

First Baptist Church Hillsborough

201 W. King Street, Hillsborough, NC 27278



The Messenger October 2026

Sundays

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

In-Person Worship Attendance

September 6	95
September 13	92
September 20	107
September 27	116

YouTube Views

123
90
77
81

Bible Fellowship Group Attendance

September 6	61
September 13	58
September 20	57
September 27	67

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www.fbchillsborough.org

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The People We Are Becoming

Dear Friends and Family at FBC Hillsborough,

I am grateful to be growing with you.

I am thankful to be planting seeds of faith with you.

I appreciate being with you.

The Deacon named Stephen was a man of "firsts." He was one of the first seven Christian deacons and he is generally regarded as the first Christian martyr. The seven deacons were chosen to assist the twelve disciples in the service of the new church in Jerusalem. The account is found in Acts 6:1-5: *"Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists murmured against the Hebrews because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. And the twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, 'It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.' And what they said pleased the whole multitude, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch."*

No doubt Stephen had exceptionally good character and a miraculous power that had been given by God. It's interesting to note that although Stephen was "just" a deacon, he certainly had gifts and powers from God that were at least equal to that of the apostles: *"And Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people" (Acts 6:8)*

In a sense, we are called to continue Stephen's work as we help others. There are many opportunities to act and help. I am thankful to all the folk in our church who have answered the call to serve. In person, they serve others in the Name of Christ. You, too, are called to serve in the Name of Christ through prayer, sharing and giving. Let us be a church who is known for giving and providing this grace. Let us pray for the renewal of lives, homes, and communities. Let's volunteer our time and resources to the many opportunities to serve as a church in our own community. May we be instruments of God's Peace. And may we seek justice. Everyday!

My Best to You,

David Morton, Pastor
FBC Hillsborough



Watch Us Grow in Christ!
Monthly Scripture for Kingdom Kids

Parents and family members, please help your child learn these verses
And find them together in the Bible.

Each week, children can recite a verse in class to
earn a punch on their card!

October 4



LET US NOT BECOME WEARY
IN DOING GOOD, FOR AT
THE PROPER TIME WE WILL
REAP A HARVEST IF WE DO
NOT GIVE UP.

-GALATIANS 6:9

October 11



YOUR WORD IS A LAMP
TO MY FEET AND A
LIGHT TO MY PATH.

-PSALM 119:105

October 18



GIVE THANKS IN ALL
CIRCUMSTANCES; FOR
THIS IS GOD'S WILL FOR
YOU IN CHRIST JESUS.

-1 THESSALONIANS 5:18

October 25



THE LORD IS MY LIGHT
AND MY SALVATION,
WHOM SHALL I FEAR?

-PSALM 27:1

Thank you for allowing us to serve your children!

Children's Ministry October Update

The CM Team is excited to keep building on the momentum from VBS! In September, we focused on researching a new Sunday morning Bible study curriculum for preschool and elementary-aged children and preparing for the return of Children's Church on October 4.



What We've Been Learning

This month in small groups, our children studied lessons from Matthew, John, Luke, and Acts. These lessons helped them see that Jesus loves and saves people—and that when we believe in Him, He transforms our lives, teaches us to follow Him, and helps us share His love with others.

We pray these lessons will help shape our children's faith as they begin their discipleship journey. We also encourage parents and families to continue the conversation at home throughout the week, reinforcing what the children have learned.

Coming Up



Beginning Sunday, October 4, children in kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to Children's Church! They will worship with the congregation during the first part of the service, participate in the Children's Sermon, and then gather in the Children's Classroom at the end of the upstairs hall for their own worship service! More details will be shared in the coming weeks.

WE NEED YOU!

Children's Church needs volunteers to lead music, teach lessons, and help with crafts, games, and activities. God has blessed us with families and children to serve and has equipped each of us with gifts for this ministry. Our children deserve this special time of worship, so please prayerfully consider how you can help.

Contact Lauren Dickerson to respond to the call – lauren.dickerson@dickersonpa.com or 919-740-3094.



UPCOMING EVENT

Pumpkin Patch/Corn Maze Family Fun Day!
Sunday, October 18
After Worship
Lunch Provided



How You Can Pray

Please join us in praying for our children and families.

Pray that:

- Our children will deepen their love for Jesus and His Word.
- Families will find opportunities to discuss faith at home.
- Our teachers and volunteers will serve with wisdom, patience, and joy.
- Children who are new to our church will feel welcome and connected.
- God will use our children's ministry to help the next generation know and follow Christ.



Thank You, Church Family!

Children's ministry belongs to the **whole church**, and we are grateful to everyone who supports it. Thank you to our teachers, helpers, volunteers, parents, grandparents, and congregation for faithfully investing in our children. Your prayers, encouragement, generosity, and service make a lasting impact. **Together, we are helping the next generation know God, love His Word, and live out their faith.**

With gratitude,
Lauren Dickerson
Children's Ministry Chair

From Your Deacon Team

October 2026

Focus on Unity & Trust

Encouragement from the Deacon Ministry: Faith Over Fear

Dear Church Family,

Grief and Hope

Life can change in a single phone call...a split second that divides everything into before and after. The laughter fades, the silence feels heavier and no words seem big enough to express what has been lost.

This past week, I've been studying the book of Job. Job experienced unimaginable loss, yet he continued to hold on to his faith. Then late in the week, I received a phone call with news I had, in some ways, been expecting—but had been dreading for years. A few days later, I read about Job losing all ten of his children in a single day. The timing reminded me that faith doesn't mean we won't grieve; it means we don't have to grieve alone.

The Bible never asks us to pretend that death doesn't hurt. Jesus Himself stood at Lazarus' tomb and wept.

Grief is not a sign of weak faith. It is the natural response of a heart that has loved deeply. But because of Jesus, grief does not have to be without hope.

Paul wrote, "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21). Christ entered our suffering, defeated death and walked out of the grave in victory. Because He lives, death does not have the final word.

That doesn't make the empty chair hurt less or stop the tears. But it does mean that sorrow is not the end of the story.

If you are grieving today, bring your pain to God. He is close to the brokenhearted. And one day, Jesus will wipe away every tear and make all things new.

Until then, the same God who held Job through unimaginable loss is holding you.

Peace and Blessings,

Luke Hall



CORN MAZE & PUMPKIN PATCH

FAMILY FUN DAY

Come enjoy a fall day of fun,
fellowship, and time together
as a church family!



CORN MAZE



PUMPKIN PATCH



HAY RIDES



CORNHOLE



FARM ANIMALS



FALL ACTIVITIES

McKee's
Cornfield Maze



LUNCH PROVIDED



SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 18



AFTER
WORSHIP



McKee's Cornfield Maze
5011 Kiger Road
Rougemont



\$16 PER PERSON



Sign-up sheet located on bulletin board upstairs
or contact Lauren Dickerson at
lauren.dickerson@dickersonpa.com or 919-740-3094

— All Are Welcome! —

2026 FBC Fall Happenings

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.



Mark Your Calendars!

SHIIP Medicare FREE Event

FBC Hillsborough

Wednesday, October 21

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Soup Dinner Fellowship – October 28

5:30 p.m. – Fellowship Hall

Trunk-or-Treat – October 31

5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

(Volunteers Needed!)

Deacon Elections – November 1

FBC Homecoming – November 15

(Bring a Dish!)

Guest Speaker - Dr. Randy Carter

Medicare Changes & Choices

Medicare's **Open Enrollment Period** is **October 15 to December 7**.

If you're confused by all the commercials and advertisements, this is the class for you!



Learn about:

- The difference between **Medicare Supplement** and **Medicare Advantage Plans**
- Whether there are really \$0 premium plans
- Why you should review options every year, even if you are happy with your plan
- And lots more!

**FREE
EVENTS!**



Schedule a one-on-one appointment with a Certified Medicare Counselor to discuss your specific needs at www.orangecountync.gov/OCNCSHIP or call **919-245-4274**.



Claiming the Blessings of Relationships

Pastor David has encouraged us to understand the holy aspect of how we are a people, God's people, who are becoming. One way this continues is pausing to reflect on this aspect of relationship.

In many ways our becoming is closely tied in relationships. It is in relationships that we often tangibly experience grace, mercy, and forgiveness. This is in both offering and receiving.

So look at this list of offered experiences. Reflect upon it for similar things you may have noticed and/or felt in your own journey with others. As you do, jot things down, perhaps on your calendar, to help you recall, offer praise and possibly share.

Blessings to you all.

*Grace and Peace,
Stephen Durham*





Blessings in Relationships

October 2026

Good October to you all!

What a pleasure it has been to have these past months to reflect on the blessings we experience through relationships. If we stop and think about it, these blessings may be among the places where we most clearly recognize Christ in our lives.

We rightly give thanks for the ease we sometimes experience, for healing that brings comfort—even when the healing comes differently than we had hoped—and for the material things that enhance our lives, homes and professions. Yet I wonder if it is through our relationships—with our neighbors, our families, ourselves and even our enemies—that we most tangibly experience what it means to be the Church, the bride of Christ, living in the Kingdom of God.

I have appreciated the opportunity to reflect on things I've experienced, witnessed and heard about as I have shared these thoughts with you. As we wrap up these written sharings from the summer, let me recount a few simple moments.

With a total stranger: A young, newly licensed teenage driver needed some help at a gasoline station. He was worried that he had lost \$20 because he was having difficulty using the pump. To make things a little more challenging, we did not speak the same language.

Together, however, we worked through the problem. He had not lost his money to the pump. He was able to get gasoline for the family car, learned how to use the pump and was soon on his way. There were few words, but there was plenty of communication.

With almost a total stranger: About a week later, I was at that same gas station and noticed the same vehicle. There was that same teenage driver and, once again, that same look of bewilderment. I walked over and was greeted by the same big smile I had seen when we had successfully navigated our first encounter.

This time, the challenge was using a card to pay for the gasoline. So, we had another lesson at the pump. Once again, our spoken languages were different, but we managed to communicate. The lesson was learned and once again, there was a smile and a fist bump of appreciation.

It was a simple recognition by both of us that something good had happened.

And then, one more reminder: The next day, as Carol and I were leaving Hillsborough, we passed this family traveling west on I-40. I recognized their car because of a missing piece of trim.

I remembered the smiles, the shared successes, and the way two people who could not speak each other's language had managed to connect through kindness and a willingness to help. It was a small but lasting blessing.

There are actually many more stories—some rich with history and some filled with hugs and tears, stories and dreams and renewed journeys of faith. But, out of respect for the space in *The Messenger* and for you, the readers, I will close with these three simple reminders.

Perhaps we might pray that **I, you, we, and the Church will notice just how important it is to notice others.**

That includes those we love and, at times, become aggravated with, under the same roof. It includes those who will gather around our Thanksgiving tables, whose views may or may not align with our own. It includes those in our workplaces who perhaps never speak to us—but perhaps we should try again. It includes those with whom we worship and serve.

It includes those around us who have needs we can address in a caring way. It includes those to whom we are led to speak, those for whom we can simply become available, and even those whose names we do not yet know.

And it includes those moments when the Holy Spirit nudges us to do something—even when we don't think we have the time.

Thank you for allowing me this opportunity to remember and share. Thank you for allowing me to speak openly about the blessings we encounter. And thank you for sharing in this focus on living out how we love our neighbor—and how, in turn, our neighbors can love us—in ways that help us recognize the caring presence of God in all of our lives.

May we discover these blessings anew each day.

In Gratitude
Stephen Durham



WYLDLIFE RETURNS!



THE YOUNG LIFE MISSION STATEMENT: Introducing adolescents to Jesus Christ and helping them grow in their faith.

In the few short weeks since school started, First Baptist Church of Hillsborough has become a hub of youth ministry in town for many teenagers. They are coming to participate with their friends in weekly programs led by Young Life Ministries: Wyldlife for Grades 6 thru 8 and Young Life for high school students. Teams of leaders for Orange Middle School, Eno River Middle School and Cedar Ridge High School are conducting their ministry events in Community Grounds and our youth space most weeknights and Monday mornings this fall before school. Check the church calendar for these weekly events.

Leading these programs are UNC college students who, after attending leadership and discipleship training with Young Life Ministry staff, were vetted and matched to a ministry team for a specific middle or high school in the area. They relate to the world of teenagers and are committed to relational outreach- taking the Gospel where the kids are and living it out with them through genuine relationships regardless of the student's response.



Orange Middle School Wyldlife Leaders (JD Urban, Team Lead, [704-995-1953](tel:704-995-1953), center of photo)



Cedar Ridge Young Life Leader Team (Lucy Good, Team Lead, [423-605-8095](tel:423-605-8095), 3rd from left)



Eno River Middle School Wyldlife Team (Korah Rocha, Team Lead, [507-475-1744](tel:507-475-1744), 3rd from right)

Here are the basics of Young Life's program structure and activities:

Young Life (YL) is an international, non-denominational Christian ministry dedicated to mentoring and building relationships with middle school, high school and college students to introduce them to Jesus Christ and help them grow in their faith.

Wyldlife (WL) contains the YL logo in its spelling and is Young Life's version of the ministry program for Grades 6 thru 8. It has the same format as Young Life events with developmentally appropriate themes, conversations and parent communications.

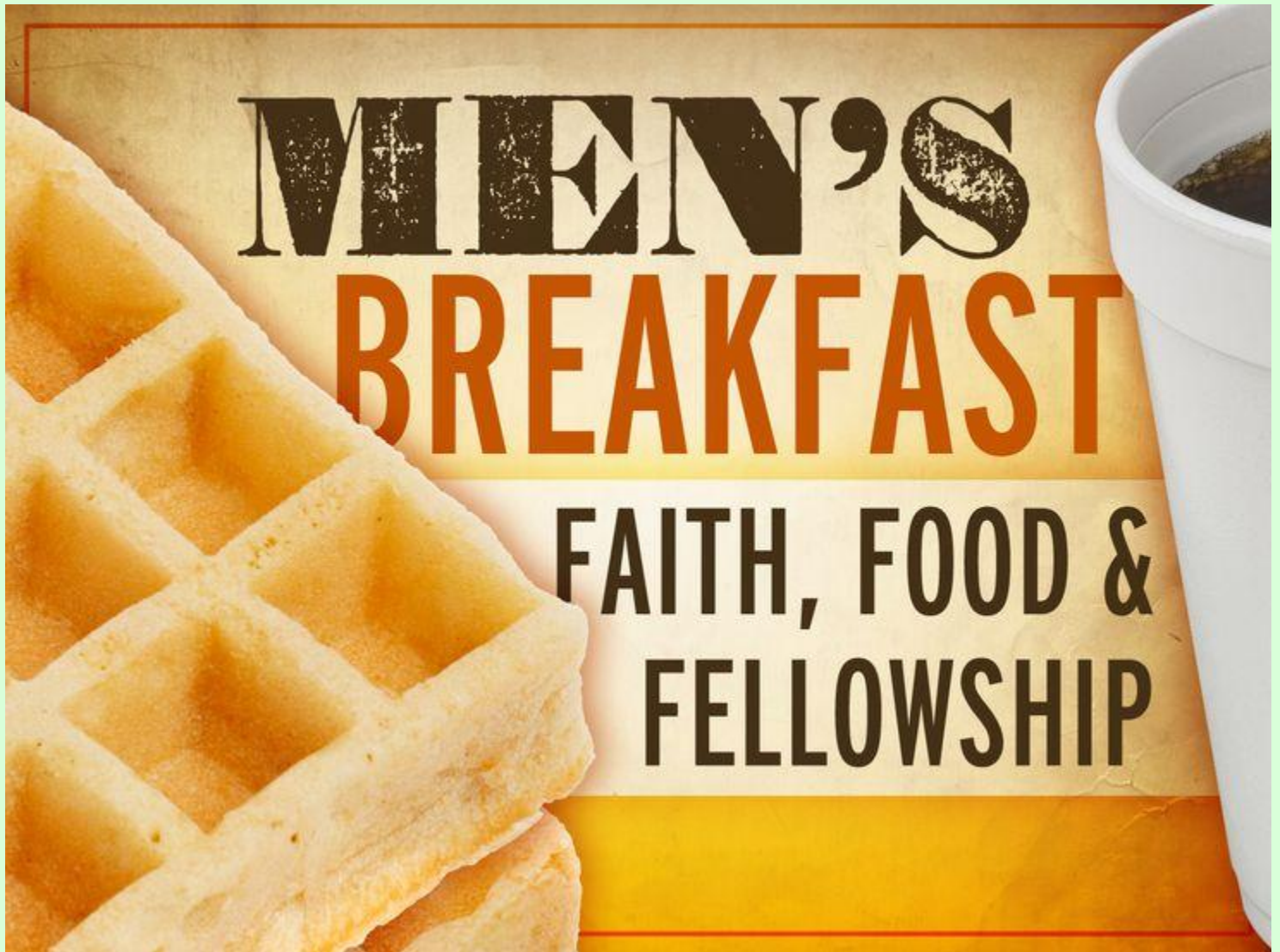
Club is the weekly program event where Wyldlife or Young Life leaders host kids and their friends for 50-60 minutes of high energy (music, games, skits, theme nights) to let kids express themselves and leaders learn about them by name. The shared experience of Club builds relationships between students and leaders who end the evening with a short talk from the Gospels, introducing Jesus' life and His personal relevance to the leader who is speaking. Kids hear songs of worship and prayer at Club often for the first time.

Campaigners is the name for YL or WL's small group Bible study gatherings. The name comes from YL's early years known as the Young Life Campaign. Leaders host a discipleship time each week for students who are interested in a deeper dive into the Scripture they may have heard at Club. It's a time invested in growing relationships with kids and God's Word.

Camps: Students and leaders have opportunities during the year and summer to attend a Young Life camp property together, enjoy resort-like amenities, and hear engaging speakers explain the Gospel in ways that invite kids to respond.

Want to help this mission grow?

Contact Anne Brinkley ([919-636-8136](tel:919-636-8136)) or Mandy Dickerson ([919-619-2648](tel:919-619-2648)) to find ways to welcome, thank and safeguard the leaders and students who are coming to the church so they can get to know our fellowship, not just our building.



2026 MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Sunday, October 18, 2026

8:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

Bring a Favorite Dish and a Favorite Friend!



Good News Club Happenings

The Good News Club resumed on Wednesday, September 23, 2026, at 2:30 p.m., at Mebane's Chapel UHC. We welcomed elementary-aged students to Good News Club at Mebane's Chapel UHC, across the street from Hillsborough Elementary, so students from both Central Elementary and Hillsborough Elementary School walked to the Good News Club (escorted by Club volunteers).

We meet on Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m. We start with a snack and games, so students will have time to get there before we begin our actual teaching time at 3:00 p.m. We meet on days that traditional school is held up until April 28, 2027.

We sing songs, have a lesson, learn scripture, pray, have a snack and play games.

Vetted CEF volunteers are always welcome and lead the Club and visitors are welcome. We had a training session in September. Donations of snacks are always appreciated (individually packaged items and waters only - we avoid nut products). Come check it out!

We ask you to pray that we can return to meeting at the schools right after school without a custodial fee added to our base fees. Please pray for our students, families and volunteers.

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Thank you for sponsoring our club. If you would like to be one of our Prayer Warriors, let Millie Hannaman know and for further information, contact Millie at 919-563-6359, hannaman@mebtel.net

Thanks.

Millie Hannaman

You may pick up a registration form at FBC Hillsborough down by the back door elevator or call the Church Office at 919-732-8174 to request a form.



Notes of Interest to the FBC Community

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

We continue to 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)

Time: 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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MINISTRY PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

Bonnie Murphy, Bubba Whitehurst, Garrett Compton

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATES:

We have a new couple interested in serving on the Ordinance Committee. If any current member might 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 is 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.

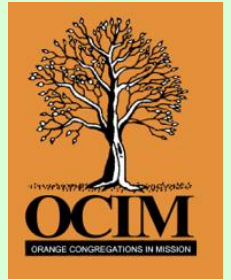
REMINDER – *If you have any changes/corrections/updates to the Ministry Placement Committees, kindly report this information to Chairperson BONNIE MURPHY (315) 709-1150 or via email at bonnie7murphy@gmail.com. This will help with continuity to all of the committees, their needs and changes. You are also reminded of the quarterly Church Council meetings with Rev. Morton. Please consult the Church Calendar for our next meeting.*

Thank you for your dedication to your committees.

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 (TBA)

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



Greetings from the Finance Ministry Team!

REMINDER From the Finance Ministry Team

First, a big *Thank You* goes out to everyone who has already submitted a 2027 Budget Request form! Please remember that *all budget requests are due October 4*, so if you need a Request form, please reach out to any member of Finance or the Church Office. We can provide a paper form or one that can be emailed for printing or completing electronically. Budget Request forms can be returned to the Finance Committee mailbox or by email to: srbulfin@gmail.com. Praise God for His many blessings on the mission and ministries of FBC! Please let us know if you have any questions or need assistance. We are here for you!

Sue Bulfin, Don Dickerson, Kim Crispin, Diane Martin, Robert Mills, Greg Royal

Here are Some Dates for Your Calendar:

October 4 – All 2027 Budget Request Forms are due;

November 11 – Budget Presentation, Open Information Q & A Session at 6:30 p.m.

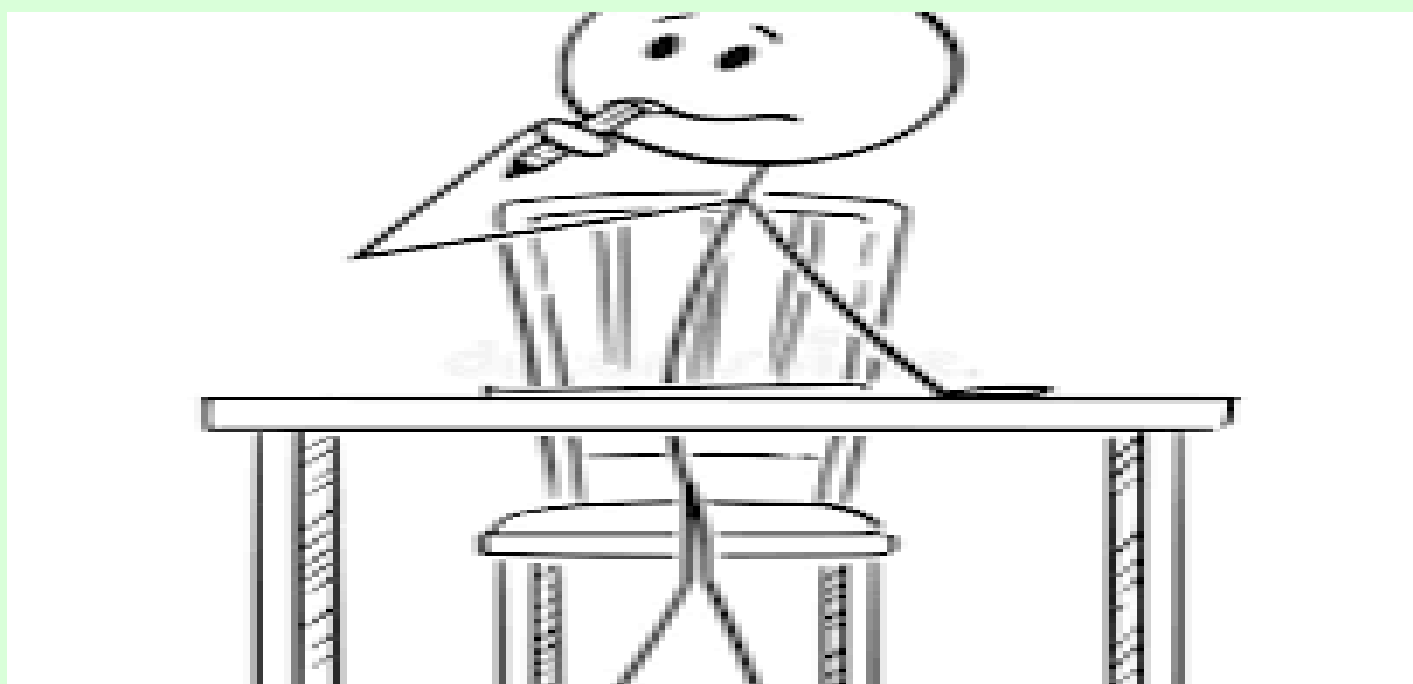
November 12 – Budget Presentation, Open Information Q & A Sessions at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

November 20 – Suggested revisions are due in writing;

December 2 – Final Budget Proposal is available;

December 6 – Called Church Conference to vote on 2027 Budget;

Note that all Open Information Q & A Sessions are identical in format and content; therefore, please plan to attend only one. We are grateful to God for many blessings and the opportunities before us and we also pray that you will be encouraged! We are looking forward to hearing from you.



SENIORS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Is God 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 Rippey/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		<u>Azalea Estates</u> 700 N. Estes Drive Chapel Hill, NC 27514	Ann Stubbs Room 212
<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. Rose and family members were at church at FBC on Sunday, September 20th and everyone was very glad to see her. Rose spoke about her healing journey on September 27 and how the Lord had been with her through everything. We can all continue to pray for and wish our sweet Rose complete healing and restoration according to our Father's gracious will.*

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We continue to remember and pray for the family of SCOTT IAN MERRITT in his passing on September 24, 2026.

We also continue to remember and pray for the family of SHARON BUREL in her passing on September 26, 2026.

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October 2026 Birthdays



10-01-26 Barrett Bolick	10-16-26 Mary Lou Dobbins
10-01-26 Braxton Bolick	10-19-26 Keaton Westbrook
10-02-26 Cherie Bevill	10-21-26 Garrett Compton
10-02-26 Colton Jones	10-24-26 Clarene Bennett
10-02-26 Julia Miguel-Morris	10-24-26 Linda Morton
10-05-26 Anya Coursen	10-24-26 Larry Swisher
10-05-26 Peggy Berryhill	10-24-26 Cole Evans
10-06-26 Bruce Newman	10-24-26 Camden Stone
10-06-26 Bob Maddry	10-24-26 Makayla Stone
10-06-26 Joyce Rippy	10-24-26 Joe Hux
10-08-26 Jonathan Dobbins	10-24-26 Landon Hux
10-08-26 Dean Ellis	10-26-26 Rhonda Cassada
10-09-26 Kyler Yarborough	10-26-26 Dare Spain
10-12-26 Sharon Bass	10-27-26 Bob Dobbins
10-13-26 Sydney Rice	10-30-26 Katie Whitaker
10-14-26 Glenn Gage	10-31-26 Madeleine Hudson

