

First Baptist Church Hillsborough

201 W. King Street, Hillsborough, NC 27278



The Messenger April 2026

Sundays

9:00 am Community Grounds
9:45 am Bible Fellowship Groups
11:00 am Worship

In-Person Worship Attendance

March 1	101
March 8	111
March 15	124
March 22	103
March 29	103

YouTube Views

114
110
95
79
75

Bible Fellowship Group Attendance

March 1	68
March 8	64
March 15	61
March 22	58
March 29	66

For any ministerial needs, please contact the Church Office or any Deacon.

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FBC Website

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WATCH US GROW IN CHRIST! MONTHLY SCRIPTURE FOR KINGDOM KIDS

Parents & family members, please help your child learn these verses and look for them in their Bible. They will have the opportunity to recite the verse for a "punch" on their card!

April 12



April 19



April 26



Thank you for allowing us to serve your children!

The People We Are Becoming

Dear Precious Friends,

The Easter Season is an invitation for Christians around the world to draw closer to God. It is a time for reflection, opening our eyes and our hearts that we may find and be found. There are times in our lives when we fail to look for God. God is faithful and always here for us. God is closer to us than the air we breathe and the ground we stand. We will never know God, and we will never know what it is to be known by God unless we look. We look so that God can lead us and fulfill His will.

The Bible calls us all to be in Christ. Jesus said, *“If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth and the truth will set you free.”* (John 8:32) If we are in Christ, doors will open and we will work to see that others know this freedom too.

Paul writes that we can only know freedom if we accept Christ as the One sent to us to show us how to be reconciled, how to be fulfilled and how to be as God intends us to be. *“So, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ, God was reconciling himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So, we are ambassadors for Christ...”* (II Cor. 5:16-20)

We all need to hear this message during this season. Easter’s Good News is that Jesus lives! He lives in us as we live God’s truth. It is impossible to deny God’s truth and still be free. *“All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ,”* and this is truly the greatest news! Thank goodness we are made new! And in Christ we are free! Christians, may the joy of Christ’s resurrection renew your faith and set you free with unbound hearts!

I am grateful for the opportunity to share something so important with you.

Grace and peace to you,

David Morton, Pastor
FBC Hillsborough





Bring Flowers from your Garden on Easter Sunday

The cross stands at the center of the Christian faith as a symbol of both life and death.

Flowering of the cross is an Easter Sunday tradition at FBC, that invites everyone to participate in converting a barren cross into one covered in flowers, representing our hope in eternal life.

MEN'S BREAKFAST



2026 MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Prayer Breakfast
Sunday, April 19, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.
Bring a Favorite Dish and a Favorite Friend!

“Welcome House” Update – 2026

On Thursday, March 12th, we welcomed our third guest from South Africa to Welcome House - Paul Synman. All (3) of our guests were quite excited to participate in Paul’s arrival with a welcome meal of pizza with all the toppings!

All (3) men are busy on their computers actively searching job opportunities. World Relief is assisting in this and expediting all the necessary paperwork. It is required for refugees to procure employment before they can get permanent housing.

Richard, our first guest, was excited to be notified by World Relief that a job had been secured for him with Duke University Food Services and an apartment close to Duke. He is thrilled about finally having his own place. He has been at Welcome House since January. Richard moved out Friday, March 20th, to journey into his new life in America. He is confident about his future and hopes to secure employment soon in his field of expertise, IT or welding. Richard says that after he gets settled, he hopes to come back and visit our church.

If you would like to have his mailing address to send a note of encouragement, contact one of the team members - Bill Bulfin, Jan Irwin, Steve Lopez or Joanne Berg.

WH continues to be the hands and feet of Jesus showing hospitality and love to the “foreigners and strangers in our land.”





Once each year, Young Life Ministries opens its camp properties to families from regional Young Life areas so that parents and their kids, friends and neighbors can spend a weekend together in first rate recreation, fellowship and deepening response to the Gospel of Jesus. You are invited to come and experience what Young Life offers to adolescents in today's world- a retreat to explore the Kingdom of Heaven. Who would you bring with you?

WHERE: WINDY GAP CAMP, WEAVERVILLE, NC

WHEN: APRIL 17 - 19, 2026

COST:

- \$170 for adults 12+
- \$90 for kids ages 3-11
- Free for ages 0-2
- A deposit of \$100 per family is required to hold your spot
- Please register every member of your family that will be attending camp
- Camp fee includes lodging, meals (at camp), and all activities at camp
- Money is nonrefundable after April 1st

HOUSING: Moms with daughters and Dads with sons in lodge style bunk rooms.

TRAVEL: Check-In is from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. on Friday night. The first event will begin around 8:00 p.m., so be sure to eat dinner on your way to camp. On Sunday, we depart around 12:00 p.m. Windy Gap is about (4) hours from Durham/Chapel Hill, so plan accordingly.

FAMILY CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS: The average cost for a family to attend family camp is \$535. If you would like to contribute a donation towards scholarships for those that cannot fund the entire cost for their family, please reach out to the Young Life office at 919.969.9993 or younglife.dch@gmail.com

To attend, register at <https://nc27.younglife.events/2026dch-familycamp>

Bottom Line
Let's Help the Babies

Did you hear about the
Diaper Drive?



**LIFT (Living in
Fullness Together)
Ladies**

**Bring Diapers of
Any Size For OCIM**

All Month of May

Place in Crib Upstairs

*A need we all
can Get behind*



Notes of Interest to the FBC Community

Church-Wide Pancake Breakfast & Open Forum *Saturday, April 25, 2026 • 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.* *FBC Fellowship Hall*

You're invited to a joyful morning of food, fellowship and vision-shaping conversation. Bring your appetite and your curiosity as we gather around the table as one church family. We'll start the morning with a delicious pancake breakfast—hot off the griddle—followed by an open forum moderated by our Deacon leaders, where everyone is welcome to listen, learn and participate. Together we will plan to explore:

- What it means to be a member of First Baptist Church Hillsborough
- The heart behind our membership qualifications
- How we grow as a community rooted in faith, service and belonging.

We'll also share an exciting opportunity to step beyond our walls and into our neighborhood through an upcoming community prayer walk. This will be a chance to bless our town, meet our neighbors and embody the love of Christ in simple, meaningful ways. Come hungry. Come hopeful. Come ready to connect and dream together about the future God is shaping for FBCH. We can't wait to see you there!

Your Deacon Servant Leaders

175th FBC Anniversary Planning *Formation of the FBC 175th Anniversary Committee*

We invite all church members to be active participants in the planning of upcoming events related to our 175th anniversary. We are overjoyed to announce that FBC Hillsborough will be celebrating its 175th Anniversary in 2028 — a remarkable milestone of God's faithfulness, community love and shared mission. From our humble beginnings in 1853 to the vibrant ministry we share today, this journey has been filled with answered prayers, transformed lives and a steadfast commitment to serving Christ within our community and throughout the world. Please contact **Reggie Carter** by April 11th to express interest in serving on the 175th Anniversary Committee. We hope to offer special worship services, guest speakers, music and share fellowship meals. We'll look back at our rich history and envision our future in ministry together.

Please join us in giving thanks for the past, celebrating the present and looking forward to the future that God has prepared for us. "To God be the glory, great things He has done!" You are encouraged to take part in planning this joyous and historic event! Please put these dates on your calendars.

Date: November 18-19, 2028

Location: 201 West King Street, Hillsborough, NC 27278

A NOTE OF THANKS – *Thank you to everyone for your love, thoughtfulness and generosity. Thank you for all of the phone calls and flowers, the food and visits which I enjoyed thoroughly. Thank you again.*
In Christian Love, Ann Stubbs.





The Shed-o-Plenty is Still in Need!

Thank you for your continued contributions to The Shed. It continues to meet the needs of families in Orange County—through large items and small!

Thank you again to all for your support and for the work of the Kingdom!

Below is a current list of the most needed items.

NOTE: Other items needed to help set up a small apartment are still welcomed.

Currently most needed:

- ⇒ Dressers or chests of drawers
- ⇒ Full and twin bed frames (or platforms)
- ⇒ Living room furniture (for smaller apartments)
- ⇒ Small kitchen tables and chairs
- ⇒ Twin comforters or spreads
- ⇒ Twin sheets
- ⇒ Drinking glasses (for families with children)

I wanted to share how the shed continues to assist our community. Thank you so much!

From an Alliance for Success case worker



Contact Sharon Richardson if you have questions about donations or ways to assist the families that use the Shed.
919- 636-1699 or sharonr3711@gmail.com

MINISTRY PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

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> Bonnie Murphy, Bubba Whitehurst, Garrett Compton

Thank you to each Committee Chairperson and all who serve.

Your willingness and dedication give our church opportunity to grow, come together in fellowship and enjoy one another at special functions.

The Placement Committee has updated all leadership and Committee members so that we are able to work together. This document is in two (2) forms: 1) Sent as an e-mail document to Chairpersons; and 2) hard copy. A hard copy is available from Bonnie Murphy and/or located in the Sanctuary window ledge. We trust that this will help our Church family, new and long-time members, to see where they wish to serve and use their gifts. We on this Committee look forward to hearing from you. We welcome a conversation.

The FLOWER COMMITTEE needs (3) members to help in the Rose Garden. We have (2) new committees being formed - the Worship Committee and the Church Council. Thank you to each for your dedicated service to church and God.

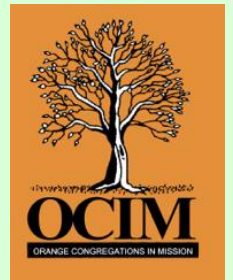
A Church Council: This Committee consists of Committee Chairpersons to be in unity, informed of church needs, changes to committees, serving together and seeking new opportunities to grow together. Pastor David leads the Council meetings, which are quarterly. A report will be made at each conference.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

As we go forward in 2026, please decide if you prefer to remain a member of the Ordinance Committee. You may e-mail or text BONNIE MURPHY at 315-709-1150 should you choose to serve elsewhere.

OCIM - ORANGE CONGREGATIONS IN MISSION

Thanks to everyone who participated in our March Madness for OCIM in March. We really blew the doors off! Our blessed congregant, BOB MADDY, will give us an update on how much we were able to pass off to OCIM during our "Madness" campaign! Bob faithfully delivers the collected food items to OCIM each week. OCIM's record-keeping is done by poundage. Let's make a real difference for our community this year.



Thank you to everyone SO MUCH for your continued faithfulness in helping those in need. You may place food items in the blue barrels in the downstairs hallway OR use the baskets in the Bible Fellowship rooms. Items needed on the regular include cereal, peanut butter, canned vegetables, soups and canned fruits. Also, toothbrushes, bar soap and deodorants or other hygiene products are welcomed, as well.

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE IN NEED EVERY DAY – NOT JUST HOLIDAYS! Thank you!



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SENIORS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Could it be God is calling you to serve by visiting and enjoying some time with our seniors? What a joy it is to be in their presence. Check the list below for a few locations of nursing homes and senior living facilities for a visit. Also, remember some of our seniors are still in their homes. Addresses are in our FBC online directory.

Anyone who would like to join us at **2:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday** of the month for a Hymn Sing at **Brookshire**, we invite you to do so. This is held in the dining hall for a time of singing and sharing with the residents. We have printed song lyrics available each time. Contact **DEE JACKOLA** at 919-632-7091 (text or call) or dhjackola@gmail.com. It is certainly an uplifting time for all.

Contact **JAN IRWIN** with any questions, ideas or prayers. Thank you for serving in any way that God calls you.

<u>Parkview Health/Rehab Center</u> 1716 Legion Road Chapel Hill, NC 27517		<u>Brookdale</u> 4434 Ben Franklin Blvd. Durham, NC 27704	Nancy Baity/Room 117 Joyce Rippy/Room 200
<u>Adorable Senior Living</u> (*Villines Rest Home) 401 W. Queen St. Hillsborough, NC 27278	All Residents	<u>Croasdaile Village</u> 2600 Croasdaile Pkwy/Pavillion Durham, NC 27705	
<u>Mebane Ridge Nursing Home</u> 1999 S NC Hwy 119 Mebane, NC 27302	Joyce Bateman (Memory Care Unit)	<u>Durham Nursing & Rehab</u> 411 S. LaSalle St. Durham, NC 27705	Mark Bullock
<u>Terra Bella (Carillon)</u> 1911 Orange Grove Road Hillsborough, NC 27278	Virginia "Pauline" McClard – Rm A18		
<u>Hillcrest Rehab and Asst Living</u> 1417 W. Pettigrew St. Durham, NC 27705			
<u>Rose Manor Rehab</u> 4230 N. Roxboro Rd. Rm 51 Durham, NC			



PRAYER REQUESTS and CONCERNS

If you have an ongoing prayer concern this month or an urgent prayer request and would like to share it with the FBC Hillsborough congregation and/or post it in our monthly Messenger, please contact the office by telephone at (919) 732-8174 or via e-mail at office@fbchillsborough.org so that it may be added to a Prayer List.

The regular Church Office hours are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. If you call outside of office hours, please leave a message so that your concern may be addressed when the office re-opens or please contact Rev. David Morton at dmorton@fbchillsborough.org.

***Continue to be in prayer for our friend, Cathy Gage, as her mother passed last month and she and the family are dealing with all the “after” issues in Indiana.*

***Please continue to remember Ann Stubbs in prayer as she continues to convalesce. She is so thankful for all your thoughts, prayers and generosity.*

***Prayers for our country and for all those in other regions affected by conflict, war, hunger and poverty.*



April 2026 Birthdays



04-01-26 Emily Gordon	04-15-26 Sheenagh Wagner
04-01-26 Kenny Beasley	04-16-26 Mason Dunlap
04-04-26 Terri DeLancy	04-16-26 Steven Lopez
04-04-26 Lynda Hux	04-17-26 Danette Clark
04-04-26 Betty Jones	04-17-26 Willard Cates
04-04-26 Benjamin Snell	04-18-26 Scott Cannada
04-04-26 Paige Westbrook	04-19-26 Cathy Parker
04-05-26 Lexi Horne	04-21-26 Gracie Cave
04-05-26 Georgia Wagner	04-21-26 Steve Durham
04-06-26 Susan Medlin	04-21-26 Shelba Johnson
04-06-26 Adalynne Lopez	04-23-26 Brenda Guill
04-06-26 Matt Dickerson	04-23-26 Dolly Roberts
04-07-26 Derrick Hudson	04-24-26 Ruth Crispin
04-07-26 Erick Hudson	04-25-26 Faye Burgner
04-07-26 Pam Schaub Hall	04-25-26 Nancy Cates
04-08-26 Shawn Hesse	04-26-26 Penny King
04-09-26 Lauren Triplett	04-26-26 April Stone
04-10-26 Cathy Gage	04-27-26 Blair Baldwin
04-10-26 Anne Sims	04-27-26 Madelyn Compton
04-12-26 Thomas Clayton	04-29-26 Susie Snell
04-13-26 Angelica Cave	04-29-26 Lynn Venturini
04-14-26 Ryan Bradshaw	

