

First Baptist Church Hillsborough

201 W. King Street, Hillsborough, NC 27278



The Messenger

November 2025

Sundays

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

In-Person Worship Attendance

October 5	102
October 12	100
October 19	75
October 26	88

YouTube Views

94
99
101
65

Bible Fellowship Group Attendance

October 5	62
October 12	68
October 19	55
October 26	60

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

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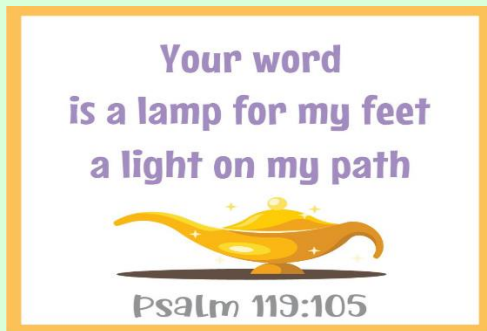


WATCH US GROW IN CHRIST!

MONTHLY SCRIPTURE FOR KINGDOM KIDS

Parents & 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 for a "punch" on their card!

November 2



November 9



November 16



November 23



November 30



Thank you for allowing us to serve your children!

In the Words of a Pastor

From the Harp:

Can you believe it? Here we are in November! Almost the end of the year. Time seems to be moving at super speed.

Many thanks to Chris Yerby and his crew of ghostly workers who made Halloween a most enjoyable and fun event. I don't know the numbers, but it appeared to be a large number.

The highlight of October was the Baptism of Mason Dunlap. Wow! And across the summer, we had about eight (8) additions to the Church. Maybe there are more thinking about it. Call me if you would like to discuss it.

The month of November is a very special time for me with many memories. It was in this month that I was born. It was in this month that my Grandmother Harper died on my eighth birthday. It was in November that our first child was born. And it is in November that Thanksgiving comes.

There are two (2) major events during this month. The first is Founders Day on November 16th. I hope you can be here. And on the last Sunday of the month, the season of Advent begins when we prepare for the coming of Jesus. I hope you will join us for the Advent season.

Until Sunday, be faithful and be blessed.

Pastor Jerry

*Dr. Jerry Harper
Interim Pastor
FBC Hillsborough*



Trunk-or-Treat 2025

Update

The images from this year's Trunk or Treat adventure are now available for your viewing pleasure. You can even download them for free if you see a favorite ghoul, cowgirl or superhero. Just visit our website (fbchillsborough.org) and click the button to access them. It is located on the home page under the Trunk-or-Treat 2025 text.

Thanks to all those who prayed, participated in any role and offered support in any manner.



Upcoming Events for

FBC Ladies

2025

Saturday, December 6 – 9:00 a.m. thru 11:00 a.m.



*Christmas Brunch
Blake Room - FBC*

*Come Join the FBC Ladies for Some Laughter,
Love and Light!*

*Contact the Church Office for More Information
(919) 732-8174*



You're Invited to Gatherings Across Advent

Advent begins this year on **November 30, 2025** — can you believe Christmas is already so near? (The stores have certainly been hinting!) This beautiful season invites us into **expectation, celebration, and hope** as we remember the birth of the promised Messiah and look toward the fulfillment of Christ's work among us.

Each year, the **Advent wreath** helps us mark this journey — its candles representing **Hope, Peace, Joy, Love**, and finally, on Christmas, the **Christ candle** itself. This year, we'd like to take time together to reflect more deeply on these themes.

You are warmly invited to join us for a **Zoom discussion group** on three (3) Saturdays during Advent — **December 7, 14, and 21 at 8:30 a.m. (EST)**. For an hour each week, we will explore thoughtful readings on Advent's themes: **hope and anticipation, joy and lament, peace and faith**.

Come as you are able, bring your coffee or tea and share in a conversation that prepares our hearts for Christmas. More details and reading links will be shared as we approach the end of November.

We hope you'll join us for this meaningful Advent journey together.

Embrace the Peace of Christ as we move towards Christmas.

Stephen Durham



MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Sunday, December 21, 2025 at 8:30 a.m.

(No breakfast in November due to Founder's Day)

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"Welcome House" - Continued Prayer Request for New Use

As we continue to seek God's guidance and will for use of our Parsonage home (formerly Welcome House Hillsborough), we ask for your prayers and input as to how it can be used to serve our community and be the hands and feet of Jesus. Please share your thoughts and ideas with your deacons.





On September 28, Young Life and Wyld Life leaders serving students of Orange High School, Cedar Ridge High School, Orange Middle School and Eno River Academy worshipped at FBCH and spoke to the church of their appreciation and thanksgiving for its partnership in hosting their ministry in Hillsborough. That ministry occurs when these leaders come to Hillsborough and FBCH multiple times a week to lead Bible studies, attend kids' extracurricular activities, host hang outs in local gathering spots like Whit's, and have "club" - an ice-breaking hour of games, skits, and music for students with a clear, concise Gospel message as their evening together with leaders concludes.

The leaders explained that what makes Young Life unique in its approach to youth evangelism is the desire to enter the world of kids on their turf and in their culture to build genuine friendships that reflect the relevance and excitement of a relationship with Christ. Young Life is not a place but a set of adult and student relationships that grow and mature in Good News wherever kids get together with their leaders. That's why FBCH's support has such an impact for Hillsborough youth this year. For a mobile ministry and its required logistics for middle school students and their parents, a consistent location associated with a church, especially for Wyld Life events, enables the leader teams to be more effective, credible and accountable in forging their relationships with students and local families. The opportunities provided through FBCH for students' consistent interaction with the Gospel each week have enabled kids to explore big questions about faith, and several students have committed themselves to Christ this fall. THANK YOU, FBCH, for all the ways you provide for these ministry activities to welcome kids into the Kingdom of God in Hillsborough.

As you give thanks this holiday season, will you also lift to the Lord a prayer request for Young Life ministries in Hillsborough? The leader teams at Cedar Ridge and Eno River Academy have asked for prayers that supporters will emerge at these two schools who can assist leaders with increased access to campus life to grow participation from these student communities in local Wyld Life events.

For more information about Young Life Ministries in Hillsborough, 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

MINISTRY PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

MINISTRY PLACEMENT. .Attn: Chairpersons. The end of the year is approaching fast! It is a great time to review your Committee. As a reminder – we are getting new people in the Church. Remember that they may want to serve as well. Many times, they are unfamiliar with who, what and where, so please invite! All service is appreciated and **THANK YOU** to each Chairperson and your team members.

Please contact Bonnie Murphy with any changes in your committee (by text or email) before the first of 2026.
Thank you!

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE. Carolyn Compton and Bonnie Murphy wish to extend a big **THANK YOU** to the members of the Ordinance Committee. Each of you serve with faithfulness and respect. It is an important ministry – preparing the elements for our monthly communion.

The end of the year is near and it is time to decide if you prefer to remain a member of this Committee. Please email or text Bonnie Murphy should you choose to serve elsewhere.

THANK YOU to the deacons who serve communion to our home bound families. It is pleasing to know that they are able to receive communion.

We ask that you make sure all items are cleaned and back in Container No. 1. If we can help in any way, please advise. Thank you.

Please contact Bonnie Murphy at 315-709-1150.

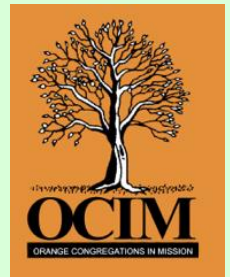
OCIM - ORANGE CONGREGATIONS IN MISSION

THANK YOU for your dedication in bringing in food items for those in need. We ask for continued support for this valued and necessary community ministry.

OCIM...Please remember we are headed into the Thanksgiving and Christmas season. Families and individuals need our support and extra effort to supply food items.
Each month, we supply OCIM with some items.

LET'S GIVE BEYOND NOW!!

Bob Maddry faithfully delivers the collected food items to OCIM. Their record-keeping is done by poundage. First Baptist Church Hillsborough is credited with 2,466 pounds for 2024.



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LET'S DO MORE IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER! Thank you **SO MUCH** for your faithfulness in helping those in need.

You may place your food items in the blue barrels in the downstairs hallway **OR** in the baskets in the Bible fellowship rooms.

Items needed on the regular include cereal, peanut butter, canned vegetables, soups and canned fruits. Also, toothbrushes, bar soap and deodorants, hygiene products are welcomed.

*******PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE HUNGRY EVERY DAY – NOT JUST ON HOLIDAYS!**
Thank you!

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FINANCE NEWS: Looking Ahead Toward Our 2026 Budget

Reminder from Finance: 2026 Budget Information Sessions

Please remember to mark your calendars now! Finance will host two open information sessions in the Fellowship Hall to present the proposed 2026 budget. The first will be at *6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12* and the second will be at *10:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 13*. The presentations will be identical and we hope you will be able to attend either session.

If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas about the 2026 budget or about the process, please feel free to contact Sue Bulfin 919-605-5645 or srbulfin@gmail.com.



SENIORS IN OUR COMMUNITY

What an honor to share your time with Seniors! Whether you visit a nursing home, senior living facility or in home with a homebound person, God blesses the opportunity to share His love!

Anyone who would like to join us at **2:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday** of the month for a Hymn Sing at **Brookshire**, we invite you to do so. This is held in the dining hall for a time of singing and sharing with the residents. We have printed song lyrics available each time. Contact Dee Jackola at 919-632-7091 (text or call) or dhjackola@gmail.com. It is certainly an uplifting time for all.

We are planning more visits and activities for Villines/Adorable Senior Living, here in Hillsborough. There are only (7) residents now and they would love a visit, some singing and maybe a bedside visit with a devotional reading. Coloring sheets with children are always a hit. **Give Jan Irwin a call** if you would like to be involved in future planning.

Check the list below for a few locations of nursing homes and senior living facilities for a visit. What is your heart saying to you?

You may also contact **Jan Irwin** with any questions, ideas or prayers. Thank you for serving in any way that God calls you.

<u>Parkview Health/Rehab Center</u> 1716 Legion Road Chapel Hill, NC 27517		<u>Brookdale</u> 4434 Ben Franklin Blvd. Durham, NC 27704	Nancy Baity/Room 117 Joyce Rippy/Room 200
<u>Adorable Senior Living</u> (Villines Rest Home)	All Residents	<u>Mebane Ridge Asst Living</u> 1999 S NC Hwy 119 Mebane, NC 27302	
<u>Mebane Ridge Nursing Home</u> Memory Care Unit 1999 S NC Hwy 119 Mebane, NC 27302	Joyce Bateman	<u>Croasdaile Village</u> 2600 Croasdaile PkwylPavillion Durham, NC 27705	
<u>Terra Bella (Carillon)</u> 1911 Orange Grove Road Hillsborough, NC 27278	Virginia "Pauline" McClard – Rm A18	<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			
<u>Rose Manor Rehab</u> 4230 N. Roxboro Rd. Rm 51 Durham, NC			



PRAYER REQUESTS and CONCERNS

If you have an ongoing prayer concern or an urgent prayer request and would like to share it with the FBC Hillsborough congregation and/or post in our monthly Messenger, please contact the office by telephone at (919) 732-8174 or via e-mail at office@fbchillsborough.org so that it may be added to the Prayer List.

The regular Office hours are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. If you call outside of office hours, please leave a message so that your concern may be addressed when the office re-opens.



Upcoming Opportunities

FBC Founder's Day Celebration – November 16th immediately following worship service. Bring a favorite dish and a friend to help celebrate with us!

Ecumenical Community Thanksgiving Event – November 23rd beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Hillsborough Presbyterian Church. A short worship service guided by Heavenly Practice will be held followed by dinner. Food will be provided by Hillsborough Presbyterian Church.

Orange Correctional Center – Collection of items – mid-November. Stephen Durham may have more information about this December ministry. Stay tuned for more details.

Angel Tree Ministry – Barn-Dor class participated in this ministry in 2024. More information to follow with contact information.



November 2025 Birthdays



11-01-25 Kol Coursen	11-17-25 Carolyn Compton
11-01-25 Brian "Bubba" Whitehurst	11-18-25 Marion Crabtree
11-02-25 Jay Harper	11-20-25 Eli Maynard
11-04-25 Dave Walters	11-21-25 Linda Neff
11-05-25 Sue Cates	11-24-25 Melanie Liner
11-07-25 Jim Church	11-24-25 Carmen Johnson
11-08-25 Bill Bulfin	11-25-25 Tony Barringer
11-09-25 Dot Faulkner	11-29-25 Candalyn Rade
11-11-25 Michael Frans	11-29-25 Wendie O'Keefe
11-11-25 Sarah Porterfield	
11-12-25 Carl Richardson	
11-13-25 Diane Martin	
11-13-25 Laurell Murray	
11-14-25 Mark Alford	

