



THE TIE

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, SOUTHERN PINES



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THOUGHTS FROM OUR TRANSITIONAL PASTOR

Faith, Family, and "Post-Easter Days"

A minister friend remarked to me recently that he found it much easier to preach during Lent and Easter than he does in these "post-Easter" days. I have never felt this way although I understand his thinking. His intriguing remark did cause me to do some reflection. To be sure, the Lenten and Easter seasons of worship do provide deep and great themes to preach about - - discipleship, the cross, and resurrection. But equally true is the fact that the risen Jesus left us with great work to do. Are there not equally great themes of faith to preach on and live for during these "post- Easter "days? A good example is the family. Our church will be highlighting the importance of family on many Sundays in the coming weeks – Children's Day Worship on May 5, Mother's Day and Parent-Child Dedications on May 12; Children and Youth music programs, and Youth/Graduate Sunday on June 2. Our next season of the church is a great time to celebrate the gift of family – and the "family of God" as Pentecost Sunday happens on May 19!

As I contemplated this matter, I was reminded of how grateful I am that Jesus is our Lord and Savior for all of life and days, not just the "high and holy" ones. Faith and trust

in God are meant for all our days and not just for the "holy days" of the church. So, in this season of returning to the routines of living and of a devoted life, let us not grow weary in well-doing. Jesus has entrusted the ministry of God's love to us. Our faith in God ought to be good for the long haul and for going the distance. There is nothing to prevent us from continuing to sing the "jubilant alleluias" of our faith just as we did during the Easter season. So, sing brothers and sisters, sing of your faith and trust in God who is the same yesterday, today, and forever!

Here might be one good thing to do. Take the Lenten teaching of Jesus to "love one another as I have loved you" and put it into practice as you go about your daily routines this week. If you will put this teaching of our Lord into practice, you may find that these "post-Easter" days are full of surprises and spiritual blessings you never imagined. And who knows – a "great door, a wide door" may open right before you!

Mike Cogdill
Transitional Pastor



Thank you!

Get Well Soon!

STAY
POSITIVE!

PRAY!

NEVER
GIVE UP!

Get Well Soon!

Thank you!

JOYS, CONCERNS, NOTES

RECENT HOSPITALIZATIONS

- George Griffin

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

- to the family of Faye Wink upon her dying unto Christ on March 5, 2024.

- to the family of Doris Baker upon her dying unto Christ on March 24, 2024

CONGRATULATIONS

- to George Little who was honored on March 26, 2024 with the naming of the George Little Bridge on the Sandhills Community College Campus.

NOTES OF GRATITUDE

Dear Church Family,
Words cannot express the comfort you brought us with your cards, text messages and phone calls. We love you and miss you all. Thank you so very much!

Love, John and Charlie Mae Laird

Dear FBCSP,
Thank you for your support of Sandhills/Moore Coalition for Human Care! We are grateful for our generous community. If we can ever be of assistance, don't hesitate to reach out.
Sincerely, Stephen Phillips, Executive Director

Dear FBCSP,
Thank you so much for your donation to the Cameron Boys Camp. We truly appreciate your continued love and support. Our campers are excited that warmer weather is coming and their upcoming river trip is just around the corner.

Dear FBCSP,
We recently received your generous donation that was designated for the support of Monte de Horeb Ministries Inc. in Pavana, Honduras. Your church has and is continuing to truly make a difference in the goals of the Honduran Ministry. Your support is valued tremendously. With your contribution, we will be able to continue spreading the Word of God to all who need to hear His Word in Honduras.

Dear FBCSP,
Your generosity and compassion are tremendous blessings to me, our staff and, especially the precious lives that the Baptist Children's Home (BCH) is privileged to serve. Thank you for loving the least of these with your special gift. Your gift of love makes a difference. Your gift of love changes lives!
Love never fails, Brenda Gray, Executive VP, Development and Communications

STEWARDSHIP REPORT & ARTICLE

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| Giving Goals for MAR 17, 2024 | 21,270.00 |
| Budget Offerings Received on MAR 17, 2024 | 21,600.10 |
| Total Budget Offerings Received in 2024 | 275,430.43 |
| Giving Goal Thru MAR 17, 2024 | 317,861.00 |
| Receipts to Date Comparison with Goal: | (42,430.57) |

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| EASTER OFFERING GOAL FOR 2024: | 6,500.00 |
| Annie Armstrong Easter Offering: | 325.00 |
| CBF/Global Mission Easter Offering:: | 646.00 |
| Balance Needed to Fund Goal: | (5,529.00) |

FROM OUR STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

In this month of Jesus' ultimate sacrifice of his life, do we have amnesia?

Do we forget how truly thankful we should be for all that we have - our freedom, our families and this wonderful church community?

Stewardship in the Bible has to do with understanding that our lives are not our own.

Our lives are on loan from God and He calls each of us to steward everything about our lives for his glory and the good of others.

As Christian stewards, we are charged with selflessly managing everything we have for the glory of God. This means generously giving back to God our time, talents and our money, so that our Church can flourish.

So today and every day the stewardship committee is asking each of us to share generously our gifts.





NEWS & NOTES FROM THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION & ADMINISTRATION

SPRING BRIDGEPOINTS

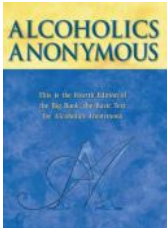
Studies in Paul: His Life and Letters

Join us for this six-week journey through the life and letters of Paul. We will explore key themes in the letters. Please bring a Bible to each class and we will dive into the scriptures each week.

Facilitator: Mike Cogdill
Dates: April 3 - May 8
Times: Wednesdays, 6 pm
Location: Room 216

"Relieved of the Bondage of Self: Twelve Steps Closer to God

Join us for a six-week study of the Twelve Steps of Recovery and how they can connect to Scripture and our lives as Christians. As we take the Steps together, we will explore what it means to be powerless, what flaws in us drive our behavior, how we can forgive ourselves and others so we can be free from fear, guilt, and resentment to be the people God would have us to be. Please bring a notepad, pencil, Bible and *Alcoholics Anonymous (The Big Book)*. Hard copies of the book can be purchased at the church for \$10. (The book is also available in digital and large print editions by request.) Please contact Pat Boland for more information about the book (pboland@fbccsp.org).



Facilitator: Mathew Purser
Dates: April 3 - May 8
Times: Wednesdays, 6 pm
Location: Room 208



"Knit, Purl, and Pray"
 This creative gathering for knitters of all skill levels continues to craft prayer shawls, chemo caps, and baby blankets as a ministry

of care and support. No experience needed! Experienced knitters will have you knitting after the first session!

Facilitator: Melissa Bearfield
Dates: April 3 - May 8
Time: Wednesdays, 6:00pm
Location: Room 206

OTHER APRIL HAPPENINGS...

April 3, - Called Business Meeting - Members will consider proposals from the Trustees regarding the FBCSP Core Values and Church Covenant.

Date: April 3
 Time: Wednesday, 5:45 pm
 Location: Fellowship Hall

April 21 – First Baptist Church Newcomer's class – You have visited First Baptist Church in the last year, and we would like to invite you to learn more about us. Come meet our ministerial staff, meet other newcomers and share in a light breakfast. Hear about who we are and what we do and get answers to any questions you may have. We hope you will join us.

Date: April 21, 2024
 Time: Sunday at 9:45am
 Location: Rm 205 (Adult Sunday School wing - past the kitchen/Fellowship Hall)
 RSVP: Via email: pboland@fbccsp.org or 910.692.8750

April 21 – Renewal Prayer Service

"God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit – thank you that you have delivered us from our former ways of thinking. You are inwardly renewing us day by day. Help us to see the big picture: that we are not what we will be, but we are not what we once were. Holy Spirit, fill my heart so that I can become more like Jesus each day."

Join us on April 21 at **6 pm** in the Sanctuary for Renewal Prayer Service.



FBCSPYG HAPPENINGS



APRIL 2024 SCHEDULE

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| Sunday 1 | |
| Worship | 8:30am and 11:00am |
| Sunday School | 9:45-10:45am |
| Youth Supper (6-12) | 6:00-6:30pm |
| Youth Bible Study (6-12) | 6:30-7:30pm |
| Sundays 7, 14, 21 | |
| Worship | 8:30am and 11:00am |
| Sunday School | 9:45-10:45am |
| JuBELLation | 4:00-4:45pm |
| Youth Choir (9-12) | 5:00-6:00pm |
| Youth Bible Study (6-8) | 5:00-6:00pm |
| Youth Supper (6-12) | 6:00-6:30pm |
| Youth Choir (6-8) | 6:30-7:30pm |
| Youth Bible Study (9-12) | 6:30-7:30pm |
| Sunday 28 | |
| Worship | 8:30am and 11:00am |
| Sunday School | 9:45-10:45am |
| JuBellation | 4:00-4:45pm |
| Youth Choir (6-12) | 5:00-6:00pm |
| Youth Supper (6-12) | 6:00-6:30pm |
| Youth Crazy Night | 6:30-7:30pm |

YOUTH OUTREACH PROJECTS 2024

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| April 14 | Community Crop Walk. Youth will plan to collect donations and plan to walk from 2pm-4pm at Union Pines track. |
| Jun. 24-28 | Vacation Bible School - more information coming. |

Youth Auction

Saturday, April 20 Dinner: 5:30 p.m. - Live Auction: 6:30 p.m.
 Our Youth Auction is right around the corner! We will begin with dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by live and silent auctions starting at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. If you are a youth going on the mission trip to Nashville this summer, you are required to work at the auction and donate one item to be auctioned off. Items in the past have included baked goods, handmade jewelry, electronic appliances, services, etc.

Most anything will work as long as it is new or "gently used." Please let me know as soon as possible what you will be donating. These items are due by Sunday, April 14. All monies raised will go to help pay for our mission trip. Remember, if you do not participate in the auction, you will be required to pay more for the mission trip. If we all work together, I know this will be a great success!

TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY . . . Any church member that has an item to donate, for the auction, please see Bryan. All donations will be appreciated!

2024 RETREATS

COLLEGE MISSION TRIP - ORLANDO!

SUNDAY, MAY 19 - SATURDAY, MAY 25 - We plan to return to Orlando from May 19-25 to work with the Orlando Rescue Mission and Second Harvest Food Bank. If you are interested in putting your name on the list, have questions, or would like more information, email me at bmoore@pinehurst.net. The total cost of the trip is \$350. This will be due by Sunday, May 5. Trip is full!

YOUTH HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP - NASHVILLE, TN

SATURDAY, JUNE 15 - SUNDAY, JUNE 23 This summer, our youth will be on a mission to Nashville! 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. The total cost of the trip is \$350. A payment schedule for the balance is listed below. Trip is full!


YOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL TRIP - ASHEVILLE, NC


SUNDAY, JUNE 9-WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12 - This summer our Middle School students (grades 6-8 grade) will be in Asheville, NC to share the love of Christ through serving in food pantries and other community projects. Total cost of the trip is \$350. Trip is full!

PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR YOUTH HIGH AND YOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER MISSION TRIPS

| | Due Date | Amount Due |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Payment 2 | March 3 | \$50. |
| Payment 3 | April 7 | \$50. |
| Payment 4 | May 5 | \$50. |
| Total due = \$350. | | |

**YOUTH
BIBLE
STUDIES**


Pinecrest Boys
 Tuesdays
 7:45am
 @ Chick-Fil-A


Union Pines
 Thursdays 7:45am @
 Bojangles, Carthage


Pinecrest Girls
 Wednesdays
 7:45am
 @ Chick-Fil-A



CHILDREN & FAMILIES' MINISTRY



SUNDAY MORNING

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.

MUSIC & MISSIONS - WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Join us on Wednesday nights for Music and Missions. We offer programming for kids ages 3 years old to 5th grade. Here's the schedule:

- 5:00-6:00 PM Supper
- 6:00-7:15 PM Music and Missions
- 6:00-7:15 PM Nursery (for children under 3)



FBCSP KIDS' RETREAT

FBC Kids! We will be heading to Camp Dixie for an overnight retreat on April 27 - April 28. All kids in grades 1-5 are invited on this weekend trip. Camp Dixie offers a beautiful retreat setting with an incredible number of outdoor activities for kids. The weekend will be filled with worship,

fellowship, and a lot of fun! The cost is \$70 per person and includes meals and lodging. Please RSVP by April 11 so we can secure enough spaces!

- When:** April 27-28
- Where:** Camp Dixie
- Cost:** \$70
- RSVP:** By April 11

CHILDREN'S DAY OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 5 at 8:30am and 11:00am

Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 5 for Children's Day of Worship. We are thrilled to have a service led by the children of FBCSP. To make this work, we are asking that all our children in 1st -5th grades be present at both services (8:30am and 11:00am) on Sunday, May 7. Children ages 3-Kindergarten will be participating in the 11:00am service this year.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024!

Monday, June 24 to Friday, June 28



Mark your calendars for VBS!

Registration is now open for the FBCSP congregation/families and Sunshine Learning families. Registration will open to the greater community by Wednesday, April 3. VBS is for children ages 4 (must have turned 4 by 6/1/24) through 5th grade!

Register here: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/fbcsp2024>

ARE YOU READING TO MAKE AN IMPACT ON THE NEXT GENERATION?

We are actively seeking volunteers to lead in the Children's Ministry! Here are the specific needs:

Sunday School Teachers: We are seeking volunteers who can build relationships with children, point them to Christ, and have a lot of fun while doing so. Our Sunday School teachers work together in teams each week to lead classes of babies, preschoolers, and grade-school kids from 9:45-10:45am using an excellent curriculum which includes creative lessons and activities. Training is provided for these teachers!

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).

Praying for you and your family,

*Lauren Craig,
Director of Children and Families' Ministry*



MUSIC MINISTRY & SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

Thought about joining the choir?
We are always looking for new members!
REHEARSALS ARE ON WEDNESDAYS AT 7:15 P.M.
 Contact Greg Lundberg for more information!



We are always looking for more singers to be part of the Sanctuary Choir ministry. If you have sung in a choir before and are interested in participating with us, please let me know so that we can get you involved. Reading music is helpful, but not mandatory. See Greg for more information.



Doug and Melissa McKenzie led our SOTM program on March 10th. They did a fabulous job sharing some gospel music standards.



Our next meeting will be on **Monday, April 8th**. We will feature a program from Jamie Kipfer and Austin Vernon on the importance of renewing the Fellowship of Churches in our area. Our community has changed much since the Fellowship of Churches was organized. There is a question to wrestle with: "Why now, why us?" Please come out and learn more about how you can support this meaningful ministry.

Our menu for the evening: fried or baked flounder, seasoned red potatoes, coleslaw, hushpuppies, and dessert. The cost is \$10.00 per person.

Please join us for a meaningful and fun evening.

- Greg



GOD'S
WORK
OUR
HANDS



MISSIONS, SERVING & MORE AT FBCSP

MISSION ACTION GROUP

Mission Action will meet Monday, April 15. Our guest speaker will be Rick Allenbaugh who will share his involvement with Prison Ministry/Kairos. We look forward to seeing you at 11:45am, Room 206. Bring a sandwich and a friend. Contact Bonnie Elhart, 910-638-7556 or Patricia Teague, 910-692-8867.

Kairos Prison Ministry, Scotland Correctional Institute (SCI)

On behalf of the volunteer laymen and clergy, Kairos Prison Ministry, Scotland Correctional Institute, we would like to share with you a few of the many impacts of God's work inside the prison March 7-10. Our 18 inmates, whom we refer to as residents, are seated at three tables, called families, along with three Kairos volunteers/clergy. The residents are all volunteers and selected by the SCI Chaplain and approved by the Warden. More than 60 of the 1800 inmates wanted to participate. However, we did not have an adequate number of Kairos volunteers to serve more inmates. We had 24 Kairos volunteers on our Inside and Support Team plus all the donated food.

The Kairos mission is to share God's Agape Love through God's Word and actions. As we shared Agape through talks, meditations, scripture and other activities, residents were given opportunities to share their Kairos experience. One resident said he had not been treated with such dignity for so many years that he had forgotten what it was like. Another shared that his faith was hanging on by a thread and the ministry rekindled his trust in God and way ahead. Another shared that these days came at a perfect time in his depressed life and lifted his spirits. Another said that our Kairos letters to him were the first that he had received in prison.

Good food is a key portion of the ministry since the residents live in a very disciplined environment, where most of their decisions are made for them, combined with very bland inexpensive food. Breakfast is served at 3:00 AM, lunch at 11:00 AM and dinner at 2:30 PM. Not all have jobs, however, they seek work to make the meager wages of 7-32 cents per hour. Their money is used for phone calls, items in the canteen and extra time on their laptops.

We all were blessed seeing the expression of caring and support by so many individuals, churches, and restaurants. Our church and others provided links for the prayer chain, placemats with uplifting words and drawings, donations, and many prayers. The prayer chain and went around the 21x40 foot room two and a half times. There were also many posters

placed on the walls from other Kairos Prison Ministries from several states and as far away as Australia. We wish that you could see the residents' expressions, with tears in their eyes, gazing at the displayed love, caring and support.

Another inspirational aspect of the Kairos Prison Ministry is that we do not abandon the "graduates" after the 3.5 day inside event. A Kairos volunteer goes to SCI every Wednesday evening for "Prayer & Share" led by the graduates. We also have reunions to encourage the graduates in their spiritual life. Our prayers are that they learn to trust in God and share His love with others.

Thank you for your prayers, prayer chain links, placemats, and financial donations. And a special thanks to Eric Corbett and Chick-fil-A for their donation of the first breakfast served Friday morning. You can imagine the smiles of joy with the tasty breakfast sandwiches and other goodies.

For further information on the Kairos Prison Ministry, please access the websites: kairosnc.org and kairosprisonministry.org.

In His Service,
Rick Allenbaugh and William Bush

CROP Walk

Join our **Walk Team** or make a donation at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/event/sandhillsnc>

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

Sandhills
CROP HUNGER WALK

APRIL 14, 2024

MOORE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

When: April 14, 2024

Where: Union Pines High School track

Time: Registration begins at 2:00 pm.

Walk begins at 3:00 pm

The Sandhills/Moore Coalition for Human Care is the local beneficiary of this year's CROP Walk. The funds raised for the Coalition will be used to provide fresh, healthy produce to clients in need, particularly those who are part of the Senior Food Box program. This initiative provides food to low-income seniors in our area. All other proceeds raised will be used to end hunger and poverty around the world through long-range sustainable solutions. Thank you for your commitment to fighting hunger and poverty in our community and around the world!

Our FBCSP team goal is \$2000. Please consider joining our team.

For more information contact:
Keith Dangerfield (marinetanker82@gmail.com) or
Jamie Kipfer (jkipfer@fbcsp.org).



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MAY 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 APRIL TIE Issue is **APRIL 17, 2024**.

WORSHIP ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sunday School at 9:45am and Worship Service at 8:30am and 11:00am. We will continue Livestream at 11:00am online.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed April 1, 2024, for Easter holiday.

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