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Prayer Partners

Sasha Tsutero

Mission Emphasis

Communities In School

Prayer Requests

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

*Rejoice always, pray continually, give
thanks in all circumstances; for this is
God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Annual Meeting & Mission Project

Sunday, August 17

Christian Life Center

Meal @ 5:30 pm followed by the meeting.

Packing shoeboxes will take place
before and after the meeting.



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Amazon Wishlist QR Code
Donations Deadline August 3



1 Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

These incredible verses are in Paul's letter to the church at Corinth. Paul founded the church at Corinth. Now a few years later, he is writing to them to help address some disturbing reports he had heard about them. Paul is attempting to encourage the church to turn their eyes back to Jesus and away from the Greco-Roman influences within their society. Paul wants the focus to be on Jesus. However, for their focus to be on Jesus, love must be an indispensable part of their daily life.

Paul tells them that it doesn't matter how visible and effective their work in ministry may appear; if it's not founded in love, it's nothing more than noise. It doesn't matter how wise or knowledgeable it seems, without love – there is nothing. It doesn't matter what sacrifices are made – without love, nothing is gained!

Brother and sister, as we continue to seek to be his disciples and to live out being his church together, if we don't have love as the foundational driver in all we do, then it's all for nothing! Now true biblical love is not a passing feeling or sensation. Biblical love is an active choice that requires humility, reconciliation, truth, endurance, and growth. I want to invite you to join us on Sunday mornings as we learn about Biblical love and ask God to grow this love inside of us as we are seeking to be his disciples.

Hear Jesus' own words, ³⁴ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:34-35 (NIV)

Welcome Michael Thames, our new Associate Pastor of Connections!



On Saturday, July 19, church members gathered in the Christian Life Center to meet and introduce themselves to Michael Thames and his family while enjoying a delicious ice cream sundae bar provided by the Search Committee. On Sunday, July 20, Michael preached at both services and the church voted to call Michael to join our staff and serve our church as Associate Pastor of Connections.

While we are very excited to begin this journey with the Thames family, we are sad to say a final goodbye to Mark Hall. After 39 years of faithful service to our church, Mark is retiring. We wish the very best for Mark and Karen during this next phase of their lives. I believe everyone would join the Personnel Committee in saying "well done my good and faithful servant!"

Please join us in welcoming the Thames family in the fall.

Alice Cook, Chairman of Personnel Committee

PASTOR ON CALL

August 1-3..... Mark Hall/336-953-8659
 August 8-10..... Aaron Littell/828-719-7716
 August 15-17..... Stephen Owen/828-292-4627
 August 22-23..... Rick Davis/336-953-8090
 August 29-30..... Jenn York/336-906-6779

August stirs in me a deep sense of anticipation. It's a month charged with the promise of fresh beginnings—school resumes, new studies launch, and ministries that rested over the summer awaken with renewed energy. The rhythm of “the grind,” while demanding, is also a grace: an invitation to fill our days with things that matter.

One of the things I’m most excited about this year is our Fifth Sunday Specials, taking place in August, November, March, and May. These evenings will be set aside for worship, reflection, and gratitude—space carved out of our busy calendars not as one more obligation, but as a joyful “I get to.” Our first gathering will be on Sunday, August 31 at 6:00 pm, and will mark a truly special occasion: the Dedication of our new Estonia Grand Piano, given through your generosity and offered back to God’s service. This night of worship will include music from Janet Myers, Beth Younts, Rita White, our Worship Choir, and several gifted young pianists—a true celebration of beauty, excellence, and purpose.

As our full ministry calendar resumes, now is the perfect time to connect—or reconnect—with our church family, especially within the Music Ministry. Whether you’ve been waiting for the right moment to join the Worship Choir (seasonal singers are always welcome!), Praise Team or Joyful Singers, or involve a child or grandchild in our Children’s and Youth Choirs/Ministry Programs, there is room for you here. Truly, it often takes just one invitation to spark a calling, a connection, or a renewed passion.

Pastor Michael recently reminded us that we’re quick to share what we love—our favorite restaurants, teams, or vacation spots—but are we just as eager to share what God is doing in our midst? Are we inviting others to experience what’s happening at FBCA?

Whatever your stage of life—whether navigating a packed schedule or enjoying the spaciousness of retirement—I encourage you to take that next step, plug in, and invite others to do the same. As my students will tell you, I love nothing more than to share some cheese dip after a rehearsal or big musical offering. So I’ll ask you: are you sharing your cheese dip? Are you sharing the joy and hope that Jesus is stirring here?

There is a place for you at First Baptist Asheboro. And the more you pour into God’s work, the more deeply you’ll discover just how richly He pours into you.

THE GROWING PLACE

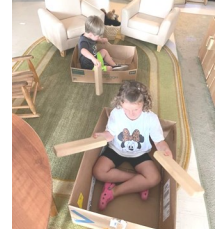
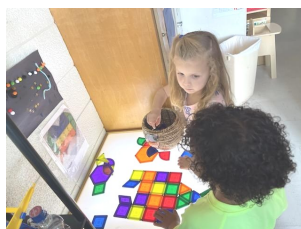
KATHERINE DAVIS



God is so good! The Growing Place has had an incredible summer so far, filled with laughter, learning, and the joy of Jesus! One of the highlights has been our “Magnified” VBS, where our preschoolers experienced the wonder of God’s Word in fun and meaningful ways. Each day, our amazing teachers brought the theme to life with engaging activities that helped the children explore how we can magnify the Lord together.

It was such a blessing to watch the children light up as they learned and memorized **Psalm 34:3** – **“Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together!”** And their favorite part? Singing their hearts out to the “Magnified” song—what a joyful sound!

Our theme for the new school year is sports, reminding us that life is one big adventure with God as our coach! We will be focusing on **Joshua 1:9**: *“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”* It’s the perfect verse to encourage our little ones to step into the new year with boldness, faith, and confidence!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

JENNIFER YORK

The Sharable Parable...Children four-years-old through 5th grade spent Wednesday nights, this summer, learning about the Sharable Parables outlined in the Gospels, taught by Jesus. We learned many lessons about following God's kingdom first, having faith, helping others, that Jesus wants us, sharing the gospel, having wisdom and more. Each night we worshiped, played games, crafted, engaged in activities that connected the lesson and looked at scripture to see how we could apply it to our lives.

Fall Kick-Off— On Wednesday, August 27, DonutNV and Kona Ice will be on-site, the playground will be open, and cornhole will be available for everyone to enjoy. Bring a lawn chair and celebrate the new season with us.

Children & Youth Pool Party—Join us for a fun family night on Saturday, August 30 from 5:00-8:00 pm at Asheboro Racquet & Swim Club. Pizza will be served! Use the QR code to register.



Jump Up—Sunday, September 7 during the Sunday School hour the children 4-years-old, 1st and 4th graders will move up.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, August 6

Night with the Snipes from Colombia | 6:00 pm

Wednesday, August 6, 13 & 20

Family Mission Share Nights

Sanctuary | 6:10 pm

Wednesday, August 27

Fall Kick-Off | 6:00 pm

DonutNV, Kona Ice, Cornhole, Playground

For all children, youth, and adults

Saturday, August 30

Children & Youth Pool Party | 5-8 pm

Asheboro Racquet & Swim Club

Sunday, September 7

Sunday School Jump Up Sunday



August Birthdays:

Grayson Lahr (8/4), Marley McKiever (8/16),
Adalaide Barney (8/22), David Todd York (8/26)

COMMUNICATIONS

MARK HALL

The Lord called me here on July 6, 1986, and that full-time season on staff closed and body of work completed on February 5, 2023. My dad's last words to me were, "they'll probably need you a little longer." Little did I know those words would come true before his home going on January 7, 2022.

The interim season that followed for you and I will now close on Sunday, August 17. Interim work is a transitional period while the church searches for that position, navigating change, and providing continuity and stability of associate pastoral roles as needed. I trust we can attest that it is now complete.

So many staff across the church landscape have never known real friends and co-laborers like you. You have been a cherished branch office of the kingdom to live amongst and serve alongside. Our parting is healthy. I celebrate the lifelong friendships hewed in the journey of life, in service, forged on mission, and celebrated in worship.

I would be remiss not to thank Karen, who is the closest to this journey, never hindering my work on church staff. God called her to nurture our sons early in the home and serve in the field of social work through the hospital setting.

May God pour out His richest blessings on your homes, the church, Pastor Stephen whom I have been privileged to serve, and new church staff. May the Gospel advance in every way, and this downtown, flagship church of truth, bring Glory to God.

Glory to His Name!

CHURCH NEWS

Thank you

Thank you so much for all the cards, food, and especially the prayers. God is good all the time and you all exhibit the goodness every single day. I know of no other church where I would have been cared for as you cared for me. I am thankful to be a part of this wonderful group of people. May God always shine on you and bless you as He has blessed me through you.

Gloria Hilton

Our family would like to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone at FBC for the prayers, love, and support shown to Carol over the past few years. We are especially grateful to her Sunday School class for helping her continue to attend and stay connected.

Thank you for the kind cards, memorial donations, and thoughtful expressions of sympathy. A special thank you to Dr. John Rogers and Pastor Stephen Owen for the beautiful service in her honor. Your love and care have meant so much to our family during this time.

Vic Jones & Family

Thank you to everyone who donated casual clothing to the prison ministry. At this time, their clothing needs have been fully met. Your generosity is making a meaningful impact and helping shine the light of Jesus to those who need it most.

Larry Cahoon

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Doris McHenry

Joined by Statement

June 15, 2025

Deacon: Ann Spencer



Sherryl Keith

Joined by Baptism

June 1, 2025

Deacon: Frances Cagle

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

AARON LITTELL

August 10—Youth vs. Adult Basketball Game & CUOC Food Drive Join us at Southwestern Randolph High School (SWRHS) for an evening of friendly competition and community impact! Doors open at 5:30 pm, and tip-off is at 6:00 pm. Register to play or just come cheer on the participants. **Admission:** Bring a non-perishable food item to support the CUOC. Come see if the youth really have what it takes to down the adults-or at least enjoy trying!



August 23—Lifeline Christian Mission Meal Packing We are partnering with Cross Road Baptist Church youth and other local youth groups in the area to pack meals for *Lifeline Christian Mission*. It will begin at 10:00 am on Saturday, August 23 until we finish. The goal is to raise support for and pack 10,000 meals. Sign up by August 10.



Summer Camp and Mission Trip—Next year, we're shaking things up a bit. We will be attending Youth Week at Fort Caswell from June 22- June 26, and it's open to all youth. I am hoping to organize a mission trip to Cuba from July 11-18, open to rising juniors, seniors and recent graduates.

To make both trips possible, we will need chaperones. I'm asking both parents and youth who are interested in either trip to sign up at the link below to help us with early planning. **Please note:** *this is not the official registration-just a way to express your interest.* More details will be coming soon!



YOUNG ADULTS—Please be in prayer for our young adults as they step into new seasons this fall. Some are headed off to college, others are beginning new jobs, and many are navigating times of transition. Pray that God will direct their steps and guide them along the path He has prepared for them. Ask that they be a light to those around them-faithful witnesses in whatever mission field they have been given. May God strengthen and sustain them in all they face in the coming year. *Haven't I commanded you: be strong and courageous? Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9*

ON MISSION TEAM 2025

MISSION TRIPS

Guatemala Mission Trip—Our team of ten had an incredible week serving the children at The Good Shepherd Children's Home in Guatemala. Thank you, First Baptist, for your faithful support and prayers. Your generosity is making a lasting impact!



Jimmy Huffman brought back 40 bags of Guatemala coffee beans. The coffee can be purchased in the office for \$15 per bag. Make your payments to FBC with 'Guatemala Coffee' in the memo.



Kearns Trotter—This summer I spent six weeks in Trento, Italy. We served alongside an organization called English Link who is partnered with the local evangelical church. English Link hosts events for college students that facilitate English conversations. Our role in Trento was to expand the ministry capabilities of the English Link organization, build relationships with students at the University of Trento, and to support local/international evangelical-believing students.



Wyoming Mission Trip—Thirteen incredible camp cooks spent a week on Mountain Top, experiencing God's presence throughout Kids Camp. Our team joyfully prepared meals for 93 children, 42 staff and sponsors, and ourselves—cooking, cleaning, laughing, and praying together. While we fed bodies, God fed hearts, and we rejoice that 23 children accepted Jesus as their Savior. Every role at camp, big or small, matters in leading others to Christ.





PRIME TIME NEWS

¹⁹ "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ~ Matthew 6:19-21

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Senior Living Facilities/Rehab

Alpine Health & Rehab	<i>Tom Lewis</i>
Asheboro Rehabilitation Center	<i>Emily Nance</i>
Brookdale	<i>Faye McDaniel, Janice Scarborough</i>
Clapp's	<i>George Lucas, Brenda Hall</i>
Cross Road Assisted Living	<i>Grace Bullard, Bobbie Gibson, Kathy Snead, Patsy Myers</i>
Cross Road Memory Care	<i>Martha Henley, Mary Owens, Pug Yeatts</i>
GrayBrier Nursing & Rehabilitation	<i>Lois Edwards</i>
Montgomery Senior Living	<i>Susan Long</i>
Ramseur Rehabilitation	<i>Randy Bulla</i>

At Home Members

Recovering from Recent Surgeries or Other Health Concerns

Joyce Crocker	Shirley Ferryman	Becky Cline
Joretta McNeill	Nancy King	Cecil Hall
Deborah Wood	Tony McKinnon	Gwen Trotter
Sharon Hunter	Gail Griffin	Nelson Rowland
Nancy Horton	Charles Havens	

Christian Sympathy is extended to...

- The Rotan Family on the passing of their mother, Gwen Rotan, who was a former church member on July 19.
- Bob & Denise Durand on the passing of his mother, Jean Durand on July 21.
- Nancy King on the passing of her son-in-law, Richard Putnam on July 22.

WITH DEEPEST
Sympathy

SENIOR UPCOMING EVENTS

Senior Adult Wesley Memorial Tour Update—The cathedral will now be closed on August 14, so our tour has been rescheduled for **Thursday, August 7**. The schedule remains the same: depart FBC at 9:15 am, arrive at 10:00 am for the guided tour, followed by lunch. If you were signed up and can attend the new date, please confirm with Susan Huff at 336-465-6771.

BINGO Cancelled—No Bingo Thursday, August 7.

Joyful Singers—We will resume practice on Tuesday, August 12 at 1:00 pm in the music suite. New members are always welcome! Contact Sandy Kilby for more information at 913-522-1133.

SAVE THE DATE—Senior Adult Sunday is August 24. Following the 11 am service, all senior adults are invited to a luncheon hosted by the youth in the Christian Life Center.



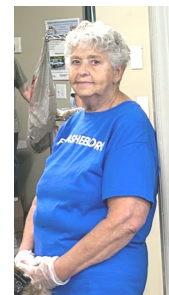
At our lively 90's Gathering, our amazing ninety-year-olds had the special opportunity to meet and mingle with our new Children's Pastor, Jenn York! Pastor Jenn shared a fun and uplifting recap of Vacation Bible School that had everyone smiling. We were also blessed by a heartfelt devotional and plenty of sweet time spent fellowshiping together. The Nanny's Luncheon Team out did themselves with a charming picnic-themed lunch that added the perfect touch to a joyful afternoon!



The luncheon was prepared by Carolyn Thomas, Linda Carol Thrift, Ann Spencer, and Susan Huff. Ron Huff and Wayne Thrift also assisted in preparation and setup. Our 90 plus attendees consisted of Betty Caviness, Helen Caviness, Ruth Emery, Bobbi Gibson, Betty LaGrange and Kathleen Snead.



On Monday, July 14, a dedicated group of nine Senior Adults from First Baptist Church served at Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen, helping to prepare and serve a hot meal. Each weekday, Our Daily Bread partners with volunteers from local churches, youth groups, and schools to provide warm, nutritious meals to individuals and families facing hardship. Whether by cooking, sharing a smile, or offering a kind word, volunteers are living out Christ's call to serve "the least of these" right here in our own community. If you are interested in volunteering to prepare and serve a meal at Our Daily Bread, see Susan Huff for more information.





First Baptist Church
Senior Birthdays for September



Day	Name	Address	City	Phone
1	Mr. Dan Tanner	2417 Rockwood Rd.	Asheboro, NC 27205	301-0217
2	Ms. Aileene Carroll	779 Newbern Ave.	Asheboro, NC 27205	460-0804
6	Mrs. Gayle Jones	2008 Springwood Ct.	Asheboro, NC 27205	302-1747
6	Mrs. Janice Burrus	1452 Min Lee Dr.	Asheboro, NC 27205	757-621-3860
7	Mrs. Nancy Horton	216 Woodmont Dr.	Ramseur, NC 27316	953-6862
8	Mr. Dave Wallace	850 Rockcliff Ter.	Asheboro, NC 27205	625-3730
8	Mrs. Donna Jones	388 Abby Ln.	Asheboro, NC 27205	328-6347
11	Mrs. Nancy Neill	984 Tamworth Rd.	Asheboro, NC 27203	625-9965
11	Mr. John Patterson	170 N. Church St., Apt. 106	Asheboro, NC 27203	963-9317
13	Mr. Dean Sexton	2724 Mountain Laurel Ln.	Asheboro, NC 27205	736-8157
14	Mrs. Carolyn Hall	3526 Tot Hill Farm Rd.	Asheboro, NC 27205	963-4552
14	Mrs. Peggy Sherrill	845 Newbern Ave.	Asheboro, NC 27205	626-0183
15	Mr. Bob Pickett	2009 Berkley Ln.	Asheboro, NC 27205	625-0528
18	Mr. Nelson Rowland	1865 Spero Rd.	Asheboro, NC 27205	626-1484
18	Mr. Tim Britt	1265 Eton Ave.	Asheboro, NC 27203	302-9558
18	Mrs. Carolyn Stiner	2325 Cole Mountain Rd.	Asheboro, NC 27205	267-0699
18	Ms. Elaine Overman	2618 High Meadow Dr.	Asheboro, NC 27205	857-2835
20	Ms. Lisa Qualls	933 Tamworth Rd.	Asheboro, NC 27203	302-5089
20	Mr. Paul Wooley	4026 NC Highway 134	Asheboro, NC 27205	629-5492
20	Mr. Stuart Castelloe	1677 Gopher Woods Rd.	Asheboro, NC 27205	460-6400
20	Mr. Ken Vaughn	2839 Oak Hollow Dr.	Asheboro, NC 27205	870-0894
20	Ms. Elaine Beck	1729 Southwood Dr.	Asheboro, NC 27205	953-3703
24	Mrs. Tammy Cox	4111 NC Highway 49 S.	Asheboro, NC 27205	460-7630
24	Mrs. Cherie Orrell	679 Cedar Creek Dr.	Asheboro, NC 27205	629-0771
24	Mr. Daniel Wood	899 Greencastle Rd.	Asheboro, NC 27205	460-7701
24	Mr. Robert Ecker	2215 Betty McGee Dr.	Asheboro, NC 27205	716-499-3579
25	Mrs. Donna Graves	2303 Augusta Dr.	Asheboro, NC 27205	302-4580
25	Ms. Beckie Johnson	159 Crestview Church Rd.	Asheboro, NC 27205	302-0220
26	Mrs. Betty Caviness	1151 Camelot Dr.	Asheboro, NC 27203	625-6482
26	Mr. Charles Kemp	770 Fesmire St.	Asheboro, NC 27205	910-975-8034
26	Mrs. Laura Castelloe	1677 Gopher Woods Rd.	Asheboro, NC 27205	257-0787
26	Mrs. Linda Yates	2230 N. Fayetteville St., Apt. 8D	Asheboro, NC 27203	674-9481
27	Mr. Ted Orrell	679 Cedar Creek Dr.	Asheboro, NC 27205	629-0771
28	Mr. Rick Davis	1621 Plantation Cir.	Asheboro, NC 27205	953-8090
29	Ms. Debbie Gatlin	217 Springwood Rd.	Asheboro, NC 27205	963-6655

LOOKING AHEAD

August 3	<i>On Mission Team Meeting</i>
August 6	<i>Mission Share Night/Sanctuary</i>
August 7	<i>Senior Adults Trip/Wesley Memorial Church</i>
August 9	<i>Gideons Training</i>
August 10	<i>Youth vs Adult Basketball Game/SWRHS</i>
August 12	<i>Deacons Meeting</i>
August 13	<i>Mission Share Night/Sanctuary</i>
August 16	<i>Prayer Walk/SAMS Track</i>
August 17	<i>Annual Meeting & Mission Project</i>
August 20	<i>Mission Share Night/Sanctuary</i>
August 23	<i>Youth Mission Opportunity/Cross Road Church</i>
August 24	<i>Senior Adult Sunday</i>
August 24	<i>Prayer Walk for Randolph County</i>
August 30	<i>Children & Youth Pool Party</i>
September 1	<i>Church Office Closed/ Labor Day</i>

Connect will next be published on

August 26, 2025

The deadline for submitting information is
Noon on Wednesday, August 20, 2025.

For more information on upcoming ministry events,
please see the weekly **Ministry Guide** calendar
or call the church office.



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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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