



# The Messenger

First Baptist Church  
Mount Holly, NC

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Welcome to FBC Mount Holly

Have You Reached Your  
**VERDICT?**



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## Sunday, April 6th

Illumination Youth Group  
Presents "Have You  
Reached Your Verdict?"

A modern take on the trial  
of Jesus during the Lenten  
season.

Our students have worked  
tirelessly over the last six  
weeks to prepare this skit  
to share with you. You do  
not want to miss worship  
this day as they lead!

# HOLY WEEK

## Sunday, April 13

### *Palm Sunday*

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Worship (Children singing)

## Thursday, April 17

### *Maundy Thursday*

- 6:00 p.m. Churchwide Dinner
- 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday/  
Tenebrae Combined Service  
(Fellowship Hall/Sanctuary)

## Friday, April 18

### *Good Friday*

- 11:00 a.m. - Prayer Labyrinth Personal
- 2:00 p.m. Prayer Experience  
(Fellowship Hall)
- 3:00 p.m. Veiling the Cross  
(Front Lawn)

## Saturday, April 19

- 9:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

## Sunday, April 20

### *Easter Sunday*

- 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service  
(Front Lawn)
- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Easter Service (Sanctuary)





Many within our congregation have been preparing for the various worship experiences that will be available to you during Holy Week. These opportunities will be meaningful for every age and every story. I hope you will make plans now to engage in the opportunities that will be offered. Here is an overview:

### **Palm Sunday - April 13**

Our children will be helping lead us in worship as we celebrate the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. Palms will be waved, songs will be sung. It is a beautiful service.

### **Maundy Thursday - April 17**

We are doing something a little different for Maundy Thursday. As in the past, we will have a churchwide dinner at 6p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Worship begins at 7p.m. with communion as we remember the Last Supper. After communion, everyone will move to the sanctuary for our Tenebrae service, a service in darkness, which remembers Jesus' crucifixion and death. Nursery will be provided for the service.

### **Good Friday - April 18**

We are partnering with area churches to offer a personal prayer experience. We will have a "Prayer Labyrinth" for you to walk in our Fellowship Hall. This ancient prayer walk has deep roots in our faith. We will offer prayer guides for anyone who attends. In addition, we will have options for those who don't feel comfortable standing long. A typical walk will take 15-30 minutes. The community is welcome to join us. Please come anytime between 11a.m. and 2p.m. to walk this prayer experience. In addition, our Veiling of the Cross will take place at 3p.m. on the Front Lawn.

### **Easter Sunday - April 20**

Our Easter Sunday services will look very familiar. We will flower the cross at our Sunrise service at 7a.m. followed by breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. Sunday School will take place as normal. Our Easter Service at 10:30a.m. promises to be a meaningful reminder of the power and love we find in Christ's resurrection.

May we all pray that God prepares us - may we have the ears to hear, the eyes to see, and the courage to act on what God will do in our midst this Holy Week.

*Pastor's Den*

## UPCOMING MESSAGES

|          |                                     |              |
|----------|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| April 6  | Have You Reached a Verdict Yet?     | Youth Sunday |
| April 13 | Palm Sunday<br>Poured Out in Praise | Luke 19      |
| April 20 | Easter Sunday<br>He Has Risen       | Luke 24      |
| April 27 | Easter Implications                 | John 11      |




# Easter

## EGG HUNT

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Saturday, April 19th, 2025

9:00AM-10:30AM

First Baptist Church  
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300 SOUTH MAIN STREET  
MT. HOLLY, NC 28120

*Youth & Children's Ministries*



### Children's Ministry

- 4/16- No Afterschool Program (Holy Week)
- 4/19- Easter Egg Hunt, 9:00am-10:30am
- 4/23- No Afterschool Program (GCS Spring Break)



### Youth Ministry

- 4/6- Youth Sunday
- 4/20- No Youth (Easter Sunday)
- 4/27- Mentor Meeting

*What's Happening at FBC*

### Spring Gala

We are pleased to announce that we are inviting all adults and their guests to our **Spring Gala on April 11 at 6:00PM.**

Our entertainment this year is Carolina Style Chorus (featuring our own Amanda Haverty) whom we enjoyed hearing at our Jubilant Seniors event on November 9th.

#### Our menu:

Garlic grilled chicken (gluten free), Sauteed beef tips with rice (rice included, not a side), Steamed seasoned vegetables (gluten free), Roasted new potatoes (gluten free), Salad (gluten free), Banana Pudding, Chocolate Dessert, Apple Cobbler, Gluten Free Desserts, Sweet & Unsweetened Tea and Coffee.

The cost for each participant is only \$25 for dinner AND concert. Please pay by check only.

Registration will begin on Sunday, March 16th and will close on Wednesday, April 2nd so we can notify Sports Page the number of participants.

We would be honored to see all of you at this event!



### Donations Needed

We are collecting plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy for our Easter Egg Hunt. There are boxes in the gathering place for your donations. Thank you for supporting our Children's Ministry.

**VBS Registration Now Open**

**June 23rd-26th**

### Welcome to FBC

The Personnel Committee is please to announce that Rebecca Hope will serve as our interim, part-time Administrative Assistant. Rebecca will be available in the church office Monday through Friday during the hours of 9am-1pm.

Please join us in warmly welcoming Rebecca to our First Baptist Church Community.

*Welcome*

### Spiritual Gifts Corner

Can you believe spring is here? Springtime, more specifically April, is also the time when we put forth a nominee to serve as the church’s Sunday School Director for the upcoming year (beginning Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>). FBCMH’s bylaws state that the Sunday School Director shall be voted upon by the church body on the first Sunday in May. Be on the lookout for more information coming soon. In the meantime, please take a moment to thank Lisa Collier for the tremendous work she has done as our Sunday School Director over this past year. Lisa has certainly put one of her many spiritual gifts to work serving the Lord and our church family. We’re also thrilled that Lisa has accepted the Spiritual Gift Committee’s invitation to continue in her role as Sunday School Director. The SGC’s decision was unanimous, and her formal nomination will be shared with the church over the next several weeks.

In Christ,  
Your Spiritual Gifts Committee

*The family of  
Beulah Mae McEntire  
acknowledges with grateful  
appreciation your kind  
expression  
of sympathy.*

Dear Church,

Thank you so much for all your kindness during this difficult time with my mom. I appreciate all that the Church did for me and our family. May the Lord continue blessing the Church with his love and guidance.

Love in Christ,  
Kathryn Horton

*What's Happening at FBC*



## Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner Menu

- 2 BBQ
- 9 Pot Luck
- 16 No Wednesday Services—Holy Week
- 17 Thursday Meal/Combined Service
- 23 No Meal/Spring Break
- 30 Stuffed Baked Potato



**The Salad Bar is available every week.**

## Circle of Faith

The Circle of Faith met on Monday, February 24. We voted as a group to make a donation to the Youth Mission Trip in memory of Jane Collins, a founding member of the Circle of Faith and servant on Christ's behalf in her community and at FBC. We collected \$300 for this.

In March, Cindy Reed delivered snacks to the police and fire departments in our community. This is an ongoing mission of our circle and the church. The men and women who keep our community safe are always appreciative of the snacks and know they are loved and supported by our church. We also made Easter baskets for our homebound members that will be delivered in April.

We invite all the women of the church to come join us for a meeting to see what we are about and how we strive to serve God in our church and the community. Our next meeting is April 28 at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Pam Miller at [allboysteach@gmail.com](mailto:allboysteach@gmail.com) if you have any questions or are interested in being added to our members/contact list.

## Operation Christmas Child 2025

For the month of April, we're asking everyone to bring SPOONS.



Our goal for April is 500 SPOONS, so we can include 2 in EACH Shoebox.

The Gathering Place will have a bin with an OCC sign requesting that you place your SPOONS in it. If anyone prefers to shop and fill the Shoeboxes as we have traditionally done at FBCMH, that will be equally beneficial. We'll have those Shoeboxes available on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Praising God that you hear HIS calling!

## Childcare Volunteers

### Kingdom Sea-ers (Infant Nursery)

- 4/6-Sadie and Gabby
- 4/13-Chandler and Sadie
- 4/20- Gabby and Maggie
- 4/27- Gabby and Maggie

### Kingdom Adventurers (Toddlers & Preschool)

- 4/6-Maggie and Chandler
- 4/13- Rebekah and Sajiah
- 4/20-Chandler and Sadie
- 4/27-Rebekah and Sajiah

### Children's Church

- 4/6- Stay In Worship
- 4/13-Youth
- 4/20-Lanny Ray and Lancy Rhyne
- 4/27-Carolyn Snead and Teresa Painter

- 1 Peggy Garrett
- 2 Yates Collier
- 3 Arlo Hawkins
- 4 Mac Richardson
- 7 Rachel Green, Terry Edge
- 9 Kim Payne, Carrie Haverty
- 12 Justin Greene
- 14 Maggie Hooks
- 16 David Wrenn
- 19 Jo Ann Rollins, Henry Abernethy
- 20 Ken Fortsch
- 22 Anne Gary
- 24 Colin Blanton, Azilee Blanton, Sydney Sisk
- 27 Matthew Allen, Mike Szupiany
- 28 Ricky Wrenn



- 16 Richard & Cathy Flowers
- 20 Roger & Denise Hawkins
- 21 Johnny & Judy Rollins
- 22 Barry & Janice Still



## Church Security

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| Keith Piercy    | Mar 31—April 6    |
| Ken Fortsch     | April 7—April 13  |
| Richard Flowers | April 14—April 20 |
| Brian Smith     | April 21—April 27 |
| Hunter Ealey    | April 28—May 4    |

## Ushers and Greeters

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

## Memorials

### Building Fund

In memory of Beulah McEntire by the Jubilee Sunday School Class/Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Charlotte, The Fellowship Sunday School Class  
 In memory of Charles Sawyer by Kathryn King  
 In memory of Delores Stewart and Charles Sawyer by Dickie & Luann Thomas

### Landscape Fund

In memory of Beulah McEntire and Georgia Kennedy by Verna Jo Ellis

### Regular Budget Fund

In memory of Beulah McEntire by Bethel Baptist Church, Clover SC  
 In honor of Elaine Crosby by Jay & Sherry Ratliff

### Bus Fund

In memory of Beulah McEntire by Mary Jane Hinkle

### Homebound Ministry

In honor of Mary Jane Hinkle by anonymous.

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  
Rebecca Hope

### **Tuesdays**

Jeff Allen  
Tori Freeman  
Rebecca Hope

### **Wednesdays**

Jeff Allen  
Tori Freeman  
Rebecca Hope

### **Thursdays**

Jeff Allen  
Tori Freeman (remote)  
Rebecca Hope

### **Fridays**

Rebecca Hope



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
MOUNT HOLLY, NC

### **January 2025**

Total Receipts – \$45,411  
Bldg. Fund – \$3,705  
Bldg. Fund YTD – \$3,705  
Other Designated – \$4,303  
Other Designated YTD – \$4,303  
2025 Budget – \$599,884  
Avg Needs thru 1/31 – \$49,990  
Budget Receipts YTD – \$37,458