



First Baptist Church
SOUTHERN PINES

THE TIE

2nd QUARTER TIE NEWSLETTER



FBCSP

First Baptist Church
of Southern Pines

Summer IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

We at First Baptist Church of Southern Pines have been very busy in Q2 and will slow down in Q3 for just a moment.

Look and see the fun we had in Q2 and the fun we will have in Q3!



Q2: Impactful, Fun & Prayerful!

**WE ACHIEVED, WE GAVE, WE CELEBRATED,
AND WE PRAYED—TOGETHER!**



IMPACTFUL MINISTRY
that made a difference



MISSIONS MATTER
and volunteer activities



WORSHIP FOR ALL
and changing lives



FELLOWSHIP
and lots of laughs



*Thank you,
Church Family!*



Your faith, service and prayers
made Q2 unforgettable.
We are FBCSP!

Q3: Pause, Pray, Play!

**WE'LL TAKE A BREATH, DRAW NEAR TO GOD,
AND ENJOY THE JOURNEY TOGETHER!**



PAUSE
Rest & Recharge



PRAY
Draw Near to God



PLAY
Have Fun Together



MAKE MEMORIES
That Last



*Here's to a
summer of rest,
prayer and play
in Q3!*

**PAUSE. PRAY.
PLAY.**



Different quarters, same mission: to love God, love people,
and make a lasting impact!

Let's make Q3 amazing—for His glory!

LOOKING BACK ON 2nd QUARTER



Apostles Build Pastor's Day
Jamie Kipfer with Rickey Kipfer and Bert Harrell.



Julian Bunn, Luke Dontje, Sam Fowle,
Bert Harrell, Don Ratcliff, Bobby Teague, Beverly Jessup, Gray Linzel

APOSTLES BUILD



Jerry Pendley, Mark Vaughn, Bert Harrell, Marshall Smith, Brittany Trethewey, Bobby Teague



Gray Linzel, Julian Bunn, Greg Linville, Bert Harrell, Dennis Tally, Mark Vaughn, Jerry Pendley

First Baptist Church Southern Pines

MISSIONS AUCTION

We raised **\$42,000.00** on the Mission Auction this year.
Thank you to all who participated!

Children's Day of Worship



YEAR-END FAMILY PICNIC



LOOKING BACK ON 2nd QUARTER

Continued

COLLEGE MISSION TRIP ORLANDO!



We were blessed to work with the Orlando Rescue Mission, Second Harvest Food Bank, and Give Kids the World Village.



More pictures on the FBCSPYG page.

GRADUATION & YOUTH SUNDAY

June 7th, 2026



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

was the week of
June 15, 2026!
Giving collected for
WNC Hygiene
Kits = \$1768.76
Fun was had by all!



HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP – ORLANDO!

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

We shared the love of Christ through projects, working in community centers, and serving meals.



LOOKING AHEAD TO THE 3rd QUARTER

RENOVATION PRESENTATION

Sunday, June 28

Free lunch after worship and a presentation by the Trustees. Sign up on Realm.

BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, July 6, 2026 - Check the bulletin for more information.

CALLED BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, July 12, 2026, after worship, watch your email for the agenda.

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.

YOUTH SUMMER CAMP AT CASWELL

Monday, July 20 - Friday, July 24

SLC SUMMER CAMP AT FBCSP

July 20 - July 23 AND August 10 - August 13

LUNCH CONVERSATION WITH DR. ANDY JUNG

Sunday, August 9 – the Fellowship Hall – for parents and grandparents of today’s youth.

MUSIC & MISSIONS KICKOFF

Wednesday, August 26 – 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES RESUME

September 2

Wednesday Night Supper and Children and Youth Programs resume.

PRAY! NEVER GIVE UP! STAY POSITIVE!

JOY, CONCERNS, NOTES

NOTES OF SYMPATHY

The Church extends Christian sympathy:

to the Nelson family upon the dying unto Christ of George Nelson on May 21, 2026.

to the Holder family upon the dying unto Christ of Bee Holder on April 28, 2026.

to the Allen family upon the dying unto Christ of Beverly Allen on April 10, 2026.

CONGRATULATIONS

The Church extends congratulations and blessings to the graduates of 2026. It takes prayer and tenacity to get from where you are today to where you will be in four years. Know you will always have a home at FBCSP. Good Luck! God's Blessings.

The Church extends congratulations to Tim and Mary Helms on the birth of their first grandchild, Reid W. Helms, born May 19, 2026.

The Church extends congratulations to Jack & DeAnn Nance, on the birth of their grandson, Jonah Chase Minor, born June 3, 2026.

NOTES OF GRATITUDE

Dear First Baptist Church Southern Pines,

Thank you so much for your monetary gift and continued donations. We are deeply grateful for your support of our mission to help survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking rebuild their lives. Your gift is to help ensure that individuals and families who come to our emergency shelter have what's needed to get through the night and days ahead. Thank you for reminding survivors that they are not alone on their journey forward. *With gratitude, Caitlin Terry, Friend to Friend*

Dear Friends,

There aren't enough words to say thank you to each and every one of my church family and friends for all the prayers, love and concern and support for Billy and our family these past seven years as he fought his battle with cancer. Your recent outpouring of love, food, texts, cards, calls, flowers and visits meant more to me than I can express. I am blessed to be a part of such a loving caring church. *The Clark Family*

Dear Church Family,

Words cannot express the deep gratefulness my family and I felt for the outpouring of love after my husband Cal's passing and the continuing healing of my son Wes's double lung transplant at Duke Hospital. Thank y'all for the cards, texts, phone calls, flowers, food and especially the prayers. Your prayers mean the world. Jesus comforts me through you.

Much Love in Christ, Emily Edson

Dear Church Family,

Hannah, Sarah, and I are so very grateful for your expressions of love and support during this season of sadness, following the untimely death of their mother, and my sweet wife, Beverly. We never imagined navigating life without her at this time in our lives, but every expression of sympathy and care has lifted our spirits and assured us that God is present alongside us. Food, cards, calls and prayers continue to remind us how loved Beverly was and how blessed we are to have such an amazing church family. Your presence at her memorial service, as well as the care of our gifted staff, and the many memorial gifts in Beverly's honor carry us and sustain us in these days of adjustment. We continue to grieve her loss and miss her every day, but our faith reminds us that because of Jesus, Beverly is in good hands and we are never alone. Again, we are so grateful for her life, the years we had with her, and especially for each of you. We love First Baptist so very much. Not only was it a place of service for me for 23 years, but a place where we experienced the presence of God in so many ways. Pray for us, and we will pray for you, as we all move forward in gratitude for the grace of good memories of one so dearly loved.

Tom Allen, Sarah Allen Gallagher, and Hannah Allen Kunkel

GOD'S WORK – OUR HANDS

MISSION, SERVING, & MORE AT FBCSP

MISSION ACTION

Mission Action finished the year with a program about African Exchange presented by The Riggsbee's. We enjoyed lunch together, prayer and collected an offering to add to the African Exchange funds. We will not meet again until the 3rd Monday in September, September 21st. Mark your calendars. Thank you for your support this year and please continue to pray for our missionaries (including our youth and children's mission teams) throughout the summer. ~ *Bonnie*

Mission Action Ladies,

Thank you so much for all your support this year. Through your prayers, supply drive, invitation to speak, and the delicious muffins, we have truly felt the love and encouragement you have poured into this ministry. Thank you! We were also incredibly honored to receive the book "Found" in honor of Beverly Allen on her birthday. It was such a meaningful and special gift. Thank you! I look forward to working alongside of you again next year. *Very warmly, Alison Hainley, SLC Director*

YOUR KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

As members of the Kairos Scotland Correctional Institution (SCI) Prison Ministry Team, it is time to begin praying for our next Inside Event. Please pray for enough Inside and Support Team volunteers to serve up to 42 inmate participants, a significant milestone in expanding the Lord's work within the prison.

Please seek God's guidance about volunteering. We need approximately 40 Inside Team members and 20 Support Team volunteers to assist with meals and supplies. Pre-training begins August 29 for the SCI #8 Inside Event, scheduled for October 15–18.

Opportunities for Agape artwork and financial donations will be available. Your past generosity has deeply blessed both participants and volunteers.

Please also continue praying for the Holy Spirit to guide our weekly Prayer and Share meetings on Wednesday evenings, encouraging Kairos graduates to grow in faith, and for God's will as we prepare for the upcoming SCI #8 Inside Event.

With gratitude, Rick Allenbaugh, Jim Webre

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Stewardship (*Definition*): the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care.

True stewardship is not simply about financial giving. Rather, it is about faithfully overseeing and responsibly managing all that God has entrusted to us.

First Baptist Church of Southern Pines belongs to God, and as members, we are called to be good caretakers of His church.

Certainly, finances are an important part of the church. We all understand that the ministry could not exist without the generosity and faithfulness of those who give. But finances are only one piece of stewardship. We must also ensure that what has been entrusted to us is managed carefully and responsibly in a way that honors God, His church, and His people. By being wise fiduciaries and faithful examples, we can help prepare and inspire the next generation to carry the mission forward even more effectively.

This verse serves as a powerful reminder:

Luke 16:10 *"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much..."*

NEWS FROM FBCSP

Dear Church Members,

As Lauren prepares to transition out of her staff role and back into the congregation as a member, we want to express our sincere gratitude for her faithful service in several important roles at First Baptist Church Southern Pines. Lauren has been part of our church family since childhood, when her parents began attending while she was still very young, and she joined the church nearly 30 years ago. After she and Lance were married in 2011 and lived in Winston-Salem for a time, Lauren returned to Southern Pines in 2012. In 2017, the Craigs and Boltions helped begin the Covenant Sunday School Class and became deeply involved in our children's ministries. Lauren began serving as Director of Children and Families Ministries on July 12, 2021.

One clear example of Lauren's impact is the growth of Music and Missions on Wednesday evenings. With the support of parents, teachers, and ministers, average participation grew from 8 children in grades 1-5 to about 70 children and adults. Her joyful leadership, strong work ethic, and steady energy also helped expand the number of adult volunteers, chaperones, and youth involved in the nursery, Wednesday evening activities, church trips, and our annual Vacation Bible School. This summer will mark Lauren's sixth year leading VBS as she organizes the program, encourages volunteers, and helps the church serve as many children as possible in our facility.

Lauren has also faithfully carried the important responsibility of supervising the Director of Sonshine Learning Center.

We are deeply grateful for Lauren's faithful service to our church, for the witness of her family, and for the blessing of knowing they will remain active members of First Baptist Church Southern Pines.

Rick Allenbaugh, Chair, Personnel Committee



NEW HIRE



Sue Howard has been a dedicated member of our church for 14 years; Sue has served our congregation in numerous capacities. She is currently a Deacon and an active participant in both the Faithful Sunday School Class and Seniors on the Move. Her past service includes the Property Maintenance Committee and volunteering for Vacation Bible School over the last two years. Since 2022, Sue has volunteered to serve on the Food Services team. She has served as a consistent reliable kitchen volunteer since 2024 and transitioned into the interim paid role this past February.

Sue is known for her ever-present smile and her eagerness to assist with any project. When she isn't at the church, she enjoys life at home with her Chihuahua, "Little Man."

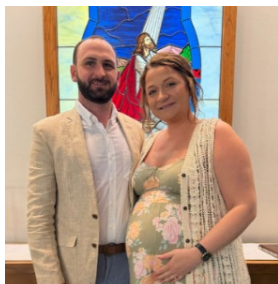
We are excited Sue is joining us as a permanent staff member, as our Food Services Assistant.

Rick Allenbaugh, Chair, Personnel Committee

NEW MEMBERS

Q1 - Chase & Mary Grace Ivey

Came forward: April 5, 2026



Q2 - Brittany & Bobby Kulp

Came forward April 26, 2026



HAPPENINGS AT FBCSPYG

May 24 Summer Schedule Began and goes June through August

Sunday School	9:00 AM
Worship Service	10:00 AM
July: No Youth July 5 th	
August: No Youth August 2 nd , 23 rd , 30 th	
September: Program Year Schedule Resumes	
Sunday September 13, 20, 27	
Worship	8:30 AM
Sunday School	9:45 AM
Worship	11:00 AM
JuBellation	4:00 PM - 4:45 PM
Youth Choir (6-12)	5:00 PM - 6 PM
Youth Supper (6-12)	6:00 PM – 6:30 PM
Bible Study	6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Youth will continue to meet on Sunday nights in the summer, but Mr. Bryan will let you know dates and times. Please be sure to read the Sunday Bulletins for extra activities Mr. Bryan may schedule as we move through Q3.

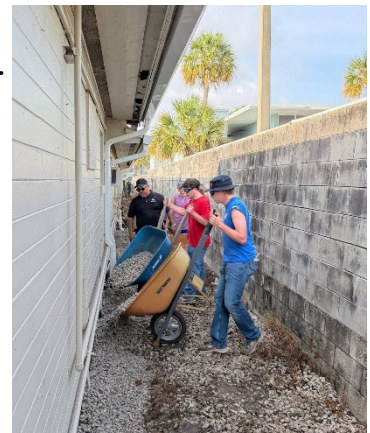
Coming in November (Q4)

Fall Caswell Retreat
 Cost \$195
 Deposits: \$50 due @ Kickoff Aug. 23rd
 Attendees: for all Middle and High School Students.
 Act now as this trip will fill up!

2026 Youth Events 3rd Quarter

July 20 th -24 th	Summer Caswell Cost: \$295 Money due by July 12 Trip is full at time of print.
August 9 th	Our Faith Our Family Our Why Cost: \$0 Audience: Parents of Children & Youth – Lunch with Dr. Andy Jung
August 12 th	Youth Summer Water Park Trip Cost: \$40.00 Sign up: By August 1 st Attendees: Rising 6 th graders – 12 th grade
August 23 rd	YOUTH KICKOFF for Youth and Parents of Youth (6 th -12 th grade) Time: 5:30 PM -7:30 PM Activities: Dinner, Carnival & Games There will be a Parent Meeting (watch for time and place)
September 12 th	Youth Rafting Retreat Location: USA Training Facility, Greensboro, NC (Whitewater Center) Cost: \$50. (includes rafting and ziplines), and lunch too!!

College Spring Mission Trip – The hill of stone goes down, but to where...



~ Bryan

CONNECTIONS

FROM THE CHILDREN'S & 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. We are on Summer Schedule which means Sunday School will begin at 9:00am and worship at 10:00am. During Sunday School, children learn stories from the Bible and how they apply to our lives today.

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. The Music and Missions Kickoff will be Wednesday, August 26 and the regular schedule will begin on Wednesday, September 2.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

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 the church office at 910.692.8750. Thank you.

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



Caswell Retreat



SEE YOU SOON...

Church Family,

As many of you know, my final day on staff at FBCSP is June 25. I am incredibly grateful for the past five years in this ministry and for all that God has done, and will continue to do, through this church family. While I will no longer be serving on staff, our family plans to remain active members of the congregation, and I look forward to continuing to raise my children in this church we love so deeply.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving alongside you. I have been blessed in countless ways through the relationships, support, and encouragement of this church family. A special thank you to all our children's ministry volunteers. This ministry would not be possible without your faithful service, and it will continue to thrive because of your continued love and involvement.

I am excited to see how God will lead and work in this next chapter for both the church and my own family. This is not goodbye — just a “see you in the pews soon.”

Praying for God's wisdom, guidance, and blessings in the days ahead.

*All the best,
Mrs. Lauren*

ROLLIN' ROLLIN' ROLLIN' FROM SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

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Seniors on The Move

Check out our bulletin board for Monthly Activities.
Sign up on Realm or by calling the church office.



2026 Summer Caswell



Monday Night Activities



LINE DANCING – Line Dancing – the how to do – then – THE TO DO!!

SENIORS ON THE MOVE

In April, the Seniors on the Move had dinner together and played Bingo. Good food and joyful fellowship sprinkled with a healthy dose of competition was enjoyed by all.

Thirteen energetic senior adults traveled to Caswell in May for Summerfest 2026. The coast is always a welcome place for rest and renewal. Opportunities for worship, study, and fellowship with others allowed for spiritual reflection and growth. Great food and interesting workshops kept the group on the go!

Our May dinner welcomed Ms. Jan, a Christian line dance instructor, who shared her testimony and taught us the importance of moving our bodies as God intended. Look for her to visit us again in late summer.

Plan to join us for our day trip to the Petty Museum on Wednesday, July 15. We will travel to Randleman that morning and have lunch before returning home. Watch for sign up on Realm or call the church office to be added to the list.

~ Cathy

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.



TO CLAP OR NOT TO CLAP...THAT IS THE QUESTION

Recently, I was asked about applause in worship. That is, when the congregation feels moved to clap upon hearing someone sing, for instance, is that wrong?

As it is with so many of our actions, in my mind, it's about motivation. Is the person applauding an earthly performance? Or, is the person moved to honor God with that applause?

Applause sends a message of approval, a message that a person may have been touched by what's been presented, or it may be an effort to encourage, such as when our youth or children lead in worship.

So, if you ask me, consider the motivation. If we are motivated to glorify God through the gifts of His children, clap on!

~ Anita

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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 3rd Quarter TIE is September 1. This deadline will encompass information and reports for the following months: July, August & September.

If you have news/information that you would like to submit for the 3rd Quarter issue of the Tie, please contact Pat Boland at pboland@fbcsp.org.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Summer Worship Hours are now in effect, 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.