



The Messenger

First Baptist Church
Mount Holly, NC

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Welcome to FBC Mount Holly

CHURCH-WIDE SUMMER FELLOWSHIP
SPONSORED BY THE DEACONS

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



Vacation Bible School

Are you ready for an underwater adventure?

It is time for Vacation Bible School.

July 8th—July 11th 9am-12pm Preschool through 5th grade



Use the QR code to sign up for VBS!

It is not too late to volunteer to help with VBS. Please contact Tori if you would like to join the volunteer crew.

Farm Share

Our church is participating in the FarmShare program again this summer. FarmShare is a collaborative effort between the Mount Holly Farmers Market and a number of Gaston County churches - including First Baptist Mount Holly. Through the FarmShare initiative, needy families receive fresh food grown by local farmers. Our church provides financial support for this effort as well as help in identifying needy families or individuals, packing the food, and delivering it to identified recipients. We participated in FarmShare last year and found it to be a truly rewarding mission effort within our own community. This year's FarmShare dates are Saturday, July 13 and Saturday, August 24. The Deacons and the Circle of Faith are working together to coordinate First Baptist's participation in FarmShare.



**THIS FOOD IS
PROVIDED BY LOCAL
FARMERS WITH THE
HELP OF THE MOUNT
HOLLY FARMERS
MARKET AND FIRST
BAPTIST CHURCH OF
MOUNT HOLLY.**

ENJOY IT!



LET'S GET CONNECTED

Hey everyone, exciting news! Our church is making big strides 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. Stay tuned for more updates as we roll this out over the next few weeks!



OUR SUMMER MIXTAPE IS HERE

Hey everyone! Remember mixtapes from back in the day? They burst onto the scene in the 1970s and became a huge hit. DJs started the trend, but it quickly spread like wildfire through the 80s and 90s. Now, with digital music taking over, mixtapes have evolved into playlists. Chances are, you've created a playlist or two yourself—they're fun, personal, and easy to share.

Lately, many of you in our church family have been sharing your favorite songs with me, and it's been a blast! Our tastes in music are so diverse—from 70s rock and hymns to country and everything in between. You've shared stories about why certain songs mean so much to you, and I've compiled all these favorites into our very own shareable playlist. I'll send it out via email soon, so keep those favorites coming! Let's keep building this mixtape throughout the summer.

Speaking of which, our worship series for July is called "Summer Mixtape." We'll dive into some key ideas from Paul's letters to the church, exploring how these ancient writings still resonate with us today. It's a mixtape that has something for everyone.

VBS IS COMING THIS MONTH

Our church will be transformed to a nautical paradise full of fun, laughter, and lots of kids. I hope YOU are planning on being part of this great week. Grab your snorkel and flippers. It's time for SCUBA!

Pastor's Pen

 A graphic titled "SUMMER MIXTAPE" with a sunset background. The word "SUMMER" is in large white letters, and "MIXTAPE" is in a white box. Below the title, four dates and themes are listed in white text:

- July 7 Freedom (Galatians 3)
- July 14 Filled (Ephesians 4)
- July 21 Joy (Philippians 4)
- July 28 Above (Colossians 3)

 The background features a sunset over a body of water with a small boat and a cactus in the foreground.

Telling sTORIEs

The theme for our summer youth trip this year was “Taste & See.” I wanted to remind the students of the goodness of God, and encourage them to see all that He has done for us. One of the songs that I shared with the group is called “Come to the Table.” This song is by Sidewalk Prophets. Some of my favorite lyrics say, “Come to the Table, Come join the sinners, who have been redeemed, take your place beside the Savior, sit down and be set free, come to the table.” There is always a seat for you at God’s table, no matter what you have been through, no matter what you did or didn’t do, no matter what you bring with you. As the song transitions, it says, “Come meet this motley crew of misfits, these liars and these thieves. There’s no one unwelcome here. That sin and shame that you brought with you. You can leave it at the door. And let mercy draw you near.” We are not perfect and often, we bring baggage along with us. Our Savior welcomes us with arms WIDE OPEN! Come to the table my friends, sit down and stay awhile, because God loves you more than you could ever fathom and He has a seat just for you.



Our Youth Group in Atlanta.

Illumination Student Ministry

July 31st: (Rising 7th-Rising 12th Graders) Tubing @ Zaloos - All Day Event

****Registration is Required****

August 12th: (Rising 6th Graders-Rising 12th Graders): Lunch & Bowl (Textile Lanes Belmont)



Children’s Ministry

July 8th-11th: Preschool-5th

Grade Event: VBS 2024- SCUBA

August 6th: K-5 Event: Lunch & Bowl (Textile Lanes Belmont)



Youth & Children's Ministries



ADULT CHOIR

I hope you enjoy a few pictures from our End of the Year Celebration.



Memorials and Donations

Building Fund

In memory of Doug Mullis by Aubrey and Brenda Horton, Jerry & Becky Causby, Martha McClure, Fellowship Sunday School Class of FBC, Dickie & Luann Thomas, Mary Jane Hinkle, The Doug Mullis Family, Stuart & Dana Smith and John & Becky Lockman

In memory of Gene Barrow by Fellowship Sunday School Class of FBC, Jerry & Becky Causby

FBC Scholarship Fund

In memory of Ruth Mundy by Don & Becky Lyell, Aubrey & Brenda Horton, Martha McClure, Mary Jane Hinkle, Mary Jane Hinkle, Class of 1958/Mary White and John & Alice Jones, Patricia Liptrap and Patricia Mullins

Bus Fund

In memory of Doug Mullis by Millie Hunsucker, Randy & Ginger McLean, Ken & Elaine Crosby, John & Alice Jones

In memory of Ruth Mundy & Gene Barrow by Randy & Ginger McLean

In memory of Gene Barrow by Mary Jane Hinkle

Landscape Fund

In memory of Doug Mullis by Verna Jo Ellis

In memory of Ruth Mundy by Verna Jo Ellis

Senior Adult Ministry Fund

In memory of Mildred Seay and Gene Barrow by Aubrey & Brenda Horton

Bereavement Fund

In memory of Ruth Mundy by Janice Stevens, Donald Shapiro, Tommy Shapiro and their families

Operation Christmas Child 2024

What is your favorite video on SPTV.org?

For the month of July, we're asking everyone to bring **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**. In many countries, children who do not have these cannot attend school.

LARGE packs of notebook paper, **THIN** coloring books, pencils (no pens please), pencil sharpeners, markers, small scissors, crayons, erasers and construction paper, motivational stickers-anything that will fit in our Shoeboxes! No spiral notebooks please.



A bin is available in the Gathering Place with an OCC sign requesting that you place your **SCHOOL SUPPLIES** in it.

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

Thank You

A special thank you to Jacquie Denison's Quilting Group for making 300+ potholders! These will be added to our Shoeboxes during our November 3rd Packing Party.

Mt. Holly Police Department

We have adopted the Mt. Holly Police Department for the months of June & July. They have a wish-list for items frequently used and needed for the officers on the road and staff. Please prayerfully consider choosing something from the wish-list.



Spiritual Gifts Corner

The Church's Constitution & Bylaws directs the Spiritual Gifts Committee (SGC) to put forth an Annual Church Report by the first Sunday in August. Contained in the report are the SGC's nominees for Committees, Committee Chairs, Officers, Directors, and other church leaders. Sunday School teachers/leaders are presented in the Annual Church Report in cooperation with the Sunday School Director and presented for affirmation by the church. Nominations for the Spiritual Gifts Committee are presented by the Administrative Board and may be included in the report or may be put forth for consideration by the church at a separate time. Not included in the report are nominees for Deacons and the Administrative Board - those are handled separately according to the Church Constitution & Bylaws. The Annual Church Report is voted on as a whole during a called church conference. The SGC has worked diligently this year to prepare an Annual Church Report that reflects the diversity of our congregation and utilizes the spiritual gifts of as many participants as possible. In the coming weeks, announcements will be made regarding when the report will be published and reminding all that a vote will be held on Sunday, August 4th.

In Christ - Your Spiritual Gifts Committee

Pictorial Directory Update

The company handling our new pictorial directory will begin calling all those in our congregation to schedule a time for your family to take pictures. Please note that they will call from an unrecognized number. If you receive a call or a voice mail regarding pictorial directory information, it is our company!

A photographer will be here August 29-31.

Everyone is invited to have their pictures taken. All portraits will be collected and put into a directory which will be available both in print and online.



New Room Number

Bob and Virginia Winecoff have a new room number at Terrace Ridge Assisted Living Center. Their mailing address is below.

Robert and Virginia Winecoff
Terrace Ridge Assisted Living Center
Room #412
1251 East Hudson Blvd. Gastonia, NC. 28054-6102

(980)888-0007 *Personal Room Phone

There is a nice outdoor patio near their new room. If not too hot, they would enjoy having visitors!

Leopold Thea Hullander was born on May 25th, 2024. He weighted 8lbs 6oz. 19.5 inches long. Parents are Brent and Erika Hullander. Grandparents are Kipp and Debbie Noblett and great-uncle and aunt are Roger and Denise Hawkins.



A Note of Thanks

The funeral service for Doug was beautiful. Thank you all for your love.

The Doug Mullis Family

In Sympathy

Condolences to the family of Ruth Mundy.
Condolences to the family of Gene Barrow.
Condolences to the family of Mildred Seay.

Childcare Volunteers

Infant

7/7- Maggie Pressley & Colleen Grealis
 7/14-Maggie Pressley & Gina Hough
 7/21-Jo Ann Rollins & Cheryl Lineberger
 7/28-Maggie Pressley & Colleen Grealis

Toddler

7/7- Melissa Green & Missi Fortsch
 7/14-Colleen Grealis & Susan Greene
 7/21-Laura Swartz & Linda Richardson
 7/28-Tracy Bates

Children's Church

7/7-Children Stay in Worship
 7/14-Youth
 7/21-Brandon & Lauren McCotter
 7/28-Lanny Ray & Lancy Rhyne

- 1 Judy Anthony, Grayson Withers
- 2 Reeves McGlohon
- 3 Stan Baker, Logan Hoffman
- 6 Jackie Rogers
- 13 Gene McEntire
- 15 Nancy Wrenn
- 17 Ginni Poole, Sheila Carpenter
- 20 Blair Delappe
- 26 Verna Jo Ellis, Luann Thomas
- 27 Roger Hawkins
- 28 Frances Lethcoe
- 29 Denise Hawkins



Church Security

Scott Poole	July 1—July 7
Todd Flowers	July 8—July 14
Ricky Wrenn	July 15—July 21
David Wrenn	July 22—July 28
Gary Farmer	July 29—Aug 4

Ushers and Greeters

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

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 2 Corinthians 3:17



- 14 Rafik & Mandy Missak
- 15 Nathan & Dana Hudson
- 23 Jay & Sheri Ratliff
- 29 Mark & Christie Batchelor
- 31 Andy & Cathy Holland



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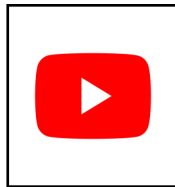
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[fbcmounthollync](https://www.instagram.com/fbcmounthollync)



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

May 2024

Total Receipts – \$45,315
Bldg. Fund – \$300
Bldg. Fund YTD – \$6,785
Other Designated – \$6,009
Other Designated YTD – \$46,501
2024 Budget – \$538,227
Avg Needs thru 5/31 – \$224,261
Budget Receipts YTD – \$227,173