



First Baptist Church
SOUTHERN PINES

THE TIE

3rd QUARTER TIE NEWSLETTER

Impactful Ministry Missions Matter Worship For All Fellowship



Fall & Wednesday Night Programs Are Here!!

What's inside?

Highlights of 3rd Quarter and Insights to 4th Quarter.

Enjoy reading about what Church has done and what we,
as members, are doing. See how the Youth spent some of their
Summer and what is on for Fall and Winter.

LOOKING BACK ON 3rd QUARTER



Youth Middle
School
Mission Trip
to Asheville

July 12-16



Red Cross Blood Drive

27 pints drawn / 18 pints expected



Give blood.
Help save lives.



LOOKING BACK ON 3rd QUARTER

Continued

Youth Retreat Caswell - July 20-26



SOTM – Petty Museum More in SOTM section.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

September 2

Wednesday Night Supper and Children and Youth Programs resumed.



Adults are studying ACTS and then a mission project to benefit a FBCSP mission.



Middle School Mission Trip to Ashville, July 12-16.

The kids took 500 lbs. of sugar, 250 lbs. of oats and 500 lbs. of rice and broke it down into 1 lb. baggies. They also made 400 goody (food) bags for veterans in need and the homeless.

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE 4th QUARTER

October, November, December

LOBBY & OFFICE RENOVATION work begins soon. Please pray for October/November completion.

October 4 – Fellowship Sunday – please sign up in Realm or by calling the church office at 910-692-8750.



2025 Fellowship
Sunday



October 17, 2026, 8:00 AM – 12:30 AM



OIAM 2026

For more information, please contact Keith Dangerfield at marinetanker82@gmail.com. If you are interested in **leading** a team, reach out to Keith. Sign-ups for participating on October 17 are coming soon! Please watch for more information in the Bulletin.

Wednesday, November 18 - Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

The Fellowship of Churches is hosting a shared Thanksgiving meal and community worship. "Shared Table" Ecumenical Thanksgiving Meal at Our Savior Lutheran Church.

No Wednesday evening activities at FBCSP (supper, Bible Studies/BridgePoints), on November 18.

Please watch the Bulletin for more information.

December 25 (Friday)

Team Workz will host a Christmas Day Meal and event at FBCSP in the Fellowship Hall.



2025 Team
Workz
Christmas
Dinner



PRAY! NEVER GIVE UP! STAY POSITIVE!

JOY, CONCERNS, NOTES

NOTES OF SYMPATHY

The church extends Christian sympathy to Katherine and Kenny Bumgarner upon the dying unto Christ of Katherine's father, William Carl Adams, on July 29, 2026.

The church extends Christian sympathy to Sandra and Jim Langford upon the dying unto Christ of Sandra's sister, Patricia Pfister, on August 4, 2026.

The church extends Christian sympathy to Keith and Deanna Dangerfield upon the dying unto Christ of Keith's sister, Betty Sottile, on August 6, 2026.

The church extends Christian sympathy to Joe and Jonice Lassiter on the dying unto Christ of Joe's mother, Marantha Lassiter, on August 28, 2029.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Maurice and Carolyn Harris who will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on September 24th.

NOTES OF GRATITUDE

Dear Friends of First Baptist Church of Southern Pines,
We recently received your generous donation in support of Monte de Horeb Ministries, Inc. in Pavana, Honduras. As the Ministry's Treasurer, and on behalf of Mike and Ginger Greene and the entire Board of Directors, I want to thank you for joining us in being the Hands and Feet of God in His command to spread the Gospel to all nations. Your generous donation helps Mike and Ginger, and their Honduran Team spread the Gospel and Christ's love as they minister to communities through church and school repairs, providing church retreats on the Monte de Horeb Campus and so much more.
May you and your families be blessed, Shayne Yenzer, Treasurer

Dear Southern Pines Baptist Church,
I'm writing on behalf of the ThriveMore and the Baptist Retirement Homes Foundation to share a special word of thanks for your recent gift to the BRHF Annual Fund. These funds are critical to helping us live out our mission of providing quality care, and meaningful ways of life for residents that recognize the dignity and worth of every individual. Thank you for making ThriveMore and the lives of older adults a priority in your missional giving. *Sincerely, Reed Vandersilk. President and CEO*

Dear Church,
On behalf of the staff, patients, and volunteers of Moore Free & Charitable Clinic, we would like to thank you for your generous gift to help us continue our mission. We recognize that there are many organizations in our area, and we are humbled with your support of the Clinic through your donation. Because of your support, we can help uninsured residents of our county receive quality primary care, chronic disease management, and mental health services. We are cognizant of our duty to be good stewards of your gifts. We invite you to learn more about the Clinic's accomplishments, financial information, and events on our websites. Again, thank you for your generosity. *With gratitude, Anthony "Tony" Price, CEO*

Dear Friends,
On behalf of the families and individuals we serve, thanks you! Your continued financial support makes it possible for the Christian Service Center for the Homeless to provide life-changing services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Your gift helps ensure that our neighbors in need have access to critical resources, stability and hope as they work toward a brighter future.
Gratefully, Eric Gray, ED & Caitlin McManus, DM

NOTES OF GRATITUDE CON'T.

Hi Miss Jamie,

I hope you're doing well today! I wanted to extend a heartfelt thank you to you and your group for hosting yesterday's blood drive. YOU ALL DID SO AMAZING!!!! We collected 27 units, and that is a direct reflection of your support, coordination, and commitment to helping save lives. We truly appreciate everything you all did to make this drive possible. Thank you again for your partnership and talk to you soon!

Warm regards, Juston, Red Cross

Dear Church Family,

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone in our church who have shown sympathy and support to me while grieving the unexpected loss of my husband George.

I am grateful to Pastor Matt who came to be with me at the hospital and for the thoughtful way in which he officiated George's funeral service on June 4th.

I would also like to thank my Agape Sunday School Class whose support and friendship mean the world to me. I feel truly blessed to be a part of First Baptist Church Southern Pines.

In friendship and gratitude, Sandra Nelson

Dear Church Family,

Deanna and I want to express our deepest gratitude to our church family for the overwhelming love, prayers, and sympathy you showed us during our recent loss of my sister, Betty Sottile. Your comforting words, beautiful cards, and support have truly refreshed our hearts and sustained us during this difficult time. May God richly bless each of you.

"I thank my God every time I remember you." — Philippians 1:3 Keith & Deanna Dangerfield

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

As a new year of school and church programs begins, the calendar year is drawing to a close. It's a perfect intersection to pause and reflect on the stewardship commitments we made at the beginning of the year. Are we continuing to be present, to be devoted in becoming more like Christ each day, to pray for our church and each other, to serve where needed, and to give generously? Galatians 6:9 says, "So let's not get tired of doing good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessings if we don't give up." Let's finish strong!

Narrative Report on Financial Position/FBCSP - June 2026 vs June 2025

Through the first six months of 2026 we received \$712,980 in budget contributions, \$26,479 more than our giving goal of \$686,501. In 2025 our receipts were \$663,151, \$49,829 less than in the current year. The church's operating cash flow increased in the second quarter of 2026, receipts exceeding expenses by \$111,738.

The balance of our General Endowment Fund as of June 30, 2026, was \$555,037. The Jeannie H. Jordan Memorial Endowment for the benefit of Sonshine Learning Center had a balance of \$107,311 and helps fund scholarships during the school year. The Memorial Youth Fund had a balance of \$140,708. Finally, the Memorial Music Fund had a balance of \$151,642 on June 30, 2026.

Ministry of Missions Update: During the first half of 2026, your dollars supported CBF Missionaries – Carson & Laura Foushee, (Japan) as well as missionaries in Honduras and the Philippines. We also provided monetary support to Sandhills/Moore Coalition for Human Care, Young Life in the Sandhills, Moore Free Care Clinic, Carthage Food Pantry, Team Workz, We Care Food Pantry, Kairos prison ministry, Changing Destinies, Friend to Friend, Bethesda Half-Way House, Bethany House, Baptist Children's Homes, CROP Hunger Walk and provided food and gas cards for those in need in our community. We also supported those affected by Hurricane Helene by sending adult and middle school mission teams to Western NC. College and High School students went to Florida on mission trips in May and June. We purchased items and packed "Blessing Bags" for the homeless. We collected \$6,063 for the Annie Armstrong and CBF Global Missions Easter Offerings. We also supported Baptists on Mission and the WMU of NC.

GOD'S WORK – OUR HANDS

MISSION, SERVING, & MORE AT FBCSP

MISSION ACTION

Mission Action will resume meeting Monday, September 21, at 11:45am in Room 206. The guest speaker will be Polly Brown with Friend to Friend. Please bring hygiene products for women or children or household cleaning supplies or paper products. Don't forget to bring your lunch and a friend: beverage and dessert will be provided. October and November meetings are under construction!!

MIKE WICKER AND KENYA



Ready to Board Kenya Airways to African with the well-traveled NCSU hat!



Local Market in Nairobi, Kenya.



If you wish to keep up with Michael's ministry in Uganda and beyond, please reach out to him to request the newsletter.

Michael Wicker, P.E., Engineering Manager

eMi designing a world of hope

EMI-Uganda

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FOUSHEES IN JAPAN



It's been a busy summer with featured church visits to share about God's work in Japan, getaways with extended family, a spiritual retreat in the Colorado mountains, and encouraging meals with friends among much more. Ada and Judah visit the United States about every two years, so in many ways they experience firsts each visit as they have grown and are able to see and do more than the previous time. We are thankful for all the family, churches, and other friends who warmly welcomed them and helped to make memories this summer. Ada and Judah are looking forward to their next visit!

Please continue to pray as we celebrate with Artem, a Ukrainian friend at KIBC,

upon his decision to follow Jesus and be baptized. Though he was baptized into the Orthodox Church as a child, he has a new sense of faith as an adult and becomes an active part of our KIBC community. Pray for Artem as he follows in the way of Christ and for the two of us as we lead his baptism preparation class. Please pray for students and teachers in our community as they return to fall classes after the summer holiday. Pray for Joel, our KIBC pianist, as he graduates from his master's program and moves on to PhD studies in Singapore. We will miss him dearly but celebrate the time we have journeyed in faith together and please pray for Carson as he travels to Indonesia at the end of September for a humanitarian aid training for Baptist leaders in the Asia-Pacific region. Pray for us as we learn about the biblical principles of relief work, gain new skills, and create deeper relationships across the region for future collaborative work.

To sign up for our eNewsletter, please reach out to me, Carson at cfoushee@cbf.net and Laura at lfoushee@cbf.net

GOD'S WORK – OUR HANDS

MISSION, SERVING, & MORE AT FBCSP, cont.

YOUR KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

Subject: Supporting the Upcoming Kairos Prison Ministry Weekend (SCI #8)

Dear Church Family,

As members of the Kairos Scotland Correctional Institution (SCI) Ministry Team, we ask for your prayers for our volunteers and inmate participants as we prepare for the SCI #8 weekend on October 15–18.

Your support makes a profound difference in this ministry. In the coming weeks, you will have several opportunities to participate:

- **Prayer Chain:** Sign the prayer chain with your first name to pledge your prayers for the volunteers and participants, asking that they be touched by the Holy Spirit.
- **Meal Tickets & Support:** Donate a \$5 meal ticket in your Sunday School class or on the prayer chain. We provide eight meals and multiple snacks during the weekend, as homemade food is a meaningful treat for the residents. Volunteers are also needed for meal preparation and delivery.
- **Agape Artwork:** Youth and Sunday School classes can contribute by creating placemats, wall posters, and artwork that display Christ's love.

Please also join us in praying for our weekly Wednesday evening Prayer and Share meetings. These gatherings help Kairos graduates grow in their faith.

Your past generosity has brought immense blessings to the residents, the facility staff, and our volunteer team. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

With gratitude, Rick Allenbaugh, Deo Laxamana, and Jim Webre

AND THERE IS MORE...

Part of the "MORE" is our very own Donna Jessup.

Donna also carries the name, D. A. McCormick.

D.A. McCormick (Donna) has written three children's books that are now living in our Pages & Prayers Room.

Please stop and take a look ...



WRITERS' GROUP: IS THERE INTEREST IN STARTING ONE AT OUR CHURCH?

With the discovery of D.A. McCormick's work, some members of our congregation may be interested in forming a writers' group.

Have you ever thought about writing a memoir, a novel, family histories, short stories, poetry, or simply getting your thoughts onto paper? We are gauging interest across the congregation to see if there is a desire to form a church writers' group. The vision is to meet monthly—at a time convenient for most—to share encouragement, spark creativity, discuss the writing and publishing process for books and articles, and provide gentle feedback in a supportive setting. Whether you are an experienced author, just beginning a personal project, or simply curious, all skill levels and genres are welcome. If you have the slightest bit of interest in being part of this fellowship, please reach out to Bill Edsel at wmedsel@gmail.com, and we will take it from there!

NEWS FROM EDUCATION & ADMINISTRATION MINISTRY

2nd Quarter



Greg & Linda
Linville



Chase & Mary
Grace Ivey



Bobby & Brittany
Kulp



Arlie & Bonnie
Saunders

3rd Quarter



Andrew & Bekah
Bibb



Kathy Krepps



Brett & Christina
Sullivan



Sandi King

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HAPPENINGS AT *FBCSPYG*

September 1 st – December 31 st	
September: Program Year Schedule Resumes	
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 (6-12)	6:30 PM – 7:30 PM
Remember the 4 th Sunday of each month is Crazy Night. Come ready to have fun and fellowship with other youth.	
Also, starting in September, please bring your Bible to Sunday School and Sunday Night Bible study. It is very important.	

Coming in November (Q4)

Nov. 13-15, Fall Caswell Retreat – departing Nov 13 at 10:45 AM. Cost \$195
 Deposits: \$50 due now, balance due Nov. 1st.
 Attendees: for all Middle and High School Students. This trip is now full. We are taking names for a waiting list. Please see Bryan.

Coming in October, November & December (Q4)

- Operation INASMUCH
- TRUNK or TREAT
- Samaritans Purse Shoebox Packing (Youth and Children)
- Children's Christmas Celebration
- Youth Bonfire
- Ice Skating in Cary

Remainder of 2026 Youth Events	
Sept. 13 th	Youth Bible Study begins
Sept. 20 th	Youth Outreach “College Care Pkgs.”
Sept. 27 th	Crazy Nigh “Photo Scavenger Hunt”
Oct. 17 th	Youth Outreach “Operation INASMUCH”
Oct. 25 th	Crazy Night “Trunk or Treat”
Nov. 11 th	Youth Outreach “Operation Christmas Child”
Nov 13 th -15 th	Fall Caswell Retreat
Nov. 22 nd	Youth Outreach “4 Square Tourney”
Dec. 2 nd	Youth Outreach “Children’s Christmas Celebration”
Dec. 6 th	Youth Bonfire @ the Akins
Dec. 13 th	Youth Ice Skating Party in Cary



~ Bryan

CONNECTIONS:

FROM THE CHILDRENS & FAMILIES' MINISTRY

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

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sunday School is provided for all ages. We have changed to the Program Year Schedule, which means Sunday School will begin at 9:45 AM and there are two worship services at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM. During Sunday School, children learn stories from the Bible and how they apply to our lives today.

MUSIC & MISSIONS KICK-OFF

The Music and Missions Kickoff was Wednesday, August 26 and the regular schedule began on Wednesday, September 2.

BELLS, BELLS, FOR EVERYONE

Beginning Handbells for 2nd grade to adults. Anyone interested in learning how to ring handbells is encouraged to attend. Wednesday nights from 5:25 PM – 5:50 PM in the handbell room.

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



October 25

(Sunday)

Trunk or Treat at 4 PM in the lower lots.



November 11

(Wednesday)

Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Packing (Youth and Children)



December 9

(Wednesday)

Christmas Supper (5 PM); Children's Music Program (6 PM)



National Shoebox Collection Week
November 16-23.

Please watch the Bulletin for more information on the above Events.

ROLLIN' ROLLIN' ROLLIN' FROM SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

First Baptist Church

SOUTHERN PINES

Seniors on The Move

MORE PICTURES FROM THE PETTY MUSEUM



SENIORS ON THE MOVE

In July, the Seniors on the Move travelled to the Petty Museum in Randleman for a fun day of all things racing! We did not see King Richard, but all were on the lookout in case he made an appearance. The Trip would not be complete without lunch, so America's Roadhouse in Asheboro was the next stop. On the way home, we visited Ben's Ice Cream in Eagle Springs for a homemade treat!

Nothing better than ice cream in August!! The group enjoyed ice cream with all the toppings and a great time line-dancing.



Monday Night Activities

Our newest outreach activity will be Adopt-A-College-Student. Each rising freshman will be paired with a senior adult church member who will follow them through their school journey. We look forward to the opportunity to get to know our young people and support them in this way.

Seniors on the Move will host dinner and a program Monday, September 14 at 5:30 PM. NC Baptist Aging Ministry will give a presentation on "AI for the Aging." Menu for the evening will be pork chops, baked sweet potatoes, and fried okra.

Our October 12 gathering will feature Sonny Thompson's famous Brunswick Stew. Program details to be announced later but we will play a short game of Trivia following the meal.

~ Cathy

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

HEAR YE, HEAR YE!

FROM OUR MUSIC MINISTRY

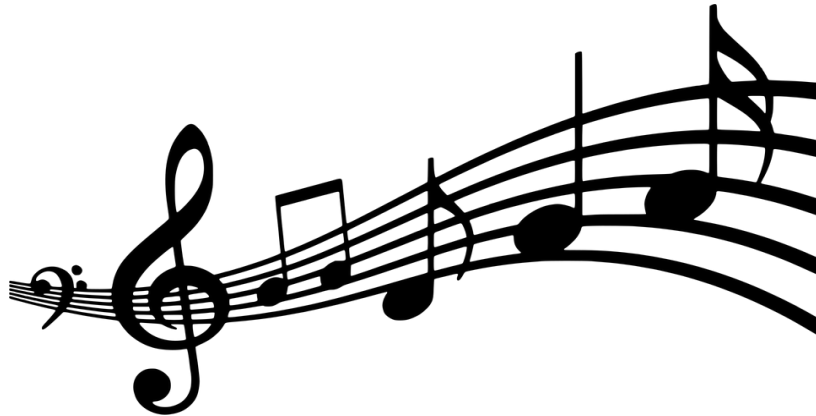
MUSIC IS A VITAL PART OF WORSHIP.

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

Have you ever considered singing in the choir?
If not, now is 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.



A new season is the perfect time to try something new, perhaps joining the choir. We are preparing meaningful music for worship and will soon begin rehearsing for the Christmas season. If you are wondering whether choir is right for you, talk with one of our newest members: Dennis Talley, David Sinclair, or Sheila Moore. They would be glad to share their experience. We are saving a seat for you!

~ Anita

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



December 13 (Sunday) - Adult Choir Christmas Program at 4 PM in the Sanctuary.

CHURCH STAFF

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Luke & Alison Arno, Youth Music Coordinators
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Alison Hainley, Director, Sonshine Learning Center
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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 a **quarterly newsletter**.

The deadline for the 4th Quarter TIE is December 1. This deadline will include reports for **October, November, December**, and upcoming activities for January, February and March.

If you have news/information that you would like to submit for the 4th Quarter issue of the Tie, **please contact Pat Boland at pboland@fbcspp.org**.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Worship Services: 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM
Sunday School: 9:45 AM

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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