

CONNECT

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Baptist Hospital
The Zenelli Family (Albania)
The Gevorgyans Family (Armenia)

Prayer Requests

To share a prayer request, please send emails to 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

Music & Missions Night

MAY 27, 2026 @ 6:10 PM



Come support our children's choirs, children's mission groups, and youth as they share what they have learned during the year through music and missions.

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Honoring the class of 2026!

GRADUATE SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MAY 31

8:30 & 11:00 AM

Lamentations is an interesting book in the Old Testament. The book is comprised of five poems responding to the destruction of Jerusalem by the Babylonians. It is a book that expresses grief, pain, and suffering. The laments are able to give expression to the suffering. It reminds us how very real and heavy the burdens of this world can be. Lamentations is also a very important book because it reminds us that in suffering, there is unrelenting hope in God.

Take a look at Lamentations 3:22-24 (CSB)

"Because of the Lord's faithful love we do not perish, for his mercies never end. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness! I say, "The Lord is my portion, therefore I will put my hope in him."



The Lord is our portion. His mercies are new every day! Aren't you glad for new mercies every day? Often when we get caught up in the moment, we lose sight of God's presence and provision that is available. Christ's presence is available to us today!

As we continue this journey together, taking this big step of faith to restore, renew and rejuvenate our education building, we can be sure that the enemy will attack. When you take a big step of faith for the Lord, the devil wants nothing more than to wage spiritual war against you. There will be trials ahead as we seek to walk in God's will, but greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world! God has already won! Christ is victorious, and our victorious Savior is present to walk with us in his victory!

I want to encourage you to remember that He gives new mercies daily and to let the Lord be your portion. As we go through this month of remembering our mother's, our graduates, and those that gave their lives for our country, let's not forget how God has been faithful to us. Let's remember how His hope has carried us through the hardships of life and continue to rely on it to usher us into the victorious future He has prepared. The Lord is faithful and we can rely on his faithfulness yesterday, today, and forever!

PASTOR ON CALL

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|----------------|------------------------------|
| May 2-3..... | Aaron Littell/828-719-7716 |
| May 9-10..... | Stephen Owen/828-292-4627 |
| May 16-17..... | Michael Trogdon/336-588-8223 |
| May 23-24..... | Michael Thames/336-971-6798 |

Giving Numbers

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| Received: March 2026..... | \$104,282.00 |
| Budgeted: March 2026..... | \$142,805.00 |
| Received: Year to Date 2026..... | \$310,708.00 |
| Budgeted: Year to Date 2026..... | \$371,294.00 |

Easter Offering

| | Goal | Received |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Annie Armstrong | \$10,000.00 | \$10,626.00 |
| FBC Home Ministries..... | \$5,000.00 | \$1,560.00 |
| Total | \$15,000.00 | \$12,186.00 |

May is for Remembering...

Mother's Day: We remember the women who gave so much of themselves so we could thrive.

Memorial Day: We remember those who gave the last full measure of devotion in serving God by serving our country.

Graduation Sunday: We remember the hard work by students and those supporting them.

For each person we remember. There were moments they could have given up, moments they felt like they could not go on. In these moments, they chose to give a little more. Those are the moments they chose something greater than themselves. Those are the moments they showed us the love of Jesus. Since every good thing comes from God, then every good choice is a reflection of Him. We do not just remember the people who sacrificed so much, we remember Jesus who gave us the example to follow. We remember a life well lived is not just lived for our benefit.

I sometimes wonder what people will remember about my life. I wonder if they will remember the times I fell short, there are so many. I wonder if they will remember what I have done or how I made them feel. I hope they remember how much Jesus loves them and how, at my best, I reflected that love.

How do you think people will remember you? How are you reflecting the love of Jesus? If you are struggling to find something greater than yourself, let us know. We can help you find purpose in serving God by serving others. We can help you connect and make a difference.

MISSIONS**MICHAEL TROGDON**

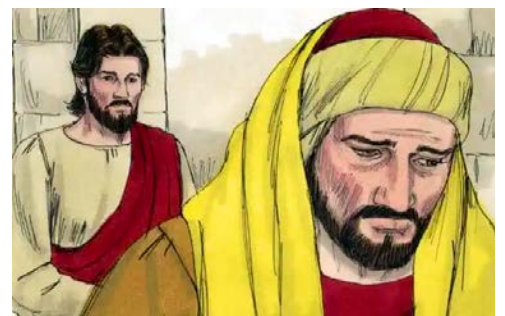
In Matthew 19:16-30 the Rich Young Ruler comes to Jesus asking, "What good deed must I do to have eternal life?" Jesus tells him to keep the commandments, and he responds that he has done so from his youth.

One thing that is distinctive in Matthew's narrative is that the young man then asks Jesus, "What do I still lack?" It's an incredible question because, the truth is, we can do everything that "appears" right but still know that something is not right on the inside. Jesus responds, "Sell your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow Me."

Of course, Jesus does not call all His hearers to give away all their possessions because, not all people are as

burdened by their possessions as this young man was. The challenge to him was radical because of his strong attachment to his wealth. God knows precisely what is in our hearts and what is needed as we serve Him.

Is our treasure in our work, our jobs, our performance and skills, our retirement funds? These are good things (gifts from God) in their place, but they are secondary to seeking first the Kingdom of God and a right relationship with God and with others. We hold our wealth and our work loosely so that we don't end up like this young man, turning away sorrowfully from God.



Summer Bible Study Series for Children

(5's -5th grade completed)

This summer, beginning June 3 at 6:00 pm, we invite your children to join us on Wednesday nights as we discover the wonderful miracles of Jesus and discuss how they relate to our life now. Our time together will include worship, studying God's Word, fun activities, and prayer. Every child is welcome to come and learn what God did through His Son Jesus.

The 1-4 year old group will meet at the same time.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Bex Owen 5/5, Braxton Pauley 5/8,
Connor Higgins 5/15

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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



Bowling at Strike House
May 15, 2026
6th graders, you're invited to come hang out at Strike House from 6-8 PM. We will eat pizza, bowl, and have lots of fun! The cost is \$5. Please register by May 13.

Music & Missions End of Year Program | May 27

6:00 pm | Sanctuary

Vacation Bible School | June 15-18

Dinner | 5:00 pm

VBS | 6:00-8:15 pm

Fall Kick-off Event | August 26



YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

AARON LITTELL

Adopt-A-Grandparent | May 17

Our Adopt-a-Grandparents/Grandchildren will meet for our 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 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 by May 3 with the graduate's full name, school name, future plans, degree(s) earned, and a cap and gown photo.



Tuesday Night Bible Study | May 5

Join us for fellowship and a chance to dive into God's word as we conclude our study "What If Jesus Was Serious?" We'd love to see you there!

The Next Step Pool Party | May 31

Come hang out with us from 2:00-6:00 pm at Roger and Ashley's home (3993 Woodfern Rd). Bring a lawn chair and towel and come join the fun!

