

# The First Baptist News



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
Goldsboro, North Carolina

JUNE 16, 2020



Glenn's Pen

This is a personal word. I ask you to read it with the heart I have come to expect from you: a heart willing to love like Christ. I am cautiously excited about our regathering this Sunday for worship only. I miss you, and I am looking forward to seeing you. However, I am cautious because the desire to be together is tempered by the reality that we just do not have certainty regarding this virus that has isolated us. Information varies and the understandings are incomplete. A local church pastor and his family have Covid; and now the church must be tested. The numbers of cases are up, and while I understand there is more testing, so are the hospitalizations and the deaths, all of which concerns me. Most of you know I am expecting a third grandchild in 7 weeks. We could not be more excited and thankful about Tillie's upcoming birth. So being well is extremely important for, while I may not be able to see her at the hospital, I cannot wait to hold her when she comes home. I also know that while seeing each other is going to be wonderful, it will not be the same as meeting in small groups close together or giving that hug or handshake we all are accustomed to sharing. The fellowship will be different but our reason to gather, to worship God, must still be central.

All that said, we are regathering this Sunday, June 21, at 8:55 AM and at 10:55 AM for worship. The services will be identical with the early service meeting in the Hooks Fellowship Hall and the late service in the sanctuary. The plan has been adopted by our deacons and published in our newsletter. There will be ample sanitation stations, doors opened for worshipers, physical distancing marked, and masks provided. (We ask each person to enter and exit with a mask. If you cannot wear masks you may remove them after you are seated.) Thank you for understanding as I and the other staff will not be able to greet you any differently from other worshipers. We will remain on the pulpit before and after services. We are always available by phone or email. This scenario is not something I am looking forward to but, in love, we will do what must be done.

I close with the reminder that God is with us especially when we want something that is not possible. The words below have long been an inspiration to me and a reminder of the hope God gives. The author is unknown though most reliable sources believe they were written by a Jew imprisoned during the Nazi regime in Germany, perhaps in a prison camp:

“I believe in the sun  
even when it is not shining.  
I believe in love,  
even when there's no one there.  
And I believe in God,  
even when he is silent.”

This week we will show our belief by regathering with wisdom and as safely as possible, even though there is much we cannot see or understand. We will believe that we are all together, present or in other places, sharing the hope of God. For our belief is best known by our care and compassion.

*Grace, Glenn*

## Deacons Plan to Regather for Worship-June 21, 2020

The deacons of First Baptist Church unanimously approved a plan to regather for worship beginning June 21. Their recommendation is to begin with both worship services on Sunday morning-8:55 AM and 10:55 AM with no Sunday School. The plan below gives direction as to how we will worship for the coming weeks. Please continue to pray and trust God's spirit to lead in a ways that will be safe, compassionate and, most of all, honor God.

### FBC Worship Regathering Information

*Honor this plan as return to worship as we believe it is the best way to honor God and love others.*

1. We will reopen with worship only at 8:55 AM and 10:55 AM. Worship spaces will be set up for social distancing. Please do not rearrange the seating.
2. We strongly encourage those at risk persons—those with underlying physical conditions, age concerns, and those who do not feel well—to wait to return to church. We will encourage all to wear masks and be considerate of social distancing guidelines.
3. The fellowship hall, staff, and sanctuary doors will be opened and monitored. Please observe social distancing as you enter and exit.
4. Vocal music will be done with solos, duets and ensembles. Instrumental music will continue. At this time there will be no congregational singing.
5. The children's sermon will be in both services but the children will not come forward. Children will need to stay with their family for the entire worship service.
6. We will encourage everyone to greet each other from an appropriate social distance and encourage lengthy discourse to occur outside the church building.
7. We will use the monitors in the fellowship hall and only a bulletin in the sanctuary (no hymn books). These bulletins will be prepared in-house and with extra care. Each worshiper will pick up their own bulletin inside the doors to the sanctuary as they enter.
8. The offering plates will be spread out in the worship space and not passed person to person. Social distancing is encouraged, and you may give your offering before or after worship.

## Grandparent's Brag Board



**Hannah Rollins**, daughter of Monica and Jeffrey Rollins and granddaughter of Joyce Duncan is a graduate of Buchholz High School, Gainesville, Florida. She will attend the University of Central Florida majoring in zoology/biological sciences.



**Aaron Graham**, graduated from Appalachian State University in May. His parents are David and Donna Graham of Asheville. Grandparents are Don and Carolyn Thomas.

# CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

Extension Member of the Week  
George Silver  
206 Maplewood Drive Goldsboro, NC 27534



1. Courtney Smith
2. Bruce Mahlstadt
4. Wendy Hooks
5. Roy J. Parker, Jr.  
Margaret Taflinger  
Pier Protz
7. Anne Marshall



## IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Warren Bishop  
James Carter  
Lola Delbridge  
Bill DeShong  
Ann Futrelle  
Meredith Gibson  
Ann Giddens  
Eleanor Grant  
Bob Harding  
Dot Ham  
Elsie Hooks  
Judy Jessee  
Willie Joyner  
Shirley Kirkland  
Pat Millard  
Linda Parsons  
Ann Patterson  
Louwanna Pender

Glenn Phillips, Sr.  
Edna Powell  
Mary O'Tuel  
Benton Satterfield  
Nancy Satterfield  
Danny Sellers  
Danny & Jerri Stanley  
Becky Sykes  
Frankie Sykes  
Mattie Underwood  
Annie Laurie Wharton  
Brenda Williams  
Wayne Williams  
Frank Williams  
**Military:**  
Kenny Archibald  
Zach Phillips  
Jeremy Volz



**In Honor of Donna Countryman & Heather Pardue**  
Night to Shine 2021  
Women of Hope

**In Memory of Ernestine Lane**  
**Mother of Ray Lane**  
*Stained Glass Fund*  
Lola Delbridge SS Class

**In Memory of Teenie Wilson**  
*Helping Hands*  
ACTS Class  
Tuesday Night Precepts Class,  
Carol Brock,  
Wayne & Donna Alford

**In Honor of Marley Convers**  
*Paws 4 Marley*  
John Casey, Sr.  
John & Kerry Casey  
Chester & Patsy Best  
Virginia Millard  
Pam Stackhouse  
Jenny & Boots Whitfield  
Beverly Summerlin  
Norwood & Ann Giddens  
Pier Protz

Brenda & Bill DeShong  
Laurie & Bob Harding  
Scott & Michelle Thraillkill  
Berky & Clarkie Perkins  
Warren Bishop  
Tommy & Kathy Pate  
Dan & Roberta Fisher  
Michael & Dawn McDonald  
Chris & Kristan Tyndall  
Gail Edmondson  
Esther Markham  
Doug McKeel  
Carol Gray  
Gordan Combs  
Carl & Marie Ashley  
Ellis & Deana Holland  
Carol Caudill  
Benton & Nancy Satterfield  
Wayne & Brenda Williams  
Bob & Margaret Pleasants  
Patrick & Charlotte Murphy



**Isaac Harold Countryman**  
Born on June 13, 2020  
To Alex & Alyssa Countryman,  
they live in St. Johnsville, NY  
Great Grandmother is  
Donna Countryman

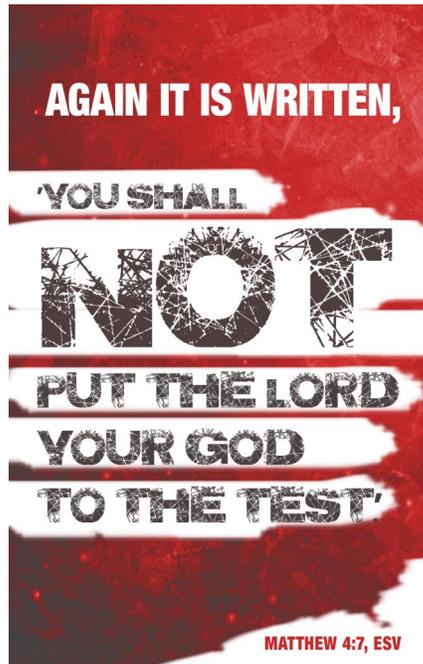


to  
**Ray Lane on the loss  
of his Mother on Monday**

Cloth face masks will be available to the congregation when the church reopens on June 21st. These masks have been donated and made by Eunice Turbyfill, Donna Countryman and Heather Pardue helped in labeling the bags and placing the masks in the bags. Donations to "Night to Shine" would be accepted.



*God bless and stay safe!*



## The First Baptist Church

“Sharing the Heart of Christ from the Heart of the City”

FBC partners with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship nationally and in North Carolina, and with the North Carolina Baptist Men and WMU, in spreading the gospel and meeting needs in the name of Christ.

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### General Fund

January Giving Total	\$42,539.55
February Giving Total	\$42,922.46
March Giving Total	\$41,452.79
April Giving Total	\$44,298.68
May Giving Total	\$48,788.34

Sunday, June 7	\$8,837.84
On Line Giving	\$2,488.00
Sunday, June 14	\$3,307.00
<u>On Line Giving</u>	<u>\$8,659.00</u>
Total	\$23,291.84

### Virtual numbers from Facebook Live

Wednesday, June 10 - reached 418

Sunday, June 14 - reached 310

These numbers increase as services are saved to our Facebook page and can be watched later. When you add the radio our radio ministry Christ's love is reaching out because of your commitment. *Thanks be to God!*

Dear Church Family,

Oh, how I miss you all and pray this note finds you are doing well!

Prior to COVID19, several church members had been meeting and preparing to support one of our youth, Marley Convers. For her health and safety, Marley is in need of a support dog. While we hoped to have more time to raise funds and be prepared to support this need by June, obviously COVID19 had other plans. Recognizing the state of our country & county, we realize you may not be able to provide support, but I hope that if you can, you'll consider the need when you read about Marley in a letter our youth have sent to you .

Please send your donations to the church with the notation Paws 4 Marley. Please be in prayer for Marley and her family as they find the resources to support this critical need.

I can't wait to see you and worship with you in person again.

*In Christ's Love,  
Sherry Archibald*



### MINISTER ON CALL

June 22—June 28 – Scott Thraikill

We have an emergency number at church available 24/7. Call the church and select prompt 5, leave your message with a phone number, and a minister will be in touch.

### THE CHURCH STAFF

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Carol Gray	Organist
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