

# CONNECT

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**Missions Supported Through our Budget**  
*Annie Armstrong*  
*Your Choices Randolph Endowments*

### Prayer Requests

To share a prayer request, please send emails to [elucas@fbcasheboro.com](mailto:elucas@fbcasheboro.com) or call the church office, from 8 am-5 pm, Monday-Friday.

*“Don’t worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”*

*Philippians 4:6-7*

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**First Baptist Church**  
**CELEBRATING EASTER**

**Experiencing the Cross**  
 April 1 | 6:10 pm | Christian Life Center  
*All ages participate.*  
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He is not here;  
**HE HAS RISEN!**

Just as He said.

**RESTORE**  
**RENEW**  
*Rejuvenate*  
 FBC ASHEBORO




**VISION SUNDAY**  
 APRIL 19, 2026

During this special service you’ll learn more about our building project and the Restore, Renew, Rejuvenate campaign. No financial commitments will be asked for or received on this day.

**A THREE-YEAR GIVING JOURNEY AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ASHEBORO**

Matthew 20:17-19

“While going up to Jerusalem, Jesus took the twelve disciples aside privately and said to them on the way, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem. The Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death. They will hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked, flogged, and crucified, and on the third day he will be raised.”

Numerous times Jesus took His disciples aside and warned them about events to come. He wanted His disciples to understand that there were tough and trying times ahead in their lives. Sometimes we tend to forget that following Jesus is not a call to a comfortable, easy life. Following Jesus comes at great cost! Jesus is more concerned with making us holy than happy. Hear the words in Luke 9:23 - Then Jesus said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.”

As we celebrate Easter, let us reflect on the incredible cost Jesus was willing to pay to offer us salvation. Let us also examine our lives and ask if we are truly taking up our crosses to follow him. **Are we willing to pay the cost of discipleship?** Maybe He is calling you to surrender to His presence more in worship. Perhaps He is calling you to join a small group or Sunday School class. The next step in your discipleship might be to join a mission or ministry through our church. God may be working on your heart about how to be part of the Restore, Renew, Rejuvenate Campaign. God is calling all of us to walk closer to him in discipleship. With this call comes the potential for sacrifice and hardship.

Let us never forget words we find in Luke 24:4-7 when the women go to Jesus’ tomb to prepare His dead body - “While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men stood by them in dazzling clothes. So the women were terrified and bowed down to the ground. “Why are you looking for the living among the dead?” asked the men. “He is not here, but he has risen! Remember how he spoke to you when he was still in Galilee, saying, ‘It is necessary that the Son of Man be betrayed into the hands of sinful men, be crucified, and rise on the third day?’”

Let us never forget that Jesus Christ has won! He is Risen! He is Alive! We can face the hardships and sacrifices of today because they pale in comparison to the glory that awaits us for all eternity. Let us take up our crosses together so we can march our way toward our eternal home inviting everyone to join us!



## PASTOR ON CALL

April 4-5.....	Stephen Owen/828-292-4627
April 11-12.....	Michael Thames/336-971-6798
April 18-19.....	Jenn York/336-906-6779
April 25-26.....	Michael Trogdon/336-588-8223

### Giving Numbers

Received: February 2026 .....	\$127,368.00
Budgeted: February 2026 .....	\$135,064.00
Received: Year to Date 2026 .....	\$206,425.00
Budgeted: Year to Date 2026 .....	\$270,128.00

## CONNECTIONS

MICHAEL THAMES

Are you looking in the right place?

I enjoy hiding easter eggs more than I enjoy finding them. I have for as long as I can remember. The enjoyment I receive watching others find eggs is more than the enjoyment I receive finding them myself. I still like finding eggs and the little treats inside, especially if it is chocolate, but I found that sharing in the giving is greater than sharing in the receiving.



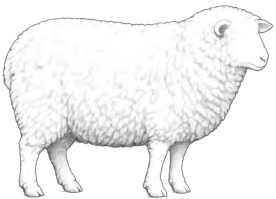
The same is true for me in church. I used to attend church wondering what I would receive that day. Would I find a special gift from God wrapped inside a sermon, the music, or perhaps an egg? Would I receive a special gift from a pastor or a teacher, a friend or maybe a stranger? Sometimes I left the church feeling like I didn't receive a gift because I didn't always look in the right place. I was making it all about what I received.

I do not think there is anything wrong with coming to church and expecting a gift from God. I believe He wants to give us those great gifts as our Father. However, I believe God also wants us to share the gifts He has given. God has created us to receive a greater blessing when we give than when we receive, especially in church! I encourage you to "...remember the words of the Lord Jesus, because He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" -- Acts 20:35 (CSB)

If you are coming to church with the expectation of receiving a special gift, may God bless you. If you are coming to church expecting to share God's gifts with others, may God bless you even more! If we want to receive God's greatest blessings then I hope we look in the right place, the place Jesus said to find them. It is in our giving that we as believers will receive God's greatest blessing. How can you share the time, talents, and treasures God has given to you so someone else can receive His gift?

## MISSIONS

MICHAEL TROGDON



*"And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the Kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when He SAW the multitudes, He was MOVED WITH COMPASSION on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith He unto His disciples, 'The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth*

*laborers into His harvest'."* Matthew 9:35-38

This is such a powerful passage, because Jesus was busy doing good things...doing great things; however, even in His busyness, He SAW something else. He saw something more! It was as though there was an imbalance. Jesus was saying, "I have taught them, I have preached to them, and I have healed/delivered them, but something is still missing. Now that I have done the "spiritual" part, there is on-going discipleship now needed; as well as practical ministry...clothes, food, shelter, and counseling!"

When I look at the text, two things jump out at me; the word "saw" and the phrase "moved with compassion." The word "saw" wasn't merely acknowledging a thing, but taking a vested interest in, genuine concern for, and, determined to make a difference!

"Moved with compassion" wasn't merely pity or sympathy. It was more than being moved to tears or stirred emotionally. Compassion means pity and mercy accompanied by a desire to help change things. True compassion moves us to do something! It means, stirred to action. So, as we "see" the hurting, the broken and the downtrodden, may we like Jesus, be determined to make a difference. May we continue to be "moved with compassion."



**A gift for your family...**

This Easter we want to gift each family with a six-week devotional book that focuses on "What's Next" when Easter Sunday is over. "For Jesus's friends and followers, the resurrection transformed the trajectory of their lives! In this

devotional, each member of your family can ask the most important question: How Will Easter Change Me?" See pastor Jenn for your copy today.

**April Birthdays:**

Logan Kale 4/6,  
Jackson Motley 4/8,  
Callahan Hinson 4/15, Thompson Singh 4/25



**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Experiencing the Cross | April 1**

6:10 pm | Christian Life Center

**Good Friday Service | April 3**

7 pm | Sanctuary

**6<sup>th</sup> Graders Bowling | May 15**

6 pm | Strike House, Asheboro

**Beach Reach (pre-registered) | May 1 – May 3**

**Vacation Bible School | June 15 – June 18**

*Illumination Station*

# YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

AARON LITTELL

**Spring Retreat | April 24-26**

Those registered to go on the Spring Retreat to Fort Caswell will be leaving at 4:00 pm on Friday and will return by 3:00 pm on Sunday.



**Adopt-A-Grandparent | May 17**

Our Adopt-a-Grandparents/Grandchildren will meet for their final social of this school year at 5:00 pm in the Christian Life Center. Join us for food, fun, and great fellowship!

**Graduation Banquet | May 30**

High School Seniors who wish to participate in the graduation banquet, please email [alittell@fbcasheboro.com](mailto:alittell@fbcasheboro.com) no later than **May 3** with the **number of guests that will be attending**. There will be a slideshow so please provide up to **15 digital photos** no later than **May 10**.



**Graduation Sunday | May 31**

**ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADUATES**



Our church will honor high school and college graduates on Sunday, May 31. FBC members who wish to participate should email [alittell@fbcasheboro.com](mailto:alittell@fbcasheboro.com) by **May 3** with the graduate's **full name, school name, future plans, degree(s) earned, and a cap and gown photo**.



Starting April 14, the young adults will be doing a four-week study on Tuesdays at 7 pm. Our first meeting will be at Chick-fil-A in the mall! Come join us for fellowship and a chance to dive into God's word!



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## MUSIC MINISTRY

ALYSSA PLOTT

As we move through the month of April, our hearts are still tender from the journey we've just taken together through Experience the Cross, Good Friday, and our Easter Cantata: *The Shadow of Redemption*. We stood at the foot of the cross. We sang of sorrow, of sacrifice, of a Savior who bore our sin and shame. Hymns like *The Old Rugged Cross* remind us that the cross was not just a symbol... it was an instrument of suffering, love, and redemption.



Resurrection Sunday is coming! The stone will be rolled away! The grave will be empty! And now, the question before us is not simply what happened, but how will we live because of it?

It is easy to reflect on the message of *The Shadow of Redemption* in song, but what does it truly mean to carry that message into our daily lives?

To live in the shadow of redemption means we do not forget the cost of our salvation. It means humility in a world that celebrates pride, forgiveness when it would be easier to hold a grudge, and sacrifice in a culture that tells us to put ourselves first. The cross calls us to die to ourselves so that Christ might live through us.

We are not left at the cross—we live in the power of the resurrection!

Because He lives, we have hope, purpose, and new life. So this month, let us carry both the weight of the cross and the joy of the empty tomb, living each day as people who have truly been changed!

## THE GROWING PLACE

KATHERINE DAVIS

The Growing Place loves this time of year! Spring is a season of new life! It is a good time for our preschoolers to explore the wonders of nature and the love of Jesus. As flowers begin to bloom and children grow curious, we use this time to share with them how Jesus created all the flowers and trees. More importantly, it opens the door to conversations about God's creation and His amazing power. We will also focus on the message of Jesus' love, especially as we approach Easter. Spring is not only a time of growth in nature but also a time of growth in the hearts of our children. Thank you for your prayers as we nurture both the minds and spirits of the children and their families.



## CHURCH NEWS



Thank you to all the families and volunteers that made Children's Day 2026 so wonderfully special! It was a truly blessed day!

*Pastor Jenn*

We wanted to say thank you to those who have prayed, called, sent cards, and visited. Our church family has been so supportive and caring during our extended health issues, and we are truly grateful.

*Don & Carol Butler*

### Experiencing the Cross | April 1

*All ages participate.*

*Childcare is available for infants-4 year olds.*



### Good Friday Service | April 3

*Communion will be observed during the service.*

*Childcare is available for infants-4 year olds.*

### Church Office Closed | April 3 & 6

*The church office will be closed in observance of Easter.*

### Easter Sunday | April 5

*Regular Worship Services*

*No evening activities will be held except HeartSpace.*

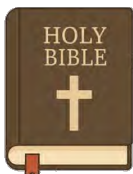
### No Wednesday Night Activities | April 8

## Upcoming Events



**Guest Mission Speakers**— Roger and Vicki Grossman are emeritus missionaries with the International Mission Board (IMB). They have served in Guatemala for more than 30 years and now serve as directors of the International Indigenous Community Development, which operates Good Shepherd Ministries. Join us as they share at both worship services on Sunday, April 12. We are excited to hear from them and hope you will join us!

**Malaysian Refugee Mission Trip Interest Meeting**— If you're interested in this mission opportunity, join us on Sunday, April 12 at 5:30 pm in Room 118. Contact Jesse Barney for more information.

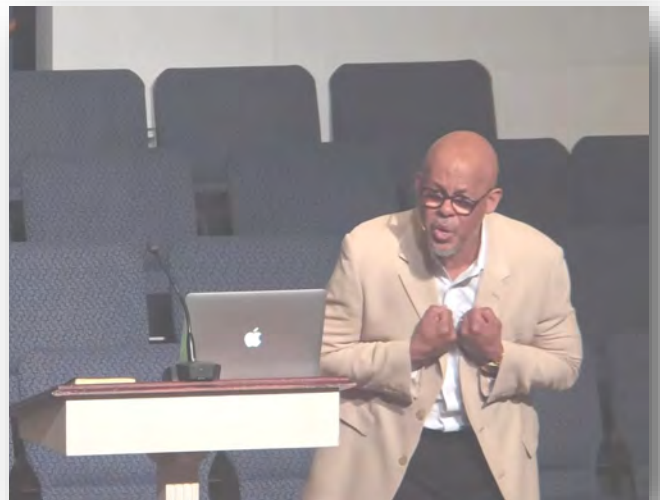


**Early Morning Men's Bible Study**— Starting April 16, join us for a men's Bible study every Thursday morning at 6:15 am in Room 118. This is a great opportunity to study God's Word and fellowship together. For more information, please contact Scott McCutchen or Stephen Owen.

**Spring Cleaning**— On Saturday, April 25, the church will hold a "Spring Cleaning" day as we prepare for the renovation project. This will be an opportunity to clear out unused items from storage rooms and prepare spaces for alternate use during the renovation. More details to follow.



# Moments in Ministry



## LOOKING AHEAD

<b>April 1</b>	<i>Experiencing the Cross</i>
<b>April 2</b>	<i>Bingo (Sr. Adults)</i>
<b>April 3</b>	<i>Good Friday Service</i>
<b>April 3 &amp; 6</b>	<b>Church Office Closed</b>
<b>April 5</b>	<i>Easter Sunday (Regular Worship Services)</i>
<b>April 7</b>	<i>No Joyful Singers</i>
<b>April 8</b>	<b>No Wednesday Night Activities</b>
<b>April 9</b>	<i>Our Daily Bread (Sr. Adults)</i>
<b>April 12</b>	<i>Mission Commission Sunday/Missionary Speakers</i>
<b>April 12</b>	<i>Fill the Tank (Baptisms)</i>
<b>April 12</b>	<i>Malaysian Refugee Mission Trip Interest Meeting</i>
<b>April 13</b>	<i>Coffee &amp; Inspiration</i>
<b>April 14</b>	<i>Young Adult Bible Study</i>
<b>April 14</b>	<i>Joyful Singers/Clapps (Asheboro) (Sr. Adults)</i>
<b>April 16</b>	<i>Early Morning Men's Bible Study</i>
<b>April 19</b>	<i>Vision Sunday</i>
<b>April 20</b>	<i>Hearts &amp; Hands</i>
<b>April 21</b>	<i>Joyful Singers/Autumn Care (Biscoe) (Sr. Adults)</i>
<b>April 24-26</b>	<i>Youth Retreat</i>
<b>April 25</b>	<i>Clean-up Day</i>
<b>April 28</b>	<i>Joyful Singers/Terra Bella (Sr. Adults)</i>

Connect will next be published on

April 30, 2026

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The deadline for submitting information is  
**Noon on Wednesday, April 22, 2026.**

See the weekly **Ministry Guide** for  
more upcoming events.



**FBC ASHEBORO**

*Where the Gospel comes first.*

### WORSHIP SERVICES

8:30 am & 11:00 am

*With Livestream on YouTube @ 11 am*

### BONUS TEACHING HOUR

*(infant—4 year-olds Bible learning activities)*

8:30 am & 11:00 am

1st floor of The Growing Place Childcare Center

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

*(for all ages)*

9:45-10:45 am

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