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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, SOUTHERN PINES



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## THOUGHTS FROM OUR TRANSITIONAL PASTOR

Hello First Baptist Church Family:

Greetings to all of you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

I want to thank you for the joyful and sacred invitation to come to First Baptist Church to serve as your Transitional Pastor. What a privilege! I consider it a great honor to come to serve as your “Pastor in the Transition” and to journey with all of you during the next months. I am already looking forward to the days we will spend together, both the worship times and fellowship opportunities.

I have known of the great ministry of First Baptist through my friendship with your Pastor, students from this church I have been privileged to teach, and through members I have known for some time. Now I will have the joy of experiencing firsthand the service for the Lord that has been your reputation through the years.

While transition periods in a church can be unsettling, I want to assure you that such times can also be full of excitement, blessings, and fruitful service. Great blessings from God can occur during the “in-between” times just as they come during regular periods. I believe strongly this will be the case for FBC. I covenant with you to work hard, serve faithfully, and to pray for the church and its members each day I serve with you.

I look forward to being a collaborative partner with the good

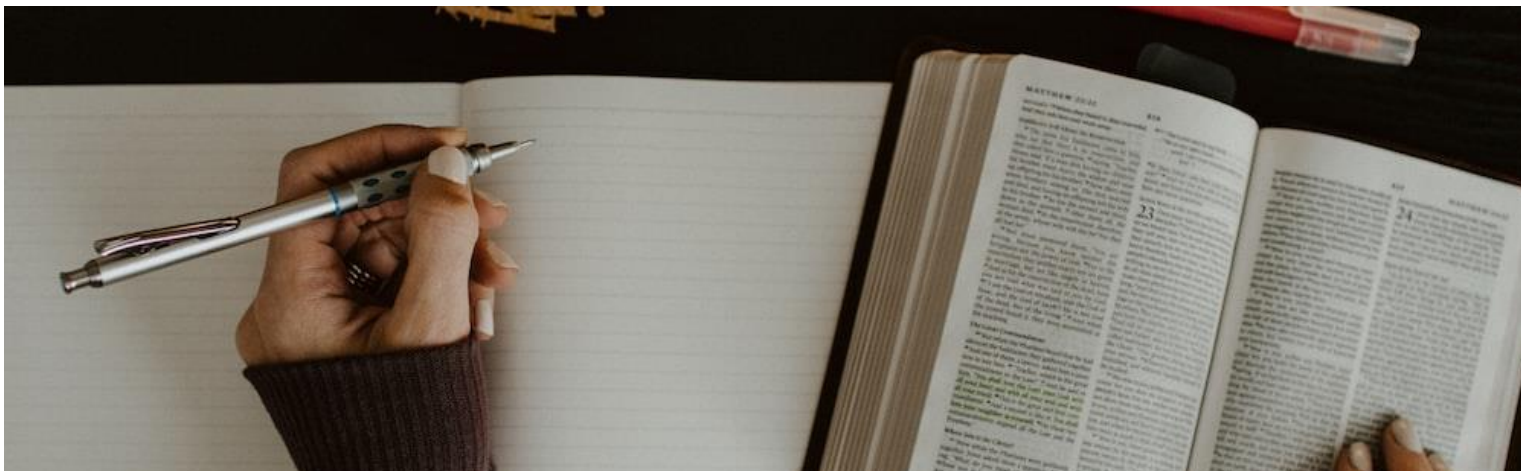
staff, Deacons, and lay leadership of the church. I love God, Jesus, and the church with all my heart. I believe the Holy Bible is God’s Word, and the world needs the ministry of the church and the message of the gospel more than ever. As God gives us these opportunities, we will rise to the occasion to fulfill his commands and follow his leadership.

I look forward to joining you on August 8 and my first Sunday being August 13.

I am honored to share the coming days and months with you.



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# JOYS, CONCERNS, NOTES

## RECENT HOSPITALIZATIONS

- Kevin Anderson
- Vickie Green
- Teresa Kelley
- Brittany Paschal
- Mary McCullogh
- Gerald Galloway

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Giving Goals for July 16, 2023	20,257.84
Budget Offerings Received on July 16, 2023	21,027.35
Total Budget Offerings Received in 2023	674,505.76
Giving Goal Thru July 16, 2023	726,318.17
Receipts to Date Comparison with Goal:	51,812.41

## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

- to Lisa Daley and family upon the dying unto Christ of Paul Daley on 7/9.
- to the family of Norma Griewe upon the dying unto Christ on 7/8.
- to Rod Herbig and family upon the dying unto Christ of Judy Herbig on 7/8.
- to Doris and Jimmie Hunsucker upon the dying unto Christ of Jimmie's sister, Marjorie Garner, on 6/11.
- to Sandra Florell upon the dying unto Christ of her mother, Bernice Tuttle, on 6/26.

## NOTES OF GRATITUDE

Dear Church,  
 Thank you for all of the heart-felt words, hugs, prayers, and cards that we received during the recent death of my mother. During this difficult time, you provided love and hope to our family. I am especially grateful for those church members who took the time on Mother's Day to attend my mother's celebration of life service. I am eternally grateful for this church and the outpouring of love that you have given Angela, Maggie, and myself during our time of need. May God richly bless you and this church as we continue to do the work of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

*In Christian Love, Jeff Jackson*

Dear Church,  
 Thank you for your continued support. We appreciate all the continued love you give to us.

*Cameron Boys Camp*



2023 VBS Pictures



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

## NEWS & NOTES FROM THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION & ADMINISTRATION

### CHURCH SUPPER AND CONVERSATION WITH THE FOUSHEES

On August 2 at 5:00 p.m. we will have a church supper in the Fellowship Hall. *RSVP no later than August 1 at 12 noon. The cost is as follows: \$6 adults, \$2 children, \$1 toddlers. The menu is baked spaghetti, garlic bread, salad and lemon cake.* Please sign-up using this link...

[bit.ly/missionsupper](http://bit.ly/missionsupper) or call the church office  
by **8/1/23 at noon.**

### TEACHER - LEADER WORKSHOP

Sunday August 20, 2023

Mark your calendars; after the 10:00am worship service, there will be a Teacher - Leader workshop. There will be lunch for those attending the workshop prior to the training. Please use the link below to register... [bit.ly/3XoU8CS](http://bit.ly/3XoU8CS) or call the church office by **8/17/2023**

### OPERATION INASMUCH

OPERATION INASMUCH is just around the corner. OIAM is scheduled for **October 21, 2023**. If you are interested in being a Team Leader, please contact Keith Dangerfield.

### SIGN UP TO SERVE WITH FAMILY PROMISE

The following dates are available for our church to volunteer (sign up on the Missions Board across from the Fellowship Hall) Please contact Trish Dykeman ([trishdykeman2012@gmail.com](mailto:trishdykeman2012@gmail.com)) for questions about meals (available date Nov. 6) and Janet Ridge ([jridge4@nc.rr.com](mailto:jridge4@nc.rr.com)) for questions about overnights (available dates Aug. 21, 23,24; Nov. 6-9).

### WHERE IS GOD CALLING YOU?

FINDING YOUR PLACE TO SERVE...**THINGS GET SOLVED IF YOU GET INVOLVED!!**  
PLEASE READ AND SIGN UP TO SERVE IN ONE OF  
OUR MINISTRIES ON THE  
**EDUCATION BULLETIN BOARD...**

This summer the Education Bulletin Board is being used to highlight the different areas of involvement there are for you to get active in at FBCSP. The sign-up sheets with descriptions and expectations are currently on display. 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@fbccsp.org](mailto:pboland@fbccsp.org).

### BUSINESS MEETING

Members of FBCSP, there will be a Business Meeting on **Sunday, August 6** immediately following the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service. Several Committees will be bringing forward recommendations. We will send out a full agenda closer to the meeting date. Please plan on attending.

### FALL SCHEDULE RETURNING IN SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, September 6

- Wednesday Suppers
- Wednesday Night Bridgepoints
- Wednesday Night Music and Missions

Mark your calendars... our regular Wednesday night programming starts back on Wednesday, September 6.

**NOTE: August 27 our normal Sunday Schedule** resumes with 8:30 a.m. Worship, 9:45 a.m. Sunday School, and 11:00 a.m. Worship.



# FBCSPYG HAPPENINGS



## Hey Guys!

It's hard to believe that summer is almost over and school is back in full swing. I know everyone has had a busy and exciting summer, and I hope you all are ready for a great year with FBCSPYG.

Our Kickoff will be **Sunday, August 27**. Youth and their families are encouraged to come and hear what exciting things are coming in 2023-2024. Last year, those present had a good time at our carnival as they played games and heard about the many activities planned for this year. It was exciting to hear about the retreats and outreach projects, crazy nights, and worship events. Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m., and the program will begin at 6:00 p.m. Hope to see you here!

You may be asking what being a member of a Youth Group is all about. Youth Group is where we grow in our relationship with Christ and in our friendships with each other. It is where we become better prepared to face the many choices and temptations that the world offers. Youth Group is where we become equipped to share God's love with those around us at school and at home. It's something you don't want to miss.

I look forward to seeing you as we begin an exciting journey together this year.

*Thanks for being part of FBCSPYG!*  
Bryan

## AUG. SCHEDULE

<b>Sunday, Aug 6, 13, 20, 27</b>	
Sunday School	9:00am-9:45am
Worship Service	10:00am
Sunday Night FBCSPYG	TBD
<b>** We will continue to meet on Sunday nights in the summer, but Bryan will let you know dates &amp; times.</b>	

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### YOUTH KICKOFF

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

### YOUTH SUMMER WATER PARK TRIP

**Friday, August 4, 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 4th 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 15- Sunday, September 17**

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.

## FALL RETREATS

**Friday, October 20-Sunday, October 22 and Friday, November 10-Sunday, November 12**

Due to the number of students that sign up to go to the Fall Retreat, we will do two trips again this year. The Middle School Weekend will be in October at Blue Ridge Assembly in Asheville and is open to 6th-8th grades. The High School weekend will be in November at Caswell and is open to 9th-12th grades. These Fall Retreats will fill up fast, so get your deposit in ASAP. The cost of the trip is \$165.00.

<b>Aug. 4 8:00am-5:00pm</b>	Youth Water Park Trip (first trip for Rising 7th Graders)
<b>Aug. 27 6:00-7:30PM</b>	Youth Kickoff (Youth & Parents)
<b>Sept. 15-17 leaving @ 2pm</b>	Youth Rafting Trip
<b>Oct. 20-22 Leaving @ 2pm</b>	Fall Retreat to Blue Ridge Assembly (Middle School)
<b>Nov. 10-12 Leaving @ 11am</b>	Fall Retreat to Caswell (High School)

*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

June 11-Aug. 20, Sunday School will be at 9:00am. During Sunday School, children learn stories from the Bible and how they apply to our lives today. On August 27, we will return to Sunday School at 9:45am.

## 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.

### 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
 Cost: Free! Just bring a bagged lunch.

### Sunday, August 13 Bless our Schools Event



**Bless our Schools**  
 Praying for the Next Generation

Join us for this county-wide initiative to pray for our 38 public and private Moore County Schools on Sunday, August 13 at 4:30pm. Go to the school of your choice at 4:30pm and a prayer greeter will meet you at the flagpole on the campus to welcome everyone. Following an opening prayer, everyone is asked to prayer walk around the campus either individually or with a group. Join us as we pray together for our schools, students, administrators, and teachers. Ms. Lauren will be leading the group at Moore Montessori School.

### Wednesday, August 30 Music and Missions Kickoff Event



Families are invited for a fun Music & Missions Kickoff event from 6:00-7:15pm on the grassy lot. We'll have food, games, and more for families to enjoy as we get the children registered for the upcoming year of Music & Missions. RSVP here: [bit.ly/fbcspmmkickoff](http://bit.ly/fbcspmmkickoff)

### Wednesday, September 6 Music and Missions Begins

Mark your calendars... our regular Wednesday night programming starts back on Wednesday, September 6. More information about our Music and Missions offerings will be coming soon!

## 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](https://www.facebook.com/groups/fbcspkids)).

Please contact Ms. Lauren, [lcraig@fbcsp.org](mailto: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

*I considered my ways and turned my feet to Your testimonies.*  
- Psalm 119:59

*Let us examine and probe our ways, and let us return to the LORD.*  
- Lamentations 3:40

These verses encourage us to consistently examine our lives.

I love reading about hymns, hymn writers, and the sources of their inspiration. I have shared some of those thoughts in previous articles. Today, I would like to focus on the vision and depth of Charles Wesley.

There are many who feel that Charles Wesley is perhaps the greatest hymn writer to have ever lived. One might agree, considering that he wrote well over 6,500 hymns, many of which are some of the most memorable in our hymnal. O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing; Love Divine, All Loves Excelling; Jesus, Lover of My Soul; Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; and Rejoice! the Lord Is King. And, what Christmas season would be complete without Hark! The Herald Angels Sing? Wesley was passionate about writing down his devotional thoughts about God and dedicating those thoughts to our Lord.

Wesley was also a very serious student of the Bible, a focused believer in Jesus Christ. Charles and his brother John were instrumental in forming what is now known as Methodism, which later became the Methodist denomination. Those believers were called Methodists for “the methodical way in which they carried out their Christian faith.”

As I was doing some devotional reading I came upon some statements and questions that the Wesleys used to examine their lives. I found these queries to be interesting and penetrating. It is my hope that by reading these with clear and humble hearts, we too will be motivated and inspired to be more Christ-like.

1. Am I consciously or unconsciously creating the impression that I am better than I really am? In other words, am I a hypocrite?
2. Am I honest in all my acts and words, or do I exaggerate?
3. Do I confidentially pass on to another what was told to me in confidence?
4. Can I be trusted?

5. Am I a slave to dress, friends, work, or habits?
6. Am I self-conscious, self-pitying, or self-justifying?  
Did the Bible live in me today?
7. Do I give it time to speak to me every day?
8. Am I enjoying prayer?
9. When did I last speak to someone else about my faith?
10. Do I pray about the money I spend?
11. Do I get to bed on time and get up on time?
12. Do I disobey God in anything?
13. Do I insist upon doing something about which my conscience is uneasy?
14. Am I defeated in any part of my life?
15. Am I jealous, impure, critical, irritable, touchy, or distrustful?  
How do I spend my spare time?
16. Am I proud?
17. Do I thank God that I am not as other people, especially as the Pharisees who despised the publican?
18. Is there anyone whom I fear, dislike, disown, criticize, hold a resentment toward or disregard? If so, what am I doing about it? Do I grumble or complain constantly? Is Christ real to me?

I read these questions as a daily devotional and found myself moved and inspired. May God richly bless you today!

- Greg

### SENIORS ON THE MOVE

Our next Seniors on the Move program will feature Sharon and Dr. Paul Murphy on Monday evening, September 11th. Dinner will begin at 5:00 p.m., with our program 6:00 p.m. Paul and Sharon are great friends of First Baptist and we are looking forward to what they have to share with us. Mark your calendars!



\* Our October Seniors on the Move program will feature The Tenors!



2023  
College  
Mission  
Trip

# MISSIONS, SERVING & MORE AT FBCSP

## FBCSPYG

This letter from Orlando Union Rescue Mission says it all about our youth and their ministry to Christ!

Rev. Bryan Moore  
First Baptist Church of Southern Pines  
200 East New York Avenue  
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Dear Rev. Moore,

I am overwhelmed with gratitude as I write this letter, expressing my deepest appreciation for the immeasurable impact First Baptist Church of Southern Pines has had on the Orlando Union Rescue Mission. Year after year, we eagerly anticipate the arrival of your church's youth group because:

1. We know the attention to detail and level of excellence always displayed by your leadership and youth.
2. The relationships developed over the years of service stir anticipation in our staff who love reconnecting with you.

Your visits truly enrich the lives of everyone at the Mission. Our facility crew breathes a sigh of fresh air when FBC Southern Pines arrives because your unwavering dedication ensures high- quality work. They even reserve some of our most important tasks concerning our impending hurricane season for your annual visit, as yours is the most trusted group to execute each assignment with excellence. I cannot tell you how many times our facility team expressed excitement before your visit and gratitude throughout the time you were here.

This year, our Bargain Store Director marveled at your students' initiative. When all their tasks were finished, they took it upon themselves to reorganize disordered racks of clothing, restructuring them in order of color and size. Their dedication did not stop there, as they extended their compassion to the littlest members of our Mission family. Through reading, playing, and attentively caring for our babies and toddlers, they brought joy and warmth to these precious souls.

The Mission sees countless volunteer groups throughout the year, but none receive the same level of praise throughout all departments. The love, care, intentionality, and commitment of your team resound in all that they do, and it warms our

hearts as we serve alongside you.

The pinnacle of your visit is always the Vacation Bible School. The meticulous care and thoughtfulness in your planning are evident. And, the lessons captivate the hearts and minds of our Mission kids, leaving an indelible impression that will resonate long after your departure.

The craft activities, engaging games, and the profound presentation of the gospel remind our kids of their inherent worth and point them toward the love of Jesus, as did the love your students showed them every day. Frankly, your VBS is second to none and one of the summer programs most valued by our youth advocates.

In the eyes of the Orlando Union Rescue Mission, FBC Southern Pines stands apart as an example of compassion, integrity, and genuine service. The lives that have been transformed in Orlando through FBC Southern Pines cannot be overstated, and it is our fervent hope that you share this letter with your church members, allowing them to witness firsthand the profound difference they help make every year by sending this ministry to us.

Be Blessed,  
Karen Kestner, Director of Development

## MISSIONS

On August 2 at 5:00 p.m. we will have a church supper in the Fellowship Hall. Following the meal, we will hear from the Foushees. Carson and Laura Foushee have been serving as CBF Field Personnel alongside the Japan Baptist Convention for ten years. Last year, they moved from Tokyo back to Kanazawa, the city where they began their ministry in 2013. Along with their children Ada (4) and Judah (1) they are enjoying life in a smaller city and working with Kanazawa Baptist Church to meet the spiritual and material needs of internationals and ethnic minorities in their region.

We have supported the Foushees for many years and look forward to seeing them again in person! We hope you will make plans to attend!

Please sign-up using this link...[bit.ly/missionsupper](https://bit.ly/missionsupper)



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## SEPTEMBER 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](mailto:pboland@fbcsp.org). The deadline for the September TIE Issue is **August 23**.

## 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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