

First Baptist Church Hillsborough

201 W. King Street, Hillsborough, NC 27278



The Messenger

July 2026

Sundays

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

In-Person Worship Attendance

June 7	111
June 14	101
June 21	101
June 28	95

YouTube Views

97
80
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71

Bible Fellowship Group Attendance

June 7	65
June 14	57
June 21	59
June 28	54

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Give Online

Let your light shine
before others, that they
may see your good
deeds and glorify your
Father in heaven

Matthew 5:16

The People We Are Becoming

Dear Friends,

Few scriptures are as encouraging as the verses found in John 15:1–5. Jesus says: “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. (NIV) Jesus is comparing himself to a living vine, to one who is connected to God. And God, his Father and ours, is the Great Caretaker—of gardens, of people, of all creation.

Scholars have described God’s garden as a mixture of plants that bear good and bad fruit. The plants in God’s garden grow alongside each other. They receive the same sunlight and are nourished by the same rains. Yet the garden is, at times, a jumbled mess, a conglomeration of people. It is our hope that God will sort out the garden and sort us out. We live and grow, blossom and produce fruit—despite weeds, periods of drought, and sometimes, scorching conditions. We grow and produce, struggle and prosper, stumble and learn by God’s grace.

As we tend our earthly gardens this summer, let’s consider the blessings of being a part of God’s creation, part of His garden. Remember the love and assurance that God provides for us. Seek to be reconciled and offer words and actions of reconciliation to others in Jesus’ name. It is through Jesus’ abundant grace that we are made as “new creations.” Bloom into the full flower that God intends you to be and produce good fruit. It is our hope and prayer that we will grow in Christ as a church and as a community of faith and grace.

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!

July 5



July 12



July 19



July 26



Thank you for allowing us to serve your children!

From Your Deacon Team

July 2026

Look Out!

As we enter the month of July, we are reminded of God's continued faithfulness and blessing in every season of life. Summer often brings opportunities for rest, family gatherings, travel and time spent enjoying God's creation. It is also a wonderful time to renew our hearts in prayer, service and fellowship with one another.

As deacons, we want to share kindness, generosity and support with our church family. We are striving to make our church a place that truly embraces what God has commanded us to do - - *love each other*. The desire to embrace our community is evident. Your Diaconate team appreciates all who have joined the Saturday open forums to discuss different strategies that hopefully will engage all ages.

May this month bring peace to your hearts, strength for each day and joy in the presence of the Lord.

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.” Hebrews 10:24

Blessings,
Janet Royal



Celebrate Jesus 2026 Lebanon

This celebration occurred May 16 & 17 and was attended by over an estimated 1,000 people. The Bouloses continue to minister to the people in Lebanon and the surrounding area even in challenging circumstances.



MUSIC



THE MESSAGE



A GREAT RESPONSE!

Prayer requests :

- Praises for two wonderful nights of Celebration Jesus.
- Praises for the response of the people attending.
- Praises for that ongoing ministries have been able to restart.
- Pray for the new believers and that others will respond as they encounter God in these ministries.
- Pray for Maha and Chaouki's health and their continued ability to minister.
- Pray for their safety and the safety of all those in this area of the world.
- Pray for the Bouloses children and families.
- Pray for the thousands of displaced people due to the conflict in south Lebanon. (See insert)

Humanitarian Needs in Lebanon are Great

Thousands have been displaced due to fighting in southern Lebanon. Help the Bouloses offer blankets, food packages, and medicine to families and individuals in these desperate situations.

You can donate at

[Living Faith Ministry International](https://lfminternational.org/)

<https://lfminternational.org/>

and click GIVE to find "Blankets, Food for Displaced in Beirut" fund option.

Thank you for all your support.
May the Lord continue to bless you,
Maha & Chaouki and the LFMI Board

*Update on the Bouloses
Our Missionary Connection*

FBC Summer Happenings



VBS Coming August 7-8, 2026

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.

Last Fridays – FBC and Change

July 2026

Friends,

Our pastor, Rev. David Morton, has often reminded us that one of the most common human traits is our reluctance to embrace change. Whether it is at home, at work, in our communities, or even in our faith journey, change can be difficult. Yet, as followers of Christ, we are continually invited to trust God as new opportunities unfold.

This year brings a change to our participation in Last Fridays. The Hillsborough Arts Council has refined its mission to focus more specifically on artists, makers and performers. As part of that change, the number of spaces available for community organizations has been reduced to just (3) at each event.

We were grateful to have one of those spaces in May. As always, wonderful conversations took place. We shared popcorn, welcomed visitors, answered questions about First Baptist Church, and enjoyed connecting with members of our community. Those conversations have always been the heart of our presence at Last Fridays.

For the remaining summer events, however, we have not been assigned one of the (3) community spaces. The available spots have been rotated among the many organizations seeking to participate. If a cancellation occurs, we may have an opportunity to return.

While this chapter of FBC at Last Fridays 2026 is on pause, it is certainly not the end of our efforts to connect with our neighbors. Conversations are already beginning about new ways that First Baptist can engage our community beyond our church doors. As ideas take shape, we will share them with you.

Most of all, THANK YOU!!! Since April 2018, dozens of church members have prayed, have volunteered their time, greeted visitors, bagged popcorn, set up tables, cleaned up afterward and represented Christ with warmth and hospitality. Your willingness to serve has made this ministry a blessing to our church and our community!

Please continue to pray for wisdom as we seek new opportunities to serve. If you have ideas for how we might build relationships within our community, we would love to hear them. Sometimes God uses seasons of change to open doors we had not yet imagined.

Rather than seeing this as an ending, let us see it as a pause - a time to listen, dream and discover together where God is leading next.

*Grace and Peace,
Stephen Durham*

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.

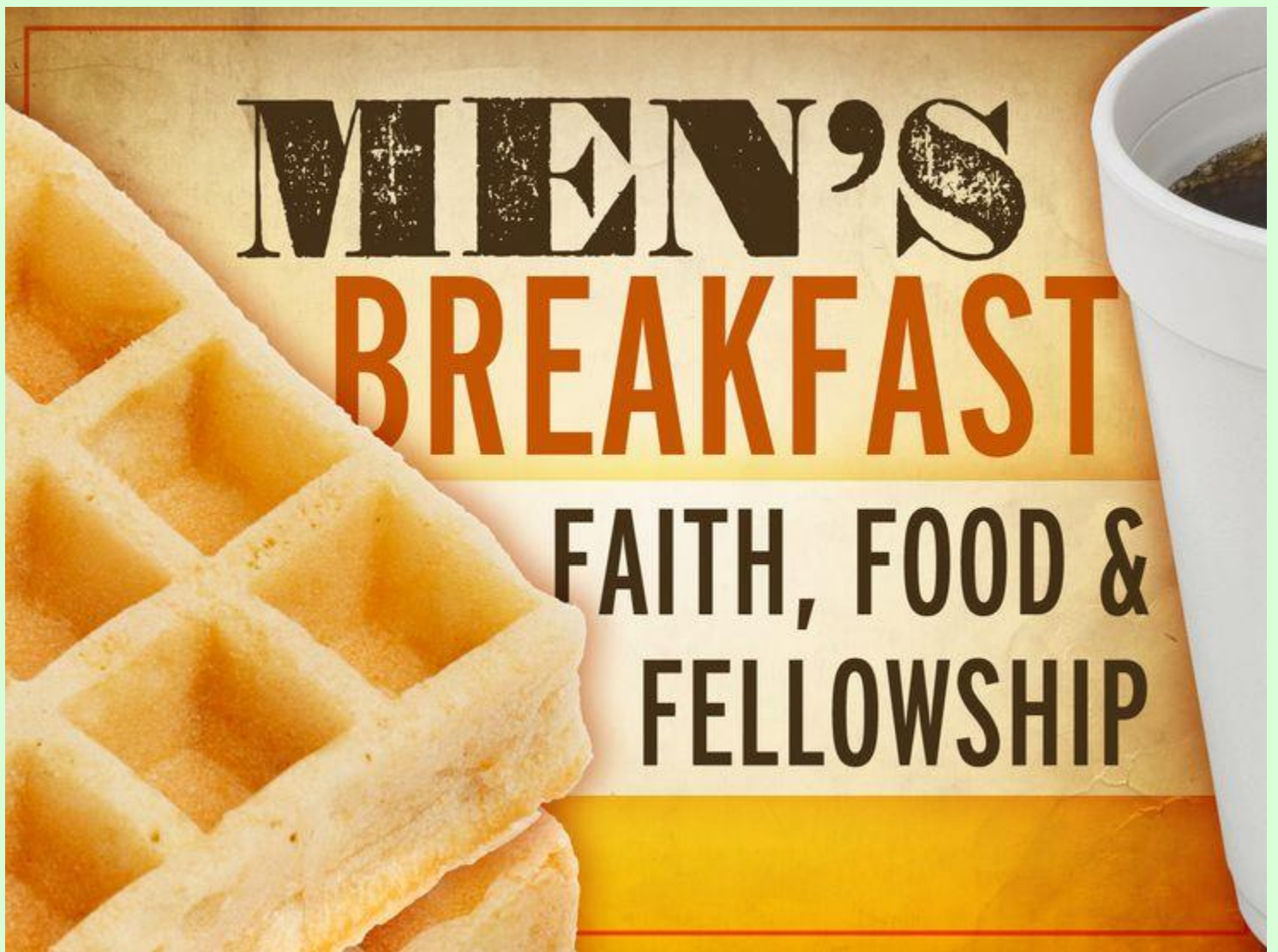
Would you consider sharing a few of your own experiences? They need not be dramatic and names are not necessary. Simply tell us about some moments when you experienced, received or witnessed kindness, love, encouragement or joy in a relationship.

*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*





2026 MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Sunday, July 19, 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.”





The Layers of Prayers that Sustain Young Life

One of the most impactful experiences for students who attend activities with Young Life Ministries during the school year and at summer camps is the discovery that prayer fuels great relationships. Spending time with their Young Life or Wyldlife leaders means adolescents hear adults and friends praying for them by name, often for the first time in their lives. They hear how leaders talk TO God, not just ABOUT Him. They see how prayers lessen burdens and multiply joys within a community of believers. They become comfortable starting their own conversations with God. This is one of the goals of YL's relational ministry. Leaders understand the role of prayer in their relationships because they, too, hear the prayers of the ministry's staff and supporters over them and their work in our student communities.

Young Life Ministries gratefully invites your continued prayer support for all students attending the following camps with their leaders this month. At camp, night by night, they will hear the Gospel presented by the staff of Young Life, leading them to understand what Christ has done to secure for them a life of promise in God's plan for all people.

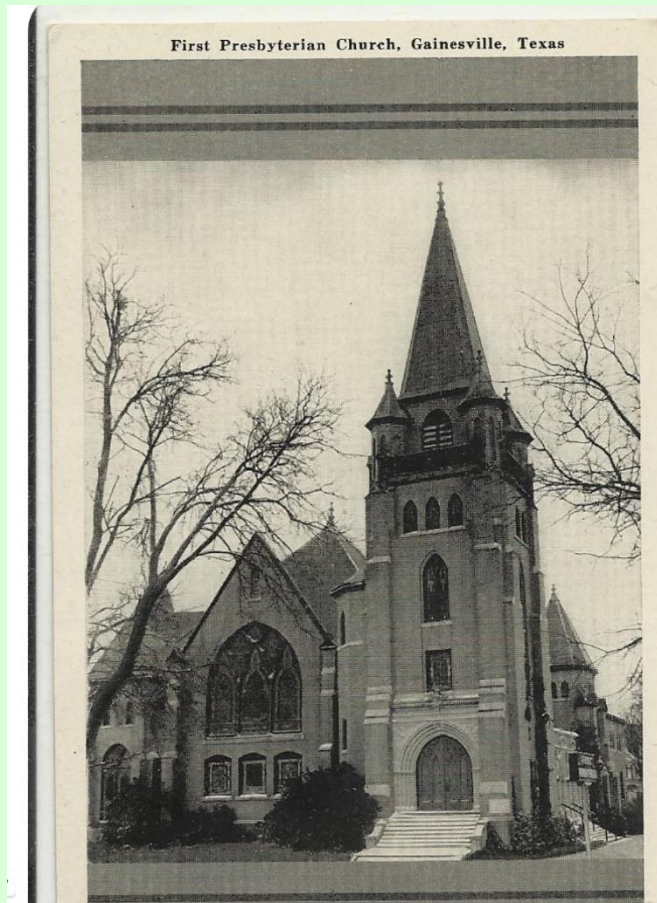
July 8 - 15: YOUNG LIFE SUMMER CAMP

Saranac Lake, NY

July 21 - 25: WYLDLIFE SUMMER CAMP

Rockbridge in Goshen, VA

The Prayers that Launched the Ministry



The church that is part of Young Life's origin story in Gainesville, Texas resembles our own!

This summer while our onsite missions with Young Life teams are paused, the story of the prayer group that is credited with Young Life's beginning seems a fitting one to remind us of our untapped potential as a church partner in this mission. The founder of Young Life, Jim Rayburn, was a seminary student in Texas in 1939. Across from a high school in the small town of Gainesville, Texas, a group of five or six elderly women from the First Presbyterian Church had been meeting every Monday evening for six years at the home of Clara Frasher to pray for the kids at the school. Clara said she watched them from her porch daily as they wandered back and forth and she prayed that someone would rescue those kids. "They don't know where they are going," she explained.

Of all the places that Jim Rayburn could try out his new idea for youth outreach - i.e., going to where the kids are at their high school - he started an afterschool club at Gainesville High School, 75 miles from where he was attending seminary in Dallas! Noticed and then hired by Clara's church in Gainesville as their Christian Education and Music Director before his graduation in 1940, Jim's club crowds grew and he moved the gathering to a weeknight in a church member's home.

The success of the club meetings in Gainesville led Jim to try out a series of "Young Life Campaigns" in the summer of 1940, replicating the relational outreach for Gainesville High School in Houston and then in Dallas. He incorporated the organization he called Young Life in October of 1941. Since that time it has expanded to every state in the U.S. and over 100 countries. Young Life acknowledges that it owes much to Clara Frasher's faithful prayer group of older women. Imagine, then, what God can do with our prayers for Hillsborough Young Life if we only continue to ask.

Mission Contact: Anne Brinkley (919-636-8136)



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!



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

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: **Altars 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 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.

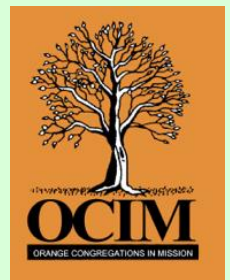
Thanks so much!

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**

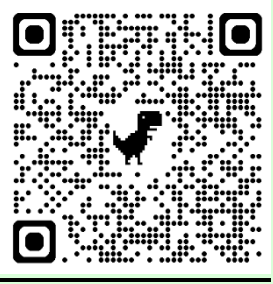
- Flip-flops or shoes
- Sunglasses
- Hat
- Wristwatch
- Costume jewelry
- Hair accessories
- Clothing and undergarments
- Winter cap, scarf, and mittens



 **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)



Click ["What Goes in my Shoebox?"](#) or scan QR code for gift ideas



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. 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	
<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 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. We all wish our sweet Rose a full and fast recovery according to the will of the Great Physician and Healer.*

Please remember Tony Laws who was in the hospital over at UNC in Hillsborough with an influenza illness with some complication. He is home now, doing much better! Please keep Tony and his sweet family in prayer as he continues to recover from this illness.

***Please keep Joyce Ward (and Tom) in your thoughts and prayers as she has had some testing done recently to diagnose a medical issue. Prayers are welcomed by their family.*

***Please continue to pray for the family of Pauline McCard (Stacy Whitehurst's mother) who passed away in late June with the funeral being held on July 1st in Virginia. Prayers for Stacy Whitehurst and family are welcomed.*

July 2026 Birthdays



07-01-25 Cyndy Orr Cathcart	07-20-25 Carlene Kendrick
07-02-25 Kersom Moura	07-21-25 Jan Irwin
07-05-25 Leighton Lopez	07-21-25 Trenton Lopez
07-05-25 Susan Morris	07-21-25 Bradsher Wilkins
07-05-25 Leon Waters	07-22-25 Rebecca Cozart
07-06-25 Gregory Cathcart	07-23-25 Michael King
07-07-25 Liam Tormey	07-25-25 Jon* Rothrock
07-07-25 Tony Laws	07-26-25 Nancy Baity
07-07-25 Sue Pope	07-28-25 Pat Chapman
07-10-25 Bill Kendrick, Jr.	07-29-25 Emerson* Ray
07-13-25 Carson McLendon	07-29-25 Victoria Hudson
07-14-25 Geralene Champion	07-30-25 Brittany Bass
07-14-25 Susan Skinner	07-30-25 Britton Murray
07-15-25 David Baker	07-31-25 Molly Compton

