaptistwboro.org — (540) 949-8187
 Weekday Preschool: (540) 942-2253

The Visible Results

February Financial Figures

| 2024 Budget | YTD Budget | YTD Actual Receipts | YTD Actual Expenses |
|-------------|------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| \$608,828 | \$101,471 | \$89,997 | \$81,672 |

Ways to Give in addition to Sunday Offering

- BY MAIL: 301 S Wayne Ave, Waynesboro, VA 22980
- HAND DELIVER: Drop in the slot in the 11th Street office door.
- BILL PAY: You may donate to the church through “Bill Pay” options available from your bank.
- TEXT MESSAGE: Text 540-709-7392 and follow the prompts.
- ONLINE GIVING: www.firstbaptistwboro.org/give and follow the prompts.

Sunday Attendance

| | 3/3 | 3/10 | 3/17 | 3/24 | 3/31 |
|---------------|-----|------|------|------|------|
| Worship | 225 | 197 | 196 | 280 | |
| Sunday School | 128 | 117 | 113 | - | |

Next Issue: May 1, 2024. Articles should be submitted by April 20 by using the form found at: firstbaptistwboro.org/communications-request or under the News and Events tab on the website.