

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

KING

מֶלֶךְ
MELEK

Lift your hands, you gates. Be lifted up ancient doors, so that the Melek of glory may come in.

—Psalm 24:7

THE LORD WILL PROVIDE

יְהוָה יִרְאֶה
YAHWEH YIREH

When Abraham looked around, he saw a ram behind him caught by its horns in a bush. So Abraham took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering in place of his son. Abraham named that place *Yahweh Yireh*. It is still said today, “On the mountain of *Yahweh* it will be provided.”

—Genesis 22:13-14

JUDGE

שֹׁפֵט
SHOPHET

The decisions of judges will again become fair, and everyone whose motives are decent will pursue justice

—Psalm 94:15

HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL

קְדוֹשׁ יִשְׂרָאֵל
QEDOSH YISRAEL

Yahweh spoke to Moses, “Tell the whole congregation of Israel: Be holy because I, *Yahweh* your *Elohim*, am holy.”

—Leviticus 19:1-2

May Sermon and Scripture Topics

May 5

“Preparing for Ascension”
Acts 1:1-9

Praying the Names of God: King

May 12—Mother’s Day

“The Lord Will Provide”
John 6:1-13

Praying the Names of God: The Lord Will Provide

May 19—Pentecost Sunday

“The Advocate Within Us”
John 15:26-27; 16:7-11

Praying the Names of God: Judge

May 26

“The Trinity Surrounds Us”
Psalm 71:17-24

Praying the Names of God: Holy One of Israel

Red is the liturgical color for Pentecost. Please wear red if possible.

Teach the Word



Attention Youth
Join us on Sunday, May 19th as we meet for lunch right after church in the Fellowship Hall. We will then hop on the bus and go to Mad Splatter in Apex for a Splatter Party. Cost is \$25 per participant. Registration deadline is Wednesday, May 15th. Register here
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4FAAAF2EA4F9C25-49260702-madsplatter>

All Moms and Grandmoms are invited to join us for

Munchies with Moms and Grandmoms!

Mother's Day
Sunday, May 12, 2024
9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.
In the Fellowship Hall

Come enjoy yummie munchies as your children and youth honor you on this special day.

Please come and enjoy whether or not your children or grandchildren are present.

Johnston Memorial Hospital Foundation 501(c)(3) **May 5th (Mother's Day Offering) GOAL: \$2,000.00**

This offering replaces the Baptist Hospital offering in 2024. The Baptist Hospital was SOLD to Atrium Health in 2021/2022. At the April Spring meeting of the Baptist State Convention in 2022 a decision was made to cease funding through the cooperative funding of any financial support for the Baptist Hospital effective with the January 1, 2023 budget year.

Johnston Memorial Hospital Foundation for over three decades has been committed to improving the health and well-being of the communities they serve. Specifically:

- Angel Fund – supports cancer patients by providing assistance to buy medication, transportation, wigs, and prosthetic devices
- Patient Assistance Fund – helps patients with financial challenges pay for medication, treatments, and transportation
- Hospice Fund - helps patients cover room, board, and other expenses at SECU Hospice House
- Heart Fund – supports cardiac patients
- Healthy Kid's Fund – provides scholarships to underserved youth in JoCo to get nutrition counseling and fitness instruction at HealthQuest
- Mobile Medical Bus – operate and staff the medical bus in JoCo to offer services to anyone in the community such as blood pressure monitoring and treatment, diabetes screening, and was extensively used during COVID

The Foundation is 100% controlled locally and remains outside the umbrella of UNC. There is a special offering envelope in your offering box. Envelopes should also be in the pews.

Finance and Missions Committees

Serve our Community

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.



Parent, Child, and Church Dedication

As a church family, we support parents in their God-given responsibility to nurture their children in the LORD. To encourage a strong foundation of faith, we will have a dedication service for parents, children and the church on Mother's Day, May 12th during our worship service. If you are involved in the life of First Baptist Smithfield or are seeking to make us your church home, we would be honored to include you in this dedication service. Please contact the church office, 919-934-9771, if you would like to participate. We understand this date may not be a good fit for your family, you may schedule another date also by contacting the church office.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

First Baptist Belles and the Praise Ringers, along with musical guests, will present a concert Sunday, May 19 at 6:30 pm in our Sanctuary. Come enjoy an evening of music with us! Invite your friends and neighbors.



New Arrival

Congratulations to Heyden & Annie Pitser on the arrival of their infant son, Oliver Jay Pitser. The proud grandparents are Stan & Beth Watson.

Attention Graduates

Graduate Sunday is Sunday, June 2nd. 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) ***no later than Wednesday, May 8th***.



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 or 919-631-9138). Thank you!

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

Life Together



Faith & Families Night

The whole church family is invited to join us for a fun night of baseball on Thursday, May 23rd as the Carolina Mudcats take on the Myrtle Beach Pelicans. We will meet at the baseball stadium (1501 NC-39 Zebulon, NC 27597). Game starts at 6:30 P.M. Tickets are \$9/person. To sign-up, please contact Taylor Crumley or go to the church website and sign-up under events.

Our Known Sick

Rich Nixon (Home), Sarai Daniels (Home)

2024 BUDGET INFORMATION

General Fund

Budget needs per week:	\$18,543.23
Received 3/17/24	\$11,250.25
Received 3/24/24	\$34,856.49
Received 3/31/24	\$15,417.25
Received 4/7/24	\$16,894.59
Received 4/14/24	\$12,481.00
Budget needs Year to Date	\$278,148.45
Received Year to Date	\$228,856.87

Building Fund

Needs per week	\$1,334.47
Received 3/17/24	\$825.00
Received 3/24/24	\$1,825.00
Received 3/31/24	\$1,890.00
Received 4/7/24	\$1,726.50
Received 4/14/24	\$1,405.00
Needs Year to Date	\$20,016.98
Received Year to Date	\$19,432.12

Building Fund Note

Balance to Date	\$57,456.49
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Sympathy

First Baptist would like to extend our sincere condolences to:

- Richard Brown and family in the recent homegoing of his wife, Karen Brown
- Mack Langdon and family in the recent homegoing of his sister, Sarah Gwendolyn Langdon Lynch.
- Jean Williams and family in the recent homegoing of her brother, Charles Adams
- Becky Renfrow and family in the homegoing of her sister, Janice Southerland.

May Birthdays

5/1: Anne Finley Riley, Carrie Stevens
 5/2: Meagan Parker, Chris Thorpe
 5/3: Cailee Vetrano, Frank Wood
 5/4: Alyssa Stanley
 5/5: John Stevens
 5/6: Wilmond Barnes, Mike Clary, Dianne Edwards
 Gail Narron
 5/7: Emery Ashley, Claud Dunn, Will Hinnant
 5/8: Harden Armstrong, Rick Crumley,
 DeeAnne Gatlin, Katie Wilson
 5/9: Kathy Price, Neppie Stevens, Becky Whitley,
 Judy Williams
 5/10: Joyce Upton
 5/11: Lindsay Corbett, Freddy Pearce, Ann Wilson
 5/13: Lydia Young
 5/14: Frances Felts

5/15: Billy Baker, Kim Gamlin, Laura Grantham
 Dianna Speas
 5/16: Betty Braundel, Brady Carroll
 5/17: Donnie Stanley
 5/18: Madelyn Dyer, Natalie Dyer, Zane Williams
 5/19: Steve Braundel, Mark High
 5/20: Margaret Hinnant
 5/21: John Dunn
 5/22: Steve Upton, Beth Watson
 5/23: Jennifer Langston, Presleigh Swain
 5/25: Chris Aker, Camille Wright
 5/26: Harold Tharrington, Colby Whaley
 5/27: Thomas Overby
 5/28: Finley Barnes
 5/29: Scarlett Meyer
 5/30: Troy Brown, Carol Clary, Shelley Gardner
 5/31: Durward Stallings, Doug Strickland

Looking Ahead



PRESCHOOL F.I.S.H. CAMP (Ages 3-5)

A week of having FUN IN SERVING HIM!

Theme: Who IS my Neighbor?

BIBLE STORY: The Good Samaritan

WHEN: June 3-6

TIME: 9:00 A.M.—NOON

WHERE: FBFS Fellowship Hall

COST: \$20 per camper

Please pay your CAMP FEE in the church office by or before Sunday, May 19. Go to our website for more information.



GRADES K-5 F.I.S.H. CAMP

A week of having FUN IN SERVING HIM!

Theme: Who IS my Neighbor?

BIBLE STORY: The Good Samaritan

WHEN: June 17-20

TIME: 9:00 A.M.— 3:00 P.M.

WHERE: FBFS Fellowship Hall

COST: \$40 per camper

Please pay your CAMP FEE in the church office by or before Sunday, May 19. Go to our website for more information.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FREEDOM VESPERS

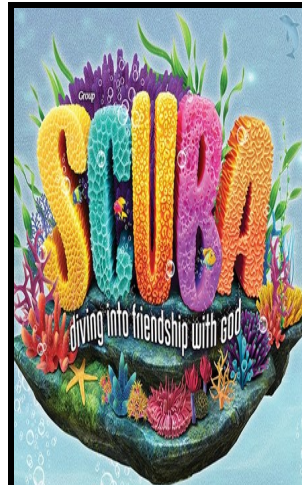
Hot Dogs, Concert, Ice Cream and Fireworks!

**Featuring
Pepper Choplin**

Sunday, June 30, 7:00 p.m.

Starting at 6:00 p.m. come to First Presbyterian Church for a hot dog and then head to FBC at 7:00 p.m. to enjoy a concert by Pepper Choplin. Pepper is a full-time composer, conductor and humorist and has gained a reputation as one of the most creative writers in church music today. Our Sanctuary Choir will be joining him with some special music! Afterwards, head over to the Fellowship Hall for some homemade ice cream and fellowship and end the evening at 9:00 p.m. with the Smithfield Fireworks.

Invite your friends and neighbors.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

When: July 15-18

Time: 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon

Who: 3 year olds—5th Grades

Thursday, July 18th at 5:30 p.m. is Family Night. Enjoy a Hot Dog Supper, Worship, Dessert and LOTS of water activities!

Sign-ups will begin soon! Watch the Mission for more information!!

Here's the Scoop

We are having our annual Ice Cream Social following Freedom Vespers on June 30 and we need homemade ice cream! Call the church office to sign up to bring your favorite, delicious, yummy homemade ice cream to share. Sign-up sheets will be in Sunday School soon!

Deadline to submit information for the May Mission is Friday, May 17, 2024



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SMITHFIELD

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Kristen Tucker
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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



Out and About

For Grandparents and grandchildren

**Mark your calendars for
June 11th, July 23rd, and August 20th
We will enjoy an outing and more!**

More information in the June Mission!

Wednesday Programing

- 10:00 A.M. Wednesday Morning Bible Study, Bethel Sunday School Class, Ministry Center
6:00 P.M. Children's Choir, K-5th 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 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

NOTE: May 22 will be our last Wednesday Night for this school year. All programming will begin again in September.

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 5th**. If you have any questions, please contact Taylor Crumley (taylor@fbcsmithfield.org)

May Deacon of the Week

- 5/5—Harold Tharrington
5/12—Rodney Taylor
5/19—David Pearce
5/26—Jennifer Narron-Hardy

Deacons Meeting

Our Deacons will meet Sunday,
May 19, 2024
4:30 p.m.—5:30 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.