

# First Baptist Church Hillsborough

201 West King Street, Hillsborough, NC 27278



## The Messenger

### May 2025

#### Sundays

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

#### In-Person Worship Attendance

April 6	97
April 13	93
April 20	156
April 27	71

#### YouTube Views

90
145
182
53

#### Bible Fellowship Group Attendance

April 6	63
April 13	56
April 20	57
April 27	50

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 & look for them in their Bible. They will have the opportunity to recite the verse for a "punch" on their card!

May 4



May 11



May 18



May 25



Thank you for allowing us to serve with your children!

Did you hear about the  
Diaper Drive?



**LIFT (Living in  
Fullness Together)  
Ladies**

**Bring Diapers of  
Any Size**

**All Month of May**

**Place in Crib Upstairs**

*A need we all  
can Get behind*

**LAST FRIDAYS RETURN, SO DOES FBC...WITH YOUR HELP.**

**There are two (2) action items, please read it through.**

Last Fridays return to Hillsborough in May. FBC plans to be there, as well. It depends upon who is willing to help. FBC's presence at Last Fridays began with a discussion of the Deacons in Spring 2018. It was, "How can we have a simple presence in this community event?" The basic overview was that the people of the community can be met and we are there because FBC cares about the community of which we are a part. It was to create moments of engagement and conversation. The primary focus is not intended to be a recruiting tool for FBC, yet that sometimes happens as an honest by-product. The aim of just meeting people was the simple goal and that remains. The Deacons have supported this over the years. As all things evolve over time, so has this over the years and continues to as we move forward.

The Deacons, for a variety of reasons, wish for this to become part of the regular opportunities of missions within FBC. Thus, this ministry will be appealing for a broader level of support from the church and less dependent upon the Deacons for foundational support. Financially, the support remains. It is the involvement of people where the primary shift is occurring.



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Last Fridays are a part of a larger offering by the Hillsborough Arts Council (HAC). There are events on the last Friday of the month across spring, summer and fall. The event of “Last Friday” is just the months of May until October. Last Friday in October is Halloween and we will not participate because of our Trunk-or-Treat. Therefore, we will only participate from May through September (5 times).

For our presence there, we have the general equipment for the event. We have the financing. We are fortunate that people now expect us to be there. We continue the plan of popcorn, candy and handouts to share while we have conversations. That conversation IS THE GOAL. The conversation can take many forms and topics that are comfortable and welcoming. In telling the HAC what we do, it falls under the term “Hospitality.” So, that does describe what we do and why we are there. We wish to simply show hospitality to people and it comes to them from a church of caring people with no strings attached.

There are two (2) things we need. The first of these is people willing to show up to offer this “hospitality.” **A format suggested here is the groups of Adult Sunday School Classes, Youth, Choir and Deacons each sign up for one month out of the five. So, leaders of those groups, please let Stephen Durham know ASAP which month your group decides, (May 30, June 27, July 25, August 29 or September 26).** Typically, the need is about five (5) people willing to commit each month. More hands make for lighter work, so if there are 6, 8, or 10, that is great! Let Stephen Durham know of your decision about helping as a group soon please.

The second thing is a unique niche that adds so richly to the experience. This fresh thing is simple children-specific activities that can typically be done in about ten (10) minutes. These are VBS-type things, (make a bracelet, a necklace, color something, glue a form together, etc.). This began last summer and was a brilliant addition. **Linda Riggins has offered to coordinate this across the summer this year. If you find satisfaction in helping children experience things like VBS, this might just be for you! We typically need 1 or 2 individuals for each event whose interest has a child's focus to shape it, guide it and equip it. PLEASE let Linda know of your availability!**

So, please find ways to support this. Please be generous in your agreement to help out. Please explore if your talents/gifts can include helping children have ten (10) minutes of enjoyment (teenagers and parents can also participate by the way). This is a low-stress commitment for just a few hours once over the summer. Please join in as we share in the community as a community church.

Thank you ALL!

Stephen Durham



# MEN'S BREAKFAST



## MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Sunday, May 25, 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.



Thank you, FBCH, for enabling the past year of school ministry!

Wyldlife's Bible study mornings and club fellowships for Orange Middle School (OMS) and Eno River Academy students at FBCH end this month as their UNC leaders leave campus for the summer. But 15 Wyldlife kids across the Metro area have signed up for Wyldlife summer camp on July 27-31 at Rockbridge Alum Springs (a Young Life camp in Goshen, VA). FBC's Chase Dickerson will be one of 17 kids from our area who have signed on for multiple weeks this summer -- not as camp adventurers, but as servants of their fellow campers on Young Life's "Work Crew" where students are assigned to camp kitchen duties, groundskeeping and other operational needs of the camp experience for their peers.

Next fall a new team leader for Wyldlife events at FBCH will replace this year's graduating senior Austin Blake. Caroline Camp has been a member of the current Wyldlife team for OMS at FBC for 2 years. She will stay in Chapel Hill this summer and looks forward to meeting more FBC members. Watch this space for invitations to get acquainted with Caroline.

Lastly, supporters of Hillsborough Young Life ministries are hosting gatherings of parents and neighbors through the summer for prayer, fellowship and conversations to strengthen our local ministries for the fall of 2025. Join us for

**PRAYERS AND POPSICLES**  
**WED JUNE 26TH @ 7 PM**  
**1819 W. CHAPMAN COURT**  
**HILLSBOROUGH, NC 27278**

Come beat the heat and meet a community of Hillsborough neighbors with hearts for Jesus and the next generation.

Contact: Anne Brinkley (919-636-8136) to join our email distribution for Parent Support Team events.

# Thank you!

We appreciate everyone who  
donated candy, helped with the  
brunch and egg hunt.  
God was glorified and  
fun was had by all!



## 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)

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](mailto:sharonr3711@gmail.com)

I wanted to share how the shed continues to assist our community. Thank you so much!  
From an Alliance for Success case worker



## 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](mailto:bonnie7murphy@gmail.com)

### **Nursery Workers Needed through Summer Months!**

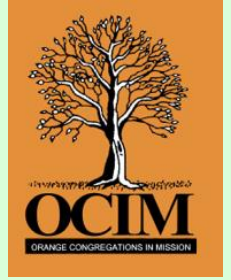
Contact Ellen Yerby or Gerry Anglin (or the Church Office at 919-732-8174).



### **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](mailto:srbulfin@gmail.com) or by telephone at (919) 605-5645.



## *The Summer Reading Group Begins Soon*

The Summer Reading and Discussion Group begins soon – the end of May. Since 2016, around a dozen people each summer have gathered to share perspectives, insights, questions and areas of growing across 20 books. The books focused on exploring ways to enrich our faith journey and consider how God interweaves in our lives. You are invited to come as you are, receiving acceptance as you share your experiences without any intent to put God nor a person's faith in a box. Whether you are a morning lark or night owl, you are welcome to join after your morning walk or bring your morning coffee as you wake up. Vacations and life happenings are understood and there are no marks for absences or tardiness.

**Time: Saturday 8:30-9:30 am EDT**

**Duration: May 31 to around Labor Day**

**Meeting Location: Zoom**

**Your Location: Anywhere**

We are deliberate in creating and protecting a space to openly discuss, share diverse perspectives and see how we are more alike than different. The outcomes of the reading vary among the readers - you take away different insights and things to ponder. The 1-2 book(s) selection is made across the upcoming weeks by those attending. If you wish to make a book suggestion and/or participate, let Stephen Durham know. ([Stephen\\_m\\_durham@yahoo.com](mailto:Stephen_m_durham@yahoo.com) (919) 906 3783). A copy of the book selection(s) will be provided. Watch for emails about the particulars later in May.

I am looking forward to the reading, sharing and time with you as we grow in our faith journey.





# **GOOD NEWS CLUB!!**

## *After School* **GOOD NEWS CLUB**

HOSTED ACROSS DURHAM AND  
ORANGE COUNTY

### WHAT IS IT?

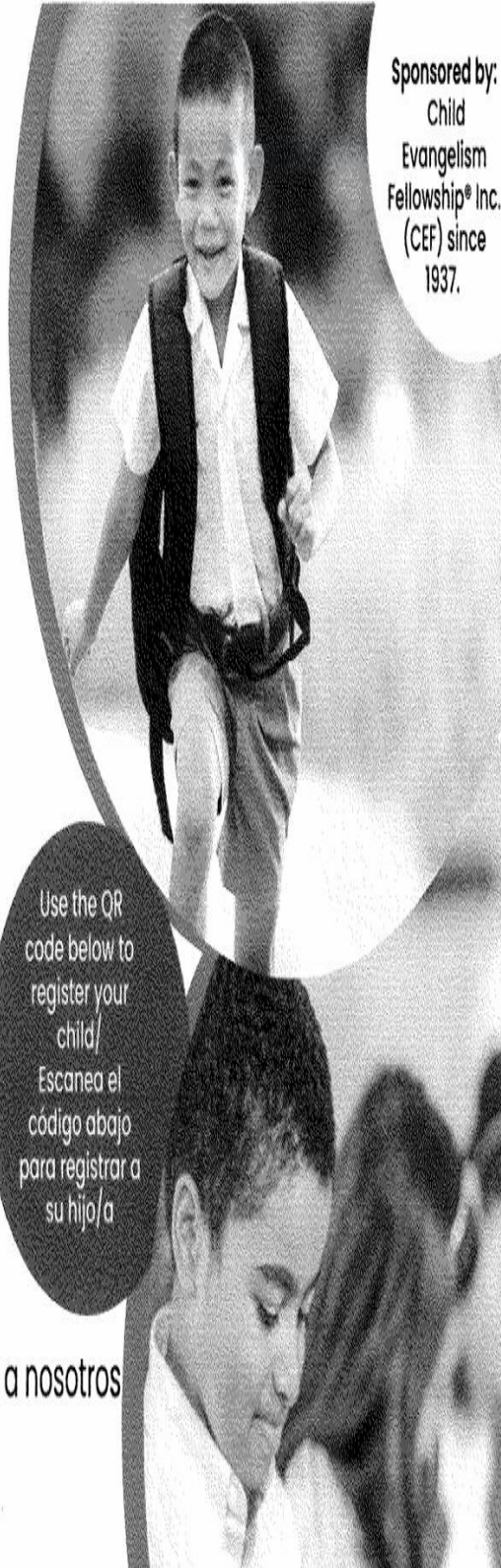
Bible classes children may attend once a week after school hours. We share with them the timeless truths and moral teaching from the Bible with games, scripture memorization and fun. This club is open to boys and girls in Grades K – 5. You are welcome to attend with your child. Children worldwide are 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, May 20, 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 &amp; 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 27704	Jon Slone		



# May 2025 Birthdays



5-2 Don Dickerson  
5-5 Cory Barringer  
5-5 Charles Venable  
5-6 Crystal Swisher  
5-7 Jaelynne Lopez  
5-7 Carolyn Newman  
5-7 Steve Hannaman  
5-8 Charlie Kimball  
5-8 Courtney Baker  
5-9 Darla Wilverding  
5-10 Preston Venable  
5-11 Stacey Frans  
5-13 Debi Anne Steeley

5-16 Tom Wilverding  
5-25 Peggie Murray  
5-26 Carol Smith  
5-27 Gerry Anglin  
5-28 Joel Brinkley  
5-29 Reese\* Parker  
5-29 Gary Bishop  
5-30 Michael Rade  
5-31 Christine Poole