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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, SOUTHERN PINES



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## THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR DAVID

### THE LENTEN SEASON

The Lenten Season began in February. The season has been practiced since the church's earliest days as a time for new converts to prepare for their baptism on Easter Sunday. Our Lenten theme this year is "A Season of Disruption." Often, we fail to recognize that grace is a disruptive presence in our lives, redirecting from the ordinary pattern of our lives toward the path of Christ. Each week we will turn to a Biblical passage that highlights this disruptive presence. Below you will find the text and title for each week's service.

**2/26 - 1st Sunday in Lent**  
"The Disruptive Presence of Satan"  
Matthew 4:1-11

**3/05 2nd Sunday in Lent**  
"The Disruptive Grace of Mary Magdalene"  
Luke 7:36-40

**3/12 3rd Sunday in Lent**  
"The Disruptive Choices of Peter"  
Mark 8: 27-33

**3/19 4th Sunday in Lent**  
"The Disruptive Leadership of Pilate"  
John 19: 1-16

**3/26 5th Sunday in Lent**  
"The Disruptive Faithfulness of Mary" Lk.  
2:28-35; Jn. 25-27

**4/2 Palm Sunday**  
"The Disruptive Influence of the Crowd"

Luke 23: 13-25

**4/9 Easter Sunday**  
"The Disruptive Barrier of the Stone"  
Mark 16: 1-8

The season of Easter is the high and holy days of the church calendar. I believe this season is a time for Christians to think more deeply about their own lives, their commitment to Jesus Christ, and the priority of the gospel. It's an excellent time to ask, "How am I living my life in the world? Each week we look for practical ways to live the Christian life faithfully.

**THE ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING** supports missions at home in the United States of America. This offering enables missionaries to work with unreached people with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our offering undergirds the work of missionaries of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and the Southern Baptist Convention. You may choose how to designate your mission gift. Envelopes are in the pew racks. Our goal this year is \$6,500.

**RETIREMENT PLANS.** As most of you know, I announced my intention to retire on the last day of July this year. I am grateful for my forty years of service at First Baptist Church. Carolyn and I are thankful for the overwhelming love and support from this congregation over these many years. I have continued to work diligently with our

leadership to make this transition as smooth as possible. The Diaconate has appointed an Interim Search Committee to find and recommend an Interim minister to lead this congregation during the search process. The Diaconate will prayerfully begin the process of recommending a Pastor Search Committee to the church. I have deliberately removed myself from that process so that the church can work independently to discern God's will for the future of First Baptist, Southern Pines. I am confident that our lay leadership will serve the congregation well during this time. In the meantime, I am working with our ministerial staff to pursue the goals we established over the last year. You'll recall we established 45 ministry initiatives in January 2022. We have accomplished 33 of those in the first year. Last month we reviewed those and added 27 new initiatives for the 2023-2024 church year. The staff carefully read and reviewed the Congregational Survey in order to incorporate the broad and achievable concerns articulated. I am grateful to have had the privilege to work with such a gifted and talented ministerial staff. I remain confident that First Baptist Church will remain a strong and faithful in her mission to proclaim the gospel, nurture disciples and serve others.

*In Christ,  
David*



# JOYS, CONCERNS, NOTES

## JOYS & CONCERNS

### CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

- ◇ To Iris Brown upon the dying unto Christ of her sister, Mary Alice Driscoll on 1/24/2023.
- ◇ To Jane Francks upon the dying unto Christ of her sister, Joy Dodimead, on 2/15/2023.
- ◇ To Ann Fam and family upon the dying unto Christ of her step mother, Terri Porter, on 2/15/2023

### CONGRATULATIONS

- ◇ To Jack and DeAnn Nance upon the birth of their grandson, Warner Langdon Stevens, on 2/3/2023. Also to parents, Caroline and Colby.

## NOTES OF GRATITUDE

Baptist Men,  
Thank you so much for all your help. You are a true blessing to others. We appreciate your help so much.  
*Blessings, Sarah & Gordon Ross*

Dear Church,  
Thank you so much for your support of the Carthage Food Pantry. We are currently serving about 175 to 185 households every 1st and 3rd Saturday.  
*Thanks and God Bless, Jim C*

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*

Dear Church,  
Wishing you the happiest of New Years and thank you for your continued support of our AI-Anon group on Monday night!  
*Jeanette Moore*

Dear Church,  
Thank you so much for your kindness you show for our children. We appreciate all you do for Cameron Boys Camp. Thank you!  
Cameron Boys Camp

## QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Our giving goal for the twelve months of 2022 was \$1,380,308 and we received \$1,298,002, a shortage of \$82,306 and \$19,714 more than received in 2021.

At the end of 2022, our budgeted receipts exceeded our budgeted expenditures by \$89,700.

The balance in the Capital Improvement Fund on December 31, 2022, was \$66,666.

**Ministry of Missions Update:** During the fourth quarter of 2022 your dollars supported Habitat for Humanity/NC Sandhills, Bethesda Half-Way House, Bethany House, Boys & Girls Club of The Sandhills, Family Promise of Moore County, Coalition for Human Care as well as the We Care Food Pantry, Carthage Food Pantry, and Team Workz. We exceeded our Christmas Offering goal of \$15,000 by collecting \$15,152. Contributions received for Lottie Moon were \$ 8,066 and \$7,086 for CBF/ Global Missions.

Our General Endowment Fund balance on December 31, 2022, was \$402,590, the Jeannie H. Jordan Memorial Scholarship balance was \$69,379 and the balance in the Memorial Youth Fund was \$101,582. Please contact me if you would like more information on how you can leave a legacy gift to The First Baptist Church of Southern Pines, supporting either our general endowment, the scholarship endowment of the Sunshine Learning Center or the youth ministry.  
-Annette Saunders, Financial Administrator

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Giving Goals for Feb. 12, 2023	22,977.01
Budget Offerings Received on Feb. 12, 2023	49,538.25
Giving Goal Thru Feb. 12, 2023	180,117.96
Total Budget Offerings Received in 2023	166,866.48
Receipts to Date Comparison with Goal	<b>-13,231.48</b>



# NEWS & NOTES FROM THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION & ADMINISTRATION

## BRIDGEPOINTS

Will return April 12, 2023

## LENTEN SEASON

Contemplative Worship will be held on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. from March 1 through April 5 in the Sanctuary. This is a time of confession, communion, and reflection. Our theme this year is “Journey to the Cross: A Season of Disruption.” Each week, we will focus on the different individuals Jesus encountered on the way to the cross.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Interested in leading a small group study, or group experience? We’re looking for teachers and leaders for Fall 2023 Bridgepoints and Summer 2023 small groups. We usually consider Bridgepoints (our name for discipleship classes and events) as September – May evening study groups on Wednesday nights. These studies can last 2 weeks or up to 8 weeks – depending on the topic. Did you know Bridgepoints can also be a daytime study group or a one-time event, such as a crafting project, presentation, or small group experience? If you are interested in leading a small group study or event or have ideas for future studies, please contact Jamie Kipfer, ([jkipfer@fbcs.org](mailto:jkipfer@fbcs.org))

## SAVE THE DATE!!!

### Teacher - Leader Workshop

**Sunday August 20, 2023**

After the 11:00am service, there will be a Teacher - Leader workshop. There will be luncheon for those attending the workshop prior to the training. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome the new members listed below.

Don & Darlene Spradling  
12-19-2022



Doug & Sharon Thompson  
1-15-2023



Marilyn McLean  
2-19-2023



**WE NEED HELP FROM EVERYONE!**

Church-wide collection will take place **March 1 - March 26. Sunday, March 26** is the final drop-off day. All donations will be given to the Moore County Food Bank or the Sandhills/Moore Coalition for Human Care.

Baskets will be around the church to drop off donations. Paper bags are available at the church for you to pick up and use for this Outreach Project.

# FBCSPYG HAPPENINGS



## MARCH SCHEDULE

*Sundays, Mar. 5, 12, 19*

Worship	8:30am
Sunday School	9:45-10:45am
Worship	11:00am
JuBELLation (6-12)	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 Mar. 26*

Worship	8:30am
Sunday School	9:45-10:45am
JuBELLation (6-12)	4:00-4:45pm
Choir (6-12)	5:00-6:00pm
Youth Dinner (6-12)	6:00-6:30pm
Youth Bible Study	6:30-7:30pm (Crazy Night)

## Youth Bible Studies



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



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



**Union Pines**  
Thursdays  
7:45am @  
Bojangles  
Carthage



**O'Neal**  
Friday 7:30am @  
Starbucks (@  
Harris Teeter /WP)

## YOUTH AUCTION

**Saturday, April 22 Dinner: 5:30 PM - Live Auction: 6:30 PM**  
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 Orlando 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 17. 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, please see Bryan. All donations will be appreciated!

## GRADUATION & YOUTH SUNDAY

**Sunday, June 4th**

Our First Baptist youth will be leading the services, and our graduating seniors will be honored. Other activities are being planned for that weekend and will be announced soon, so make plans now to attend. Please call the church office at 692-8750 to let us know if you have a youth or other family member graduating from high school or college. ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES! We need a wallet-size senior photo of all high school graduates and any photo of all college graduates for the Graduation Sunday bulletin insert. Please submit your photo to Bryan as soon as possible.

## YOUTH OUTREACH PROJECTS

Youth Outreach Projects and Activities - 2023	
<b>Mar. 1-31</b>	<b>Community Food Drive</b> - Youth will collect food for the Sandhills Coalition of Southern Pines.
<b>Apr. 15</b>	<b>Kids Day in the Southern Pines Park</b> - Games and crafts for kids led by youth with a snack.
<b>Jun. 17-24</b>	Our youth will be on a mission trip to Orlando!
<b>Jun. 26-30</b>	<b>Vacation Bible School</b> - more information coming.

## YOUTH MISSION TRIP - ORLANDO!

**SUNDAY, JUNE 17-SUNDAY, JUNE 24**

This summer, our youth will be on a mission to Orlando! 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. Sign up is now closed and plans are being made for the trip. Every student should have paid \$200 by March 1st. Below is the payment schedule:  
 Payment 1 - Feb 1st - \$100 (non refundable)  
 Payment 2 - Mar 1st - \$100  
 Payment 3 - Apr 1st - \$50  
 Payment 4 - May 1st - \$50  
 Payment 5 - June 1st - \$50

TOTAL \$350

Thanks for being a part of FBCSPYG!  
Bryan



## CHILDREN & FAMILIES' MINISTRY



*Make sure to stay connected with everything happening with the Children & Families Ministry at First Baptist. Mark your calendars for these upcoming events!*

### 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.

### MUSIC & MISSIONS ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

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

**5:00-6:00 PM:** Church Supper

**6:00-6:30 PM:** Music (Rm. 132 Preschool-Kinder; Rm. 133 Kids 1-5 grades)

**6:30-7:15 PM:** Missions (Rm. 120 Preschool-Kinder; Rm. 135 GAs; Rm. 137 RAs)

### FOOD DRIVE IN MARCH

Youth and children will participate in our annual county-wide food drive throughout the month of March. Paper bags are available at the church for you to pick up and use for this outreach project. We ask that you fill the bag up with canned and non-perishable goods and bring them back to the church on or before Sunday, March 26.

### GA SLEEPOVER

All girls in grades 1-5 are invited to a sleepover at the church on **Friday, March 3– Saturday, March 4!** We will have a night full of games and activities for all to enjoy! Sign up on Realm today so we know if you are coming.

### RA DAD & SON HIKE

Calling all Royal Ambassadors and Dads! Join us on **Saturday, March 4 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.** for a "Royal Ambassador Dad and Son Hike" at Weymouth Woods. This will offer a chance for RA's to earn their Hiking Patch. Please be sure to RSVP on Realm so we know you will be there.

### RA RACE DAY

RA's get your race cars ready... we are scheduling the RA Race Day very soon. Stay tuned through Ms. Lauren's weekly email.

### Resurrection Garden Event (FOR FAMILIES!)

Join us on Wednesday, March 8 from 6:30 - 7:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall as we create Resurrection Gardens to take home and watch grow as we anticipate Easter's arrival and Jesus' resurrection! Parents, please pickup your child from music class and meet us in the Fellowship Hall for this special event. If you are unable to join your child for this but they will be in attendance, please let me know directly. RSVP on Realm by Wednesday, March 1.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023!

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School! This year, VBS will be held on **June 26-30, 2023**. Registration will open first to the FBCSP congregation/families and Sonshine Learning Center students on Wednesday, March 1. If you are interested in volunteering for VBS, please reach out to Lauren Craig as soon as possible!

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

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

*Here are the specific needs:*

- \* Sunday School Teachers
- \* Nursery Workers: 8:30am
- \* VBS Volunteers

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

We are nearing the Holy season of Lent, the time Christians use to prepare for Holy Week, the climax of the Church Year. Resurrection Sunday is the culmination of Holy Week and is the day that changed the world forever. We are drawing near to a season of celebration, but as we all know, to celebrate well requires good preparation.

The real aim of Lent is to prepare believers for the celebration of the death and Resurrection of Christ. The better the preparation, the more wonderful the celebration. We can more meaningfully relive this mystery with purified minds and hearts. Lent represents an opportunity to try to pull back from sin and selfishness. As we do this, there can be a greater desire to do God's will and to make His kingdom come by making it come first of all in our hearts. So, how do we prepare? Christians generally hold to three practices during Lent: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

These disciplines are often referred to as the three pillars of Lent. Almsgiving is probably has most often been thought of as taking care of the needs of the poor least understood of the three; it focuses on the needs of others. However, it doesn't need to end there. Perhaps acts of kindness, a current expression, gets nearest to the essence of almsgiving.

The Lenten season is also an advantageous time for prayer. St. Augustine described fasting and almsgiving as "the two wings of prayer" because they are signs of humility and charity. I think St. Augustine's statement is a fantastic way to sum up a customary view of Lenten preparation.

I would add *worship* as an essential activity that can help prepare us for Lent. Worship is a time when we can meet with the living God while we pray for and encourage each other. We have a number of Lenten and Holy Week worship opportunities in the next few weeks.

Here is a list of the services here at First Baptist Church:  
February 22 — Ash Wednesday, 12:00 PM; 6:00 PM  
February 26 - March 26 - Sundays during Lent  
Wednesdays during Lent — Contemplative Worship, 6:00 PM  
April 2 - Palm Sunday  
April 6 — Maundy Thursday, 7:00 PM

*The Sanctuary Choir with String Quartet, including the passion narratives and a service of darkness.*

April 9 - Easter (*Resurrection Sunday*)  
Join us for worship as we journey together through Lent, Holy Week and then arrive at Resurrection Sunday.

- Greg

## SENIORS ON THE MOVE

Greetings from Seniors on the Move, a young at heart ministry, here at First Baptist Church Southern Pines!

We look forward to gathering over the next few months and would like to share some of these gatherings with you. Be sure to mark your calendar!!

Next month, on **March 13th**, at 5pm, We will have Smithfield's dinner of chicken and fixings. \$10 per person. Sign up now on the Senior Bulletin Board.

After dinner, we will welcome author Sandra Fischer, who will be speaking about her book, "Garden's of Your Life". She is a member of the First Baptist Church of Pinehurst.

We will meet again on **April 10th** at 5pm, dinner to be determined. We plan to have a musical group to bless us with there music and harmony.

May - we will not be gathering at the church, as the Caswell Summerfest Conference is the "Main Event", **May 15 - 19**. We have reservations for 30 in the same lodging in the Oleander and Palmetto houses. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. A \$50, **non-refundable** deposit is due by March 12th, and may be given to Roger Wilson or to the church office. Checks are to be made out to FBCSP. Please be sure to write "Caswell" on the memo portion of your check.

The Senior Adult Ministry Committee has more gatherings planned into the Summer. We look forward to seeing you as we gather together!

Blessings to All!

- Roger and Carol Wilson



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# MISSION

# VISION

# ACTION

## MISSIONS, SERVING & MORE AT FBCSP

### MISSION ACTION GROUP

Mission Action will meet Monday, March 20 at 11:45am. Don Cherry, Association Mission Strategist, with the Sandhills Baptist Association, will be our speaker.

*The Sandhills Baptist Association was formed in 1949 from the Sandy Creek Association and now consists of thirty-two churches. These are primarily in Moore County but some are also located in neighboring Harnett, Hoke, and Lee Counties. These thirty-two congregations serve the residents of small cities, villages, and open countryside. They are multi-ethnic and multi-generational. They support missions next door and to the farthest most points of our globe. They are always ready to welcome you.*



Remember a brief monthly commitment can have a big impact on potential new members to our church, be a Welcome Desk Volunteer!

Please contact Trish Dykeman (trishdykeman2012@gmail.com) to sign up or to get more information.

### SPIRIT MONTH:

Let's have some fun! Help your church and support your team. March will be Spirit Month at Wednesday Night Suppers. We are asking, if you root for a NC collegiate sports team, to please sign up to be a server (kitchen helper) for the Wednesday that is your team's night.

*If you don't root for a NC team, that's okay...pick a night and sign up anyway.*

- March 1 = NC State Night
- March 8 = Wake Forest Night
- March 15 = UNC Night
- March 22 = Duke University Night

If you have a team shirt or team colors please wear them on your night! Sign ups are at the Church - on the table by the Sanctuary or call Pat Boland (910-692-8750) and she will add you to the list of your choice.

Mission Action at work preparing Blessings bags for the homeless.



Duke UNIVERSITY

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

**Come join us - be a Welcome Desk Volunteer!** Please prayerfully consider participating in this ministry. Do you like talking to people and making people feel welcome? The Welcome Desk (outside Pastor David's office) welcomes visitors to our church. It is operational on Sundays after the 8:30 service to help any visitors or members and their children find a Sunday School class they would enjoy. After helping them find a class, if it is a visitor, we ask that a brief note or postcard be written to the visitor. Commitment, it is one or two Sundays a month. The Welcome Desk volunteer is in place from after the 8:30am service until at least 9:50am, to allow for late arrivals.

March 1- March 26

Food Drive Coming Soon!





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## APRIL 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 April TIE Issue is March 22.

## WORSHIP ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sundays 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 - Thursday and 9:00am - 12:00pm on Friday.

## CHURCH STAFF

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