

*So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter. May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.*

*The Mission*  
*April 2024*

# Worship God

Each Sunday in 2024 we will pray one of 52 names for God. While not in any order, the 52 names are taken from the book *“Praying the Names of God for 52 weeks”* by Ann Spangler. It is my hope you lean in more to God this year, as the Psalmist says, “With my voice I cry to *Adonai*, with my voice I plead to *Adonai* for mercy.” Psalm 142:1 Provided with each name are the Hebrew spelling. May your encounter in worshipping God be enriched daily as you call out to Him in these wonderful names! ~  
On the journey TOGETHER, Kristen Tucker

## THE LORD IS THERE

יהוה שָׁמָּה  
YAHWEH SHAMMAH



From then on the city's name will be:  
*Yahweh Shammah.*

—Ezekiel 48:35

## THE LORD IS PEACE

יהוה שָׁלוֹם  
YAHWEH SHALOM



So Gideon built an altar there to *Yahweh*.  
He called it *Yahweh Shalom.*

—Judges 6:24

## THE NAME

הַשֵּׁם  
HASHEM

Nevertheless, my *Yahweh Elohim*, please pay attention to my prayer for mercy. Listen to my cry for help as I pray to you today. Night and day may your eyes be on this temple, the place about which you said, 'My name will be there.' Listen to me as I pray toward this place.

—1 Kings 8:28-29



## GOD ALMIGHTY

אֵל שַׁדַּי  
EL SHADDAY



When Abram was 99 years old, *Yahweh* appeared to him. He said to Abram, "I am *El Shadday*. Live in my presence with integrity. I will give you my promise, and I will give you very many descendants."

—Genesis 17:1-2

### April Sermon and Scripture Topics

#### April 7

“SEEING is Believing?”  
Mark 16:12-13

Praying the Names of God: “The Lord is There”

#### April 14

“EXPERIENCING is Believing?”  
John 20:19-25

Praying the Names of God: “The Lord is Peace”

#### April 21

“RECOGNIZING is Believing?”  
John 21:1-7

Praying the Names of God: “The Name”

#### April 28—Youth Sunday

Sermon by Rev. Taylor Crumley  
“By Faith”  
Hebrews 11:1-2; 8-18

Praying the Names of God: “God Almighty”

# Teach the Word

## ATTENTION YOUTH

### Sunday Night Youth

Youth Group meets every week on Sunday night, unless noted. Open Gym starts at 4:30PM, followed by small groups/games at 5PM and dismissal at 6PM.

**Sunday, April 7** – Regular Youth (4:30 –6:00)

**Sunday, April 14**—No Youth (Returning from Caswell)

**Sunday, April 21**—Regular Youth (4:30—6:00)

**Sunday, April 28**—No Youth (Youth Sunday)



### Youth at Caswell

The weekend of April 12-14, 10 of our youth and 5 chaperones will head to Ft. Caswell for a Spring Retreat entitled, "By Faith." Please be in prayer for this group and their leaders as they travel and spend time together in God's Word and in worship!

### Youth Sunday

April 28th

Our youth will lead us in worship on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Please be in prayer for them as they prepare to lead. After worship the church family is invited to the newly updated Youth Room in the Ministry Center (Room 110) to see what the youth have been up to!



Honor the LORD with  
your possessions,  
and with the  
**Firstfruits**  
of all your increase.

*Proverbs 3:9, NKJV*

A third condition we must meet if we want God to direct our paths is to share God's blessings. The division of "spiritual" and "material" doesn't apply to the follower of Christ, for everything comes from God and belongs to God. The Old Testament Jews brought the Lord the firstlings of the flocks (Ex. 13:1,2) and the first crops of their fields (Lev. 23:9-14), and in this way acknowledged His goodness and sovereignty. The New Testament parallel is seen in Matthew 6:33 which says, "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added to you."

From Wiersby Study Bible—New King James Version

# Serve our Community

## Let's "TACO BOUT IT" Game Night!

It's TACO & GAME NIGHT for

Kids in Grades K-5

Friday April 19th

6:30p.m. — 9:00 p.m.

In the Fellowship Hall

**COST: BRING hygiene item for "Health Kits" that are given out to those in need.**

Come ready to enjoy a TACO DINNER, GAMES GALORE and FUN with FRIENDS!

We will have a devotional and assemble "HEALTH KITS" too!

Sign up with the link below:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0845AAAC23A0F5CF8-48105334-lets)

[go/10C0845AAAC23A0F5CF8-48105334-lets](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0845AAAC23A0F5CF8-48105334-lets)

## Attention Senior Adults Join us for



Tuesday, April 16th in the Fellowship Hall

1:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.

Bring an item for the prize table.  
Light refreshments provided

## Community Kitchen



The Community Kitchen prepares and distributes meals and food to many areas of our county. Plates are prepared each Monday to go to shut-ins, disabled and food insecure people. Frozen meals and canned goods are available in our church

office. Every Friday during the summer, the Unto Me Ministry delivers meals to children and their families in need. Bread is picked up on Thursdays to be given away to families. Our prayer is that no person should go without food.



Triangle East Baptist Association

## Spring Senior Adult Gathering

April 30, 2024 at Baptist Tabernacle Church  
10a.m.—1 p.m.

Cost: \$15 per person

Includes speaker, catered lunch and fun  
Bingo games and prizes!

Sign up and pay in the church office by or before Wednesday, April 17th. We will drive a church van if we have at least 10 to sign up.

Don't miss the fun!!!!



## Attention Graduates

Graduate Sunday is scheduled for Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Following worship there will be a lunch in the Fellowship Hall honoring our graduates. If you are graduating from high school or college and would like to be recognized during the service please contact Taylor Crumley ([taylor@fbcsmithfield.org](mailto:taylor@fbcsmithfield.org)) **no later than Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**.

The NEW link for the April-June Nursery Volunteer sign up during the worship hour is below. Please reach out to Anna Armstrong if you have any questions or need help signing up ([youngblood.anna@gmail.com](mailto:youngblood.anna@gmail.com) or 919-631-9138). Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084CA5A928A3FFC70-47483052-2024>

# Life Together

## Welcome New Members

We welcome into our Christian fellowship Camden Swain who comes to us by profession of faith and believer's baptism.



We welcome into our Christian fellowship Victoria Shockley who comes to us by profession of faith and believer's baptism.

We welcome into our Christian fellowship Stephanie Hoyt-Trapp who comes to us by profession of faith and believer's baptism.



We welcome into our Christian fellowship Faye Strickland Robinson who reunites with us here at First Baptist.

## 2024 BUDGET INFORMATION

### General Fund

|                           |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Budget needs per week:    | \$18,543.23  |
| Received 2/18/24          | \$11,960.75  |
| Received 2/25/24          | \$12,658.24  |
| Received 3/3/24           | \$17,979.59  |
| Received 3/10/24          | \$9,517.11   |
| Budget needs Year to Date | \$185,432.30 |
| Received Year to Date     | \$137,957.29 |

### Building Fund

|                       |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Needs per week        | \$1,334.47   |
| Received 2/18/24      | \$859.00     |
| Received 2/25/24      | \$956.66     |
| Received 3/3/24       | \$360.00     |
| Received 3/10/24      | \$1,085.00   |
| Needs Year to Date    | \$13,344.65  |
| Received Year to Date | \$11,7460.62 |

### Building Fund Note

Balance to Date \$62,585.31

Quarterly contribution statements will be mailed out the week of April 15<sup>th</sup>. Please let me know if you have not received yours by April 26<sup>th</sup>. Karen Wessberg

### New Phone Number

Jean Creech, who recently moved to Myrtle Beach, SC has a new phone number and would like to share it with us. Her new number is 843-997-1979.

### Our Known Sick

Karen Brown (Home with Hospice), Danny Daughtry (Home), Faye Downs (Home), Harvey Raynor (Home), Vertie Perry (Home)

## April Birthdays

|   |   |
|---|---|
| 4/1: Reid Overby  | 4/16: Olive Cooke, Danny Hensley, Debbie Sanders  |
| 4/2: Darwin Crumpler, Larry Isenhour, Monica Sanders              | 4/20: Sandy Baker, Isaac Johnson, Nicki Meyer     |
| 4/4: Amy Galloway   | 4/21: Art Andrews, Joyce Thompson, Sam Hardy, IV  |
| 4/5: Mary Aker, Perry Hill, Will Stephenson, Trey Stevens         | 4/22: Henry Armstrong, Bill Galloway, Gayle Mast  |
| 4/7: Carol Stallings  | 4/23: Nate Dunn, Jay Wood                         |
| 4/8: Shane Johnson, Hannah Wright                                 | 4/24: Debra Crocker, Debbie Johnson, Kathi Nixon  |
| 4/10: Linda Barefoot, Sarah Elizabeth Lagasse                     | 4/24: Anna Armstrong                              |
| 4/11: Olivia Creech   | 4/26: Alex Medlin, Peggy Peterson                 |
| 4/12: Martha Lasater, Rose Whitley, Matthew Wilson                | 4/27: Nell Howell, Anesha Johnson, Kristen Tucker |
| 4/13: Zachary Boothe, David Pearce                                | 4/28: Sherri Creech, Dirk Langdon, Tim Stevens    |
| 4/14: William Ashley, Emma Creech, Lisa Gainey                    | 4/29: Jean Tynor                                  |
| 4/15: Ellie Ashley, Elizabeth Bere, Andrea Coleman<br>Eden Keeney | 4/30: James Odom                                  |

# Looking Ahead

## Baptist Children's Home Annual Food Supply Drive

The Baptist Children's Home annual drive will be at JCC, May 20-21, 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. in the main parking lot. For many years, you have allowed us to shop for you where we receive large amounts of coupons to help and we will be happy to do so again this year. You may write your check to FBC and be sure to label it for BCH Food Drive. If you desire to shop, you may deliver the items to the college on either day. A list of items requested is on the bulletin boards near the Choir Room. Thank you for your continued support and the love FBC continues to share with the children and staff of BCH. Harold and Carolyn Tharrington.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**June 3—6 Preschool F.I.S.H. Camp for ages 3-5 (9-noon)**

**June 17-20: F.I.S.H. Camp for kids who have completed Grades K-5 (9a-3p)**

**July 15-18: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (-noon)**  
Theme: SCUBA: Diving into Friendship with God  
FAMILY NIGHT (Thursday)

**July 29-August 2: TEEN VALLEY RANCH CAMP for rising Grades 3—12. Location: Plumtree, NC**

## Amish Country Trip for Senior Adults

Mark your calendar and join us for a trip to the Amish Country, **November 4 – 7, 2024!**

**Cost: (Please make checks payable to First Baptist Church)**

Single Room - \$1,013.00

Double Room - \$794.00 per person

Triple Room - \$794.00 per person

### Package includes:

3 night lodging at Heritage Hotel

3 breakfasts, 1 lunch at Kling House Restaurant, 3 dinners including Amish Buffet at hotel, Shady Maple Cracker Barrel

Flight 93 Memorial & Tower of Voices, Performance of "Daniel" at Sight and Sound, Tour Amish Countryside, Kitchen Kettle Village, Farmers Market, All taxes and meal gratuities (unless otherwise specified), Motorcoach transportation, WIFI

If you think you want to go on this trip, please sign up and pay your deposit of \$150 in the church office. Invite your friends and family. Names and deposits will be submitted by or before June 15, 2024. Also, you can make payments in the church office for the trip. No other money will be sent until August. If something happens and you have to cancel, last day to cancel and receive a refund is 2 months from the date of the trip.

More information with complete itinerary will be in the Sunday School folders and available in the church office. If you have questions, please contact Janice Holland in the church office. **This trip will be opened to other churches Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> so get on the list!**

Deadline to submit information for the May Mission is Friday, April 12, 2024



## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SMITHFIELD

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### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Pastor                                 | Rev. Kristen Tucker                           |
| Minister of Music & Worship Experience | Kim Hamilton                                  |
| Minister to Children & Their Families  | Suzette Mason                                 |
| Minister to Youth & Their Families     | Rev. Taylor Crumley                           |
| Organist                               | Marshall Tyson                                |
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# Services & More

## Sunday Worship Services

- 9:19 A.M. Sunday School for all ages  
10:00 A.M. Radio Bible Class, taught by June Ward, broadcast over 1090 AM and 105.5 FM  
10:15 A.M. Gathering and Morning Worship in the Sanctuary, broadcast over 1090 AM, 105.5 FM, Facebook, and YouTube  
6:00 P.M. Praise Ringers Practice, Room 226



Wednesday, April 3, **NO** Wednesday Night classes/programming due to Spring Break.

Wednesday, April 10 we will have a Church at Work Meeting in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 6:30 p.m. There will be classes for the children.

## Wednesday Programing

- 10:00 A.M. Wednesday Morning Bible Study, Bethel Sunday School Class, Ministry Center  
6:00 P.M. Children's Choir, K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade, Preschool 7  
6:15 P.M. GriefShare, Ministry Center Conference Room  
6:30 P.M. "Show You Care" service and mission projects around our church beginning April 17 through May 22.  
6:30 P.M. Mission Friends for ages 3 – 5, Preschool 4, Room 124  
6:30P.M. Mission Journey, Grades 1-5, Room 254  
6:30 P.M. First Baptist Bells, Room 226  
7:30 P.M. Sanctuary Choir Practice, Choir Room

## Ryberg Scholarship

Attention all high school seniors and any graduate students currently attending or going into seminary, The Ryberg Scholarship application is now available on our website. Applications must be submitted to the church office **by Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions, please contact Taylor Crumley ([taylor@fbcsmithfield.org](mailto:taylor@fbcsmithfield.org))

## April Deacon of the Week

- 4/7—Danny Avery  
4/14—Hinton Armstrong  
4/21—David Lasater  
4/28—Brian Vetrano

### Deacons Meeting

Our Deacons will meet Sunday,  
April 14, 2024  
7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.  
In the Fellowship Hall

**If you would like to provide flowers in the church any Sunday, please call the church office to request a date.**



To beautify our campus, we are now asking that all flyers, notifications, or any information posted for the community be posted in the provided plastic holders by entryways or bulletin boards in hallways. We have removed all tape residue off of our windows and doors over the Christmas break and would like to keep those clean and clear. Thank you for your understanding. As a reminder, all things that are posted, must be approved by the Church office first.