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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, SOUTHERN PINES



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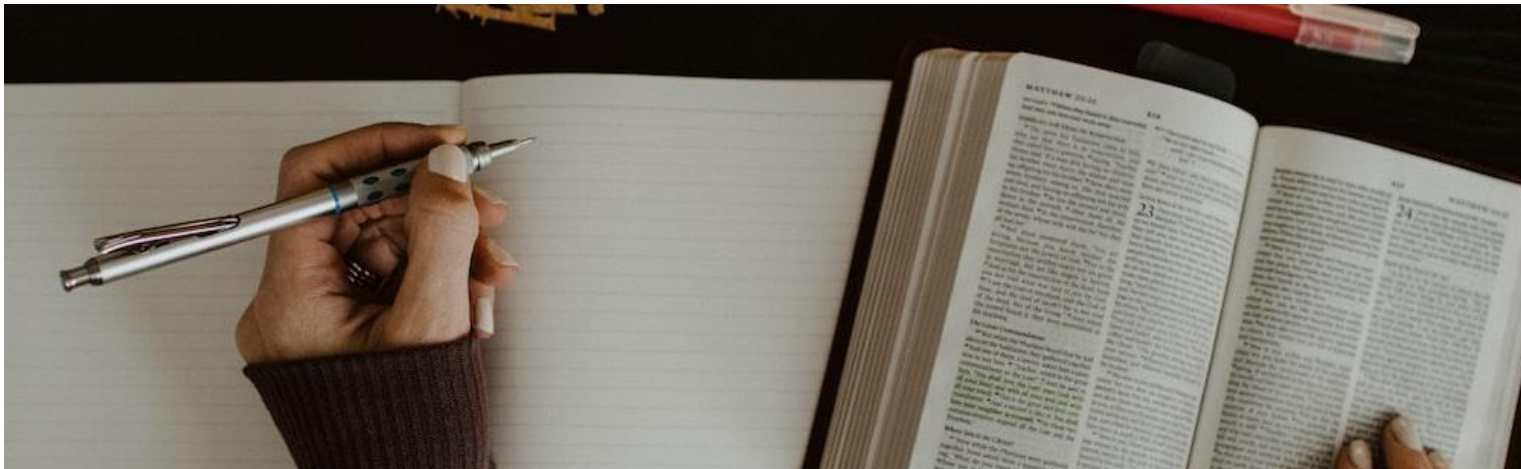
THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR DAVID

My words are inadequate to express my gratitude to First Baptist Church as I say farewell to a community of faith that has blessed, nurtured, and transformed my life in so many beautiful ways. I would have never imagined forty years ago that the first church I served would be the only church I served. As I reflect on how that happened, I believe God's hand was in the whole process. I remember in my final year of seminary, I had interviewed with another church. All of that went well, and the church eventually called me as their Associate Pastor. Then something strange occurred. I was walking across the seminary campus when a student whom I didn't know told me that church was in a stir about the fact that my modest benefit package was slightly more than another staff member. That was surprising because I had worked in a bank for years, and in that culture, people didn't divulge their salary. Church was different. That evening I called the Pastor of that church to clarify what the issue was. He told me, to my chagrin, that he was leaving the church and that it was the most challenging church he had ever served. I turned to my mentor, Dr. Glenn Miller, and asked him what to do. He was a wise man and always to the point! He said, "David, get out while the getting is good". And I did. Unknown to me, First Baptist Southern Pines was interviewing students at the seminary for their position, and one of the prospective students dropped out at the last minute. At that late moment, the seminary leader told the committee they might want to interview me. They did, and the rest is history.

That history has been a good one. Carolyn and I love this church and the people of First Baptist, and we count it all joy to have served this community for over forty years. Where did the time go? As I reflect over the years and all the different challenges we have faced and the joys we have celebrated, the one abiding truth is what counts...the people. I dare not risk naming names—for fear of leaving some people out. But there has been a great cloud of witnesses who have blessed us, guided us, and encouraged us. Carolyn and I will always look back on these years with a grateful heart.

People often ask me what I am going to do in the coming years. We plan to remain in Southern Pines. I will continue to teach at Campbell University Divinity School. I will take some time to think and pray through my purpose and goals for the next several years. I know God has some fruitful labor for me to pursue in another form of ministry. I am also confident that God will lead First Baptist to a strong and fruitful ministry in this community. You can depend on God's promise: "He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion in the day of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 1:6)

*In grace and gratitude,
David*



JOYS, CONCERNS, NOTES

RECENT HOSPITALIZATIONS

- Judy Herbig
- Ray Long
- Ken Kelley
- Darlene Spradling
- Kevin Anderson
- Betty Rush
- John Costantini

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

- to Doris and Jimmie Hunsucker upon the dying unto Christ of Jimmie's sister, Marjorie Garner, on 6/11

CONGRATULATIONS

- to Bob and Kathy Farren upon the birth of their grandson, Levi Timothy Stiling, on 6/12. Also, to parents, Kristin and Timmy Stiling.

NOTES OF GRATITUDE

Dear Church,
Amazing, Transforming, Powerful. These are a few of many words that flood my mind and fill my heart with gratitude when I consider your generosity to Baptist Children's Home (BCH).
Thank you! Your gift truly makes a difference in the lives of the boys and girls we are privileged to serve each day. I want you to know that you are valued. Your endeavors are noticed and appreciated. You are a difference maker - through your prayers, your time, your resources and your generosity. I give thanks to God for you and for the blessings and hope your gifts of love bring to those who have come to us in need. To all of our Difference Makers out there - I celebrate **YOU!**
Brenda B. Gray, Executive VP, Development and Communications

Dear Church Family,
 Our church was assigned three Saturdays in May to participate in Habitat for Humanity's Apostles Build. This year we had the following showing God's love in action: Rick Allenbaugh, Calvin Howell, Chip Pate, Trish Dykeman, Ron Jones, Myra Pate, Ann Fam, Jamie Kipfer, Jamie Pennell, Paul Erickson, Ricky Kipfer, Katie Roscoe, Bert Harrell, Vince Mann, Sonny Thompson, Ralph Hendrix, Michael Mention, Peter Voorhees, Hal Herring, Ryan Paschal and Michael Wicker. Thanks to all who participated.
Bert Harrell, Habitat for Humanity Coordinator

Dear Church,
 There are not enough words to describe how much we at Cameron Boys Camp appreciate your continued support and love.
Thank you. Cameron Boys Camp

Dear Church,
 We the girls at Camp Duncan want to Thank You for thinking of us! We appreciate you for your support! We bless you as you have blessed us!! *Camp Duncan Girls*

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. We recognize that there are many charitable organizations in our area, and we are humbled with your support of the Clinic through your donation. You are truly making a difference in our community. Because of your support, we can help uninsured residents of our county (currently 1,751 patients) receive quality primary care and chronic disease management. Again, thank you for your generosity.
With gratitude, Anthony "Tony" Price, CEO

Dear Church,
 Thank you for your support of Sandhills/Moore Coalition for Human Care! We are grateful for our generous community. It is because of you and our dedicated volunteers that were able to continue providing food, clothing, and financial assistance to struggling households in Moore County, many who had never needed our assistance before the events of the past couple of years.
Sincerely, Stephen Phillips, Executive Director

Dear Folks of FBC Southern Pines,
 I thank God for the wonderful people you are and allowing me to get to know so many of you. My wife and I are so blessed to have had the chance to join you for worship on June 11. God will richly bless you in the days ahead, I am sure.
Sincerely, Tom Lamkin

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Giving Goals for June 11, 2023	25,097.96
Budget Offerings Received on June 11, 2023	24,334.02
Total Budget Offerings Received in 2023	568,013.41
Giving Goal Thru May 14, 2023	613,282.16
Receipts to Date Comparison with Goal	-45,268.75
Pentecost Offering Goal for 2023	3,500.00
Women's Missionary Union	1,110.00
Baptist Men	1,160.00
Balance Needed to Fund Goal	1,230.00

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

NEWS & NOTES FROM THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION & ADMINISTRATION

WHERE IS GOD CALLING YOU?

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

**PLEASE READ AND SIGN UP TO SERVE ON
THE EDUCATION BULLETIN BOARD...**

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY WITH DAVID HELMS

David Helms will lead a summer bible study in room 216 from June 7-July 19, Wednesdays at 11:00 am.

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. *Please RSVP no later than August 1 at 12 noon. The cost is as follows: \$6 adults, \$2 children, \$1 toddlers. The menu is TBD.*

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! You can read more about the Foushees below. We hope you will make plans to attend!

Please sign-up using this link...bit.ly/missionsupper

Join the
Prayer
TEAM

MISSION
LOCAL PROJECTS



SAVE THE DATE!!!

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



Church office will be closed Tuesday, July 4, 2023



FBCSPYG HAPPENINGS



JULY SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	
Sunday School	9:00am-9:45am
Worship Service	10:00am
Sunday Night FBCSPYG	TBD
** We will continue to meet on Sunday nights in the summer, but Bryan will let you know dates & times.	

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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 11, 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 11 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.

*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.

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. Stay tuned for more information!

Vacation Bible School

We had an awesome VBS this year hosting over 100 kids with the help of 40+ adults and youth. The kids learned what it means to shine Jesus' light to the world. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time before and during VBS this year. The kids had a "stellar" time!

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, July 12: Nido & Mariana Qubein Children's Museum in High Point, NC

When: 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Who: Kids (birth to completed 5th grade). Children younger than age 6 should be accompanied by a parent.

Cost: \$5 per person and bring a bagged lunch

Wednesday, July 19: Aloha Zoo in Cameron, NC

When: 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Who: Kids (birth to completed 5th grade). Children younger than age 6 should be accompanied by a parent.

Cost: \$10 per person and bring a bagged lunch

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 5th 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 5th Grade)

Cost: Free! Just bring a bagged lunch.

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).

Please contact Ms. Lauren, 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

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SENIORS ON THE MOVE

JULY

Monday, July 10 at 2:00pm. We will be gathering together on in the Fellowship Hall for an ice cream social!! Yum!

AUGUST

August 14 after a 5:00pm dinner, we will welcome back The Tenors. More details to come, as the Senior Adult Committee continues to plan events.



BASEBALL AT IT'S FINEST!!



Our Seniors on the Move group attended a Sandhills Bogeys baseball game on Sunday evening June, 25th. It was a perfect night for baseball as the Bogeys played the Sanford Spinners here at home. The game featured a lot of action and plenty of great baseball. Unfortunately, the game got away from the Bogeys and

they couldn't find a way to win. Still, it was a great night for baseball and ballpark snacks. If you haven't seen the Bogeys play you should get out and see a game. We all had a great time and it was a very entertaining game.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Come out and join us for our Ice Cream Social on July, 10th at 2:00 p.m. There will be plenty of fellowship and ice cream, of course. If you are willing to make some home made ice cream, please let Greg know. We hope to see you on Monday, July 10th at 2:00 p.m.



We look forward to seeing you, as we gather together as Seniors on the Move!

*Blessings to All!
Greg, and Roger and Carol Wilson*



2023 Church Picnic

MISSIONS, SERVING & MORE AT FBCSP

MISSION ACTION GROUP

No summer events.

Kairos Prison Ministry

Kairos is an International Prison Ministry program structured to share the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ to impact the hearts and lives of those incarcerated, as well as their families, to become loving and productive citizens of their communities. We have several active volunteers in FBCSP serving in the Scotland Correctional Institution (SCI) ministry. SCI houses 1,800 inmates with a staff of 550 in Laurinburg. We host weekly Prayer and Share sessions and other activities. During the 3.5-day Inside Weekend, participants are introduced to the Trinity and how they can improve themselves to impact their families and their prison environment.

Our Kairos SCI Ministry appreciates our church support to include prayers, volunteers, donations, food for our Inside Events, meal ticket donations, signed Prayer Chains and more. Please pray for our scheduled Inside Weekend scheduled for 12-15 Oct. This is our first since Nov 2019 from COVID and SCI staff shortages. Learn more at mykairos.org. Please contact Rick Allenbaugh, Kairos SCI Ministry Advisory Council Chair, 910-315-3625, alnbah@gmail.com.



PICTURES ARE FROM VARIOUS CHILDREN & YOUTH ACTIVITIES MAY AND JUNE 2023



SERVING & MORE AT FBCSP

HOW WE FINISHED THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR!





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AUGUST 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 August TIE Issue is July 19.

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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