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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, SOUTHERN PINES



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THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR DAVID

RENEWAL SERVICES, SUNDAY, MAY 21

We will host our Spring Renewal Services on Sunday, May 21, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. The Reverend Debra Gray will be our guest preacher. Many of us will remember that Debra preached the Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service in February and will recall that she is a very gifted preacher. Let me tell you a little about Debra. She is a native of New York City and now lives in West Southern Pines. Debra and her late husband, Tobey, moved to North Carolina in 2014. Debra was on the ministerial staff of Trinity A.M.E. Zion Church in Southern Pines until the Bishop appointed her as pastor. She is currently Pastor at Love Grove A.M.E. Zion Church. Debra founded The Heritage Creative Arts School, a hybrid high school in Moore County. Debra holds a Bachelor of Arts in English Education, a Master of Science in Educational Science, and recently graduated from Duke Divinity School with a Master of Divinity. More importantly, Debra is a gifted proclaimer of the gospel. I am confident that she will bring an inspirational message of faith! Our theme for the Renewal Services will be "Repent and Believe the Good News." Our renewal scripture is Mark 1: 14-15: "Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." The morning services will follow our

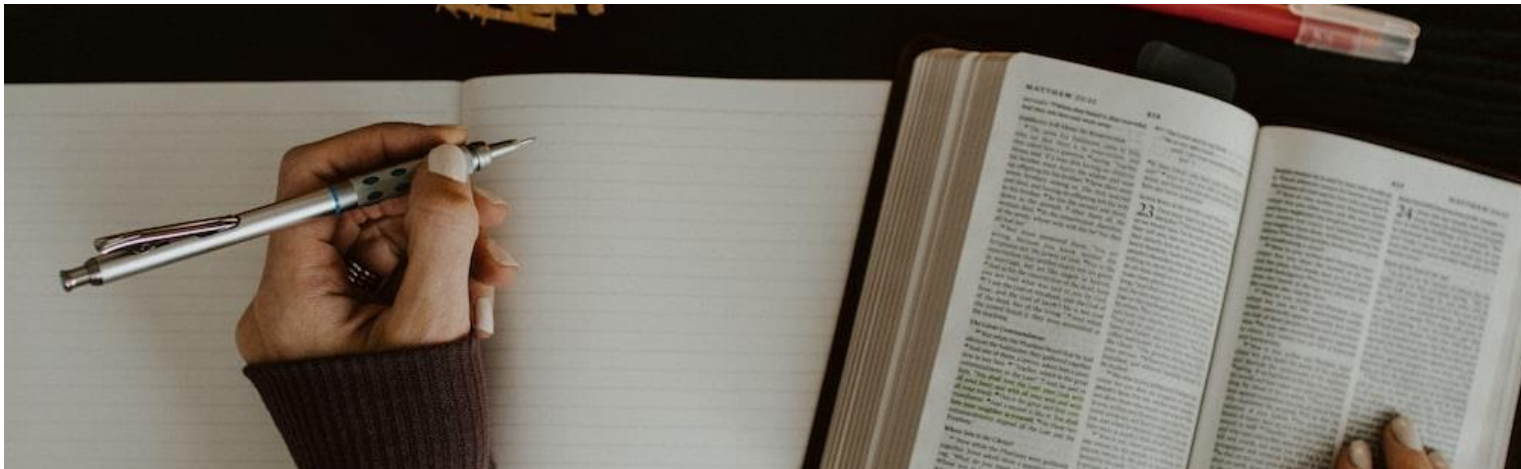
regular schedules. We will have a light supper at 5:00 p.m., followed by our evening renewal service. There is no charge for the supper, but we ask you to make reservations so that we know how to prepare properly. We are also planning a baptismal service that morning and one that evening for anyone who wants to be baptized or to make a profession of faith. I hope you will mark your calendar for these renewal services.

REMEMBERING WHO WE ARE!

As we transition, one of the keys to good change is remembering who we are. This past year we have been careful to discuss our Core Values and renew our Church Covenant in worship. I have preached on a number of those core values this past year. I plan to return to those this summer. One that we have long affirmed and must confirm diligently is our commitment to women in ministry. Our Core Values state, "We affirm the individuality of our calling before God and **affirm that men and women** are equal and free before God to pursue their calling as ministers." First Baptist Church, Southern Pines, has a long history of affirming women in ministry. We ordained women deacons in the early 1970s, and the church has consistently ordained women ministers through the years. We believe that practice is grounded in the sacred scriptures. I plan to preach on that this summer after I conclude my current preaching series. You may have heard in the news that a group of

Southern Baptist leaders is targeting churches with women pastors. I was surprised that the Executive Committee voted, to use my term, to disfellowship Saddleback Church because they have a woman Associate Pastor who preaches periodically. Rick Warren has pastored that church for over forty years. The SBC, to be fair, uses the language of "churches not in friendly cooperation." The result is the same no matter what language we use. In recent years, we have observed a trend in the SBC to begin using the language of "pastor" for a variety of roles when the position involves broad leadership in the church; for example, the trend would be for a Minister of Education to be called the Associate Pastor of Education. The shift in language is subtle, but it has a clear ideological purpose to restrict the role to "men only." Now there is a group within the SBC seeking to target churches where women hold the title of pastor or associate pastor. Simultaneously, some are working to recommend that all SBC churches be required to sign the 2000 Baptist Faith & Message. As these developments unfold, it will be important that First Baptist be proactive in our response. Therefore, I recommend that our Enlistment Committee enlist once again a Denominational Relations Committee. In 1998 and through the early 2000s, the Denominational Relations Committee studied the issues and guided the church in making important decisions. We are in need of such wise guidance in these denominational times.

*In Christ,
David*



JOYS, CONCERNS, NOTES

JOYS & CONCERNS

RECENT HOSPITALIZATIONS

- John Costantini
- Kersey Smith
- Jim Langford

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

- to Winston and Elaine Keene upon the dying unto Christ of Winston's sister, Patricia Keene.

NOTES OF GRATITUDE

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*

To Friends, Members, Ministerial Staff and Support Staff,
The family of Nancy Brown Dare extends our grateful thanks for consoling words and deeds at the death of Nancy. The church has been a focus of her long life; dedicated to serving the Living Savior, Jesus Christ.

For nearly 54 of those years, First Baptist Church Southern Pines has been the home to our family's spiritual and social life. And when the Lord calls me, I shall join Nancy "on station" by the bell "until". We shall be watching. May God's richest blessings be upon each and every one.

*The Dare Family:
LeRoy, Margaret, Michael and six grandchildren*

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Giving Goals for Apr. 16, 2023	18,952.63
Budget Offerings Received on Apr. 16, 2023	30,570.72
Giving Goal Thru Apr. 16, 2023	428,922.25
Total Budget Offerings Received in 2023	390,611.45
Receipts to Date Comparison with Goal	-38,310.80
Easter Offering Goal for 2023	6,500.00

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering	2,831.10
CBF/Global Missions Easter Offering	3,106.09
Balance Needed to Fund Goal	562.81

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

March 2023 vs March 2022

Through the first three months of 2023 we received \$319,380 in budget contributions, \$44,557 less than our giving goal of \$357,190. In 2022 our receipts were \$327,168, \$7,788 more than in the current year.

The church's operating cash flow increased in the first quarter of 2023, receipts exceeding expenses by \$19,016. By comparison, in the first quarter of 2022 receipts exceeded expenses by \$29,625.

The balance in the Capital Improvement Fund on March 31, 2023, was \$65,835. The Annie Armstrong Easter and CBF Global Missions Easter Offerings goal for 2023 is \$6,500.

Through the end of March, we received \$2,150. The balance of our General Endowment Fund through March 31, 2023, was \$414,675. The Jeannie H. Jordan Memorial Endowment for the benefit of Sonshine Learning Center had a balance of \$73,379 and helped fund four scholarships during the current school year. The Brent Godfrey Memorial Youth Fund had a balance of \$107,088.

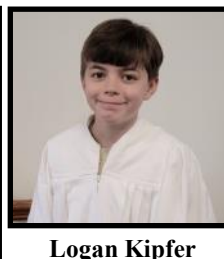
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome the new members listed below.



Jamie, Whitney, Harper, and Chase Pennell

Joined March 26, 2023



Logan Kipfer

Joined March 26, 2023



Chip, Myra, Henry, Bizzell, Nena, Delta, and Ginger Pate

Joined April 2, 2023



ADULT EDUCATION

NEWS & NOTES FROM THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION & ADMINISTRATION

BRIDGEPOINTS

Mothers and Daughters of the Bible (Women's Study)

The Mothers and Daughters of the Bible study will explore how God gifted each one with holy courage to face the circumstances that turned their lives upside down. We'll re-examine some of the twisting adventures recorded in the Scriptures and how faith sustained each woman, young and old. Participants are encouraged to bring their bibles. They may also wish to purchase a book that goes along with the study, *The Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak: Lessons on Faith from Nine Biblical Families* by Shannon Bream. Books can be pre-ordered for \$10 in the church office (contact pboland@fbcs.org) or purchased on the first night of the study. This study is being recorded for those who cannot attend in person. You can find the link to watch at www.fbcs.org/bridgepointrecordings. Recordings will be posted each week a few days after the study takes place.

Facilitator: Lynn Lambert

When: Wednesdays at 6 pm

Where: Room 207

4-week study beginning April 12-ending May 3

Matching Calamity with Serenity: Coping with Addiction

Have you ever thought "How can he drink like that after what happened last time?", "You would think she would stop for her children's sake.", or "How can someone who loves their family act that way?" *Do you have questions about a loved one's drinking/drug use and what you can do to help them?* Join us for a series of discussions with members of AA and Al-Anon on substance abuse, recovery, and how to heal from the effects of addiction. We will also host a guest speaker on May 10th, psychiatrist Dr. Jason Jerry of First Health, who will share the medical opinion on addiction and his experience in treating addicts / alcoholics. Participants may wish to purchase an optional book that goes along with this study: *Alcoholics Anonymous*. It is available by pre-order through the church office (contact pboland@fbcs.org) for \$10. Digital and audio copies are also available for free at aa.org/the-big-book.

Facilitator: Mathew Brent Purser

When: Wednesday nights at 6 pm

Where: Room 213

3-week series beginning May 3

"Knit, Purl, and Pray" Continues

Now in its 16th year, 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. **Knit, Purl, Pray will meet for two sessions during the Spring Bridgepoint cycle. If you would like to make items for this ministry but cannot attend the in-person meetings, contact Melissa Bearfield (mybearfield76@gmail.com) for more information.**

When: Wednesday, May 17

Time: 6:00pm-7:00pm

Where: Room 206

Facilitator: Melissa Bearfield

What to Make of the Apostle: Understanding Paul

In the history of Christianity, no apostle has wielded more influence upon Christian theology than the Apostle Paul. In fact, through much of Christian history, Paul has been simply referred to as "the Apostle." "How are we to understand Paul?" We will answer this and many other questions in our short study of this historical figure of early Christianity. This series starts on Wednesday, April 12, in Room 216 and will end May 17. This study is being recorded for those who cannot attend in person. You can find the link to watch at www.fbcs.org/bridgepointrecordings. Recordings will be posted each week a few days after the study takes place.

Facilitator: David Helms

When: Wednesdays - 6:00pm-7:00pm

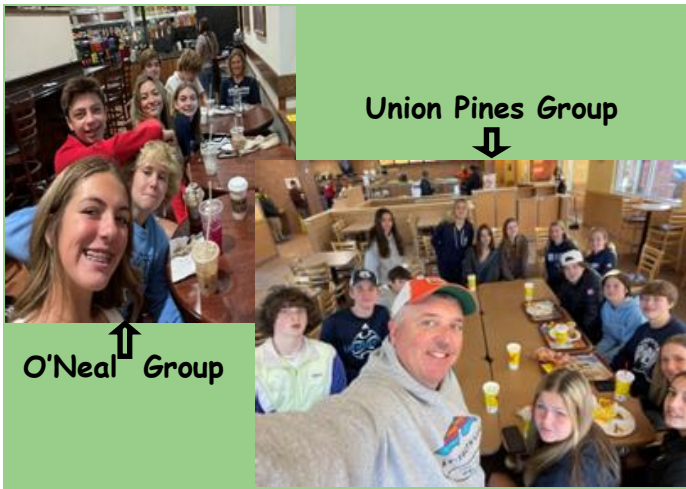
Where: Room 216

SAVE THE DATE!!!

TEACHER - LEADER WORKSHOP

Sunday August 20, 2023

Mark your calendars; after the 11:00am worship service, there will be a Teacher - Leader workshop. There will be luncheon for those attending the workshop prior to the training. and more information coming in July.



FBCSPYG HAPPENINGS



MAY SCHEDULE

<i>Sundays, May 7, 14, 21</i>	
Worship	8:30am; 11:00am
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
<i>Sunday, May 28</i>	
Worship	11:00am
Sunday School	9:45-10:45am
JuBELLation (6-12)	
Choir (6-12)	5:00-6:00pm
Youth Dinner (6-12)	6:00-6:30pm
Youth Crazy Night	6:30-7:30pm

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)

GRADUATION & YOUTH SUNDAY

Sunday, June 4th

Our First Baptist youth will be leading the services, and our graduating seniors will be honored. 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 no later than **May 7th**.

YOUTH FOOD COLLECTION

SUCCESS! The youth collected 2678 pounds of food for the food bank. Thank you all for the generous donations!

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 remaining payment schedule:
Payment 4-May 1st - \$50 Payment 5-June 1st - \$50

YOUTH OUTREACH PROJECT

Youth Outreach Projects and Activities - 2023	
May 6	Community Road Clean-up - Pick up trash on May St. from Church to US 1.
May 14-21	College Mission Trip - Orlando
Jun. 17-24	Youth Mission Trip - Our youth will be on a mission trip to Orlando!
Jun. 26-30	Vacation Bible School - more information coming.
July 17-22	Caswell Retreat - Cost is \$285. Final payment is due June 4th.

THANK YOU - THANK YOU to all that helped make the 2023 Youth Auction a success this year. The workers, the donors, everyone made it possible to raise **\$59,580!!**

Youth Parent Meeting

**Monday, June 12th
6:00pm - Youth Room**

This is an important parent meeting for **ALL** middle school and high school parents. We will be going over all of the details for the upcoming **Mission Trip to Orlando** and the **Summer Retreat to Caswell**. This is a **very important meeting**, because we are filling out paperwork for both trips and forms have to be notarized. We will have a notary on hand at no cost. Please plan to attend. Contact Bryan Moore at bmoore@fbcs.org with questions.

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 5th 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)

CHILDREN'S MUSIC PROGRAM

Wednesday, May 3 at 6:30pm

Mark your calendars to join us for our end of year children's music program. This program will be presented by our children in both the preschool and 1-5 grade Wednesday night music classes. It'll be a fun, casual evening to sing and praise God!

CHILDREN'S DAY OF WORSHIP

Sunday, May 7 at 8:30am and 11:00am

Mark your calendars for Sunday, May 7 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. Nursery care will be provided at 11:00am as usual, but of course all children are welcome to stay in worship!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023!

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School! This year, VBS will be held on **June 26-30, 2023 from 9:00am-12:15pm**. If you are interested in volunteering for VBS, please reach out to Lauren Craig as soon as possible!

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Stay tuned for other fun summer activities for FBCSP Children and Families 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).

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

SENIOR SINGERS

On Thursday, April 13th, the Senior Singers went to Pik n Pig in Carthage for lunch. We had a splendid time. The weather was absolutely perfect and it happened to be a day where there was a lot of air travelers coming in for lunch. Every motorcyclist in Moore county was there for lunch. It's no wonder why, the barbeque was as great as ever. Wonderful food and wonderful company.



CHILDREN'S DAY OF WORSHIP - MAY 7TH, 2023

Children are an important part of our congregation here at First Baptist Church. One of the events we look forward to every year is Children's Day of Worship. Our children will be leading the worship service through music, reading scripture and sharing in the other worship duties of that day. First Baptist is focused on teaching our children the ways of the Lord. We keep these verses in mind in all we do in children's ministry.

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates."

- Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Join us on Sunday, May 7th as our children lead us in worship.

- Greg

SENIORS ON THE MOVE

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

Seniors on the Move met on Monday evening April 10th for a scrumptious meal and a wonderful music program. We were joined by "The Master's Sons" men's trio from Pleasant Hills Baptist Church. Our fabulous meal was catered from Embers in Southern Pines. Our musical program took us back to some of that old-time music that we enjoy hearing. What an enjoyable evening!

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!!

MAY

Once again, as a reminder, 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 and as of April 18th, we have 14 signed-up. If anyone is interested in going, please sign up on the SOTM bulletin board and give full payment 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.

JUNE

We will be gathering on **Monday, June 12** in the Fellowship Hall. A catered dinner is planned. Details to come.

JULY

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

AUGUST

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

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

Blessings to All!

Greg, and Roger and Carol Wilson

Mission Spotlight



MISSIONS, SERVING & MORE AT FBCSP

MISSION ACTION GROUP

Mission Action continues to have well attended meetings and special community speakers. We will have our last meeting for this season on Monday, May 15 at 11:45am in Room 206. The program is being developed.

SERVING & MORE AT FBCSP

VBS at FBCSP



Vacation Bible School is just around the corner and we need your help! Volunteers needed! SIGN UP NOW!

When: June 26-30
Time: 8:30am-12:30pm
Area: Please see below

- VBS TEACHERS (3)
- NURSERY LEADERS (2)
- SNACK HELPERS (5)
- RECREATION LEADERS (2)
- DECORATIONS TEAM (10)
When: Sunday, June 25
Time: 2pm-5pm



FOR MORE INFORMATION about the VBS volunteer positions, please contact [Lauren Craig](mailto:lrcraig@fbcs.org) at lrcraig@fbcs.org. Sign-up sheets are also on the bulletin board outside Greg's office, next to the restrooms.



CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC

JOIN US FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC ON MAY 24 AT 5:00 P.M. ON THE GRASSY LOT. *RSVP at fbcs.org/wednesdaynightsupper, by filling out a card from the pew rack, or by calling the office. Please RSVP by May 23.*



Bring your lawn chairs and blankets, and come help us celebrate the conclusion of another year of music, missions, and growth in our faith. Menu includes hot dogs and all the fixins, potato salad and baked beans. FBCSP's own Sonny Thompson is grilling!! Please bring a dessert to share!

-Susan G.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

The women of First Baptist Church, Southern Pines will hold a reception to pay tribute to Carolyn Helms who has served and encouraged us during the past 40 years as Pastor's wife, interim minister, and friend. Ladies, please join us for a time of light refreshments and fun on Sunday, June 25 at the Clara McLean House (20 First Village Drive, Pinehurst) from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. An invitation will be sent out in May with instructions for RSVPs, which will be due by June 12.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

A Retirement Celebration Dinner will be held in honor of David Helms for 40 years of faithful service to our church, on Saturday, July 29 at 6:00 p.m. at The Fair Barn (200 Beulah Hill Road South, Pinehurst). A formal invitation will be mailed near the end of May, which will include instructions for making reservations and payments by June 29. Reservations are required.



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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.

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