



The Messenger

First Baptist Church
Mount Holly, NC

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Welcome to FBC Mount Holly

Jubilant Seniors Start Your Engines!



Happy New Year, Jubilant Seniors!

Your Team is so excited to tell you about our **Saturday, March 1, 2025** event.

This event is **Feel the Thrill Speedway Tour** and includes:

- * Tour of the NASCAR Cup Series garage area.
- * A ride through two infield race tracks.
- * A stop in Winner's Circle for a photo opportunity at no additional cost to participants.
- * The history of Charlotte Motor Speedway while enjoying a comfortable van ride around the SuperSpeedway where we will feel the full-tilt force of the 24-degree banking.
- * A visit at zMax Dragway and The Dirt Track at Charlotte.
- * Tours operate rain or shine.
- * The ticket for each participant is \$20. Your Jubilant Seniors Budget will pay \$10 toward each, leaving the cost for each Jubilant Senior at only \$10.

Here's our schedule:

- * 11:00AM - Arrive at FBCMH
- * 11:15AM - Devotional - The Gathering Place
- * 11:30AM - Depart FBCMH
- * 12:15PM - Arrive at Charlotte Motor Speedway
- * 12:30PM - Tour begins
- * 1:30PM - Tour ends
- * 1:45PM - Depart for a local restaurant
- * 2:00PM - Lunch on your own
- * 4:00PM - Arrive at FBCMH (Guesstimated).



Registration will begin on Sunday, Sunday, January 26th and will close on Wednesday, February 19th.

Please check your availability now so you can register ASAP.
Looking forward to enjoying this event with you.



I enjoyed our walk-through Habakkuk last month. Many of you shared powerful stories of how the obscure prophet spoke relevant words to you over the last few weeks. When we began the conversation, many of us didn't know how to find the book. Now I have come away with a greater appreciation for the power of those ancient words.

One of the issues we talked about last month involved difficult questions. We all have them. I decided to latch on to that idea and have decided to take a deeper dive on some of the more difficult questions of our faith. We're going to tackle four of Christianity's biggest head-scratchers.

Here's a look at what we'll be discussing:

1. **Does Church Matter Anymore?** If the church is supposed to be all about God's love, why does the church sometimes feel like a battleground and irrelevant?
2. **Does Scripture Matter Today?** Can we really rely on this ancient book in our modern world?
3. **Does Faith Matter to Science?** Are they at odds or is there more to the story?
4. **Does Everybody Matter?** Why do we struggle to see everyone as God does?

These are substantial questions that often end up with cliché answers. We're inviting you to join us on a journey of discovery, where we'll use Scripture to navigate these tricky waters with wisdom, grace, and yes, even a bit of intellect.

Whether you're a long-time believer, a curious skeptic, or somewhere in between, this conversation is for you. We're creating a space where it's okay to ask tough questions, where doubt isn't off-limits, and where we can all learn from each other.

Are you ready to tackle some "Big Questions"? Join us this Sunday as we kick off this thought-provoking series. Bring your questions, your doubts, and your open mind – we can't wait to see you there!

I look forward to exploring these questions and see where the journey takes us!

Pastor's Pen

BIG QUESTIONS

Feb. 2 Does Church Matter Anymore? Matt. 23

Feb. 9 Does Scripture Matter Today? 2 Tim. 3

Feb. 16 Does Faith Matter to Science? Ps. 104

Feb. 23 Does Everybody Matter? Gen. 1



FEBRUARY 9 **11:30 AM**

"SOUPER" BOWL

Warm up this winter and support a great cause! Our youth group is hosting a Souper Bowl Lunch to raise funds for an upcoming mission trip to Richmond, VA.

For a donation, enjoy a variety of delicious soups and a chance to make a difference. All proceeds go directly to supporting our mission trip to serve the community in Richmond.

Youth & Children's Ministries



Children's Ministry

March 8th- Children's Mission Day is sponsored by CBF's Children's Team and hosted at FBC! Registration is available through the Realm app. The deadline to register for this event is February 28th. The event will take place on Saturday, March 8th from 10:00am-2:00pm and will include mission projects, worship, and Bible Study with other churches in our area. **This event is only for 3rd-5th grade students.**



Illumination Student Ministry

2/9- Souper Bowl Lunch (Churchwide Event)

2/23- CLUE

Welcome Interim Accompanist Christian Ko

Please join us in welcoming Christian Ko as our interim accompanist for our adult choir. Christian is a senior at David W. Butler High School and a student of Cole Freeman.

Christian is a well-rounded and talented student with gifts in both piano and cello. He brings a wealth of passion and enjoys using his gifts to bring joy to people.

Welcome Christian!

Memorials

Bus Fund

In memory of Delores Stewart by John & Alice Jones

In Memory of Charles Sawyer by Mary Jane Hinkle

In Honor of Zoe Petersen and Lizzie Petersen by Lanny Ray & Lancy Rhyne

Homebound Ministry

In memory of Doug Mullis by Linda Mullis

In honor of Mary Jane Hinkle by Linda Mullis

Building Fund

In memory of Charles Sawyer by Byron Collins, Jr., by Peter Robenge, By Wanda Ewing Cornwell, Martha McClure, The Fellowship Sunday School Class, Barry & Camilla Jessen, Grace Waddell, Kathy Stowe, Brad & Ashley Stowe and Rhyne & Twyla Stowe

In memory of Charles & Bunnie Sawyer by Lanny Ray and Lancy Rhyne

Lottie Moon Fund

In memory of Charles & Bunnie Sawyer by Lanny Ray and Lancy Rhyne

Bible Fund

In Memory of Charles Sawyer by Aubrey & Brenda Horton

Children's Ministry Fund

In Honor of Zoe Petersen and Lizzie Petersen by Lanny Ray & Lancy Rhyne

Operation Christmas Child 2025

As you are aware, we're requesting that you donate a different item each month. For the month of February, we're asking everyone to bring Combs and Hairbrushes. Our goal for February is at least 250 of each.

A bin will be available in the Gathering Place with an OCC sign requesting that you place your Combs and Hairbrushes in it.

If anyone prefers to shop and fill the Shoeboxes as we have traditionally done at FBCMH, that will be equally appreciated. We'll have those Shoeboxes available on October 5th.



Please join me in praising God for all he does at FBCMH in every mission opportunity, including the JOY that comes from honoring him through our 2025 goal of 250 OCC Gospel Opportunities!

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Spiritual Gifts Corner

The Spiritual Gifts Committee (SGC) – Leah Allen, Connor Sisk, Roger Hawkins, Kasey Petersen, Carolyn Snead, and Carson Dean – has started working on identifying nominees for standing committees, as well as church directors and officers, for the 2025-2026 year which begins September 1, 2025. Why start so early? Good question. A lot of work goes into recruiting nominees and completing the report before it's voted on by the church. We also start early so people interested in serving First Baptist can ask questions and learn more. If you're interested in serving on a church committee, please reach out to one of the SGC members today. You can reach us through Realm.

In Christ,

Your Spiritual Gifts Committee



Men's Basketball Schedule

February 3rd

@8:30pm

February 6th

@8:30pm



All games are played at FBC Stanley. Come cheer on our team!

FBC Missions

What's Happening at FBC

Kim Payne's Retirement

After 25 years of faithful service, Kim Payne has shared her news of retiring. The Personnel Committee is hard at work finding a replacement.

It is important for us to offer Kim our tremendous gratitude for her service and wishing her all the best retirement has to offer. One of the ways we want to show our appreciation is by taking a love offering. Also, in order for everyone to show our appreciation and wish her a Happy Retirement we will offer a reception in her honor on May 4 in the Fellowship Hall.

Stay tuned for more details.



A Note of Thanks

Many thanks to the Homebound Ministry Team!

Christmas has come and gone but the memory of the attention shown to us by the Homebound Ministry Team still warms our hearts. The gorgeous poinsettia, the delicious homemade goodies, and all the many cards we received from the congregation that were delivered to us personally by Jane Rhodes, our Homebound Ministry visitor, gave us a true sense that we are still a part of the church we love and the people who are so dear to us. I'm sure I speak for all of us who are forced to be inactive when I express my thanks to Mary Jane Hinkle and all her team for their efforts on our behalf. God bless you one and all!

Becky Causby

Thank you for the cards, goodies, and your prayers. There is not a word in the English language to describe the beauty of the Poinsettia! God bless you all!

Elsie Hilderbran

Thanks so much for all the prayers, phone calls, visits, and cards that I have received after my recent fall and femur fracture. Everything meant so much to me.

Love to all,
Cathy Flowers

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner Menu

- 5 BBQ
- 12 Pot Luck
- 19 Stuffed Baked Potato
- 26 Baked Spaghetti

The Salad Bar is available every week.



Childcare Volunteers

Kingdom Sea-ers (Infant Nursery)

- 2/2 - Maggie and Gabby
- 2/9 - Maggie and Sadie
- 2/16 - Jo Ann Rollins and Cheryl Lineberger
- 2/23 - Chandler and Maggie

Kingdom Adventurers (Toddlers & Preschool)

- 2/2 - Sadie and Chandler
- 2/9 - Sajiah and Rebekah
- 2/16 - Sadie and Gabby
- 2/23 - Sajiah and Rebekah

Children's Church

- 2/2 - Children Stay in Worship
- 2/9 - Youth
- 2/16 - Dickie & LuAnn Thomas
- 2/23 - Randy & Ginger McLean

Church Security

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| Richard Flowers | Jan 27—Feb 2 |
| Brian Smith | Feb 3—Feb 9 |
| Hunter Ealey | Feb 10—Feb 16 |
| Tami Piercy | Feb 17—Feb 23 |
| Scott Poole | Feb 24—Mar 2 |

Ushers and Greeters

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

In Sympathy

Condolences to the family of Charlie Sawyer.

Welcome

New Members

Chris and April Stewart joined FBC on Sunday, January 19.

- 1 Mark Haver
- 4 Brenda Horton
- 6 Hunter Ealey
- 7 Riley Dean
- 9 Cole Freeman
- 10 Todd Hilderbran, Tori Freeman
- 11 Mike Huff
- 13 Willie Orr
- 15 Bill Piercy, Danny Snead
- 17 Charles Smith
- 20 Vicki Cauthen
- 21 Virginia Winecoff
- 22 Will Choren
- 26 Kevin Collier, Nancy McIntosh
- 28 Ashley Flowers



Memorials / Volunteers / Birthday Anniversary

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OFFICE SCHEDULE

M-Th 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Fr 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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

December 2024

Total Receipts – \$69,664

Bldg. Fund – \$410

Bldg. Fund YTD – \$9,405

Other Designated – \$10,594

Other Designated YTD – \$99,441

2024 Budget – \$538,227

Avg Needs thru 12/31 – \$538,227

Budget Receipts YTD – \$533,464