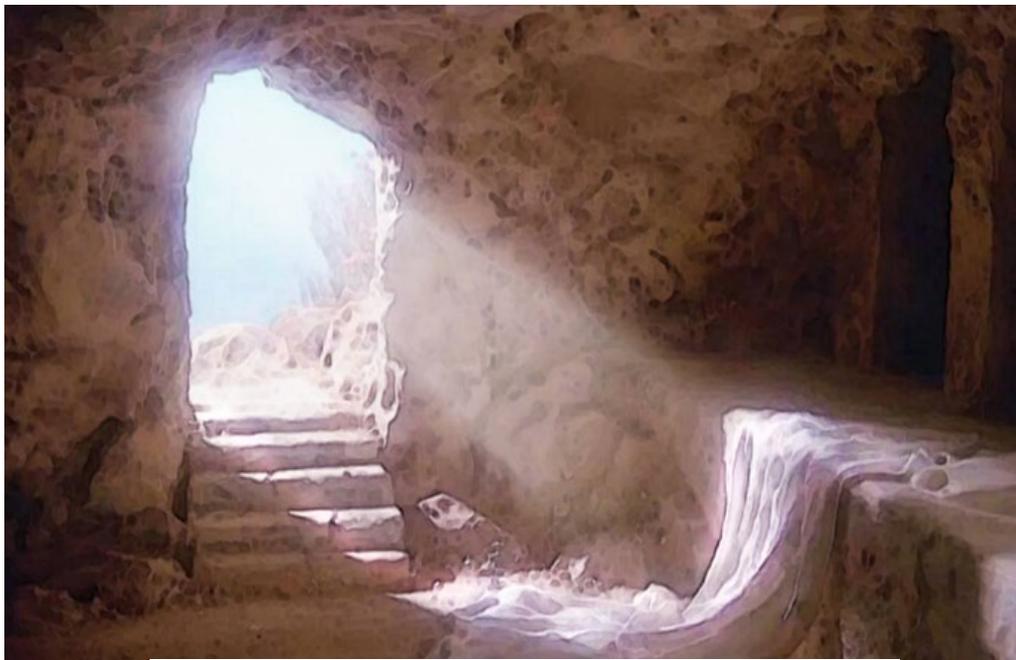




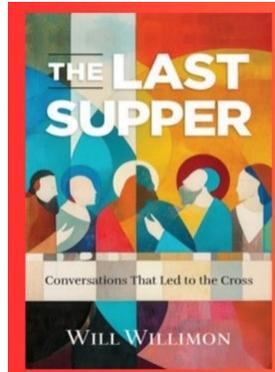
PALM SUNDAY
Palm Sunday in Southern Pines on March 29, 2026, featured traditional services, and special events like the Ecumenical Processional from Downtown Park. Local churches participated marking the start of Holy Week.



RESURRECTION SUNDAY
April 5, 2026
Celebrate Resurrection Sunday with uplifting worship, a powerful message, and community.

LOOKING BACK ON 1ST QUARTER

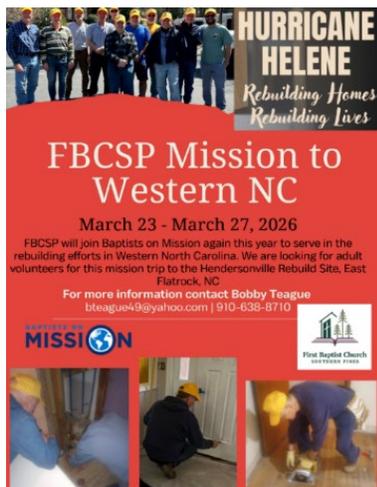
LENTEN STUDY



Several people joined Matt and Jamie as they took us through Mr. Willimon's "THE LAST SUPPER – Conversations That Led to the Cross"



RAs and GAs had fun in March. The girls had a sleep-over and the boys raced their cars! Fun was had by all.



Bobby Teague led a group to WNC to participate in a mission to help at the Hendersonville rebuild site in East Flat Rock, NC. This is our second mission to WNC. More pictures are on the next page.





PALM SUNDAY 2026



CROP WALK 2026



LOOKING AHEAD TO THE 2ND QUARTER



THE 2026 APOSTLES' BUILD

Date: April 16 - April 18

Time: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Location:

Intersection of Saunders Blvd. & Midway Road in Aberdeen, NC.

Sign up information in the Church lobby.



Vacation Bible School the week of June 15, 2026!

Interested in volunteering? Let Lauren Craig (lrcraig@fbcs.org) know if you can serve for any portion of the week.

Beach Reach

MAY 1-3, 2026

an exciting weekend just for 3rd-5th graders!

Fort Caswell

\$156 per person

Register on Realm (coming soon!)

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ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES!

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COLLEGE MISSION TRIP – ORLANDO!

Sunday, May 24th – Saturday, May 29th, 2026

We plan to return to Orlando to work with the Orlando Rescue Mission, Second Harvest Food Bank, and Give Kids the World.

HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP – ORLANDO!

Saturday, June 20th – Saturday, June 27th, 2026

This summer, our youth will be on a mission to Orlando, FL.

We will share the love of Christ through construction projects, working in community centers, and serving meals. This will be a mission trip only & a good opportunity for our youth to give themselves to those in need.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP – ASHEVILLE!

Sunday, July 12th – Thursday, July 16th, 2026

Our youth will return to Western NC to partner with Transformation Village and the local Food Bank. **The cost of the trip is \$285.** A **deposit of \$100** is due **now** to hold your spot.

PRAY! NEVER GIVE UP! STAY POSITIVE!

JOY, CONCERNS, NOTES

NOTES OF SYMPATHY

The Church extends Christian sympathy:

to the Kouns family upon the dying unto Christ of Terry Kouns on March 27, 2026.

to Betsy & Randy Black upon the dying unto Christ of Betsy's mother on March 13, 2026.

to Emily Edson upon the dying unto Christ of her husband, Cal Edson on February 14, 2026.

to Marshall Smith upon the dying unto Christ of her husband, Kersey Smith on February 7, 2026.

to Cheryl Clark upon the dying unto Christ of Cheryl's son, Billy Clark on January 21, 2026.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Andrew and Bekah Bibb on the birth of their son, Milo Bibb.

NOTES OF GRATITUDE

Dear First Baptist Church Southern Pines,

Thank you for your generous support of the Sandhills/Moore Coalition for Human Care! We are grateful for our generous community. Again, thank you for your support. - *Stephen Phillips, ED*

Dear Friends,

Thank you or your donation to the Carthage Food Pantry. We are currently serving between 200 and 210 households at each distribution center. Thanks, and God Bless. - *Steve C.*

Dear Friend of Bethany,

Thank you so very much for your generous act of kindness! We greatly appreciate you all.

- *Most sincerely, Iris Dickerson*

Dear Church,

Thank you to my church family for the many ways you have reached out since my fall on January 5th, surgery, and recovery. I appreciate the prayers, calls, visits, flowers, cards, and meals. God's provision through friends and family in times of need is a tremendous blessing. Tom and I are grateful for your love and care. - *Beverly Allen*

Church,

I'd like to share a note of appreciation for Trustees, Decorators, and Property Maintenance Committees, and specifically Bobby Teague, Bryan Moore, and Lauren Craig and their helpers. The improvements to our church are hard to miss! The exterior and sidewalks have been expertly cleaned, stripping away years of mildew and grime. Inside, the halls and bathrooms (well, at least the men's room looks great!) have been updated with thoughtful decor and Scripture. Please take a moment to walk around, enjoy the fresh environment, and give them a "shoutout" for their hard work. A clean, updated church isn't just for us; it helps our visitors feel right at home, too.

- *Bill Edsel*

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the calls, cards, donations, hugs, and prayers from my church family. Each expression has given me comfort and encouragement as I begin this journey of grief. Thank you also to all the staff for the compassion shown in planning Kersey's memorial service. It was exactly what we wanted to glorify the Lord as we honored Kersey. - *With love and gratitude, Marshall Smith*

GOD'S WORK – OUR HANDS

MISSION, SERVING, & MORE AT FBCSP

MISSION ACTION

Mission Action will welcome Mary Neil Thompson with Kairos on April 20 and the Riggsbee Ladies (Lauren, Lillian and Penelope) on May 18. Bring your lunch to room 206 at 11:45 AM. Mission Action does not meet during the summer. Meetings resume the 3rd Monday in September.

YOUR KAIROS PRIONS MINISTRY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

As a member of our Kairos Scotland Correctional Institution (SCI) Prison Ministry Team, you provided the stage and opportunity for the Holy Spirit to touch many lives, both in our 30 new Kairos Graduates and our 30 volunteers. As our program progressed from Feb 26 to the Closing Ceremony on March 1st, hearts were touched, emotions displayed and souls converted.

Your Agape contributions of both artwork and donations were felt. Our special place inside the SCI gym was 45' X 60'. By Saturday, the walls were covered with posters and the Prayer Chain displayed. The Prayer Chain went completely around the room more than once, with an estimated length of 325'; that is over the length of a football field! The chain had 1300 links, with 1300 names from our local congregations praying for the participants. The scene was heartwarming as the participants read the names of all those praying for them. Your posters, our youths' placemats, Melody Crow's drawings on cards with a Bible a verse the reverse side, Eric Corbett's Chick fil-A breakfast and our SS classes combined contributions of \$1240 made our SCI#7 special inside event meaningful and life changing.

Please pray for our weekly Prayer and Share sessions each Wednesday evening to encourage all Kairos Graduates to continue their faith and trust in our Lord and Saviour. And pray that God's will be done as we prepare for our next SCI #8 Inside Event Oct 15-18.

With gratitude, Rick Allenbaugh, Jim Webre

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

God led you to our church for this specific time. Your journey here is not by accident. He has a plan for you at FBC. What you do here, even if only for a short while, will have a long-term impact on God's church. Since God created you and gifted you for a particular purpose, how will you utilize your gifts and talents here? Stewardship is about praying and serving others, increasing your devotion to Christ, being present in worship, and giving of your finances. May we all fulfill our divine purpose in FBC.

First Baptist Church Southern Pines

MISSIONS AUCTION

Saturday, April 18

Fellowship Hall

5:30 PM Spaghetti Dinner (\$5)

6:00 PM Silent Auction

6:30 PM Live Auction

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NEWS AND NOTES

FROM THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION & ADMINISTRATION

SPRING BRIDGEPOINTS

Speaking Truth, Seeking Good and Faithful Witness in Public

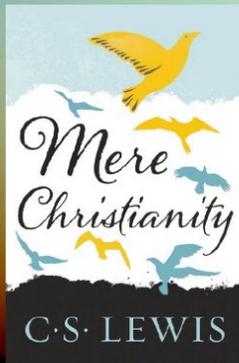
This five-week study explores the crisis of moral vision in contemporary culture, drawing from the works of Jonathan Sacks and N.T. Wright. The sessions will examine the erosion of shared moral norms, the importance of truth and covenantal responsibility, and the church's role in public life. Participants are encouraged to practice concrete actions that promote hope, renewal, and the common good.

Facilitator: David Helms
Dates: April 15 - May 13
Time: Wednesdays, 6 pm
Location: Room 216



Mere Christianity: A Study of C.S. Lewis' Writings

Join us for a 5-week study of selected writings from C.S. Lewis' *Mere Christianity*. We will explore themes of morality, the person of Jesus, free-will, and what is at the heart of our beliefs. A copy of *Mere Christianity* is suggested for this class but not required; all are welcome. Copies of the book will be available at the church for \$10.



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Facilitator: Mathew Purser
Dates: April 15 - May 13
Time: Wednesdays, 6 pm
Location: Room 215

REMINDERS



FAMILY PICNIC

Join us May 20 for our annual family picnic. Celebrate the ending of a great year, community and good food.

Dinner: 5:00 PM

Sign-up on Realm (<https://bit.ly/3PA1Z0s>) or by calling the church office.



HAPPENINGS AT FBCSPYG

Sundays, May 2026	
Sunday School	9:45 AM - 10:45 AM
Handbells (6-12)	4:00 - 4:45 PM
Youth Choir (6-12)	5:00 - 6:00 PM
Youth Supper (6 -12)	6:00 - 6:30 PM
Youth Bible Study (6-12)	6:30 - 7:30 PM
May 31 Summer Schedule Begins and goes through June and July	
Sunday School	9:00 AM
Worship Service	10:00 AM
Senior Lunch Graduates and family	After 10:00 AM Service
Graduation Sunday Youth Evening Activity	Supper & Battle of the Sexes- 6:00 PM

2026 Youth Outreach Projects 2nd Quarter	
April 18 th	Missions Auction
May 24 th - May 29 th	College mission trip Orlando!
June 7 th	Graduation and Youth Sunday
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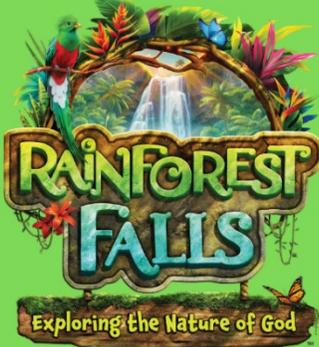
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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



JUNE 15-18, 2026
9:00-12:15

Register at:
<https://vbspro.events/p/fbcsp2026>

MUSIC & MISSIONS ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Music and Missions will end for this school season on May 13. It will resume in September. Watch the bulletin and Tie for updates.

The schedule for the next two months is below.

- 5:00 - 6:00 PM Supper
- 6:00 - 7:15 PM Music & Missions

SERVING CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We are seeking more volunteers in our Children's Ministry. If you have any interest in helping in the following ways, please get in touch with Lauren Craig at lcraig@fbcsp.org.

- Sunday School Teachers
- Sunday Worship Nursery Workers
- Missions Teachers

PARENTS, STAY CONNECTED!

A weekly email, "Three Things on Thursday" from Mrs. Lauren Craig is sent out keep families in the loop. There is also a private Facebook Group, "FBCSP Kids - Parent Info".

Children's Day of Worship, May 10 at 11:00 AM

Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 10 for Children's Day of Worship. We are thrilled to have a service led by the children of FBCSP. Children ages 3 through 5th grade will play an active roll in worship this special day. There will be only one service this Sunday at 11:00 AM. Would your family like to participate in a group baby/child dedication during this service? Let Lauren know May 1.

*Praying for you and your family,
Lauren Craig
Director of Children and Families' Ministry*

ROLLIN' ROLLIN' ROLLIN' FROM SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

First Baptist Church

SOUTHERN PINES

Seniors on The Move

**Check out our bulletin board to sign up for
Monthly activities!**

Seniors on the Move enjoyed a fun evening of dinner and Bingo with the Youth on Monday March 9. A huge thank you to Mr. Bryan and these amazing young people for spending time with our group! Definitely a repeat event!

Join us Monday, April 13 for our monthly meal with entertainment. Details coming soon. Menu for the evening will be pork chops, baked sweet potatoes, and fried okra.

Put on your dancing shoes! Seniors on the Move will be line dancing after dinner on Monday, May 18. No experience required. We have an instructor to show us how it's done!

Looking toward our future events, don't forget to sign up for our Caswell trip May 11-15. If you have an interest in this trip or any questions, please contact Cathy Haynes (chaynes@fbcsp.org) or Trish Dykeman (trishdykeman2012@gmail.com).

~ Cathy

Sign Up

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP FOR
THE CASWELL TRIP!**

MAY 11TH – 15TH 2026

**Cost of trip is \$250. Payments are
due April 1st**

Contact Cathy Haynes (chaynes@fbcsp.org) or
Trish Dykeman (trishdykeman2012@gmail.com)
for details!



HEAR YE, HEAR YE! FROM OUR MUSIC MINISTRY

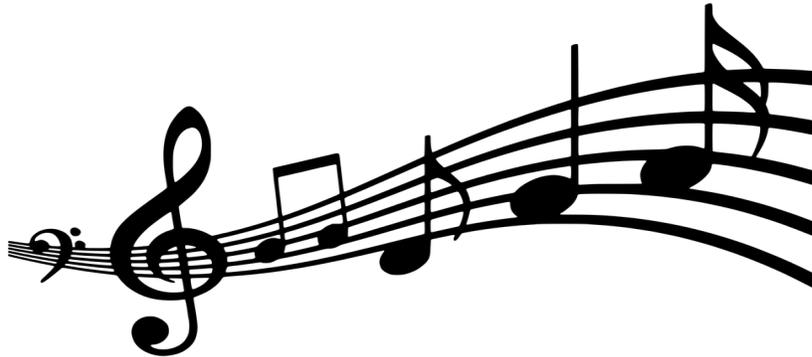
MUSIC IS A VITAL PART OF WORSHIP.

If you don't believe it, read the Psalms!

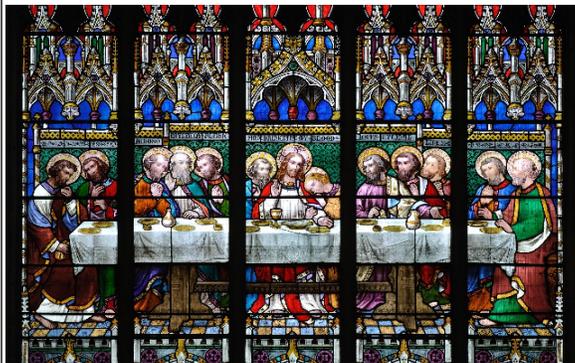
Have you ever considered singing in the choir?
If not, maybe now's the time. Fellowship is sweet, and time is spent preparing music to help lead others in worship.

If you even think you may be interested,
reach out to any choir member or Anita Alpenfels for details.

Anita W. Alpenfels, Ed.D.



Maundy Thursday *A Service of Shadows*



First Baptist Church Southern Pines
Southern Pines, NC

The Sanctuary Choir is joyously preparing during the Lenten season. Rehearsals are in full swing for our Maundy Thursday Service on April 2nd which will include a string quartet. Mark your calendars for our Holy Week services. We'd love to see you! Come worship with us!

CHURCH STAFF

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Patricia Teague, Food Services Assistant

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Alison Hainley, Director, Sonshine Learning Center - slcdirector@fbccsp.org

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THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO READ THE TIE.

If there is anything you would like to see, please let us know. We appreciate any constructive and faithful feedback you may have.

NEXT ISSUE OF THE TIE

The Tie is going to be **created quarterly for 2026.**

The deadline for the 2nd Quarter TIE is June 1. This deadline will encompass information reports for the following months: April, May and June*. The schedule for the remainder of the year is inside the Tie.

**There will be a separate June Graduation announcement for all graduates.*

If you have news/information that you would like to submit for the 2nd Quarter issue of The Tie, **please send to contact Pat Boland at pboland@fbccsp.org.**

WORSHIP SERVICE

Regular hours are now in effect. They include an 8:30 AM Worship Service, 9:45 AM Sunday School, and the second Worship Service at 11:00 AM

Summer Worship Hours go into effect on May 31, when worship services are at 10:00 AM, and Sunday School is at 9:00 AM

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The church office hours are 9:00 AM- 4:30 PM Monday thru Thursday.