



# The Messenger

First Baptist Church  
Mount Holly, NC

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Welcome to FBC Mount Holly



## Annual Volunteer Training

Do you plan to serve in any of the following capacities in the next year?

- Youth Mentor
- Youth Choir
- Youth Volunteer
- Children's Afterschool Program
- Children's Choir
- Children's Dance Team
- Children's Church
- Infant Worship Care
- Toddler Worship Care
- Trunk or Treat
- Easter Egg Hunt
- VBS

Then you need to attend one of these training sessions!

**1st Session:** Sunday, August 4th 2:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

**2nd Session:** Sunday, August 11th 2:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

CHURCH-WIDE SUMMER FELLOWSHIP  
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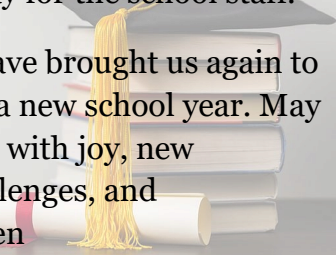
*Homemade Ice Cream Socials*

ALL ARE INVITED TO BRING HOMEMADE CHURNS OF ICE CREAM, CAKE OR COOKIES. DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED.

**ON THE FRONT LAWN**  
(FELLOWSHIP HALL IN CASE OF RAIN)  
**6:00PM**

Pray for our children and youth as they return to school this month. Pray for our local schools and the families that attend them. Pray for the school staff.

Lord God, You have brought us again to the beginning of a new school year. May this year be filled with joy, new experiences, challenges, and friendships. Amen





## SUMMER SLOWING, ROUTINE RETURNING

It has been an incredibly fast summer. That is the most obvious statement of the season. As I grow older, the summer months seem to be so full that it just flies by and never feels slow. Maybe you are like me, summer lasted forever when I was a kid. There were easy days running through the neighborhood, playing baseball at the park, and swimming in the neighborhood pool. Summer seemed so slow. Not anymore. It has been a great summer around here. But it is coming to an end.

School is on the horizon and routines will start going back to a normal schedule. As we prepare for school to return, I thought it might be helpful for us to talk about the challenges which students and their families these days face. There are many similarities to those slow summers of our childhood. But there are many differences for us to consider as well. Our worship series for August is simply called "Kids These Days." It will be a meaningful time for our church as we help our young people prepare for school.

We have invited a special speaker to be part of our series. Andy Hale, Associate Executive Coordinator of the CBF of NC, has long been an advocate for integrating students across the life of the local church. I look forward to hearing from him on August 18. It will add so much to our conversation.

### LET'S GET CONNECTED... WE ARE ONE STEP CLOSER

Hey everyone, exciting news! We are one step closer to unveiling our church-wide communication improvements. Our church is making big advances in how we stay connected and engaged. We're introducing a new tool called "Realm" that's going to revolutionize how we communicate and give back. Realm lets you manage your info securely, control your donations, and stay connected with all our groups in real time. If you're part of our church family, you're going to find it really helpful. Realm is being tested in small groups as of now. Soon we will invite everyone to join in. Stay tuned for more updates as we roll this out over the next few weeks!



Pastor's Pen

**kids**  
THESE  
**days**

#### August 4

*Grow*

*(1 Thessalonians 4:1-7)*

#### August 11

*Dealing with "Adults These Days"*

*(Colossians 3:21)*

#### August 18

*Thriving Congregations Are*

*Intergenerational (Acts 20:7-12)*

*Guest Speaker - Andy Hale*

#### August 25

*Connected Isolation*

*(Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)*

## Telling sTORIEs

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you who contributed to the success of our Vacation Bible School. Your donations, prayers, work, behind-the-scenes efforts, and love for our children have not gone unnoticed. Thank you!

We had 91 children attend our VBS this week, making it the largest VBS we have had in almost five years. The love of Jesus was shared, and we ask that you continue to pray for those children that they may come to know Jesus and dive into friendship with him one day!

It was a wonderful week, and we are blessed!



## Illumination Student Ministry



**August 11** - Promotion Sunday for Rising 6th Graders

**August 11** - Annual Youth Ministry Meeting  
(Youth **MUST** attend) at 3:00 p.m.

**August 12** - Lunch & Bowl: 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**August 12** - Pool Party @ Ayden's House: 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
(pizza served)

**August 18** - Youth Atlanta Report @ The Ice Cream Social - 6:00 p.m.

**August 25** - Youth Kickoff: Pool Party @ The Edge's House  
5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

## Children's Ministry



**August 6** - Lunch & Bowl: 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**August 11** - Promotion Sunday for Rising  
Kindergarteners & Rising 3rd Graders

**August 4 - Annual Parent Meeting at 3:00 p.m.**

This meeting is **required** for all parents with children in any of our programs, including Sunday morning care.

**Afterschool registration must be completed in person at this meeting.**

*Youth & Children's Ministries*



**FALL MUSIC SCHEDULE**

Children’s Choirs start back Wednesday nights, September 4th from 5:15 - 5:45 p.m.

**CHERUB CHOIR**

Leaders: Allie Sisk and Cathy Flowers

**MUSIC MAKER’S CHOIR**

Leaders: Paige Sisk, Jane Collier and Cathy Holland

**YOUNG MUSICIANS**

Leaders: Pam Miller, Amanda Haverty and Elaine Crosby

**GRACEFUL PRAISE**

Leaders: Kasey Petersen and Gina Hough will begin rehearsals on Sunday afternoons from 4:15 - 5:00 p.m. Rehearsals will be every other Sunday starting September 8th.



**ADULT CHOIR**

Rehearsals start Wednesday night, August 21st and August 28th at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday night, September 4th rehearsals will start at 7:00 p.m.

*Musical Notes*

**Memorials and Donations**

**FBC Scholarship Fund**

In memory of Ruth Mundy by Gail Grice, Charles & Beverly Dixon

**Regular Budget**

In memory of Gene Barrow and Ruth Mundy by Ken & Elaine Crosby

**Landscape Fund**

In memory of Gene Barrow & Mildred Seay by Verna Jo Ellis

## Operation Christmas Child 2024

For the month of August, we're asking everyone to bring WHISTLES. For children living in Third World countries, WHISTLES are important for two main reasons. Children can signal for help when they encounter a dangerous animal, or they are very helpful for herding their livestock.

Our goal for AUGUST is 300 WHISTLES. A bin is available in the Gathering Place with an OCC sign requesting that you place your WHISTLES in it.

Mark your calendar: Our Packing Party is Sunday, November 3rd at 2:00 p.m. Your children and grandchildren are welcome to join as we will fill at least 150 Shoeboxes!



Hello friends!

Just wanted to let you know that this weekend is the BIG MOVE to Mocksville, NC and to thank you all for your wonderful support, prayers and visits especially in the past 3 years after the death of my husband, Leslie, in November 2021. I am excited about what's happening at FBC and wish I could stay, BUT...You will be missed and I will continue to pray for you all and stay in touch with my many friends there. Please continue to stay in touch with me!!!

My new address will be:  
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May God continue to bless our church!  
Love to all,  
Mary Lou



*FBC Missions*

## Pictorial Directory Appointments

The photographers will be here in the fellowship hall on Thursday, August 28th, Friday, August 29th, and Saturday, August 30th.

To make an appointment by phone please call 877-896-9667 ext. 360

Use the QR code to make an online appointment.  
Please have this information available

- ◆ First and last name
- ◆ Number of people in your photo
- ◆ Phone number
- ◆ Email address (If an email address is not available, then enter "[dfox@theportraitcafe.com](mailto:dfox@theportraitcafe.com)")



All appointments made will receive a phone call reminder before the time/date set.

### Clothing suggestions for the green screen photography session:

Stay away from green patterns or busy patterns, such as stripes, polka dots, or any solid green clothing. Solid colors such as red, blue, orange, brown, purple, or other colors produce better contrasting photos. Choose a color theme that unifies the look of your family. Long sleeves are better for adults and focus attention on the face. Short sleeves are better for kids and infants. Wrinkled clothing does not photograph well.

### Glasses & Accessories:

If you wear glasses normally, please feel free to wear them in your portrait. Our photographers are trained to minimize any glare, and this way we photograph the "real you." Avoid large distracting accessories. Smaller jewelry items compliment your face.

### A Note of Thanks

Dear Church Family,

Our trip to Atlanta this year was truly amazing. Your commitment to investing in our youth's development and growth does not go unnoticed. The experience we gained on the trip undoubtedly will have a lasting positive impact on our youth and their efforts to know and share the love of Christ. We look forward to sharing our experiences with you!

~Written by Scott Griffin on behalf of the Atlanta Chaperones

### Welcome New Members!

Olivia McCotter  
Chloe Rushing  
Sadie Rushing  
Ava Sisk  
Bill & Dianne Abrams

### In Sympathy

Condolences to the family of Charlotte Crist.

*What's Happening at FBC*

**Childcare Volunteers**

**Infant**

8/4-Maggie Pressley & Missi Fortsch  
 8/11-Maggie Pressley & Laura Swartz  
 8/18-Jo Ann Rollins & Cheryl Lineberger  
 8/25- Maggie Pressley, Sadie Hampton, & Gabrielle Cox

**Toddler**

8/4-Mike & Erica Purser  
 8/11-Brooke Shepherd Elting & Ann Little  
 8/18-Maggie Pressley & Lauren Huneycutt  
 8/25-Rebekah S.R. & Sajiah Taylor

**Children's Church**

8/4-Children Stay in Worship  
 8/11-Youth  
 8/18-Kasey Petersen  
 8/25-Virginia Hoffman

- 1 Hilda Farmer
- 2 Hannah Childers
- 4 River Hawkins, Stephanie Hilderbran
- 5 Allie Sisk
- 6 Nicole Smith
- 7 Gina Hough
- 9 Coleston Hilderbran
- 11 Paige Sisk
- 12 Diane Lucas
- 13 Zoe Petersen, David Collier
- 14 Gary Farmer, Carlton Broome
- 15 Jackie Hilderbran, Susan Jordan, Sarah Dean
- 16 Pam Miller
- 17 Lauren Crossland, Erica Withers
- 19 Lillie Grace Hawkins
- 20 Jewel Cody-Drinkard
- 21 Alma Simms
- 22 Jonathan Teague
- 25 Connor Sisk
- 27 Daniel Hensley
- 28 David Duckworth, Ron Rogers, Eve Hensley
- 29 Johnny Rollins, Morgan Ealey
- 30 Lauren Huneycutt, Pamela Surratt



**Church Security**

Gary Farmer July 29—Aug 4  
 Keith Piercy Aug 5—Aug 11  
 Ken Fortsch Aug 12—Aug 18  
 Richard Flowers Aug 19-Aug 25  
 Brian Smith Aug 26—Sept 1

**Ushers and Greeters**

- 4 David Wrenn, Roger Hawkins, Denise Hawkins, Jay Ratliff, Mike Huff
- 11 Dickie Thomas, Stephen Abernethy, Cheryl Lineberger, Jo Ann Rollins, Brandon McCotter
- 18 Ricky Russell, Kevin Collier, Mac Richardson, Tami Piercy, Cornelia Pressley
- 25 John Petersen, Suzanne Griffin, Missi Fortsch, Chris Medlin, Mike Purser

The family of Mike and Ann Huff wish them a very special congratulations as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on August 4th.

Congratulations Mike and Ann!



- 1 Steve & Paige Sisk
- 2 Ridge & Sarah Williams
- 4 Mike & Ann Huff
- 6 Joe & Amanda Haverty
- 7 Carlos & Amanda Choren
- 8 Carson & Molly Dean
- 10 Carlton & Cecelia Broome
- 18 Aubrey & Brenda Horton
- 25 John & Alice Jones, Dewey & Alma Simms
- 28 Jerry & Becky Causby
- 29 Kevin & Mary Collier



Memorials / Volunteers / Birthday Anniversary

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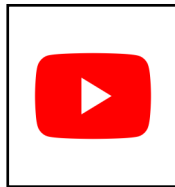
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## OFFICE SCHEDULE

### **Mondays**

Jeff Allen  
Tori Freeman  
Kim Payne (remote)

### **Tuesdays**

Jeff Allen  
Tori Freeman  
Kim Payne

### **Wednesdays**

Jeff Allen  
Tori Freeman  
Kim Payne (remote)

### **Thursdays**

Jeff Allen  
Tori Freeman (remote)  
Kim Payne

### **Fridays**

Kim Payne



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
MOUNT HOLLY, NC

### **June 2024**

Total Receipts – \$37,962  
Bldg. Fund – \$830  
Bldg. Fund YTD – \$7,615  
Other Designated – \$1,778  
Other Designated YTD – \$48,279  
2024 Budget – \$538,227  
Avg Needs thru 6/30 – \$269,113  
Budget Receipts YTD – \$262,527