



The Messenger

First Baptist Church
Mount Holly, NC

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Welcome to FBC Mount Holly

**FOR I KNOW THE PLANS
I HAVE FOR YOU,"
DECLARES THE LORD,
"PLANS TO PROSPER
YOU AND NOT TO HARM
YOU, PLANS TO GIVE
YOU HOPE AND A
FUTURE.**

Jeremiah 29:11



We invite you to join us on Sunday, May 18th to celebrate our graduates. We will recognize our high school, college, and those receiving post-graduate degrees during our worship service. Following worship, we will have a reception in the Fellowship Hall for you to enjoy refreshments and congratulate the graduates.

Join us as we celebrate Kim Payne on May 4!

We are gathering to celebrate Kim Payne after 25 years of loyal service to our church. Kim has been a steadfast presence in our community, offering loyal support and dedication throughout the years. Her reception will take place on May 4, 2-4 pm.

In recognition of her invaluable contributions, we are organizing a "Love Offering" collection to show our appreciation for all that Kim has done. If you feel so led, we invite you to donate online through our church website giving page or by check, noting the "Kim Payne Love Offering."

In addition, there will be a Giving Tree in the fellowship hall at the reception. You may share a monetary love offering, gift card, or similar item with Kim by attaching the gift to the tree as you enter the reception in the fellowship hall. We look forward to sharing these gifts and our love with Kim on May 4.





Pastor's Den

Our family recently traveled to Raven Rock State Park near the lovely town of Lillington, NC. We had a great time hiking, biking, and enjoying the air-conditioned hut we called home for a few nights the week after Easter. The weather was incredible for hiking, so we did a few miles each day.

On our last day, we hiked down to Raven Rock, a 150-foot-tall rock structure set alongside the Cape Fear River. It sits on the fall line, the place where the Coastal Plain and the Piedmont “shake hands”. Like many of our state parks, it is a gift that we do not take advantage of as often as we would like. I often come away from our time in the parks, thankful for the surprises and memories. Even when you have to climb down the 150 steps to get to the river, the view is always worth the effort.

We enjoyed a nice picnic lunch next to the river. The pine trees were tall and plentiful, so the shade was a nice break from the sun. As we finished lunch and stood up to climb back to the top of the rock, we heard a low rumble coming up the river. At first, we thought it sounded like a boat which would be strange for that part of the river. As the noise came closer, it became clear it was a helicopter rotor.

I yelled for everybody to find an opening in the trees so that we could see the river. The noise grew deafening. As I was able to grab my phone and start videoing, an Army Apache helicopter roared by us not 50 feet off the water. The pilot flew through the one opening I found in the trees. My mouth hit the proverbial ground. It was the coolest thing I had ever seen. We all just stared, until I broke the silence and asked the most obvious question in the loudest voice possible, “did you just see that?”

I immediately thought about the hike we had previous to the encounter with the helicopter. We had choices of which trail to take or how long to rest before moving on. Every step along the way got us to the point of being able be in the right place and time to have the encounter with the helicopter. As we travel this summer or engage with family, friends, and neighbors, I wonder if you will see the opportunities around to shine the light of Christ in your part of the world. You may think that it is the wrong time or you are not the right person. I am praying that we will all see the opportunities around us as God-ordained moments to live out the truth of Easter. We may be surprised with God’s timing and what unexpected joys He brings our way.

May 4 Our Future Hope 1 Cor. 15

May 11 Victory Has a Name Rom. 8

May 18 Graduate Sunday

May 25 The Mission Begins Matt. 28

**EASTER
IMPLICATIONS**



Join us for Vacation Bible School, June 23rd-26th, from 9:00am-Noon! VBS registration is open for preschool– Rising 6th grade students. You can register through the link in the midweek email.

We need your help to make VBS a success!

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Molly Dean at molly2089@gmail.com.



Children's Ministry

5/11– Baby & Child Dedication During Worship
 5/14– Afterschool Program Ends
 6/23-26– Vacation Bible School-True North



Youth Ministry

5/18– Graduation Sunday & End of Year Pool Party @ Jax & Harper Allen's
 6/1– Required Richmond Trip Meeting @2pm

Youth & Children's Ministries



High School Graduates

Chandler Burleson
East Gaston High School
Attending North Carolina State University

Christian Ko
David W. Butler High School
Attending Wake Forest University

College Graduates

Gabrielle Cox
Belmont Abbey
Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education

Joshua Medlina
Western Carolina University
Bachelor of Science in Applied Health Science, Minor in Business

Melissa Rushing
Carolinas College of Health Sciences
Bachelor of Science in Medical Imaging

Post Graduate Degrees

Tori Freeman
Liberty University
Master of Divinity in Youth and Family Ministry

Jessica Medlin
King's College London
Master of Arts in Public Policy

Lauren McCotter
East Carolina University
Master of Science in Nursing: Neonatal Nurse Practitioner

What's Happening at FBC

Men's Breakfast
Saturday, May 17 2025
8:00 a.m.—9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

Come for fellowship and to learn more about

Circles—Men's Discipleship Ministry

Circles was created for all men to be apprentices to Jesus, to be with Jesus, to become like him, and to do as he did.

If you hold to my teachings, you are really my disciples. (John 8:31)

Open to all—bring a friend—youth welcome!

RSVP appreciated: carsondean2@gmail.com

Hosted by FBC's pilot **Circle**—Aubrey Horton, Randy McLean, Carson Dean, Mark Hudome and Matt Williamson

FBCJST Event—Fort Dobbs Historical Site—Shiloh General Store

Fort Dobbs Historical Site is situated in the Piedmont region of North Carolina near the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains close to Statesville. It provides a window into the period of history known as the French and Indian War (1754-1763) or Seven Years War. There are 2 flights of stairs on the tour. Jason at FDHS advised that they have a wheelchair lift which will be safe for anyone using a cane or wheelchair. Fort Dobbs charges a small fee and it will be paid from our FBCJST budget.

Shiloh General Store is an Amish country and general store serving Mooresville, Hamptonville, Boone & Winston-Salem, NC. They offer quality, handmade items for the home. They also offer home-style baked goods, deli meats and cheeses, and fresh sandwiches for lunch. They have an extensive variety of breads, fried pies, whoopie pies, chicken pot pies and gift boxes filled with your choice of Amish jams, jellies, pickles, relishes, butters, teas, and coffees.

Our Schedule:

9:15 a.m.	Arrive at FBCMH
9:30 a.m.	Depart
10:45 a.m.	Arrive Fort Dobbs Historical Site, Statesville
11:00 a.m.	Tour begins promptly
12:00 p.m.	Load bus
12:15 p.m.	Depart
1:00 p.m.	Arrive Shiloh General Store, Hamptonville (Lunch on your own)
2:30 p.m.	Load bus
2:45 p.m.	Depart
4:15 p.m.	Arrive at FBCMH - Guesstimated

Registration for this event will begin on Sunday, April 27 and will close on Sunday, May 11. If you have questions, please contact Jacquely Denison, Linda Smith, Barry Still, Janice Still, Nancy Wrenn or Pam Surratt.

What's Happening at FBC

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinner Menu

May 7 Baked Spaghetti
May 14 Sloppy Joes or Hot Dogs

The Salad Bar is available every week.

May 14 will be the last Wednesday Night Meal
due to the upcoming Summer Break



Ice Cream Social

In Lieu of the Wednesday Night Dinner the Deacons will be hosting an ice cream social on the following dates this summer:

6/22 6:00 p.m. Front Lawn/Fellowship Hall
7/20 6:00 p.m. Front Lawn/Fellowship Hall
8/24 6:00 p.m. Front Lawn/Fellowship Hall



Operation Christmas Child 2025

For the month of May, we're asking everyone to bring SMALL STUFFED ANIMALS.



Our goal for May is 250 small stuffed animals so we can include 1 in each shoebox. The Gathering Place will have a bin with an OCC sign requesting that you place your small stuffed animals 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 5th. Praise God that you hear HIS calling!

Childcare Volunteers

Kingdom Sea-ers (Infant Nursery)

5/4- Maggie Pressley & Linda Richardson
5/11- Todd Flowers
5/18-Jo Ann Rollins & Cheryl Lineberger
5/25-Colleen Grealis & Lauren Huneycutt

Kingdom Adventurers (Toddlers & Preschool)

5/4-Gabby Cox & Sadie Hampton
5/11-Gabby Cox & Sadie Hampton
5/18-Gabby Cox & Maggie Pressley
5/25-Maggie Pressley & Amanda Haverty

Children's Church

5/4- Stay In Worship
5/11- Youth
5/18- Sheri Edge
5/25- Sarah Williamson

May Birthdays

- 3 Linda Piercy, Nykki Hooks
- 4 Cindy Reed
- 5 Karlie Missak
- 6 Emma Rhyne
- 7 Cindi Laughlin, Leah Allen
- 10 Colton Smith, Kaylee Seedorf
- 14 Chris Stewart
- 15 Richard Flowers, Buddie Hodges, Carter Hilderbran
- 16 Julia Richardson
- 22 Dale Barrow
- 23 Peggy McGlohon
- 24 Chris Waters, Linda Hawley
- 25 Tim Cauthen, Leopold Hullander
- 26 Ginger McLean, Nancy Lewis
- 27 Wanda Holloway, David Gaddis
- 28 Teressa Painter, Adam Burleson, Josh Allen, Zach Huneycutt



Church Security

Tami Piercy	May 5—May 11
Scott Poole	May 12—May 18
Todd Flowers	May 19—May 25
Ricky Wrenn	May 26—June 1

Ushers and Greeters

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

May Anniversaries

- 1 Brad and Erica Withers
- 4 David and Nancy Wrenn
- 19 Keith and Tami Piercy
- 22 Ken and Missi Fortsch
- 25 Steve and Jackie Hilderbran
Zach and Lauren Huneycutt
- 26 John and Kasey Petersen



In Sympathy

Our deepest condolences to the family of
Mr. Bobby Laughlin.

Memorials

Building Fund

In memory of Bobby Laughlin from Mr.
and Mrs. Stephen and Mary Ellington

Good morning,

I work at Mount Holly Middle School and just wanted to send a big **THANK YOU** for our treats that you all brought for us this week. They have been a big boost to keep pushing through to Spring Break. Your kindness and generosity is much appreciated.:

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OFFICE SCHEDULE

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

Fr 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 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

March 2025

Total Receipts – \$170,046
Bldg. Fund – \$300
Bldg. Fund YTD – \$4,855
Other Designated – \$170,582
Other Designated YTD – \$119,839
2025 Budget – \$599,884
Avg Needs thru 3/31 – \$149,971
Budget Receipts YTD – \$125,653