

First Baptist Church Hillsborough

201 W. King Street, Hillsborough, NC 27278



The Messenger January 2026

Sundays

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

In-Person Worship Attendance

December 7	115
December 14	91
December 21	118
December 28	66

YouTube Views

110
81
86
66

12-14-25 "The Story Must be Told"	288
12-24-25 - "Christmas Eve Service"	115

Bible Fellowship Group Attendance

December 7	65
December 14	68
December 21	54
December 28	N/A (Brunch)

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!

January 4

**EVERY WORD OF
GOD IS PURE;**
HE IS A **SHIELD** TO THOSE WHO
PUT THEIR TRUST IN HIM
PROVERBS 30:5





January 11

Faith as small as a
MUSTARD SEED
can move
Mountains
MATTHEW 17:20



January 18

Jesus answered,
"I AM THE **WAY**
THE **TRUTH**
AND THE **LIFE**
NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH ME"



JOHN 14:6

January 25

SALVATION
IS FOUND IN NO ONE ELSE,
FOR THERE IS **NO OTHER NAME
UNDER HEAVEN**
GIVEN TO MANKIND
BY WHICH WE MUST BE SAVED
ACTS 4:12

Thank you for allowing us to serve your children!

In the Words of a Pastor

From the Harp:

As we enter into a New Year, we take a brief look at the year departing. I can speak for no one but myself, but I thought it was a great year. Each Sunday, it seemed the attendance grew a little. We added (8) new members which, during interim, was very good. We shared many happy moments with several very special occasions, such as Easter, Summer movie day with hot dogs, brunches, Founders' Day and others. We closed out the year with fantastic Christmas celebrations, "The Story Must be Told" and the Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion.

Now, this new year will be even greater! I am praying that attendance will continue to increase, that there will be many more additions and most of all, you will have a new Shephard to come and lead you.

Know that I have enjoyed being with you the past year. It has been a really great year for me as I have gotten to know you and have grown to love you. Thus, I wish for all of you, individually and as a congregation of believers, a happy and prosperous New Year!!!

Pastor Jerry

*Dr. Jerry Harper
Interim Pastor
FBC Hillsborough*



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2026 MEN'S MINISTRY
Men's Prayer Breakfast
Sunday, January 18, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.
Happy New Year 2026!

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“Welcome House” Update – 2026

Welcome House has been contacted by World Relief to possibly provide temporary housing for three (3) South African men in early January.

After team members conferred, we agreed to assist. We have begun preparing the House and are waiting for confirmation from World Relief of the date of their arrival.

We ask for prayers for this opportunity, once again, to be the hands and feet of Jesus - to do what he commanded us to do -- to show kindness and generosity to strangers in our land as they begin a new home here.





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. .Attention Chairpersons. A new year has come - 2026! Have you reviewed your committee? As a reminder – we are getting new people in the Church who 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 in the new year.

Please contact **BONNIE MURPHY** with any changes in your committee (by text or e-mail).
Thank you!

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

Dr. Jerry Harper used a chalice cup and fresh baked loaf of bread during our December 24, 2025, evening Candlelight Christmas service. After the service, Dr. Jerry and his wife, Nancy, presented the chalice/cup and plate to our church. Dr Jerry likes using a chalice cup and fresh loaf of bread for communion.

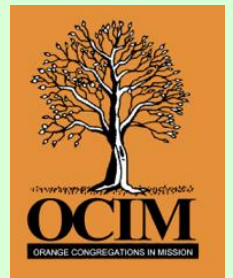
THANK YOU - Dr. Jerry and Nancy Harper for the beautiful chalice cup and plate donated by you to FBC. It will be used and enjoyed as a fine gift and evoke pleasant memories of you both.

As we begin a new year – 2026 – please decide if you prefer to remain a member of this Committee. You may e-mail or text **BONNIE MURPHY** at 315-709-1150 should you choose to serve elsewhere.

OCIM - ORANGE CONGREGATIONS IN MISSION

THANK YOU FBCH for your dedication in bringing food items in for those in need during 2025. We ask for continued support going into the New Year for this valued and necessary community ministry.

OCIM...The Christmas season has come and gone, but families and other individuals are still in need of our vital support and extra effort to supply these food items in the coming year. Each month, we supply OCIM with many items.



*******LET'S CONTINUE OUR FAITHFUL GIVING IN 2026!*******

Our wonderful congregant, **BOB MADDY**, faithfully delivers the collected food items to OCIM. Their record-keeping is done by poundage. Let's look forward to what 2025 yielded as we move into 2026.

LET'S DO MORE IN 2026! Thank you **SO MUCH** for your faithfulness in helping those in need. You may place food items in the blue barrels in the downstairs hallway **OR** use 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 2026

More Tellers Needed



Among the many opportunities available to serve at FBCH, the need has recently surfaced for additional tellers. Tellers serve in pairs once every (4) to (6) weeks for about an hour at the conclusion of the worship service to count and record the weekly tithes and offerings of the church. No experience is necessary; however, the teller team is one of our Foundational Committees or ministry teams which requires church membership and approval for service.

If you would like to know more, please contact Sue Bulfin at 919-605-5645 or email at srbulfin@gmail.com

Not sure? Sue can arrange for you to sit with the tellers any Sunday to better understand this important ministry of our church.



SENIORS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Happy 2026! Let this be a time to listen to your heart and see if God is calling you to share time with a Senior. Check the list below for a few locations of nursing homes and senior living facilities for a visit. Also, remember some of our seniors still in their homes. Addresses are in our FBC online directory.

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 JACOLA** at 919-632-7091 (text or call) or dhjackola@gmail.com. It is certainly an uplifting time for all.

We had a wonderful Christmas outpouring of generosity and love from members of the Family Builders Sunday School class for Villines Nursing patients. A few went over to sing Christmas carols and deliver Christmas presents and some other necessities. We also had a few to go over to Terra Bella on December 21st to sing some songs to the patients there. They were so appreciative and it was an extremely uplifting and rewarding experience for all.

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) 401 W. Queen St. Hillsborough, NC 27278	All Residents	<u>Croasdaile Village</u> 2600 Croasdaile Pkwy/Pavillion Durham, NC 27705	
<u>Mebane Ridge Nursing Home</u> 1999 S NC Hwy 119 Mebane, NC 27302	Joyce Bateman (Memory Care Unit)	<u>Durham Nursing & Rehab</u> 411 S. LaSalle St. Durham, NC 27705	Mark Bullock
<u>Terra Bella (Carillon)</u> 1911 Orange Grove Road Hillsborough, NC 27278	Virginia "Pauline" McClard – Rm A18		
<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 this month or an urgent prayer request and would like to share it with the FBC Hillsborough congregation and/or post it 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 a Prayer List.

The regular Church 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.



January 2026 Birthdays



01-01-26 Lars M. Murray	01-16-26 Pam Staley
01-02-26 Keith Poole	01-18-26 Aaron Pickard
01-03-26 Joyce Bateman	01-18-26 Melissa Maynard
01-03-26 Katherine Guill	01-19-26 Joyce Beasley
01-03-26 Susan Harper	01-19-26 Dylan Skinner
01-03-26 Lauren Wilverding	01-21-26 Mandy Dickerson
01-05-26 Kim Crispin	01-21-26 Dakota Hawkins
01-05-26 Barbara Scott	01-25-26 Megan S. Ferrell
01-06-26 Gavin Wagner	01-26-26 Charles Cozart
01-08-26 Stephanie Bass	01-27-26 James Baldwin
01-09-26 Preston Dickerson	01-28-26 Lauren Dickerson
01-09-26 Lisa Baptist	01-29-26 Rachel Hawkins
01-09-26 Kent Murray	01-30-26 Becky Gordon
01-10-26 Katie Clark	01-31-26 Sharon Richardson
01-10-26 Janet Royal	
01-10-26 Aislynn M. Morris	
01-12-26 Ann Stubbs	
01-13-26 Rebecca Wicker	
01-15-26 Lee Gordon	
01-15-26 Angela Mills	

