

First Baptist Church Hillsborough

201 W. King Street, Hillsborough, NC 27278



The Messenger

August 2026

Sundays

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

In-Person Worship Attendance

July 5	94
July 12	114
July 19	115
July 26	133

YouTube Views

178
89
89
86

Bible Fellowship Group Attendance

July 5	59
July 12	67
July 19	66
July 26	71

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

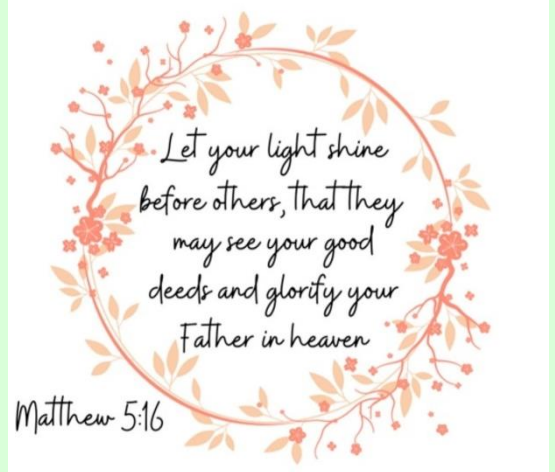
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The People We Are Becoming

Dear Friends,

The challenges we face as God's people are real. Many of the resources and ways that got us to where we are today may not be sufficient to move us forward into tomorrow. But time again in the Bible, we see examples of God doing a new thing and inviting people to step out in new ways. And when they do, God provides them guidance and strength.

In a world where there is so much division and acrimony, those who follow Christ can practice a more excellent way -- the way of love and discipleship. I want to always proclaim a gospel of grace. Grace was at the heart of Christ's teachings and practice of faith. That means the acknowledgment that all people are created in the image of God, are beloved and are worthy. When we look at one another, we are to see each other in this way.

That means we must let go of labels and categories that say that some people are worthy less than others. Jesus said, "Love your neighbor as yourself," and "Love one another as I have loved you." There isn't room for exceptions or qualifications. Through Jesus' parables and other teachings, His focus was on this earthly life and how we live it, a life of justice and mercy, of sharing God's grace and love with others of all backgrounds.

Where do we stand in each of our own understandings of the life, death, the resurrection of Jesus and its meaning for our lives? What does the Kingdom of God mean to us? Might Jesus say to us: "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' but do not do as I say?" (Luke 6:46)

I have one request for all of us. Bring someone. Invite a friend, a neighbor, the person down the street you have always wanted to know better. Grace is not rationed at FBC Hillsborough. There is more than enough. Enough room, enough love, enough belonging for every one of us, no matter our age, no matter who we are. There is a place at this church for you. Come and join us.

Until Sunday, and all the days between,

David Morton, Pastor
FBC Hillsborough



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!



Helmet of Salvation

EPHESIANS 6: 11
"PUT ON THE FULL
ARMOR OF GOD SO
THAT YOU CAN TAKE
YOUR STAND AGAINST
THE SCHEMES OF THE
DEVIL."



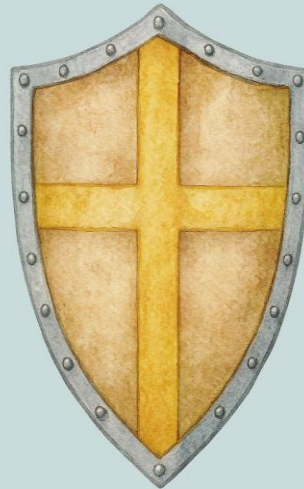
Belt of Truth



Breastplate of Righteousness



Sword of the Spirit



Shield of Faith



Shoes of the Gospel of Peace

Thank you for allowing us to serve your children!

From Your Deacon Team

August 2026

With A Grateful Heart

Recently the Pathways Class studied a lesson entitled “The Gift of a Grateful Heart.” This discussion lead me to think about the many blessings that we take for granted.

Psalm 9:1-2-- *I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing the praises of your name, O Most High.* After reading this, I realized that I needed to remind myself to give thanks for every single thing in my life because it all comes from Him. As I reflected on the many blessings that we so often overlook, I have decided to make a conscious effort to thank Him daily for all that I have been given.

As I think about our church, I am grateful for my brothers and sisters in Christ in this congregation that love and support each other. I am also grateful for the opportunity to serve our congregation as a Deacon. My challenge for all of us this month is to have a grateful heart each day. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 -- *"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."*

Blessings,
Molly Compton



FBC Summer Happenings



First Baptist Church VBS
Friday, August 7 – 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, August 8, 2026 – 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Weekly Events at FBC Hillsborough

Sunday

Community Grounds – 9:00 a.m.

Bible Study - 9:45 a.m.

Worship - 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday

Virtual Bible Study - 10:30 a.m.

Choir Practice - 6:30 p.m.

Bible Study – 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Claiming the Blessings of Relationships

Summer brings many blessings. Families gather, friends reconnect and many of us find opportunities to travel or spend time with those we love. It also seems to be a season when many people carry heavy concerns, reminding us of the importance of praying for one another. As Pastor David often reminds us, we are richer when we pray together. Alongside those prayers, perhaps there is another blessing we can intentionally notice and celebrate—the everyday gift of relationships.

Throughout Scripture, God calls us into relationships. The Commandments teach us to love God and to care for one another. Jesus summarizes this beautifully: love God, love your neighbor and love yourself. As followers of Christ, we seek to live out those relationships through worship, prayer, study, service and the countless conversations that weave together the lives of our church family.

Often in those quiet moments—in the parking lot, over a cup of coffee or in a brief conversation, we hear stories of kindness, encouragement, reconciliation and joy. These everyday moments are signs of God's grace at work among us.

Here are just a few examples from the past month:

- *Watching grandparents delight in caring for their young twin granddaughters;*
- *Seeing grandparents and grandchildren head off together to a special Grandparents' Camp;*
- *Witnessing a family, even at a funeral, finding comfort through stories, hugs, shared meals and cherished memories;*
- *Being invited to spend a rare overnight evening with family;*
- *Receiving a thoughtful note expressing appreciation and reminding me that I am valued;*

None of these moments may seem extraordinary, yet each reflects the blessing of relationships and the goodness of God.

Would you consider sharing a few of your own experiences? They need not be dramatic and names are not necessary. Simply tell us about some moments when you experienced, received or witnessed kindness, love, encouragement or joy in a relationship.

We would love to include these brief stories in The Messenger each month. You are invited to participate. Send your reflections to Crystal at Office@fbchillsborough.org by the 15th of the month, as she prepares The Messenger during the second half of each month. Your stories can encourage and inspire our church family. I will be sending mine in mid-July, I hope you will as well.

As we continue to pray, worship, study and serve together, may we also become people who intentionally notice—and celebrate—the many ways God blesses and encourages us through one another.

*Grace and Peace,
Stephen Durham*



Blessings in Relationships

August 2026

Relationships matter. In many ways, it is a clear way that we see Christ in the world today. Sometimes it is reflected by others. Sometimes in our own amazement and praise, we notice Christ working through us. Perhaps that is the Holy Spirit helping us to see more of God in others and in ourselves.

Relationships are celebrated across the scriptures. We are taught these many stories from beginnings in Sunday schools to vacation bible schools to the lessons and sermons we hear as adults. This request for items of blessings through relationships is to recall this. God is all about relationships, from Genesis to Revelations. The Gospel is filled with how relationships can be. We should notice!

So, this list is about what has been noticed. It has praises embedded all through it. It presents an opportunity for me, for you, for us all to notice just how powerful positive relationships are in God's Kingdom and in our lives. May we notice this more. Let these guide your own thoughts, praises, prayers, actions and observations. May we become more of this to each other and to those we have not met yet.

We were in a restaurant recently where you pay the bill at the table. An elderly gentleman at a nearby table was struggling with the process. The waiter was incredibly patient and kind, giving multiple suggestions to help. He retained his smile the entire encounter. . . AM

One that I recently observed was from the willingness of a behind-the-counter person to engage me about the day, events and a bit of our stories. It is always refreshing when people are not too busy to engage in our stories and linger a bit longer than needed. . . SD

Niece (8 years old) and uncle playing in the surf; daughter celebrating 40th with family and friends; son caring for father as he ages; people doing aqua aerobics and sharing life; educators supporting those coming behind them in transformative teaching strategies; friends sharing grief journey; friends storytelling with laughter. . . CD

I find myself reflecting with gratitude on the grace-filled welcome you have offered to me and Linda. From your kind words and warm smiles, I am deeply grateful. In all of this, I am surrounded by faithful people who help me learn and lead with greater clarity each day. I am so grateful to be here, upheld by you all, our rich tradition, and the love that has grown through the years. Together, we are a living testimony to God's faithfulness and a people being continually shaped by grace. I am thankful for the happiness of being on this pilgrimage. I am thankful for all we will learn, build, and become together. . . DM

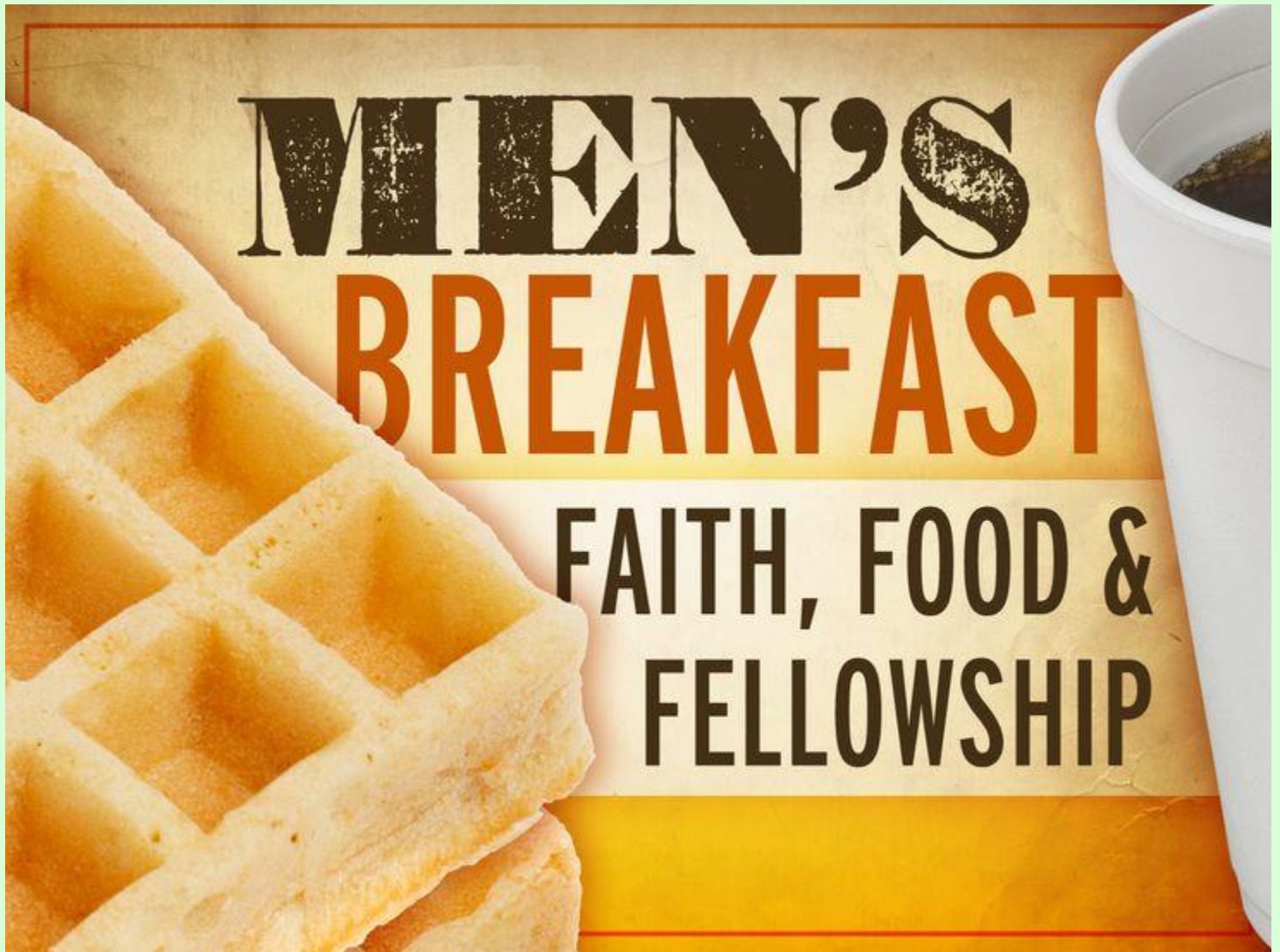
Listening to laughter among friends celebrating good things, adventures, and life; being a part of a couple who can encourage, ask forgiveness, and celebrate together; watching a group of colleagues with a high level of trust responding with concern to issues with little ego contamination; a person willing to ask for help among friends; friends willing to share concerns in a transparent way illustrating

a safe relationship for difficult conversations; the acceptance of words of encouragement and affirmation from friends without responding with discounting comments; sitting in pews with others worshiping and looking in the same direction to God, even with different praises and needs; being in a group and noticing how they are working to accept and encourage another to be a part of that group; hearing very sincere “thank you’s,” even among friends; being asked for opinions in a way you know matters; being able to see the joy of Christ reflected from within in how others are approached, even strangers; seeing relationships show their dynamic potential in ways all are enhanced and encouraged; seeing/feeling encouragement about an endeavor even when hesitating about doing it. . .SD

The pure acceptance and innocent joy found in the hug of a grandchild; the excitement in a child’s eyes when you tell them they’re going to church with you on Sunday; the renewal of love between a long-lost brother and a sister in a phone call full of sadness and grief over a loss; the expressions of love and sadness received when you prayerfully struggle to put a child’s heart and soul before your own comfort; the freedom you experience when you ask God for His forgiveness and know right away that a burden has been truly lifted from your shoulders . . . CSS

A photograph of a red brick wall. The words "GOD IS LOVE!" are cut out of the wall in a large, bold, sans-serif font. The letters are white with a distressed, weathered texture, and the brick wall is visible through the cutouts. The text is centered on the wall.

**GOD
IS
LOVE!**



2026 MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Sunday, August 16, 2026

8:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

Bring a Favorite Dish and a Favorite Friend!

Good News Club Happenings

We will resume September 23, 2026, meeting on Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m., at Mebane's Chapel UHC until we are allowed back into the Orange County Schools (this is within walking distance of Central and Hillsborough Elementary School). Please let Millie Hannaman know if you are interested in volunteering, need more information, wish to provide snacks or wish to be on our prayer list.

They will especially benefit from a teacher with Special Education training.

*Thanks.
Millie Hannaman*



“Welcome House” – 2026

Jesus calls us to share hospitality, kindness and generosity, as we “welcome the foreigners and strangers into your land.” This is what the WH Ministry is all about.

If you would like to know more about this precious global ministry, please contact Steve Lopez, Bill Bulfin, Jan Irwin 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.”



Notes of Interest to the FBC Community

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. 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.

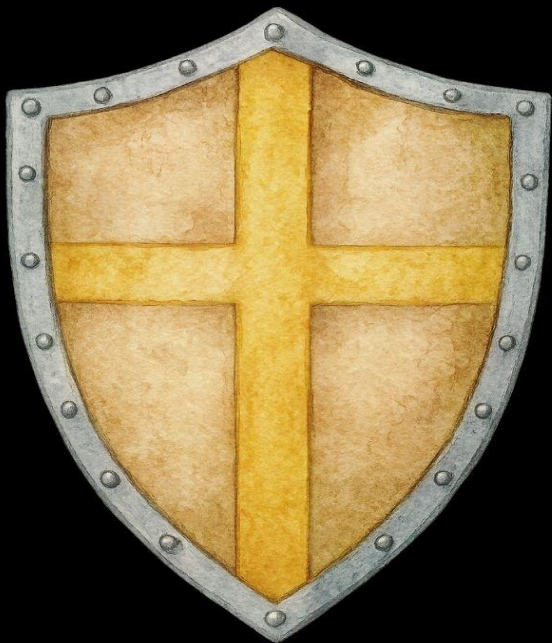
Please join us in giving thanks for the past, celebrating the present and looking forward to the future that God has prepared for us. "To God be the glory, great things He has done!" You are encouraged to take part in planning this joyous and historic event! Please put these dates on your calendars.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

Date: November 18-19, 2028

Location: 201 West King Street, Hillsborough, NC 27278

First Planning Meeting: Wednesday, June 10th (Clayton Classroom) 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



WHERE: FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
201 WEST KING STREET

WHEN: FRIDAY, AUGUST 7
5:30PM - 8PM
* * * SUPPER PROVIDED
SATURDAY, AUGUST 8
9:30AM - 12:30PM
* * * LUNCH PROVIDED

WHO: PRESCHOOL (3-4 YEAR OLDS)
THROUGH 5TH GRADE

"Put on the full armor of God so
that you can take your stand."

Ephesians 6:11

TO REGISTER, PLEASE VISIT:



Join us for VBS as we discover what it
means to wear the Armor of God!

Summer Reading Opportunities

You're Invited: A Summer of Reading, Faith, and Conversation

Summer is here, bringing with it all the familiar rhythms of the season—busy calendars, family plans, trips to the mountains or the beach and those ever-present conversations about the heat (and whether it will ever rain!). June bugs will find the roses, grocery shelves will empty of hot dog and hamburger buns, calendars will be marked up with sports times, travel, meeting friends, cookouts and church lawns will begin to fill with VBS signs. In the midst of all that summer brings, we'd love to invite you into something meaningful and refreshing. For the eleventh summer, we'll be gathering for a **Summer Reading and Discussion Group**—a simple, welcoming space to grow in faith and community. The format is easy and relaxed: We read, we gather, we talk—agreeing, questioning, learning, and then we do it again the next week. Along the way, something special always happens. We discover more about ourselves, about each other and often how much we share in common, even in our differences.

The weekly reading is very manageable (about 30 pages), allowing us to move through one thoughtfully chosen book over the course of the summer. Together, we explore how God's Word shapes our faith, how our faith shapes our lives and how our lives, in turn, touch those around us. You might think of it as the merging of the Gospel road and the everyday road of Life.

Our book for this summer is currently being selected and will be announced soon. Over the years, our reading list has included a wide range of meaningful and engaging titles recommended by pastors, Christian leaders and participants just like you. Each selection is chosen with care—offering depth, inspiration and just enough challenge to spark thoughtful conversation.

Details:

- **When:** Saturdays at 8:30 AM (about one hour)
- **Where:** Via Zoom
- **Start Date:** June 6

We've chosen Zoom to make it easier for everyone to participate, wherever summer may take you. Whether you're at home, traveling, or visiting family, you can still join in—from Hillsborough to Myrtle Beach to Maine and beyond (perhaps even while waiting for a plane).

If you feel even a small nudge to be part of this, we'd love to have you. You can sign up through the Church Office or reach out directly to Stephen Durham (stephen_m_durham at yahoo, (919) 906-3783).

Can't start the first week? That's okay. Need to miss a few sessions? That's expected. You're welcome whenever you can join us. Watch for the announcement of the title selected and the ZOOM information in late May.

And one more thing—**books will be provided**. We hope you'll consider being part of this meaningful summer tradition. It's a simple invitation... but one that often leads to rich conversation, deeper faith, and lasting connection.

As a point of illustration, below is the list of books read over these years. This is a fine list of books to consider for your own shelf if you are wondering what you should read.

Grace and Peace in your life today.

Stephen Durham

(Cont'd.)

- 2016a Summer: **Worship For the Whole People of God**, Ruth Duck
2016b Summer: **New Kind of Christianity**, Brian McLaren
2017a Summer: **Alters Where We Worship**, Floyd-Thomas
2017b Summer: **The Hole in Our Gospel**, Richard Stearns
2018a Summer: **Way of Love, Recovering the Heart of Christianity**, Norman Wirzba
2018b Summer: **Onward, Engaging the Culture Without Losing the Gospel**, Russell Moore
2019a Summer: **The Storm Tossed Family**, Moore
2019b Summer: **Instruments in the Redeemers Hands**, Paul David Tripp
2020a Summer: **The Wounded Healer**, Henri Nouwen
2020b Summer: **Changing Our Minds**, David Goushee
2021 Lent, Concurrent Book Readings
- **Art in Faith**, Makoto Fujimura
- **Who Will Be A Witness**, Drew G I Hart.
2021a Summer: **Lens of Love**, Jonathan Walton
2021b Summer **Surprised By Hope**, N T Wright
2022 Lent Concurrent
- **Insider Outsider, My Journey as a Stranger in White Evangelicalism and My Hope for Us All** Bryan Loritts.
- **Coloring Lent: An Adult Coloring Book for the Journey to Resurrection** by Christopher D. Rodkey and Jesse & Natalie Turri
- **Witness at the Cross**, Levine.
- **Grace and Free Will**, St Augustine of Hippo
2022a Summer: **If God Is Love, Don't Be A Jerk**, Pavlovitz
2022b Summer: **Reconciliation, Healing, and Hope: Sermons from Washington National Cathedral**, Jan Naylor Cope
2023 Lent Concurrent
- **This Sacred Life**, Norman Wirzba
- **The Word in Color Coloring Book**. Chirstian Art Publishers.
2023a Summer: **The Book of Forgiving**, Demond Tutu and Mpho Tutu
2023b Summer **Called to Reconciliation**, Jonathan C Augustine
2024 Lent: **"Faith after Doubt: Why Your Beliefs Stopped Working and What to do About It"**, Brian McLaren
2024 Summer **Love is the Way**, Michael Curry
2025 Lent **Make Me Like Jesus** M Phillips
2025 Summer: **Baptizing America: How Mainline Protestants Helped Build Christian Nationalism**, Kaylor and Underwood
2025 Advent, Various Articles on Hope, Joy, Peace for Three Saturdays.
2026 Lent **Learning to Walk in the Dark, Because Sometimes God Shows Up at Night**, Barbara Brown Taylor

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The Book Choice for This Summer's Discussion Has Been Made

Past participants in the Summer Reading Group have looked through a number of wonderful titles and topics and have now made the choice for this summer's read. There were many thoughtful and popular suggestions, but the selection that rose to the top was by Richard Rohr:

The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For, and Believe.

Below you will find the publisher's description of the book. Take a moment to read it and see what you think.

This summer's Reading and Discussion Group will begin June 6. As in previous years, we will gather by Zoom at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday mornings throughout the summer. Zoom details will be shared as you indicate your interest. One of the gifts of meeting this way is the ability to participate from many different places and schedules.

And, of course, summer life happens - vacations, family events, travels and unexpected moments will mean that some Saturdays may be missed. There is absolutely no guilt in that. Simply continue reading and join back in whenever you can.

We read for discussion, not for agreement. Yet, year after year, it has been remarkable to discover how much richer our shared understandings become through open conversation. Different views are welcomed and respected without pressure to conform. In that grace-filled space of discussion, we often discover the wonderful unity of being fellow seekers — looking for a deeper relationship with God, exploring what it means to follow Jesus in both new and familiar ways and learning again that a community of faith does not require us all to be exactly alike.

If that sounds meaningful or inviting to you, we would love for you to join us.

Books will be ordered soon, so please let me know if you are interested so that a copy can be reserved and provided for you. And even if you cannot begin right at the start, you are still welcome to join in and begin whenever you are able.

Contact: Stephen Durham Stephen_m_durham@yahoo.com (919-906-3783)

The Universal Christ: How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope for, and Believe, Richard Rohr
“Anyone who strives to put their faith into action will find encouragement and inspiration in the pages of this book.”—
Melinda Gates

In his decades as a globally recognized teacher, Richard Rohr has helped millions realize what is at stake in matters of faith and spirituality. Yet Rohr has never written on the most perennially talked about topic in Christianity: Jesus. Most know who Jesus was, but who was Christ? Is the word simply Jesus’s last name? Too often, Rohr writes, our understandings have been limited by culture, religious debate, and the human tendency to put ourselves at the center.

Drawing on scripture, history, and spiritual practice, Rohr articulates a transformative view of Jesus Christ as a portrait of God’s constant, unfolding work in the world. “God loves things by becoming them,” he writes, and Jesus’s life was meant to declare that humanity has never been separate from God—except by its own negative choice. When we recover this fundamental truth, faith becomes less about proving Jesus was God and more about learning to recognize the Creator’s presence all around us and in everyone we meet.

Thought-provoking, practical and full of deep hope and vision, *The Universal Christ* is a landmark book from one of our most beloved spiritual writers, and an invitation to contemplate how God liberates and loves all that is.



MINISTRY PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

Bonnie Murphy, Bubba Whitehurst, Garrett Compton

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE Updates:

* Rose Garden has (2) new members helping to keep our bountiful Rose Garden blossoming - Mary (last name?) and more recently, Christy Faircloth. Welcome gals! The Garden would like (2) more helpers if you would like to serve and enjoy roses. Please contact Sharon Bass at 919-451-4849.

* Flower Committee **CORRECTION** from last month. It is the Rose Garden that needs help, **NOT** the Flower Committee. Diane Martin recently joined the Flower Committee. Welcome Diane!

* Welcome House (not currently in use) is equally in need of people to serve. Steve Lopez helps when needed, but has stepped down from the Committee for now.

* Audio Visual team does a great job. Kevin Wells is a new face you will see in the balcony, learning and helping. Welcome Kevin! Andy is grateful to Kevin and notes (2) more persons are needed.

* Ordinance Committee has done so well with a couple of new requirements in preparing the communion table. We have a new couple interested in serving in this area. If any current member may enjoy serving on a different committee, please contact Bonnie (315-709-1150) or Carolyn (919-215-2777). Thank you.

* **MISSIONS COMMITTEE** has several sub-committees that watch over our outreach through Missions. We need someone to oversee and report to the Church Council how these chairpersons are doing. Perhaps they have needs that can be fulfilled and the Council can be informed of such. Please pray if it's an area in which you would enjoy serving.

CHURCH COUNCIL.....This Committee consists of various chairpersons coming together quarterly to review any Committee updates, support and where any help may be needed. They discuss new ideas and generally feel a sense of unity in serving.

- **SAMARTIAN'S CHRISTMAS BOX Program**

We have Cristy Faircloth agreeing to lead FBCH in supporting this wonderful ministry for children around the world at Christmastime.

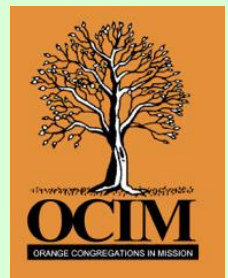
Thanks so much!

OCIM - ORANGE CONGREGATIONS IN MISSION

Bob Maddry faithfully delivers the collected food items to OCIM each week. OCIM's record-keeping is done by poundage. We are making 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!



Operation Christmas Child

Begins: July 2026 Kickoff

Ends: October 2026 -Churchwide Packing Party

FBC GOAL: 200 BOXES

WHAT IS Operation Christmas Child?

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization. Our mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. We ship these simple gifts outside the United States to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease. [Samaritan's Purse Frequently Asked Questions](#)

WHAT IS THE \$10 SUGGESTED DONATION PER BOX?

The \$10 per shoebox is a suggested donation. This amount is critical to cover project costs involved in collecting, processing, and shipping your shoebox gifts to over 175 countries and territories. It also provides for ministry materials such as *The Greatest Gift* Gospel Booklet and The Ministry Partner Guide. We encourage those who are unable to include \$10 per box to consider asking a group in their church or a family member to sponsor this part of the shoebox gift. [Samaritan's Purse Frequently Asked Questions](#)

HOW CAN I PARTNER WITH First Baptist Church Hillsborough IN THIS MINISTRY?

*bring items to church weekly/monthly and place in collection bin located in the Pathways Classroom upstairs

*place monetary donations in the offering plate noting "OCC Donation" and items will be purchased for you

*obtain a box and label from Cristy Faircloth to pack your own box and bring packed box to the Churchwide Packing Party

*donate directly to Samaritan's Purse and they will pack your box for you (go [here](#) and scroll down to "Build A Shoebox Online")



Click [Amazon storefront](#) or scan QR code for for gift ideas (built by Samaritan's Purse)



Click "[What Goes in my Shoebox?](#)" or scan QR code for gift ideas
July 2026 (School Supplies and Clothing & Accessories)

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pencils and sharpener
- Pencil case
- Erasers
- Pens
- Crayons
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Index cards
- Calculator
- Scissors
- Small Ruler
- Glue stick
- Small sticky tape

**CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES**

- Clothing and undergarments
- Shoes
- Cold weather items
- Sunglasses
- Bags or backpacks
- Hats
- Wristwatch
- Flashlight with extra packaged batteries

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

- Pencils, sharpener, and erasers
- Pencil container
- Pens
- Crayons
- Colored pencils
- Markers
- Notebooks
- Index cards
- Calculator
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Glue stick
- Small adhesive tape
- Drawstring bag

**CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES**

- Flip-flops or shoes
- Sunglasses
- Hat
- Wristwatch
- Costume jewelry
- Hair accessories
- Clothing and undergarments
- Winter cap, scarf, and mittens


 Do Not Include

Soap is no longer allowed in shoebox gifts because of the complications it causes in customs in some nations.

SOAP; candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.



Click [Amazon storefront](#) or scan QR code for for gift ideas (built by Samaritan's Purse)



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SENIORS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Is 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. Also, remember some of our seniors are still in their homes. Addresses are in our FBC online directory. If you can't find an address, give Jan Irwin a call.

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** (919) 451-9744 with any questions, ideas or prayers. Thank you for serving however 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	
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PRAYER REQUESTS and CONCERNS

If you have an ongoing or urgent prayer concern 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 our Prayer List.

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.

*****Please continue to remember and pray for ROSE MORRISON and her family as she continues to recover and rehab at home now. She is having another surgery on August 7th. Crissy Wells is providing a meal train link for those who wish to assist with meals during this time. We all wish our sweet Rose a full and fast recovery according to the will of the Great Physician and Healer.***

*****Please continue prayer and remembrance of the family of JO ANN MURRAY (Kent and Peggie Murray and family) at her recent passing.***



August 2026 Birthdays



08-01-25 Art Johnson	08-18-25 Grant Alford
08-03-25 Betty Faulkner	08-18-25 Bobbie Vaughan
08-04-25 John Byun	08-20-25 Bret Porterfield
08-04-25 Billy Bevill	08-20-25 Charley Belle Clayton
08-05-25 Emily Berryhill	08-22-25 Matthew Hannaman
08-05-25 Jaxon Baker	08-22-25 Samantha Rice
08-06-25 David Morrison	08-23-25 Chris Yerby
08-09-25 Mitchell Jamison (Askew)	08-24-25 Bailey Wilkins
08-10-25 Frances Loftis	08-24-25 Tiffany Lopez
08-14-25 Bryce Porterfield	08-25-25 Jon Slone
	08-26-25 Ashley Kimball
	08-26-25 Colby Alford
	08-27-25 Jamie Marlow

