

First Baptist Church Hillsborough

201 West King Street, Hillsborough, NC 27278



The Messenger

April 2025

Sundays

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

In-Person Worship Attendance

March 2	80
March 9	86
March 16	80
March 23	94
March 30	69

YouTube Views

82
28
53
38
36

Bible Fellowship Group Attendance

March 2	65
March 9	66
March 16	64
March 23	68
March 30	61

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

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Bring Flowers from your Garden on Easter Sunday

The cross stands at the center of the Christian faith as a symbol of both life and death.

Flowering of the cross is an Easter Sunday tradition at FBC, that invites everyone to participate in converting a barren cross into one covered in flowers, representing our hope in eternal life.



What Are You Doing For Lent?

The time of year called Lent has been recognized by Christians for over 2000 yrs. The word Lent/Lenten is based around the two experiences we have in spring. In old English is Lencten which is the time of spring when the days lengthen. Also, the word is based around the term fortieth (Latin: *Quadragesima*, fortieth). It is the solemn Christian religious observance in the liturgical year in preparation for Easter. It echoes the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert and enduring temptation by Satan, according to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, before beginning his public ministry. This happens just before Easter each year.

As for the timing of Lent, it is from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday (March 5 to April 19 this year). This is actually 45 days, but Sundays are not counted, thus the 40 days. These 40 days of Lent can involve fasting, prayer, sacrifice, and giving as a way to connect deeper with God. Many use the 40 days of Lent as a time of personal reflection to prepare heart and mind for Good Friday and Easter. It isn't meant to be self-serving, centered on us, self. Rather it is a time of allowing self to better understand the relationship God continuously offers.

So, what are you doing? Fasting is a great thing to do and there is a lot of information about this with many personal reflections of the positive results this amazing activity offers. Prayer time done with special times, structured effort, special themes and deepening of the practice is heralded as having similar effects. Having protected moments for devotionals also offers rich, attitude changing, introspective moments across Lent (Jesus Calling – Young is an excellent place to begin and then continue). Intentional sacrifice of a thing in life or intentional giving of resources is another regular practice. Doing faith-based activities across Lent offers gifts to and from the community with God as well. There are many things to do!

One that is done again this year is a reading/study/discussion with others. It has been found to promote our awareness of God, His calling, and the efforts made by Him through Christ. This time together has been a meaningful time of connection with people from a variety of life experiences. It has also illuminated the variety of responses we are called to because of these invitations from God. Across Lent this year we will read a relevant book to learn, discuss, and respond. The book this year is "Make Me Like Jesus" by Michael Phillips.

So, what are you going to do? Please do something to enrich your life as a Follower of Jesus. If the reading group feels like it is right for you, join. It is a 1-hour ZOOM meeting, each Saturday at 8:30 AM starting March 8th. The ZOOM info is: Meeting ID: **890 5079 1892** Passcode: **Easter2025**. A book for you to read and keep will be provided. If this is of interest, please contact: Stephen Durham, at 919-906-3783 or at stephen_m_durham@yahoo.com. Then we can make sure to have you a book and get it to you.

Be of the GOOD Peace of Christ in this season of "Bright Sadness."

Stephen Durham

MEN'S BREAKFAST



MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Sunday, April 20, 2025 - 8:30 a.m



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.

WOMEN'S BEACH RETREAT

Sunset Beach
April 25th - 27th

*Women's
Beach Retreat*

Sunset Beach
April 25 - 27





PRAISE!! Our Metro Young Life Area placed 46 new volunteer leaders last month from the UNC College Life program to serve across the Young Life and Wyldlife schools in our communities. We are so thankful to the Lord and to the College Life team for preparing these freshmen to enter the Young Life world to sustain current ministry teams as senior leaders graduate in just a few short weeks. As time in the 2024-2025 school year winds down, leader/student relationships hope to culminate in the shared experience of summer camp week where kids see in action the extravagant grace and joy of God's love and purpose for their lives. Registration is open to middle school students for Wyldlife Summer Camp for our area. Contact Anne Brinkley (919-636-8136) for the registration link and additional details.

WyldLife Summer Camp Registration

WHERE: Rockbridge Alum Springs (A Young Life camp in Goshen, VA)

WHEN: July 27, 2025 - July 31, 2025



GET INVOLVED: PARENT SUPPORT

Looking for a way you can come alongside Young Life ministry at your child's specific school? Want to see Young Life ministry at a school where we aren't currently? While volunteer leaders are the heart and soul of YL as they chase kids for the sake of the Gospel, parent and adult support in the community is the backbone of how Young Life can survive and thrive.

Want to learn about how you can be a vital piece of ensuring ministry can stay at your current school OR help expand into other schools?

Please email younglife.dch@gmail.com



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 THANK YOU NOTE - from a Client with Family Alliance for Success
Assisted by our Shed and Church Member.

I would like to extend a major thanks to all of you! Truly blessed that you all found it in your heart to assist myself and my 2 sons! As a single mom, it hasn't been easy for me the last few months, but God is truly an AWESOME GOD! Thankful for my new job after being out of work for the last 6 months! I will continue to pray and stand on faith! Again, thanks a million!

MINISTRY PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

MINISTRY PLACEMENT: Bonnie Murphy, Chair

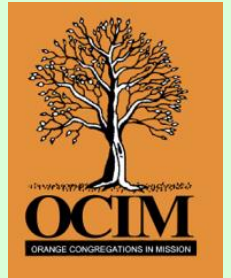
Committee Chairperson(s) please send your roster or any changes to your committee to me. It is important to reach out to others to join you or encourage people to challenge a new opportunity of service.

Contact **Bonnie Murphy** via text (315) 709-1150 or e-mail bonnie7murphy@gmail.com

OCIM - ORANGE CONGREGATIONS IN MISSION

Bob Maddy takes the food items collected at the church to OCIM. Their record keeping is done by poundage. First Baptist Church Hillsborough is credited with 2,466 pounds for 2024. Thank you for your faithfulness in helping those in need.

Please remember to bring in food items for the OCIM. Place items in the 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 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.



GOOD NEWS CLUB!!

After School **GOOD NEWS CLUB**

HOSTED ACROSS DURHAM AND
ORANGE COUNTY

WHAT IS IT?

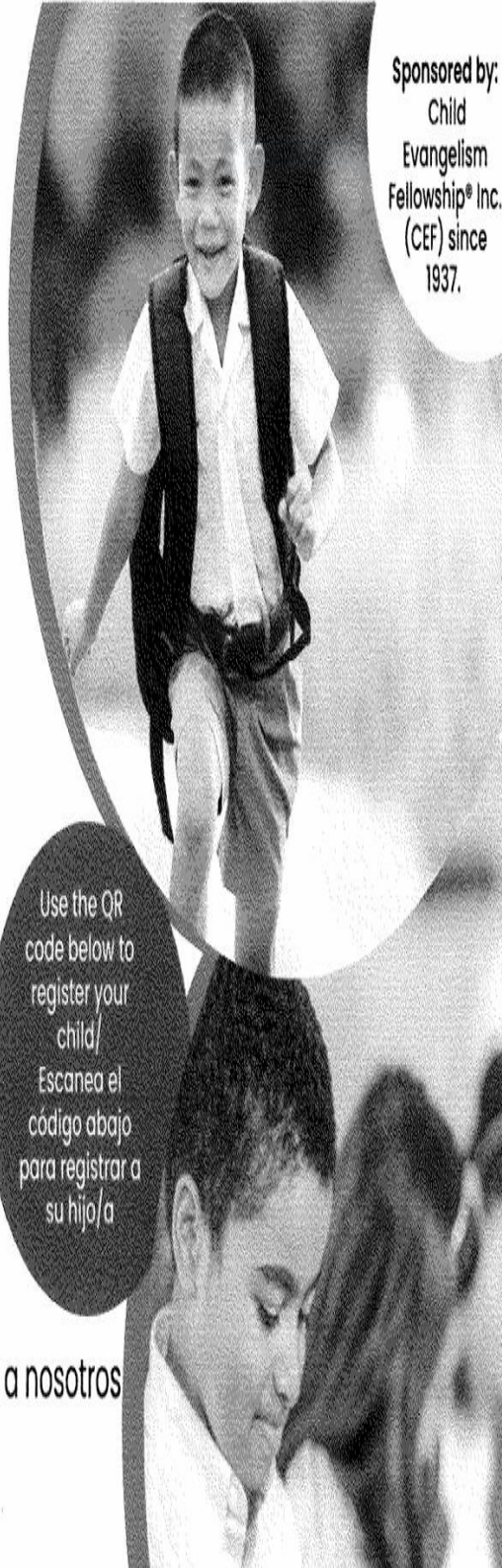
Bible classes children may attend once a week after school hours. We share with them the timeless truths and moral teaching from the Bible with games, scripture memorization and fun. This club is open to boys and girls in Grades K - 5. You are welcome to attend with your child. Children worldwide are enrolled in Good News Club® programs.

WHEN IS IT?

Join us at Local Clubs: (FREE) / Únase a nosotros
en los clubes locales: (GRATUITO)

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SENIORS IN OUR COMMUNITY

If you feel God calling you to share some extra love this year, I have a suggestion...visit a Senior! We have several nursing homes in our area that would love a visit. Also, some of our **FBC church members** that are currently homebound would love an in-person hello. Seniors always appreciate your time, and you will leave the visit being blessed yourself. God is always working that way!

Remember the enjoyable **Brookshire** sing-a-long every third Tuesday of the month at 2:30 p.m. Please join us as we sing, glorify and praise God, reminisce and share testimonies. This month the date is **Tuesday, April 15, 2025**.

Enjoy the residents at **Terra Bella** and **Hillcrest**, rocking on the front porch and sharing conversation. As you make new friends, God's light will shine!

A stop by **Villines** will bring many smiles. The residents love company and will be in the Living Room ready for conversation or just a big smile and a friendly hello. Be ready for that two-way blessing God has instore for everyone.

There are other nursing facilities in the Chapel Hill, Durham and Mebane area where we have members or friends residing. Check the list below.

Please contact **Jan Irwin** with any questions. Thank you.

<u>Parkview Health/Rehab Center</u> 1716 Legion Road Chapel Hill, NC 27517		<u>Brookdale</u> 4434 Ben Franklin Blvd. Durham, NC 27707	Nancy Baity Room 117
<u>Adorable Senior Living</u> (Villines Rest Home)	All Residents	<u>Mebane Ridge Asst Living</u> 1999 S NC Hwy 119 Mebane, NC 27302	Joyce Rippy Room A8
<u>Peak Resources/Brookshire</u> 300 Meadowlands Dr. Hillsborough, NC 27278	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		<u>Durham Nursing & Rehab</u> 411 S. LaSalle St. Durham, NC 27705	Mark Bullock
<u>Hillcrest Rehab and Asst Living</u> 1417 W. Pettigrew St. Durham, NC 27705			

April 2025 Birthdays



4-1 Emily Gordon
4-1 Kenny Beasley
4-4 Terri DeLancy
4-4 Lynda Hux
4-4 Betty Jones
4-4 Benjamin* Snell
4-4 Paige Westbrook
4-5 Lexi* Horne
4-5 Mickey Jones
4-5 Georgia Wagner
4-6 Susan Medlin
4-6 Adalynne Lopez
4-6 Matt Dickerson
4-7 Derrick Hudson
4-7 Erick Hudson
4-7 Pam Schaub
4-8 Shawn Hessee
4-9 Lauren Triplett
4-10 Cathy Gage
4-10 Anne Sims
4-12 Thomas* Clayton
4-13 Angelica Cave
4-14 Ryan Bradshaw

4-15 Sheenagh Wagner
4-16 Mason* Dunlap
4-16 Steven Lopez
4-17 Danette Clark
4-17 Willard Cates
4-18 Scott Cannada
4-19 Cathy Parker
4-21 Gracie Cave
4-21 Steve Durham
4-21 Shelba Johnson
4-23 Brenda Guill
4-23 Dolly Roberts
4-24 Ruth Crispin
4-25 Faye Burgner
4-25 Nancy Cates
4-26 Penny King
4-26 April Stone
4-27 Blair*Baldwin
4-27 Madelyn Compton
4-29 Susie Snell
4-29 Lynn Venturini