

First Baptist Church Hillsborough

201 West King Street, Hillsborough, NC 27278



The Messenger

December 2024

Sundays

9:00 am Community Grounds
9:45 am Bible Fellowship Groups
11:00 am Worship

2024 Theme



In-Person Worship Attendance

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| November 3 | 86 |
| November 10 | 96 |
| November 17 | 90 |
| November 24 | 93 |

YouTube Views

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| 81 |
| 52 |
| 27 |
| 38 |

Bible Fellowship Group Attendance

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| November 3 | 68 |
| November 10 | 67 |
| November 17 | 60 |
| November 24 | 62 |

For any ministerial needs,
please contact the Church
Office or any Deacon.

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WATCH US GROW IN CHRIST!

MONTHLY SCRIPTURE FOR KINGDOM KIDS

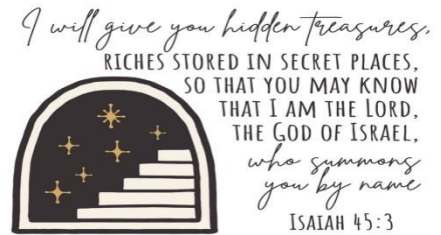
Parents & other family members, please help your child learn these verses and look for them in their Bible.

They will have the opportunity to recite the verse in class each week for a "punch" on their card!

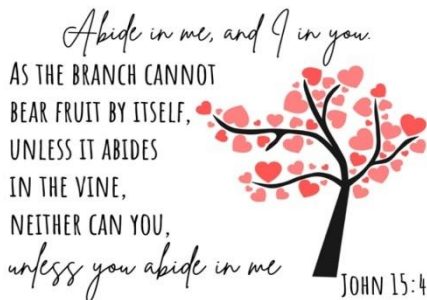
December 1



December 8



December 15



December 22



January 4



Attention Kids!!!



Happy Birthday
Jesus!

Please join us for a

Christmas Party

Sunday, December 15th
9:30 am - 10:45 am

First Baptist Church
201 West King Street
Fellowship Hall

Crafts, games, food & fun!
Children preschool - 5th grade

MEN'S BREAKFAST



MEN'S MINISTRY

This month (December), our Men's Prayer Breakfast will be at 8:30 a.m. on December 15, 2024.



Welcome House

WELCOME HOUSE HILLSBOROUGH

Prayerfully consider joining this ministry

Contact **Randall Austin**, Welcome House Coordinator, for details.

Continue to pray for our Welcome House ministry

Welcome House-Hillsborough needs team members who can be the face of Jesus to refugee families who arrive in Hillsborough scared and friendless.

Ask any of our team about what we do, such as **Joanne Berg, Jan Irwin, Bill Bulfin or Steve Lopez**. Then contact **Randall Austin** if you'd like to take the plunge.

MESSAGE FROM THE DEACONS

Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. **Ephesians 4: 11-13 NLT**

We are Christ's church. With or without a pastor. We are family. With or without a pastor. And, we are strong and will continue to serve the Lord, one another and our community - with or without a pastor. With those assurances, the deacons also recognize that this time brings uncertainty and some concerns about where we go from here. We want you to know that we are praying, planning and preparing for our future. We intend to be as transparent and communicative as possible with our intentions and plans. The deacons have planned for the short-term through February by supplying the pulpit with guest speakers.

There is a team working on identifying candidates for an interim pastor position. In January, the deacons will begin the process for selecting the pastor search team. In the meantime, we need to continue doing what we do best - to show up, to worship, sing, pray, love one another, witness our faith, allow grace, and as Paul said in Ephesians, to build up the Church by serving to the best of our God-given gifts and abilities.

If you need us, we are here. praying and serving.

With love and on behalf of the Deacons,
Lauren Dickerson - FBCH Deacon Chair, 2024

ENCOURAGER CHURCH UPDATE:

BOULOS MINISTRIES LEBANON AND MIDDLE EAST



The *Celebrate Jesus* event in Egypt was well-attended. Thank you for your prayers in support of this event. May God use it to change and heal hearts.

PRAYER REQUEST:

Prayer requests as listed in many of the previous Messengers are still current and in need of our prayer. However this month, let us as a group focus specifically on the conflict in the Middle East and its effects on the Bouloses and their ministries.

Currently they are safe; they have a plan if the conflict escalates to their geographical area; they are as prepared as they can be.

Please pray for:

- *Peace in the region,*
- *Safety for the Bouloses where they are now,*
- *God's leading and protection, and*
- *Discernment to know what to do, and when to do it, if their situation changes.*



As an Encourager Church, FBCH is committed to supporting the Bouloses and their ministries through prayer and financial resources.

If you have any questions on how to best to support the Bouloses, please contact Cherie Bevill 919-280-5222 or cheriebevill@gmail.com.

ENCOURAGER CHURCH PARTNERSHIP IN LEBANON - For those who may be new to FBCH, in 2018 FBCH entered into a ministry partnership agreement to be an encourager church to Maha and Chaouki Boulos, who are field personnel (missionaries) in Lebanon. That partnership was renewed in 2022. The Bouloses will be here on Sunday, December 8 to share updates with us. As we all know, it is a gross understatement to say that the situation in Lebanon is unstable. The Bouloses face extraordinary challenges in their efforts to share the love of Christ while attempting to meet the spiritual and humanitarian needs of the people they serve. As we contemplate hearing from them on December 8, please pray about how we may encourage their efforts when they return to Lebanon in January through prayer and monetary donations. **To learn more about their ministry and donate please visit: Chaouki and Maha Boulos 2- Campaign**



What is WyldLife?

WyldLife is the middle school ministry of the larger YoungLife organization. YoungLife is a Christian ministry that reaches out to middle school, high school, and college students in all 50 states and 100+ countries around the world. Since 1941, YoungLife has sent caring leaders into the lives of kids, entering their world as mentors and friends.

Who We Are

Our team of leaders are all volunteers. We are local UNC students who truly believe in the mission of YoungLife and want to positively impact the Hillsborough community by being present and invested in its people. Each one of us leaders has a unique story of how we came to know Jesus. God has impacted our lives in radical ways and it has led us to want to share that with the students by doing life alongside them.



Wyldlife leaders for Eno River Academy and Orange Middle School.

Mission

Our mission is to introduce middle school students at Eno River Academy and Orange Middle School to Jesus Christ. We want to help them grow in their faith by living life alongside them and loving them like older brothers and sisters.

What to Expect at WyldLife

WyldLife mainly consists of three types of events: Club, Campaigners, and Camp!

Club: Club is a party with a purpose—students from Eno and Orange gather every other Friday for a night of games, singing, skits, and prizes, with each event centered around a fun theme. At the end of the night, a leader shares a personal story connected to a story about Jesus and how it relates to our lives.. It's a warm, welcoming environment to introduce students to Jesus in a manner that's digestible and relatable so that anyone and everyone can understand!

Campaigners: Campaigners is a place to take a more in-depth look into the Bible. Students and leaders meet to read and discuss how God's story relates to their own lives. Whether in living rooms, churches, or even over dinner at Bojangles, the heart of Campaigners is exploring God's Word in a personal and engaging way.

Camp: Camp is a week filled with adventure at one of YoungLife's 20 incredible camps around the country. Students can enjoy activities like basketball, zip lines, the ropes course, and even special attractions like Go Karts or Parasailing. It's a phone-free environment where they connect with each other through games, skits, and competitions like Pool Olympics. Food is made from scratch daily in the kitchen and served on a round, 8-person table that welcomes a shared family style meal. Each day, they hear from the camp speaker who will share a story from their life and connect it to a relatable story of Jesus. Cabin Time usually follows the Club Talk; it's a space for real, meaningful conversations. The beautiful thing about WyldLife Camp is that we are leaders, not counselors. We do not exist only for a week at camp, but rather go with students to camp and then come home with them and continue to get to do life with them.

Leader Team Contacts:

Katie Allen for Eno River: kallen4@unc.edu

Austin Blake for Orange Middle School: ablake@unc.edu

Questions? Contact: Anne Brinkley (919)-636-8136



The Shed-o-Plenty is Still in Need!

Thank you for your continued contributions to The Shed. It continues to meet the needs of families in Orange County—through large items and small!

Thank you again to all for your support and for the work of the Kingdom!

Below is a current list of the most needed items.

NOTE: Other items needed to help set up a small apartment are still welcomed.

Currently most needed:

- ⇒ Dressers or chests of drawers
- ⇒ Full and twin bed frames (or platforms)
- ⇒ Living room furniture (for smaller apartments)
- ⇒ Small kitchen tables and chairs
- ⇒ Twin comforters or spreads
- ⇒ Twin sheets
- ⇒ Drinking glasses (for families with children)

I wanted to share how the shed continues to assist our community. Thank you so much!

From an Alliance for Success case worker



Contact Sharon Richardson if you have questions about donations or ways to assist the families that use the Shed.
919- 636-1699 or sharonr3711@gmail.com



A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

We write to you today with news of an upcoming transition in our ministry leadership. Our beloved Chaplain, Josh LeRoy, will be concluding his service with us this December. While we will certainly miss his presence and leadership, we are excited to share in his joy as he embarks on a new chapter in his ministry. Chaplain LeRoy has accepted the role of lead pastor at the Wesleyan church in Greensboro where he and his family have been worshipping for the past few years. This unexpected opportunity is a testament to his exceptional pastoral gifts, which we have been blessed to witness firsthand during his tenure with our ministry.

We want to express our deepest gratitude to Chaplain LeRoy for his dedicated service and the profound impact he has made in the lives of those we serve. His compassion, wisdom, and unwavering commitment to our mission have been truly inspirational.

Looking ahead, we want to assure you that the board is actively engaged in a thoughtful transition process. We are currently in discussions with a very promising candidate to assume the role of Chaplain and Director of Prison Ministry, and we are genuinely excited about the gifts and vision this individual would bring to our ministry. Our priority is to ensure a smooth and healthy transition that will allow our important work to continue without interruption. We are confident that this change will usher in a new chapter of growth and impact for Alamance-Orange Prison Ministry.

We appreciate your continued support and prayers during this time of transition. Your dedication to our mission is what enables us to bring hope and transformation to those we serve. We look forward to sharing more details with you in the coming weeks. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to any member of our board.

Thank you for your unwavering support of this organization, our chaplains, and all the residents at Orange Correctional Center.

MEAL TRAIN MINISTRY

We are excited to share a new opportunity to engage in *Holy Friendship* through the **Meal Train Ministry**. Meal Train is an opportunity to show love within the church family to those going through challenging life circumstances. Examples include during bereavement, following surgery or hospitalization, following the birth of a baby or for our homebound.

Once an individual need is identified, a Meal Train can be set up and the church family can be notified to ask for help. Volunteers are needed to coordinate the Meal Train Ministry.

Please reach out to **Crissy Wells** for more information at (919) 265-8553. Individual Meal Train requests should go through the church office at (919) 732-8174.

MINISTRY PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: Communion for December will be served at the Christmas Eve service.

MINISTRY PLACEMENT: Bonnie Murphy, Chair

Chairperson(s) please confirm all names that make up your committee. Please send it to my email: bonnie7murphy@gmail.com Let's try for a requested deadline of **DECEMBER 10th**. This updating is important to reach out to others willing to serve during our transition period and to say thank you to each person currently are serving. This corrected information will be posted on our website. Thank you

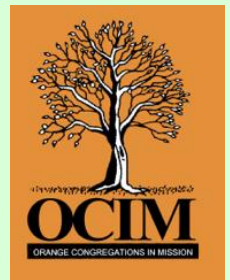
Contact: **Bonnie Murphy** bonnie7murphy@gmail.com; telephone (315) 709-1150

OCIM - ORANGE CONGREGATIONS IN MISSION

Please remember to bring in food item(s) for the OCIM Blue Barrels in the downstairs hallway or the baskets in each Bible fellowship room. Items like cereal, peanut butter, canned vegetables, soups and canned fruits. Also toothbrushes, bar soap and deodorants are welcomed.

Remember ALDI's is in Hillsborough now....across from Walmart.

Please remember those who are hungry. Thank you!



REMINDER FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Attending to the financial needs of our church is worshipful work and we welcome your input at any time. Please contact **Sue Bulfin** via e-mail at srbulfin@gmail.com or by telephone at (919) 605-5645.

SENIORS IN OUR COMMUNITY

If you feel God calling you to share some extra love, visit a Senior. They appreciate your time and you will go away from the visit blessed yourself. God works that way!

Remember the enjoyable **Brookshire sing-a-long** which happens every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 2:30. December's singing is **Tuesday the 17th**. Consider joining us as we sing, glorify and praise God. The songs often bring back sweet memories, big smiles and testimonies from the residents. What a joy for all.

There's always a wonderful opportunity to join the residents at **Terra Bella**, rocking on the front porch and sharing in conversation in a gathering room. Let God's light shine through you.

A stop by **Villines** will bring many smiles for everyone. The residents love company and will be in the Living Room ready for conversation or just a hello. Be ready for the blessings given and received!

Contact **Jan Irwin** with any questions you may have.

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| <u>Parkview Health/Rehab Center</u> 1716 Legion Road Chapel Hill, NC 27517 | Richard Hauth Room 803 | <u>Brookdale</u> 4434 Ben Franklin Blvd. Durham, NC 27707 | Billy and Nancy Baity Room 117 |
| <u>Adorable Senior Living</u> (Villines Rest Home) | All Residents | Holiday Cedar Ridge Senior Living 2680 S. Mebane St., Burlington, NC 27215 | Joyce Rippy Apt. 232 |
| <u>Peak Resources/Brookshire</u> 300 Meadowlands Dr. Hillsborough, NC 27278 | Lillian Swift/Rm 509 Joyce Bateman/Rm 501 | <u>Croasdaile Village</u> 2600 Croasdaile Pkwy/Pavillion Durham, NC 27705 | |
| <u>Terra Bella (Carillon)</u> 1911 Orange Grove Road Hillsborough, NC 27278 | | Durham Nursing & Rehab 411 S. LaSalle St. Durham, NC 27705 | Mark Bullock |
| <u>Hillcrest Rehab and Asst Living</u> 1417 W. Pettigrew St. Durham, NC 27705 | | | |

December 2024 Birthdays



12-2 Rachel Gordon
12-4 Emmalee * Byun
12-5 Brooklyn Hux
12-7 Michelle D. Byun
12-8 Tray Ellis
12-8 Jack Kimball
12-8 Jennifer Wilkins
12-9 Lauren Wicker
12-9 Caleb * Parker
12-13 William Rice
12-14 Ryan Cassada
12-15 Edie Lyn Shore

12-16 Mandy* Parker
12-17 Jesse* Wilkins
12-17 Lynn Roberts
12-20 Chris Staley
12-21 Dylan Hall
12-22 Charlie Ray
12-22 Anne Brinkley
12-24 Sue Bulfin
12-26 Karen Chapman