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Prayer Partners

The Gantt Family

Mission Emphasis

World Hunger

Operation Christmas Child

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*

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FREE DENTAL SCREENINGS

Saturday, October 11
First Baptist Church Asheboro
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

JOIN US FOR:

- ✓ Lunch
- ✓ Dental Screenings
- ✓ Prayer

Dental Screening Appointments

Please contact Ellen at the church
office to schedule your routine dental
cleaning. There are only 30-40
preregistration spots available.
Walk-ins are welcome and are subject
to availability.

Church Office: 336-629-9191



Sunday, October 12

6:35 pm | Christian Life Center

Cost: \$6.35

Non-perishable donations are being accepted. *Register by October 3.*

One of my favorite things to do as a church family is to observe the Lord's Supper. It is such a powerful time in which we are reminded of the immense sacrifice Christ made on our behalf to offer us salvation. We are invited to partake and join in that sacrifice as we are proclaiming His death and resurrection until He returns again. The Lord's supper is an act of surrender, an act of obedience, and an act of worship.

Another amazing aspect of the Lord's Supper is the call of unity it puts on all our hearts. I am reminded of 1 Corinthians 11, when Paul addressed issues of disunity as the church was trying to observe the Lord's Supper.

1 Corinthians 11:17-22 reads -

¹⁷ In the following directives I have no praise for you, for your meetings do more harm than good. ¹⁸ In the first place, I hear that when you come together as a church, there are divisions among you, and to some extent I believe it. ¹⁹ No doubt there have to be differences among you to show which of you have God's approval. ²⁰ So then, when you come together, it is not the Lord's Supper you eat, ²¹ for when you are eating, some of you go ahead with your own private suppers. As a result, one person remains hungry and another gets drunk. ²² Don't you have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God by humiliating those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you? Certainly not in this matter!

Paul reprimands the Corinthian church whose intention was to eat the Lord's Supper, but it was profaned by their gluttony, discrimination, and selfishness. The Lord's Supper should unify us by reminding us of our shared identity of being called by one Spirit, for the purpose of one hope, under one faith to be the one body of Christ. This unity transcends worldly differences and unites us in our common salvation through Jesus's sacrifice.

I want to invite you to experience this unity and celebration of Christ's sacrifice as we join together to observe the Lord's Supper together during our morning worship services on Sunday, October 12. I can't think of a better way to demonstrate the unity we have been studying about and put it into practice. Let us live out verse 33 that comes a few short lines later - *So then, my brothers and sisters, when you gather to eat, you should all eat together.* (NIV)

Let's celebrate the sacrifice of Christ that bonds us together! I hope you will join us!

PASTOR ON CALL

October 3-5	Jenn York/336-906-6779
October 10-12	Stephen Owen/828-292-4627
October 17-19	Michael Thames/336-971-6798
October 24-26	Aaron Littell/828-719-7716
October 31-November 2.....	Jenn York/336-906-6779

Giving Numbers

Received: August 2025.....	\$113,376.00
Budgeted: August 2025.....	\$108,915.00
Received Year to Date 2025.....	\$877,890.00
Budgeted Year to Date 2025.....	\$931,702.00

On behalf of the Worship Choir, I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to everyone who supported our recent fundraiser, *A Night of Music*. The evening was truly a reflection of God's goodness—a beautiful display not only of the incredible talent within our church, but also of the fellowship, laughter, and joy that flowed so freely among us. It was a reminder that when we come together in unity, God's light shines brightly through us, bringing encouragement and hope to our community and beyond.

As we approach the Christmas season, we are reminded that even in the darkest of times, the story of Christ's birth renews our passion for Jesus and draws our eyes back to the light of His love. This is why we are especially excited for our upcoming Christmas celebrations, and we warmly invite you to join us! These services are not just traditions—they are opportunities to be reminded of the hope we carry, to be inspired by the message of Emmanuel, God with us, and to share that joy with one another.

If you love to sing and would like to be part of something truly meaningful, consider joining the Worship Choir for the Christmas season. Whether you are a seasoned singer or simply enjoy lifting your voice in praise, there is a place for you among us! It's a time filled with music, laughter, and the blessing of worshipping together in preparation for the birth of our Savior.

In addition, our Media Team is always seeking passionate volunteers who are willing to serve behind the scenes to help bring our services to life. No prior experience is necessary—we provide training and support! What matters most is a willing heart and the desire to help share the message of Christ through excellence in worship.

Together, whether through song, service, or support, we continue to build a community that reflects God's love. Thank you again for your faithfulness, and may this Christmas season be filled with light, hope, and the joy of Christ.

Put these dates on your calendar and plan to join us as we celebrate Christmas!

Sunday, November 30

5th Sunday Special Series- *Christmas Carol Kickoff* | 6 pm | Sanctuary

Friday, December 12

Christmas on Sunset | 6 pm – 9 pm | In front of the Sanctuary

Sunday, December 14

Christmas at First | 6 pm | Sanctuary

Sunday, December 21

Christmas Caroling | 5 pm | Meet in the Sanctuary



CHURCH NEWS

Thank you

"Thank you all for the prayers, cards, and texts for the passing of my precious sister, Florence Worden. I am so grateful I have a wonderful church family that cares for each other." -Joyce Smith

"Thank you everyone who reached out to us by prayer, cards, visits, and concerns during Dennis' hospitalization and the passing of his sister, Joy Blanchard. We have certainly felt the prayers and have been blessed by the visits of staff and others. We are grateful for the love of our church family." -Dennis & Ann Gardner

"Thank you, Sunday school classes, for faithfully returning your past quarter's literature to the Literature Room. After being collected and sent to the Pilgrim Tract Society, these quarterlies are distributed to Christian organizations around the world—most recently to Tanzania—where missionaries and pastors share their gratitude for the resources that help spread the Gospel." -Ann Gardner



Fourth-sixth graders, join us for a Bible Drill introduction on Sunday, October 26 from 4:30-6:00 pm in room 309. You

will experience games and activities to show you this cycle's content and how Bible Drill works. Bring a parent with you and learn what's involved in Bible Drill to help you make a decision about participation. See Carolyn Thomas or Janet Smith if you have questions.



Our 2nd–5th grader(s) are invited to CentriKid Camp at Gardner-Webb

University on July 10–12, 2026! This weekend of worship, learning, and fun is designed with the heart of a child in mind. From Morning Worship and Bible Study to Recreation and Track Times, every part of camp keeps God's Word at the center—even in the fun. To reserve a spot for your child, please register using the QR code and submit a \$50 deposit by December 1.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sunday, October 12

Operation Christmas Child Kick-Off

Sunday, October 26

Bible Drill Kick-Off | 4:30-6:30 pm

Sunday, November 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

Bible Drill | 5:00-6:00 pm

Friday, November 7

GA Journey | 5:30 - 8:30 pm
(Girls 1st-6th grade)

Wednesday, November 26

No Wednesday Night Services

Sunday, December 7

Children's Christmas Program

Friday, December 12

Christmas on Sunset

June 15-18

Vacation Bible School

JULY 10-12

CentriKid's Camp at Gardner-Webb University



October Birthdays:

Tate Trogdon (10/3), Anne Claire Trogdon (10/8),
Ashlyn Littell (10/13), Abi Thames (10/29)

THE GROWING PLACE

KATHERINE DAVIS

Our preschoolers are having a wonderful time each week learning about God's love! They have enjoyed the beautiful weather while exploring God's creation, and preschool worship has been a highlight this month. You may even hear them singing, "Our God is so big, so strong and so mighty!" Thank you for praying for our little ones as they continue to grow in faith and friendship.



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so STRONG
and so MIGHTY



“My Pleasure!” You may recognize the phrase from a favorite restaurant because you are supposed to hear it from employees every time you visit. It is a reminder to them, and to us, that they are serving their organization by serving their guests. In the same way, I am serving God and FBC Asheboro by serving you, and I look forward to serving Him together as we serve others.

My goal is to provide opportunities for us to worship God together, build community together, and serve others together through our adult ministries. Whether it is Sunday school or discipleship groups, women’s and men’s ministries, senior adults or anyone else looking for a place to worship, belong, or serve, I want to help you connect together. Have I mentioned “together” yet? We do not want you to feel alone while you are surrounded by our church family.

You are invited to participate in what God is doing here at FBC Asheboro. Visit a Sunday school class or small group. Help us with a service or mission project. Join us for a special program or trip. We have a place for you to participate. After all, it is a much better experience if you consider yourself a participant making a difference instead of just a consumer. If you do not know where to start, let me help. It will be “My Pleasure” to serve God with you!



YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

AARON LITTELL

Summer Camp and Mission Trip- Registration and deposits for the Caswell and Cuba trips, next summer, are due by October 5.



Caswell 2026



Cuba 2026



Adopt-A-Grandparent- Our Adopt-A-Grandparent program kicks off with our first social on October 5 at 5 pm in the CLC (*for those who signed up*).

Fall Mission Trip November 7-9- Join us at Red Springs Mission Camp, November 7–9. We will depart from the church Friday after school for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and Bible study. On Saturday, we will serve together on mission in the community, and if you have specific skills or simply a heart for service, please note that in your registration. We will return to on Sunday afternoon. The cost is \$40 per youth, and registration is due October 12.



YOUNG ADULTS—Young adults, join us as we study the Book of Ephesians on Sunday nights at 6:30 pm. The Bible study will be taking place at Derrick and Shelby’s house (3525 Old Lexington Rd, Asheboro).

THE BOOK OF
EPHESIANS

One Year After Hurricane Helene: A Testament of Faith, Hope, and Service

September 27, 2025, marks one year since Hurricane Helene swept through Western North Carolina, bringing with it over 30 inches of relentless rainfall and leaving behind heartbreaking devastation. In the wake of this storm, entire communities were forever changed. Yet even in the face of overwhelming loss, light has shone brightly through the love, sacrifice, and resilience of volunteers and neighbors united by faith and compassion.

From the very beginning, thousands answered the call. Together, they prepared meals—over 500,000 through Baptist on Mission groups—cleared fallen trees, mucked out homes, tarped roofs, and carried supplies to the most remote and damaged corners of our mountains. They didn't stop at physical needs—volunteers also carried with them encouragement, prayer, and the spiritual nourishment that can sustain a weary soul.

Now, as we move from the **Recovery Phase** into the **Repair and Rebuild Phase**, the work continues. **Essential Rapid Repair/Rebuild (ERR) Teams** are still urgently needed, as are feeding teams who commit to a week at a time to provide meals for those working tirelessly in the field. This mission is not just about rebuilding houses, it is about rebuilding lives, renewing hope, and restoring faith.

To date, God has called forward and sent out through our ministry: 19 teams, 88 team members, and 1,369 volunteer hours faithfully given.

Ministries in Motion

- **Recovery Phase:** Chainsaw and debris removal, mucking out, roof tarping, feeding ministries, donor support and sorting, supply distribution, and spiritual nourishment.
- **Repair/Rebuild Phase:** Flooring, painting, sanding, sheetrock installation, cleaning, and—above all—spiritual encouragement.

Areas Served

Adaville, Asheboro (warehouse sorting), Asheville, Black Mountain, Blowing Rock, Boone, Burnsville, Chimney Rock, Creston, Green Mountain, Lake Lure, Lansing, North Wilkesboro, Old Fort, Spindale, Spruce Pine, Swannanoa, Wilkesboro and beyond, our teams have stood shoulder-to-shoulder with communities. Whether delivering supplies, serving meals, or lifting prayers, every action carried a message of hope: **you are not alone.**

Reflections from the Journey

Hurricane Helene reminded us how fragile our daily routines are and how swiftly life can be altered. Yet, through the rubble and the tears, we also witnessed something greater—the strength of faith, the power of community, and the resilience God places in the human spirit.

Volunteers came forward with the mindset: *No Power? No Problem.* Even without electricity, running water, or comfortable places to sleep, God provided. Each mission trip became more than a task list; it became a ministry of presence. There were hugs exchanged with quiet tears, prayers whispered in half-rebuilt homes, and Bibles placed gently in the hands of families as tangible reminders of God's unshakable love.

In the face of heartbreak, hope rose. In the shadow of loss, love shined. In the midst of devastation, encouragement flourished.

On our most recent trip, we left a verse for the family we served:

**"For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything."
—Hebrews 3:4**

May we continue to be His hands and feet, building not only homes, but also hope, faith, love, and a renewed spirit across Western North Carolina.

In Him,

Wendy Reitzel





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

At Home Members

Recovering from Recent Surgeries or Other Health Concerns

Joyce Crocker	Shirley Ferryman	Nancy Horton
Joretta McNeill	Sharon Hunter	Beth Younts
Deborah Wood	Gail Griffin	Nelson Rowland

Christian Sympathy is extended to...

- Mike and Anita Lahr on the passing of his brother, John Lahr, of Saint Joseph, Minnesota, on September 3.
- Chris and Melanie Parrish on the passing of his mother, Lynda Parrish, on September 12.
- Ernie and LeeAnn Confer on the passing of her father, Roger Engle, of Indiana, on September 25.



SENIOR UPCOMING EVENTS

Adopt-A-Grandparent — Join us on October 5 at 5 pm in the Christian Life Center for our very first Adopt-A-Grandparent/Grandchild social of this school year. Enjoy delicious food and wonderful fellowship as we craft Christmas wreaths for our homebound, all while getting to know your amazing, adopted grandchild!

Coffee and Inspiration — On October 27, meet with us at 10 am in the Chapel for *Coffee and Inspiration*. It will be a special time of fellowship, with coffee, devotions, and a testimony from the Connections Pastor, Michael Thames, as we get to know him better.

Care Bags — Sr. Adult Ministries is partnering with Randolph Consolidated Services to provide care packages for homebound people in our community. Those interested in helping will meet on Monday, October 27, from 1-5pm in Room 118 to prepare these packages. Please join us in praying for these homebound.

Perry Lowe Orchards— Sr. Adults will be going to Perry Lowe Orchards in Wilkesboro, NC, on Monday, November 3. Please be at the church, ready to leave, by 9:30 am, and we will return around 4 pm. To register, contact Ellen. Space is limited, so don't wait!

Joyful Singers Schedule:

Oct. 7 Practice 1 pm | Sing at TerraBella 2 pm
Oct. 21 Practice 1 pm | Sing at Clapps at 2 pm

Oct. 14 Practice 1 pm | Sing at Brookdale 2 pm
Oct. 28 Practice 1 pm | Sing at Cross Road/MC Unit 2 pm

90 Plus Member Luncheon – September 25, 2025

The Senior Adult Ministry of First Baptist Church Asheboro gathered on September 25 at the Cross Road Clubhouse to celebrate and honor our members who are ninety years of age and older. It was a beautiful afternoon filled with food, fellowship, and inspiration.

Special guest Alyssa Plott, Director of Music Ministries, shared her personal journey in music and how God led her to serve at FBC Asheboro. Alyssa also blessed the group with a moving solo of *In the Garden* before leading everyone in a heartfelt singing of *Amazing Grace*.



Those honored at the luncheon for reaching this remarkable milestone of 90 years and beyond were:

- **Bobbie Gibson**
- **Betty LaGrange**
- **Helen Caviness**
- **Kathleen Snead**
- **Nancy King**



A delicious meal was lovingly prepared and served by **Ann Spencer, Carolyn Thomas, Linda Carol Thrift, and Susan and Ron Huff**. Their efforts created a warm and welcoming setting where friendships were renewed and joy was shared.



This luncheon was a reminder of the blessings of longevity, the faithfulness of God through the generations, and the special gift our 90 plus members are to our church family.





First Baptist Church
Senior Birthdays for November



Day	Name	Address	City	Phone
1	Ernest Confer	203 Shannon Rd.	Asheboro, NC 27203	336-672-0556
1	Beth Walker	432 Back Creek Ter.	Asheboro, NC 27205	336-625-1413
2	Martha Smith	725 S Main St. Unit 1B	Asheboro, NC 27203	336-953-0472
2	Jim Ellison	126 Ridgecrest Rd.	Asheboro, NC 27203	336-629-0138
2	Frances Cagle	1924 N Howard Mill Rd.	Robbins, NC 27325	910-464-3830
3	Nancy Walker	3746 Kidds Mill Rd.	Franklinville, NC 27248	
4	Linda Roberts	513 Clegg Ave.	Asheboro, NC 27203	336-460-7748
4	Douglas Vick	416 Redding Rd.	Asheboro, NC 27203	336-629-8194
4	Laura Strickland	2437 Cole Mountain Rd.	Asheboro, NC 27205	336-302-1854
6	Tony Yates	1811 Taylors Creek Dr.	Asheboro, NC 27205	336-629-0169
7	Brenda Cranford	522 Cable Creek Rd.	Asheboro, NC 27205	336-629-0201
9	Cheryl Wynn	832 Highland St.	Asheboro, NC 27203	336-521-9174
10	Worth Younts	149 Fuller Mill Rd. N	Trinity, NC 27370	336-848-6940
13	Kay Ellison	126 Ridgecrest Rd.	Asheboro, NC 27203	336-629-0138
13	Mac Sherrill	845 Newbern Ave.	Asheboro, NC 27205	336-626-0183
16	Fay Painter	603 Parkview St.	Asheboro, NC 27203	336-629-2449
17	Derek Dunn	1006 Parkview St.	Asheboro, NC 27203	336-465-5563
17	Terry Burrus	1452 Min Lee Dr.	Asheboro, NC 27205	757-621-3860
19	Jim Marlowe	841 Windermere Ct. Unit B	Asheboro, NC 27203	336-963-6847
19	J. C Winkler	2015 Harvell St.	Asheboro, NC 27205	336-988-4718
20	Faye McDaniel	514 Vision Dr. Rm 408B	Asheboro, NC 27203	336-629-5297
21	Victor Jones	1264 Thayer Dr.	Asheboro, NC 27205	336-625-3434
21	Lou Kiessler	1445 Twin Creek Rd.	Asheboro, NC 27205	336-625-2007
22	Waymon Richardson	345 Railroad St.	Asheboro, NC 27203	336-588-1192
22	Katherine Pugh	1982 Northmont Dr.	Asheboro, NC 27205	336-625-8555
23	Becky Cline	1414 Westwood Dr.	Asheboro, NC 27205	336-625-6781
30	Tom Lewis	230 E Presnell St. Rm 405	Asheboro, NC 27203	336-625-9224

LOOKING AHEAD

October 2	<i>Senior Adult Bingo</i>
October 4	<i>AMA Booth @ Fall Festival</i>
October 5	<i>Combined Worship Service</i>
October 5	<i>On Mission Team Meeting</i>
October 5	<i>Adopt-A-Grandparent Social</i>
October 7	<i>Joyful Singers/TerraBella</i>
October 9	<i>Senior Adults/Our Daily Bread</i>
October 11	<i>Dental Bus Outreach</i>
October 12	<i>Operation Christmas Child Kick-Off</i>
October 12-17	<i>Senior Adult Trip/Pigeon Forge, TN</i>
October 14	<i>Joyful Singers/Brookdale</i>
October 18	<i>Youth/Children Volunteer Training</i>
October 18	<i>Worship Choir Retreat/Caraway</i>
October 19	<i>Thailand Interest Meeting</i>
October 20	<i>Hearts and Hands</i>
October 21	<i>Joyful Singers/Clapp's</i>
October 26	<i>Bible Drill Kick-Off</i>
October 28	<i>Joyful Singers/Cross Road</i>

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

Connect will next be published on

October 28, 2025

The deadline for submitting information is
Noon on Wednesday, October 22, 2025.



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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