



THE LORD'S SUPPER SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

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First Baptist Church
SOUTHERN PINES

THE TIE

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



Advent & Christmas Services “TIDINGS OF COMFORT AND JOY”

November 30 - First Sunday of Advent: Hope

Message: Hope

December 7 - Second Sunday of Advent: Peace

Message: Fulfilled Prophecy

December 10 - Christmas Supper - 5:00 PM,

Business Meeting, 6:00 PM

Youth and Children Christmas Program

December 14 - Third Sunday of Advent: Joy

Message: Joy in the Lord

December 14 - The Sanctuary Choir Christmas Program at 4:00 PM

A Worship Celebration featuring Christmas Hymns, Carols, and Anthems

December 21 - Fourth Sunday of Advent: Love

Message: Unexpected Avenue of Love

December 24 - Christmas Eve Services

Lessons and Carols with Nativity at 5:00 PM

Candlelight and Communion at 7:00 PM

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JANUARY ISSUE OF THE TIE

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

The deadline for the JANUARY TIE is **December 17**. The January Tie will be much shorter in length, similar to a Sunday Bulletin.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Regular hours are now in effect. They include an 8:30 a.m. Worship Service, 9:45 a.m. Sunday School, and the second Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The church office hours are 9:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Thursday.

PRAY

NEVER GIVE UP!

STAY POSITIVE!

JOYS, CONCERNS, NOTES

NOTES OF SYMPATHY

The church extends Christian sympathy to Rev. J Billy & Ann Graham upon the dying unto Christ of Billy's sister, Mildred Sue Graham Greene, on November 7, 2025.

NOTES OF GRATITUDE

Thank you so much for donating all of the jackets to SPE. They came just in time for the cold months ahead. Your support truly makes a difference. We are so grateful for you all. *Katie Smith, School Social Worker*

First Baptist Southern Pines and Pastor Matt, Thank you sincerely for your sponsorship and attendance at our gala. Your generosity and witness will change lives. We are so blessed by you. *Sincerely Barb & Staff (Life Care Pregnancy Center)*

Dear Church,
My name is Taylor Long and I am in my final year at Campbell Divinity School where I am completing my Master of Divinity. I am grateful to receive the First Baptist Church, Southern Pines, Divinity School Endowed Scholarship. I am grateful for generous people like you that have supported my educational and formational journey at Campbell Divinity. Thank you for your support.
With gratitude, Taylor Long

First Baptist Church, Southern Pines,
I came home from St. Joseph Rehabilitation following surgery to correct an injury to my right hip. Saturday morning there was a group of men here to clean our yard, and their work was top notch. Operation In As Much at its best. Thank you to Keith and Rick and all the men. I would have been with them not too long ago!
Love you all, Don Vinson

Dear Matt, On behalf of Campbell University Divinity School, I want to express our heartfelt gratitude for First Baptist's generous gift to the *First Baptist Church of Southern Pines Divinity School Scholarship Fund*. Our mission is to provide Christ-centered, Bible-based, and Ministry-focused theological education. This work is only possible through the generous support of people like you.

We are deeply grateful for your partnership in the work of encouraging and equipping people to answer God's call.
Warmly, Dr. Barry Jones, Dean and Tyner Chair of Bible

NOTE

The final day to make contributions for 2025 is **Sunday, December 28th**. If you are making a stock contribution before year-end, please remember our stock account is with Stifel. You or your broker will need to contact Rick Palmer or Chuck Davis at 910-246-5352 to complete your transaction. Stock transactions, IRA distributions and the mail take time. Make sure you have requested the transaction or written your check in time to be received before December 31, 2025.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Giving Goals for Oct. 2025.....	105,405.00
Budget Offerings Received Oct. 2025	94,125.92
Giving Goal thru Oct. 2025.....	1,056,754.00
Total Budget Offerings Received thru 2025.....	1,059,654.75
Receipts to Date Comparison with Goal.....	2,900.75

FROM OUR STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Advent season offers many opportunities for us to be good stewards, to use what God has so generously given us to serve others and further His purposes here on earth. We can offer our praise and worship together at Sunday services, special Christmas music programs, and our Christmas Eve services. Our time can be spent in prayer and reflection using the Advent devotional booklet to seek deeper understanding and to listen for God's direction. And we can use our financial resources during this season to help those in need in our community. Most importantly, we can share the Good News of the Christ child and the hope we have in Him!

GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS MISSIONS, SERVING & MORE AT FBCSP

MISSION ACTION

The January meeting date and program is in the works. Stay tuned for more information. Remember to give generously to the Christian Missions offering.

Dear Bonnie and the Dessert Team,
A very special thank you to all of you for supplying those yummy desserts for CDM fundraiser November 8. It's a spot so loved by our guests that we need to be readied and open as soon as supporters walk through the door. There was not a crumb left on the buffet at the end of the evening. Thank you for your time, talents and service to make our supporters have so many sweets to choose from on this special evening. It's always a highlight!! Thank you so much for your awesome support! Blessings to each of you.
Sue Durham & the Changing Destinies Ministry

Dear Mission Action of FBCSP,

Thank you for your in-kind donations to Sandhills Student Assistance, as well as monetary donations. I hope we can share again some day in the future. Blessings, Cindy

FBCSP MISSION WORK



Apostles Build home dedication. Bert Harrell is providing a Bible to the new homeowner.



Our next Kairos Prison Ministry at the Scotland Correctional Institution is February 26-March 1, 2026. We are praying for sufficient volunteers on our Inside and Support Team to host 30-36 inmate participants. At our last Inside Event February 20-23, we were grateful to provide an opportunity for 24 inmate participants to sense the love of Christ. Historically, we only had sufficient volunteers to host 18 inmates. We are thankful and Praise God for His hand in our Prison Ministry.

Our training will begin in January, and we ask for your prayer,

first and foremost, combined with your continued support of several volunteers to serve on our team, financial donations, food, Agape items such as our Prayer Chain, placemats, posters and other items created in our SS classes.

You are essential to our ministry, and your support is appreciated by all whom you touch by your care and contributions. Please contact Rick Allenbaugh, alnbah@gmail.com, or 910-315-3625.

BUSINESS MEETING

December 10, 2025

6:00 PM

Immediately following
Wednesday Christmas
Supper.

Family Promise - December
15-18

Please sign up for
overnights.

We are in need of volunteers for
our December overnight dates.
Please give it prayer and some
serious consideration.

Questions regarding *overnights*,
please contact the church office.

MUSIC MINISTRY & SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

MUSIC MINISTRY

Dear FBC Southern Pines Congregation,

Becky and I want to thank you for the warm welcome you have extended to us as I begin my tenure as your Interim Minister of Music at First Baptist. It is truly a joy to serve among you during this season of time. We look forward to getting to know you over the holiday season. We are grateful for your enthusiastic reception, friendship, and trust as we minister among you. We are very excited to be at FBC Southern Pines!

The upcoming holiday season is our favorite! What a wonderful time to join you. The season of Thanksgiving helps focus our gratitude toward the things of supreme value: *faith, family, and friends*. Dr. Estill Jones at Southern Seminary in Louisville called Thanksgiving the "*Gateway to Advent*." The season of Advent & Christmas reminds us of God's gift to mankind, Jesus Christ, who came to save sinners (Matthew 1:21). Let us celebrate this wonderful season anew, through the supreme gifts of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

May God bless you and your family this Christmas season!

In Christ,

Rev. Joel Marshall

Sanctuary Choir Program



Come, and Behold Him

A musical and narrative hour
presented by the Sanctuary Choir and
Instrumentalists of the First Baptist Church of
Southern Pines, N.C.

Sunday,
December 14th
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

*Our Mission is to glorify God by
proclaiming the Gospel, nurturing
disciples, & serving others*

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SENIORS ON THE MOVE

Seniors on the Move are in full swing this month and have a great dinner and concert planned for December 8. Be sure to sign up for the meal!

As I conclude one ministry and prepare for a new season of ministry, I am excited to begin my work with the seniors, getting to know all of you, and supporting those who have experienced loss. Many of you have already expressed your enthusiasm for this new position-Minister of Congregational Care. I look forward to what the Lord has for First Baptist Southern Pines in the new year.

Rev. Cathy Haynes

SOTM Dinner



Pottery Class



NEWS & NOTES FROM THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION & ADMINISTRATION

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

4th Quarter Members



Randy & Betsy
Black



Joyce Collins



The Akins
Family

Jackson, Matthew,
Elizabeth, Shelby,
David



Ava Cook



Jay & Tiffany
Tyree



Quinn
Grantham



Bill Martin



Ray &
Daphene
Manning

DECEMBER 2025 SCHEDULE

Sunday December 7 th	
Sunday School	9:45 a.m. –10:45 a.m.
Jubullation	4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
Youth Choir (6-12)	5:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Youth Bonfire @ Akins	6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 14 th	
Sunday School	9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Youth Dinner	6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Youth Bible Study	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 21 st	
Sunday School	9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Youth Dinner	6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Crazy Night/Christmas Party	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
* NO YOUTH on Wednesday, Dec 17 & Sunday, Dec 28*	
NOTE Christmas Eve Nativity Wednesday, December 24	

YOUTH HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP - SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH- SUNDAY, JUNE 27TH, 2026
This summer, our youth will be on a mission to Orlando, FL. 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. Deposit of \$50 is due **now** to hold your spot.

YOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP SUNDAY, JULY 12TH - THURSDAY, JULY 16TH, 2026
This summer our youth will return to western NC to partner with Transformation Village and the Food Bank. Cost of the trip is \$275. A \$50. dollar deposit is due **now** to hold your spot. Contact Bryan if you need more details.

Thanks for being a part of FBCSPYG!

Bryan



2025 YOUTH OUTREACH PROJECTS


December 10 th Wednesday	Children’s Christmas Celebration - Youth will have a party with our children with crafts, games, and a movie.
December 14 th Sunday	Empty Stocking Project - Youth will adopt two families in the community and give them Christmas. Each youth is asked to buy a \$25 Walmart or food gift card that will be used to buy Christmas for a needy family.

2026 MISSION TRIPS

COLLEGE MISSION TRIP - ORLANDO! SUNDAY, MAY 24TH - SATURDAY, MAY 29TH, 2026
We plan to return to Orlando from May 24-26 to work with the Orlando Rescue Mission, Second Harvest Food Bank, and Give Kids the World. The total cost of the trip is \$350. This will be due by Sunday, April 26. If you are interested in putting your name on the list, have questions, or would like more information, email me at: bmoore@pinehurst.net.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDIES


Pinecrest Boys
Tuesdays
7:45 a.m.
@ Chick-Fil-A


Union Pines Vikings
Thursdays
7:45 a.m. @
Bojangles,
Carthage


Pinecrest Girls
Wednesdays
7:45 a.m.
@ Chick-Fil-A

Here’s what’s coming up for the Children and Families’ Ministry at First Baptist:



December Family Memory Verse
We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to memorize these verses with your children. When children memorize their verse, have them recite it to me and they’ll get to pick a prize from the prize box! We love encouraging kids to memorize scripture so they can hold it close all throughout their life.

SERVING IN CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

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 Lauren Craig at lcraig@fbcs.org.

- Sunday School Teachers
- Sunday Worship Nursery Workers

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.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing



The youth and children packed over **215** shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child on November 12!

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Wednesday, December 3 at 6:00 p.m.
The children’s choirs (preschool through 5th grade) will be presenting their Christmas Program Wednesday, December 3 in the sanctuary. Rehearsal for the program will be held on Wednesday, November 19.

CHILDREN’S ADVENT CELEBRATION

Wednesday, December 10 — 6:00-7:15 p.m.
Join us from 6:00-7:15pm for the Children’s Advent Celebration. Our youth will lead children in a variety of activities to celebrate and prepare for the season of Advent. Three-year old's to Kindergarteners will be in their regular missions classroom, and 1st-5th graders will meet in the youth room.

MUSIC AND MISSIONS RESUMES IN 2026

Wednesday, January 7
We hope to see you all back for Music and Missions on Wednesday, January 7. Enjoy your Christmas break!

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wednesday, December 10: Last Night of Wednesday Activities until January!

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

