



THE TIE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, SOUTHERN PINES



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THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR DAVID

June welcomes summer, and summer brings a season of beginnings and endings for many of our families. Our families don't celebrate these sacred moments alone; they do so in the community of faith. Below are a few of the events in June that you'll want to give priority to.

Graduation Sunday, June 4. On the first Sunday in June, we will celebrate our graduates from high school, college, and graduate school. Graduation Sunday is always a moving experience to hear the testimonies of our young people as they begin their journey into adulthood. That day marks an ending and beginning of a season of their lives. Our presence and support of these graduates are critical to shaping their lives now and for the future. I am grateful to be a part of a church that has always given priority to our children and youth.

Pentecost Community Service, June 11. On the second Sunday in June, we will come together with several of our congregations at 5:00 p.m. at the Town "Pool" Park in West Southern Pines to celebrate Pentecost. Over the last several years, we have faced tensions in our society about race relations. The church is the one place where we are united in Christ. I have met with several leaders in our community to explore ways we can come together. Last year's Pentecost service was well received, and I believe it helped us build bridges in our community. Many people who

attended said, "We should do this more often!"

On another front, I am working with Reverend John Hage at Brownson Presbyterian Church to host a gathering of local ministers to form a new Fellowship of Churches. We both believe we need to do more together to make our world a better place where we love one another and seek to fulfill the Prophet Micah's words: "He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8). It takes a community to do that.

Youth Mission Trip to Orlando, June 17-24. Our youth will return to Orlando to share the love of Jesus in various mission efforts: serving meals, construction projects, and working in community centers. These trips are life-transforming for the youth and the people they minister. Please keep Bryan, our leaders, and the youth in your prayers.

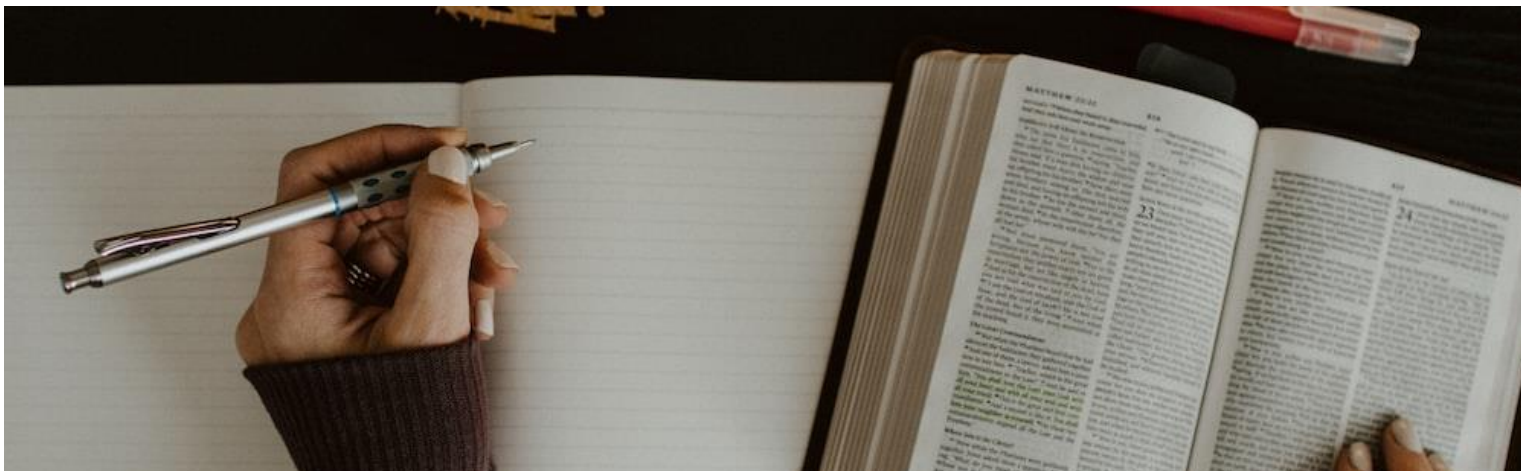
Vacation Bible School, June 26-30. One of the great highlights of the summer is our VBS. Our sanctuary and classrooms will be filled with children, many of which are not connected to our church; nonetheless, children who have come to learn about Jesus. Please pray that these children will

hear and respond to the gospel in faith, accepting Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

I will mark my 40th anniversary this month. My first day was June 12, 1983. I remember that day as if it were yesterday. I had dressed up in a coat and tie. I walked to the front door of the old red brick educational building. John Stone greeted me with his big smile and hug! Then he told me: "We don't wear coats and ties here during the week." John was a great mentor, teaching me so much about pastoral ministry and worship. I will always be grateful for John and Catherine. I am, also, thankful for Myra Robinson and Brenda Harrell, the main administrative assistants, who taught me so much about the ins and outs of ministry. There are many more to thank, but space does not permit. I am thankful to God for the people of First Baptist Church. Of course, I would be remiss in failing to thank my beloved wife, Carolyn. She has been my companion in ministry over these forty years, giving herself untrudgingly to the service of Christ in this church.

Thank you for nurturing and loving Carolyn, Eric, and me! Your love has blessed us! In the words of Paul, "I thank my God every time I remember you." And I do!

*In Christ,
David*



JOYS, CONCERNS, NOTES

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

- to Jeff Jackson and family upon the dying unto Christ of his mother, Loretta Harris, on 5/9.

NOTES OF GRATITUDE

Dear Church,
 Thank you for your support of Sandhills/Moore Coalition for Human Care! We are grateful for our generous community. It is because of you and our dedicated volunteers that were able to continue providing food, clothing, and financial assistance to struggling households in Moore County, many who had never needed our assistance before the events of the past couple of years.
Sincerely, Stephen Phillips

Church Family,
 I would like to express my gratitude to the Missions Committee and the church body for the generous donation and prayers of support toward my mission trip with Engineering Ministries International to assist the Lillian Trasher Orphanage in Assiut, Egypt. Our project team helped them evaluate the existing campus buildings and infrastructure, and plan re-purposing and new facilities to continue to reach the needs of the surrounding communities with the love of Christ. Thank you for being a part of the team with your support and prayers.
Sincerely, Michael Wicker

Dear Women of FBCSP,
 Thank you for inviting me to come speak to your Mission Action Group. I would also like to give my sincere thanks for the items collected for Rachel's Refuge and for the donation to decorate the bedrooms.
Sincerely, Kim Nixon, Changing Destinies.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Giving Goals for May 14, 2023	25,777.79
Budget Offerings Received on May 14, 2023	25,031.25
Total Budget Offerings Received in 2023	480,610.54
Giving Goal Thru May 14, 2023	505,847.65
Receipts to Date Comparison with Goal	-25,237.11

FROM THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Most of you have noticed all the activity in and around the Library / Media Center over the past 2 months...we have more

work to do so that you will be able to come by and "PLUG IN and POWER UP"....space is being made for additional references and commentaries and sources on Christian Life, Leadership, Devotional and Inspirational, Parenting, Care Giving, Bible Study and more... we're also expanding "Our Stories", from 1879 in a small framed house in Manly to those of today and those that will be written tomorrow...thanks to Jamie, we are blessed to have Abigail Pore from Campbell University guiding us with these updates...later this year, we hope to be able to invite all of you to come and see what we've been up to...
 Anne, Pat, Marlene, Dottie and Lynn



MEET AND GREET

Join us on June 7 for a Meet & Greet with Dr. Michael Cogdill, our recommended Transitional Pastor, in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. Dessert and punch will be served.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

The women of First Baptist Church, Southern Pines will hold a reception to pay tribute to Carolyn Helms who has served and encouraged us during the past 40 years as Pastor's wife, interim minister, and friend. Ladies, please join us on Sunday, June 25 at the Clara McLean House (20 First Village Drive, Pinehurst) from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Invitations were sent out in May with instructions for RSVPs, which will be due by June 12. If you didn't receive an invite, please contact Bethany in the church office

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

A Retirement Celebration Dinner will be held in honor of David Helms for 40 years of faithful service to our church, on Saturday, July 29 at 6:00 p.m. at The Fair Barn (200 Beulah Hill Road South, Pinehurst). A formal invitation will be mailed near the end of May, which will include instructions for making reservations and payments by June 29.



MISSIONS, SERVING & MORE AT FBCSP

MISSION ACTION GROUP

No summer events.

SERVING & MORE AT FBCSP

AN EXTENDED PRESENCE

One of the blessings of our work as field personnel with CBF is the partnerships we have with congregations across the Fellowship. This is especially true of the Encourager

Churches with which we have covenantal partnerships of support. FBC Dalton, GA is one of these congregations. A month before the pandemic began, we signed our covenant with the hopes of hosting teams to serve in Japan in the coming years, but travel restrictions have made any such work impossible since 2020. This made the visit in April from three ministers from the church all the more exciting.

Over the course of the week together, we had the opportunity to introduce these ministers to Japanese culture as well as to various ministry partners in our region and in Tokyo. Kanazawa's rich cultural heritage allowed us the chance to learn about tea ceremony, local culinary dishes, and traditional fabric dying. The city also boasts a long religious history, creating easy conversations about local religions and the Christian environment in our area and across Japan. These conversations deepened when we introduced our friends to local ministry partners. These conversations gave us opportunities to dream together about how future mission teams from FBC Dalton could help these partners to grow their work. As part of these conversations, we visited with the deacons at our church in Kanazawa, the pastors of local churches in Fukui and Tokyo, and also attended the daily chapel service at the only Christian high school in our region. We even had a McAfee School of Theology reunion of sorts as two of the pastors from Dalton and three others in Tokyo are also graduates of the school. These McAfee connections shared about the work they do in a local congregation, college chaplaincy, and in community building through a soul food restaurant. Beyond these formal meetings, our friends from Dalton took time to encourage the two of us in our work and graciously sent us out for a date night as they watched our kids.

The week together provided a chance not only for these friends to learn more about the Church in Japan, but also gave the two of us the chance to further our own connections. Our home is within walking distance of the junior and senior high

school campus and even though we led an English club years ago at the junior college, we are not closely connected with the school. FBC Dalton's desire to bring a youth mission team created the chance for a conversation with the school principal and English teacher, which have already provided fruitful results. The Fukui visit gave us the chance to spend time with the pastor and his wife whom we have wanted to get to know better as they feel a particular burden for meeting social needs in their community. FBC Dalton's visit helped to extend our presence in Japan beyond the ministries we engage with on a daily basis and consider how we can help to equip local partners to share Christ's love in their communities. We are grateful for this special relationship with this Encourager Church and hope to host more congregations in the years to come as we join the work to which God is leading us and our partners.

Carson and Laura Foushee are Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Field Personnel to Japan and serve in partnership with the Japan Baptist Convention in local church and community leadership in Kanazawa, Japan.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

It was Sunday, June 12, 1983 when we first welcomed David Helms to FBCSP. This month marks David's fortieth anniversary at First Baptist Church, Southern Pines. You heard me right...FORTIETH! David started as our Minister of Education and Youth, while also handling administrative and senior adults responsibilities. As new ministers were added and duties adjusted, David became our Minister of Education and Administration. Around this same time, as FBCSP added the 8:30 a.m. service, David began preaching regularly. Then, David became our Senior Pastor in 1998 when John Stone retired. Like many in our congregation, I don't know a time when Dr. David Helms wasn't our pastor at FBCSP. For forty years, David has nurtured our families from the birth of our children and through the loss of our loved ones. He is always there with comfort, grace, love and just the right words. He has seen us and guided us through some difficult transitions since 1983 and even a global pandemic. We are grateful for David's leadership, as well as his dedication and commitment to our church, our community, and each one of us. Please join me in thanking David and celebrating his ministry to our church at First Baptist on **June 25** during the 10:00 a.m. worship service.



- Chris Martin, Personnel Committee, Chair



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JULY ISSUE OF THE TIE

If you have news/information that you would like to submit for the next issue of The Tie, contact Pat Boland at pboland@fbcsp.org. The deadline for the July TIE Issue is June 21.

SUMMER WORSHIP ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sunday School at 9:00am and Worship Service at 10:00am. We will continue Livestream at 10:00am online.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The church office hours are 9:00am - 4:30pm on Monday - Thursday and 9:00am - 12:00pm on Friday.

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NEWS & NOTES FROM THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION & ADMINISTRATION

FINDING YOUR PLACE TO SERVE...THINGS GET SOLVED IF YOU GET INVOLVED!!

Welcome Center

In-home Visitation

Counting Committee

Greeters

Nursery

Decorators

Local Mission Projects

Prayer Team

Bereavement Team

Ushers

This summer the Education Bulletin Board is going to be used to highlight the different areas of involvement there are for you to get active in at FBCSP. The sign-up sheets with description and expectations will be displayed the first week in June. Please stop by the Education Board and see where your talents, interest or desires may lie. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pat Boland, pboland@fbcsp.org. Remember...

THINGS GET SOLVED IF YOU GET INVOLVED!



SAVE THE DATE!!!

TEACHER - LEADER WORKSHOP

Sunday August 20, 2023

Mark your calendars; after the 11:00am worship service, there will be a Teacher - Leader workshop. There will be luncheon for those attending the workshop prior to the training and more information coming in July.



CONGRATULATIONS 2023 GRADUATES

FBCSPYG HAPPENINGS



JUNE SCHEDULE

<i>Sunday, June 4th</i>	
GRADUATION SUNDAY - Both Services	
Sunday School	9:45-10:45am
Youth Supper (6-12)	6:00-6:30pm
Youth Bible Study	6:30-7:30pm
<i>Sunday, June 11th (Begins Summer Schedule)</i>	
Sunday School	9:00am-9:45am
Youth Dinner (6-12)	6:00-6:30pm
Youth Crazy Night	6:30-7:30pm
** We will continue to meet on Sunday nights in the summer. Schedule coming soon.	

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 2 6:00pm	Senior Dinner at the Moore's
June 5 8:30/11:00am	Graduation Sunday
June 5 6:00-8:00pm	Crazy Night: "Battle of the Sexes"
Jun. 17-24	<u>Youth Mission Trip</u> - Our youth will be on a mission trip to Orlando!
Jun. 26-30	<u>Vacation Bible School</u> - more information
July 17-22	<u>Caswell Retreat</u> - Cost is \$285. Final payment is due June 4th.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP - ORLANDO! SUNDAY, JUNE 17-SUNDAY, JUNE 24

This summer, our youth will be on a mission to Orlando! Our mission will be to share the love of Christ through construction projects, working in community centers, and serving meals. This will be a mission trip only and a good opportunity for our youth to give of themselves to others who are in need. Sign up is now closed and plans are being made for the trip. Every student should have paid in full by now...total \$350.

YOUTH KICKOFF

August 27, 2023 - 5:30 to 7:30pm - Dinner & Carnival Games provided. **NOTE: Parent Meeting 6:30-7:15pm**

Youth Parent Meeting Monday, June 12th 6:00pm - Youth Room

This is an important parent meeting for **ALL** middle school and high school parents. We will be going over all of the details for the upcoming **Mission Trip to Orlando** and the **Summer Retreat to Caswell**. This is a **very important meeting**, because we are filling out paperwork for both trips and forms have to be notarized. We will have a notary on hand at no cost. Please plan to attend. Contact Bryan Moore at bmoore@fbcsp.org with any questions.

Youth Bible Studies - will continue to meet until the last day of school.



Pinecrest Boys
Tuesdays
7:45am



Pinecrest Girls
Wednesdays
7:45am



Union Pines
Thursdays 7:45am @
Bojangles Carthage



O'Neal
Friday 7:30am @
Starbucks (@
Harris Teeter /WP)

YOUTH SUMMER WATER PARK TRIP Friday, August 11, 2023

Let's end the summer with a "splash!" All youth are invited to join us at Wet 'n Wild Emerald Pointe Water Park in Greensboro on Friday, August 11 for a day of fun and sun. It will also give our youth a chance to meet our Rising 6th graders and welcome them to the group. **The sign-up sheet is in the youth room. Rising 6th graders need to stop by and sign up.** The cost of the trip is \$30, which covers your admission ticket to the park and transportation. Lunch will be the responsibility of the youth. I have space for 30 people to sign up. I hope you make plans to join us, and please feel free to invite your friends!

YOUTH RAFTING RETREAT

Friday, September 1- Sunday, September 3

Get out your life vests and paddles - we are going **rafting!** We will head to the Blue Ridge Assembly in South Asheville where we'll go **white water rafting!** Mark your calendars now. The cost of this trip is **\$160 per person, plus the cost of one lunch and one dinner.** Money is due by Sunday, August 27. There are **30 spots available**, so sign up now! This trip is open to Rising 6th grade thru 12th grade. Hope to see you there.

Thanks for being a part of FBCSPYG!
Bryan



CHILDREN & FAMILIES' MINISTRY



Here's what's coming up for the Children & Families' Ministry at First Baptist:

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sunday School is provided for all ages beginning at 9:45 on Sunday mornings. During Sunday School, children learn stories from the Bible and how they apply to our lives today. * NOTE: June 11-Aug. 20, Sunday School will be at 9:00am.

MUSIC & MISSIONS IS ON SUMMER BREAK!

We had a wonderful school year with Music and Missions! We hope you all have a wonderful summer break and hope to see you and your families back for Music and Missions this Fall. Stay tuned for more information!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023!



Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School! This year, VBS will be held on **June 26-30, 2023 from 9:00am-**



12:15pm. If you are interested in volunteering for VBS, please reach out to Lauren Craig as soon as possible!

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

FBC KIDS SUMMER FUN DAYS

We are planning several events for FBCSP Kids to enjoy this summer! Join us by participating in several local missions projects and fun fellowship outings. Save the dates for the following events and keep an eye out for the details in the "Three Things on Thursday" email:

Tuesday, June 13: Family Bowling Night

When: 5:00-7:00 PM

Who: Parents and kids (birth to finished 5th grade)

Cost: \$5 per person (cash or check) plus any additional money for the snack bar and arcade.

Wednesday, July 12: Nido & Mariana Qubein Children's Museum in High Point, NC

When: 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Who: Kids (birth to completed 5th grade). Children younger than age 6 should be accompanied by a parent.

Cost: \$5 per person and bring a bagged lunch

Wednesday, July 19: Aloha Zoo in Cameron, NC

When: 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Who: Kids (birth to completed 5th grade). Children younger than age 6 should be accompanied by a parent.

Cost: \$10 per person and bring a bagged lunch

Wednesday, August 2: Family Promise and Chick-Fil-A

When: 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM

What: We will collect household supplies needed to stock the shelves at Family Promise prior to this event and the kids will deliver and organize the supplies, take a tour, and learn about Family Promise. Following the visit, we will have lunch at Chick-Fil-A.

Who: Kids (Completed Kindergarten through 5th Grade)

Cost: Bring money for lunch at Chick-Fil-A (Dutch Treat)

Tuesday, August 8: Cameron Boys' Camp

When: 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM

What: We will travel to the Cameron Boys' Camp for a tour and project.

Who: Kids (Completed Kindergarten through 5th Grade)

Cost: Free! Just bring a bagged lunch.

PARENTS, STAY CONNECTED!

Ms. Lauren sends out a weekly email called "Three Things on Thursday" to keep families in the loop and we also have a private Facebook group for FBCSP Kids – Parent Info

www.facebook.com/groups/fbcspkids.

Please contact Ms. Lauren, lcraig@fbcsp.org or 336-971-0900, if you are willing and able to serve in any of these areas.

Praying for you and your family,

Lauren Craig, Director of Children and Families' Ministry



MUSIC MINISTRY & SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

MUSIC MINISTRY

Our Children's Day of Worship services and Spring Concert are always highlights of the year for me; it is wonderful to see our children rise and lead so capably. The Young Musicians choir enhanced worship with expertise that Sunday morning. They are under the leadership of Luke and Alison Arno, assisted by Vince Mann.

The end of the year Spring Concert also featured our Mini-Music Makers, who shared joyfully during the program. We are thankful to Kim Sparks and Meredith Bolton for their fabulous leadership during this past year.

These photos from both Children's Day of Worship and the spring concert reveal just some of our children leading well in their various assigned roles...reading, playing, singing and praying. We are so thankful for all of our children's leaders. Finally, a big thank you to Lauren Craig for her faithful leadership with our children.

- Greg



SENIORS ON THE MOVE

Greetings from Seniors on the Move, a young at heart ministry, here at First Baptist Church Southern Pines!

We look forward to gathering over the next few months and would like to share some of these gatherings with you. Be sure to mark your calendar!!

JUNE

Monday, June 12 we will gather in the Fellowship Hall. 5:00 p.m. Dinner (\$10) & 6:00 p.m. Program (by Jim Webre). Sign up on the Sr. Adult Bulletin Board

Sunday, June 25 is the Seniors on the Move Baseball Outing at 5:00 p.m. Join us as we root for the Sandhills Bogeys! Cost: \$5, Sign up on the Sr. Adult Bulletin Board

JULY

Monday, July 10 at 2:00pm. We will be gathering together on in the Fellowship Hall for an ice cream social!! Yum!

AUGUST

August 14 after a 5:00pm dinner, we will welcome back The Tenors. More details to come, as the Senior Adult Committee continues to plan events.

Many of our Senior Adults were at Caswell the week of May 15-19, enjoying the programming that is put on by NCBAM. Below is a picture from the week. You should consider joining us next year for Springfest at Caswell!

We look forward to seeing you, as we gather together as Seniors on the Move!

Blessings to All!

Greg, and Roger and Carol Wilson