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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, SOUTHERN PINES



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## THOUGHTS FROM OUR TRANSITIONAL PASTOR

### **“Shine Like Stars in the World” (Philippians 2:15)**

A book I discipline myself to read once every two years is entitled, The Audacity of Preaching, by Gene Bartlett. The author asks the bold question of potential preachers, “Who do you think you are to speak for God?” Big question. He then proceeds to present the experience of “being called to preach” as the place where the preacher connects and commits to being obedient to God in discharging the practice of preaching.

The same idea can apply to the church. The church is God’s big idea, not ours. And how grateful we are for the church, our local church, and all it means to us. I love our weekly services and the joy I see so often in our gathered worshippers. I am strengthened by the times of singing, the scripture readings, the participation of children, the prayers of the faithful, and the vibrant spirit that exist at First Baptist Church. People ask me about my impressions of FBC. I usually reply quickly, “There is a lot of love in this church.” All the actions above, plus many others, result in our

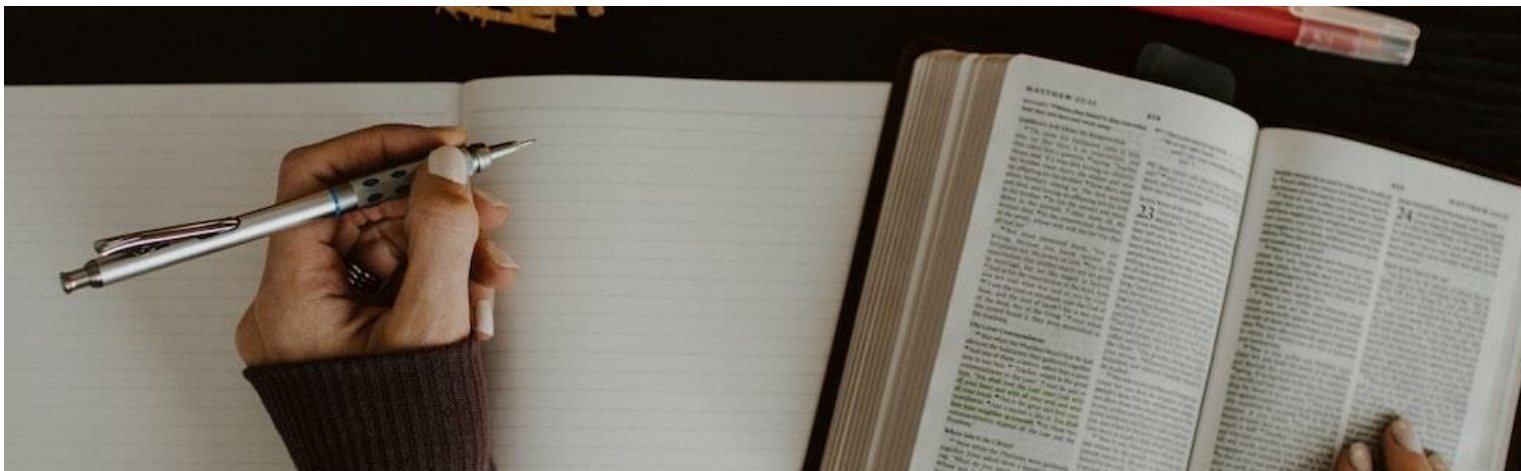
renewed confidence in God who has promised to be with us wherever we are. Paul, in Philippians 2, cites some good works he appreciated about the church at Philippi. Among these were:

- They demonstrated deep joy and gladness in the Lord.
- The spirit in the church overflowed with love.
- They stood firm in the face of challenges the culture exerted toward them.
- They had a profound sense of partnership with the Spirit of God.

Great words!

I love the way Paul ended his tribute to the church. You have the capacity, he says, to “shine like stars in the world” (2:15). May all of us at FBC strive to help this church be one that “shines like a star” to a world where wrong often seems right and where there are people who yearn for the light of Christ. I am honored to partner with you in this mission.

Michael G. Cogdill  
Transitional Pastor



# JOYS, CONCERNS, NOTES

## RECENT HOSPITALIZATIONS

- Darlene Spradling
- Carol Wilson
- Jack Stoudenmire
- Abner Garris
- Wayne Jordan
- Ron Jones

## CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

- to Darryl and Katrina Harris upon the dying unto Christ of Mary McCulloch on 8/28.
- to David and Carolyn Helms upon the dying unto Christ of their brother-in-law, Tom Courtney, on 9/13.

## CONGRATULATIONS

- to Gordon and Sarah Ross upon the birth of their first great grandchild, Landon Michael Estroff, on 9/12. Also to new grandparents, Sonia and Jeff Estroff and parents, Cameron and Lyndsay Estroff.

## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Reminder that the Annual Business Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 4 at 5:45pm in the Fellowship Hall. Members are encouraged to attend.

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Giving Goals for Sept. 17, 2023	12,698.54
Budget Offerings Received on Sept. 17, 2023	13,688.45
Total Budget Offerings Received in 2023	872,795.31
Giving Goal Thru Sept. 17, 2023	920,657.44
Receipts to Date Comparison with Goal:	<b>47,862.13</b>

## SUNDAY SCHOOL GUIDE INFORMATION

The Connections Sunday School Study Guide and Reflections devotional are available electronically in

both an .epub and .mobi (Kindle) formats. If you would like to use the electronic versions, email [jkipfer@fbcs.org](mailto:jkipfer@fbcs.org) to be added to the distribution lists. Materials are published three times per year. The current series is for January-April 2024.

## NEWCOMER'S CLASS

We will hold our Fall Newcomer's Class on **Sunday, October 29 at 9:45 am in Room 205.**

This is an opportunity for visitors and new members to learn more about FBCSP, meet the ministers, and explore ways to connect through service. A continental breakfast will be served. An invitation will also be mailed to new members and visitors. If you plan to attend, please let us know by contacting the church office ([pboland@fbcs.org](mailto:pboland@fbcs.org)).



## OTHER NOTES

**First Baptist Church FEEDING THE HUNGRY**  
The Sandhills/Moore County Coalition for Human Care is now giving a Healthy Food Box, lower in sugar and sodium. It contains canned meat, oatmeal, milk, veggies, soup, jars of fruit, applesauce, and more. Boxes are bought by The Coalition for \$21. If any Sunday School Class or individual would like to donate, please contact Emily Edson at 910-215-6732, text or call. The items we usually donate such as peanut butter, jelly, mac n cheese and rice are added to the Healthy Food box for distribution.

**THANK YOU** First Baptist family for helping to feed the hungry in Moore County.



# NEWS & NOTES FROM THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION & ADMINISTRATION

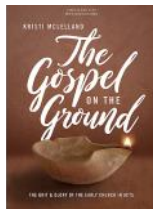
## FALL BRIDGEPOINTS

### **The Gospel on the Ground: The Grit and Glory of the Early Church in Acts**

Explore the call of Jesus to His disciples then and to us today. See how God's Word can sustain us even in the most difficult of times and embrace the transformative grace we experience as children of God in His kingdom of celebration.

This study is being recorded for those who cannot attend in person. You can find the link to watch at [www.fbcsp.org/bridgepointrecordings](http://www.fbcsp.org/bridgepointrecordings). Recordings will be posted each week a few days after the study takes place.

**Facilitator: June Vetter**  
**Time: Wednesdays, 6 pm**  
**Dates: Sept. 6 – Oct. 18**  
**Location: Room 208**



### **The Sermon on the Mount: Matthew 5-7**

An important section of scripture is Matthew 5-7, known to us as the Sermon on the Mount. This scripture is the first of five major units of teaching material in Matthew. On Wednesday evenings for six weeks, come explore Jesus's teachings in this section of scripture.

**Facilitator: Mike Cogdill**  
**Time: Wednesdays, 6 pm**  
**Dates: Sept. 6 – Oct. 11**  
**Location: Room 216**



### **“Studies in James: Applied Christianity 101.”**

Building upon the Sermon on the Mount, these class sessions, for the next six weeks, will explore topics like trials and temptations; the relationship between faith and works; the stewardship of speech; our struggles against sin; our friendship with the world; the relationship between prayer and healing, and much more! We will use the book of James as a starting point for discussion.

**Facilitator: Mike Cogdill**  
**Time: Wednesdays, 6 pm**  
**Dates: Oct. 18-Nov. 29**  
**(no class Nov. 22)**  
**Location: Room 216**



### **Footnotes – Major Lessons from Minor Bible Characters**

We hear a lot about some of the “big” names in the Bible...Moses...Mary...Paul. What about those who have a small mention, or whose names are not even known? What might they have to teach us about our faith journey? ‘Footnotes’ is a four-week study that introduces us to four people who are just a blip on the screen of the Bible timeline, just a footnote in the Biblical story, people who could be easily overlooked, but shouldn’t be underestimated. We will explore these people of faith who show us that even minor players can teach major lessons. Lynn suggests bringing your Bible.

**Facilitator: Lynn Lambert**  
**Location: Room 208**  
**Dates: Oct. 25 – Nov 29**  
**(Note: This study will not meet on Nov. 8 as Lynn is away that week and no class on Nov.22)**





# FBCSPYG HAPPENINGS



## OCT. SCHEDULE

<b>Sunday, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22</b>	
Sunday School	9:45am - 10:45am
JuBELLation	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
<b>Sunday, Oct. 29</b>	
Youth Crazy Night: Trunk or Treat	4:00-6:00pm
Youth Supper	6:00-6:30pm

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<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)

## 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 for Middle School and \$195 for High School.

## WINTER RETREATS

**Friday, February 2-Sunday February 4, 2024**

This year, we will return to the snowy mountains of West Virginia and Winterplace Ski Resort. We will leave at 12 noon on Friday and spend all day Saturday on the ski slopes, finishing

up Sunday morning with a time of praise, worship, and reflection before we board the buses to return home. It will be an awesome weekend that you will not want to miss. The trip will be \$255 for skiing and \$275 for snowboarding, which includes transportation, lodging, 3 meals (2 breakfast, 1 dinner), lift tickets and rentals for Saturday morning and evening. Everyone going on this trip will be required to wear a helmet **NO EXCEPTIONS!** A \$50 deposit is due now to hold your spot. The trip is limited to 30 youth, so sign up soon!

## YOUTH OUTREACH PROJECTS

<b>October 21</b>	<b>Operation Inasmuch</b> - Youth will be asked to join others in our church to participate in service projects all over our community. This is a church-wide event.
<b>October 29</b>	<b>Trunk or Treat</b> - Youth will pass out Halloween goodies to kids in the neighborhood.
<b>November 8</b>	<b>Operation Christmas Child</b> - Youth partner with our RAs and GAs to fill shoeboxes full of goodies for kids all over the world.
<b>December 6</b>	<b>Children's Christmas Celebration</b> - Youth will have a party with our children with crafts, games and a movie.
<b>December 10</b>	<b>Empty Stocking Project</b> - 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.

## YOUTH BIBLE STUDIES



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



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



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

*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 Church.

### SUNDAY MORNING

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 - 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 Supper
- 6:00-7:15 PM Music and Missions
- 6:00-7:15 PM Nursery (for children under 3)

### RAs AND GAs SERVING CHURCH SUPPER

Wednesday, October 25 (GAs) and Wednesday, November 1 (RAs).

Children in Grades 1-5 will have the opportunity to serve Wednesday night church supper in the Fellowship Hall in November from 5:00-6:00 PM.

### OPERATION INASMUCH

Saturday, October 21

Join us for Operation Inasmuch on Saturday, October 21 from 8:00am-12:00pm! This is a great opportunity to serve people in our community and we hope our entire congregation will make a commitment to be involved! We will also have childcare and projects for kids to participate in at the church.

### TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, October 29 – 4:00-6:00 PM

Join us for trunks, candy, and FUN! Sign up to host a trunk and/or donate candy, and come join us! This year we are excited to partner with Brownson Memorial

Presbyterian Church for this event.

### RA FOOTBALL GAME

Saturday, November 4 (time TBD)

Dads and sons are invited to join us for the RA Football Game as we watch the UNC Tarheels take on the Campbell Camels on Saturday, November 4. Kickoff time is TBD. The group will meet at the church before departing for Chapel Hill. Tickets are \$20 per person. RSVP on Realm by Wednesday, October 4 to secure your spot.

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Shoebox Packing -Wednesday, November 8

Children in Grades 1-5 will start with Music in their regular classrooms at 6:00 PM. At 6:30 PM, instead of having RAs and GAs, they will move upstairs to the Youth Room to pack Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes with the youth. We will bring them back downstairs for pickup at 7:15 PM. If you are able, please donate items to fill the shoeboxes. The boxes will be dedicated in the worship services on Sunday, November 12.

### OTHER IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 22: No Wednesday Night Activities

November 29: Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal

December 6: Children's Christmas Program for family and friends

December 13: Children's Advent Celebration

### 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)).

Praying for you and your family,  
Lauren Craig,  
Director of Children and Families' Ministry



# MUSIC MINISTRY & SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

## MUSIC MINISTRY

Our music programming is in full swing. The Mini Music Makers Children’s Choir led by Kim Sparks and Meredith Bolton, is a joy to behold. Our Young Musicians are already in high gear, under the leadership of Luke and Alison Arno and Vince Mann. We should be very thankful, as a church, for such fine children’s leadership.

The Sanctuary Choir, “open year-round”, has transitioned to our 7:15 Wednesday evening rehearsal time. We begin this fall with the addition of several new members and the return of some past members. What a blessing! Please consider sharing your joy and your gifts. If you are interested in singing in the Adult Choir, please contact Greg for more information.

Youth Choir and JuBELLation are also in full singing and ringing modes. This year Luke and Alison Arno will be taking primary leadership of these ensembles. We are off to a great beginning. If you have an interest, or if you are a student interested in making music, please contact Alison or Luke Arno or Greg Lundberg for more information.



## FALL PROGRAMMING

### Monday, October 9th—The Tenors

The Tenors are coming back and will be providing our musical program on Monday, October 9th. Dinner at 5:00pm (\$10) with the show starting at 6:00pm. Please sign up on the Seniors on the Move Bulletin Board.



### Monday, November 13th—Nixon, Blevins and Gage



Nixon, Blevins & Gage continue to entertain audiences with their presentation of the emerging genre of the acoustic trio, popularized by groups such as the Kruger Brothers and Blue Country. Loosely based in bluegrass, they bring to the audience the finger-picking, early country music akin

to Doc Watson and Merle Travis. This music combines folk, traditional, religious and country in an audience-orientated presentation. A recent review in Raleigh coined their style as “folkgrass”. To date, they have released five CD’s which have been critically acclaimed and have received national airplay. Dinner will be at 5:00pm with the show starting at 6:00pm. Sign-ups will be on the Seniors on the Move Bulletin Board mid-October.

-Greg

## SENIORS ON THE MOVE

It was a joy to host Rev. Dr. Paul and Sharon Murphy on Monday, September 11th for our Seniors on the Move program. We enjoyed a lovely meal and renewed some friendships with members of First Baptist Church and Trinity AME Zion Church. Afterward, the Murphys brought our program in the sanctuary, where Paul played his soprano saxophone and Sharon sang. Breath of Heaven, I Need Thee Every Hour, Draw Me Nearer and How Great Thou Art were shared in stirring arrangements. Paul also brought a homily for the evening based on Psalm 46; we left feeling encouraged and confident, reminded that our God is in control of all things. We were blessed by the evening.





# MISSIONS, SERVING & MORE AT FBCSP

## MISSIONS

First Baptist Ladies: **October 16, at 11:45am in Room 206** Mission Action will hear about Vera Parks' trip to Nagoya, Japan, to visit her sister, who is a missionary there. They enjoyed prayer walking, meeting national pastors, and sharing cultural exchanges. Bring a sandwich and a friend.

Our OIAM project is to clean the Family Promise house on **October 21**. Please bring cleaning supplies; these include disinfecting / cleaning products, buckets to mix cleanser with water, paper towels and window cleaner, work gloves, and small cleaning brushes. Look forward to reconnecting.  
- Bonnie Elhart, Mission Action Group



**Saturday, October 21**  
Join us for Operation Inasmuch on Saturday, October 21 from 8:00am til 12:00pm! This is a great opportunity to serve people in our community and we hope our entire congregation will make a commitment to be involved!



The sewing team needs webbing! We will be making tote bags to place in the Christmas Child Shoeboxes packed by the youth and children at FBCSP. The webbing is used for the straps on the bag. **One inch cotton** works best with the sewing machines, though a lightweight nylon is also acceptable.

We're asking sewers to check their stash and donate any webbing they may have.



The sewing team for Operation Inasmuch will be making bags for the Samaritan's Purse gift boxes. Patterns and fabric will be available. We are also collecting webbing and will have this available for the straps. There is a sample bag on the Missions Bulletin

Board. We will meet in the Youth Room on project day. If you need help bringing a sewing machine, please contact me as soon as possible so we can arrange to transport your machine to the church. Bring your scissors, thread, and pins! Sarah Ross 910-639-3039 or 910-944-7341

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD 2023



*The time for packing our shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child is almost here!*

Operation Christmas Child National Collection week is **November 13-20** and Dedication Sunday for our church is **November 12**. This is a special opportunity each year to send a shoebox full of fun and useful items to needy children around the world. In countries where allowed, each child receives the story of Jesus in their own language along with a shoebox. Each shoebox is a "gospel opportunity" to share the love of Jesus. Last year, our church sent 252 "gospel opportunities." What difference did our efforts of packing these shoebox gifts mean to each of these children? Lots of fun and laughter and most importantly, the possibility of a child coming to know Jesus.

Remember, no liquids, war toys, toothpaste, or candy. The shipping donation is \$10. Shoeboxes, labels, and lists of suggested gift items to include in your box are available near the Missions bulletin board next to the Fellowship Hall.



**Operation Christmas Child!**  
**Dedication Sunday**  
**November 12.**  
**Collection Week**  
**November 13-20.**

*Thanks so much for supporting Operation Christmas Child!*



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## NOVEMBER 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 November TIE Issue is **October 18**.

## WORSHIP ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sunday School at 9:45am and Worship Service 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 thru Thursday and 9:00am - 12:00pm on Friday.

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