



First Baptist Church LINCOLNTON

IN THE FORMER

"Creating Community in Lincolnton, and wherever we go, to help others know and experience the love of Jesus."

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Thursday, January 1

Happy New Year!
Church Office closed

Saturday, January 3

9:00 AM Pickleball

Sunday, January 4

7:00 AM Deacons' Meeting
8:30 AM Early Worship
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service

Monday, January 5

10:30 AM FBC Staff Meeting
12:00 PM Rotary Club
3:00 PM Advanced Men's Pickleball (65+)
6:00 PM Upward Practice
6:00 PM Ladies Evening Missions Circle

Tuesday, January 6

9:30 AM FBCM Chapel
11:30 AM Marjorie Spence Mission Group
5:00 PM Pickleball

Wednesday, January 7

5:00 PM Children/Youth Snack Supper
6:00 PM Worship Team Rehearsal
6:00 PM Children's Choir
6:00 PM Youth Choir
6:30 PM Adult Choir
6:30 PM FBC Kids
6:30 PM FBC Youth
6:30 PM Prayer Meeting

Weekly Prayer Meeting

Wednesdays at
6:30 PM in the
FLC Dining Hall.



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Monday-Thursday 8:30 AM-5:00 PM

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January TopAger Meeting

As we get ready to roll into a new month and a New Year I hope that you have our January **TopAger** meeting in mind. Our meeting will be **January 13 at 10:30 in the FLC Dining Room** and as announced last month we will be playing Bingo so start looking for that special "Bingo Prize" to bring with you. Also, please call the Church Office at 704 732 1101 to let us know that you are coming. Thanks, and see you on January 13th!

Foreign Missions

Thanks to all who gave to Foreign Missions throughout December, we have surpassed our goal.

Total collected: \$13,823



Deacon's Meeting

Sunday, January 4th at
7:00 AM in the
Foundations Classroom



Resolution for the Common Good

By Scott Hagaman, Pastor

New Year's is the time for resolutions. We resolve to be better in the New Year than we were in the old one. Rightly so, we focus on our own personal goals for improvement. However, here's a challenge for a different kind of New Year's resolution that is less about our own personal needs and more about community needs. What if we resolve to work more diligently for the *common good*? As the phrase "common good" indicates, there is a shared commitment towards good in human society. If we do not pitch in and do our part to bring about the common good, then we all suffer collectively. Let's start with a basic aspect of this idea. Society is much better when we all tell the truth. Think about how much we depend on honesty in our interactions with one another. Such a shared ethic upholds the function of society in all sorts of ways (relationships, contrasts, commerce, sports, etc.). Beyond basic honesty, there are lots of other ways we can provide for the common good. We can be more engaged as citizens: voting, advocating for good policies, even running for elected office. We can volunteer in the schools, teaching and mentoring children while also supporting teachers. We can donate resources and money to vital community groups, such as a local soup kitchen or homeless shelter. We can check on our neighbors, especially those who are elderly and homebound, helping with basic needs like yard work and changing an HVAC filter. We can support our local civic groups, who actively seek ways to better society. We can pick up trash and get involved in community gardening efforts. The list of varied possibilities is endless. However, the basic idea is the same: to make this world a better place for everyone. The *common good* is a very old Judeo-Christian value. Of all people, God's people should be the most invested in bringing good news and good efforts to our neighbors. Encouraging the ancient Jews in exile in Babylon, the prophet Jeremiah put it like this, *"But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare."* In 2026, let's re-double our efforts to bring about a better world for all our neighbors. Let's show them we care; and in so doing, let's give witness to our faith. That is, we care because God's cares. In the name of Jesus, God sent us to be his light in the world, making this world better and brighter.

Interested in serving in Nicaragua Summer 2027?

High school-Senior Adult

Partnering with Because We Care Ministries serving kids, feeding villages, sharing the gospel message on their local radio and more! Sign-up by the end of the year on the Missions bulletin board outside the office or contact Mekenna Boswell at youth.ministry@fbclinton.org

Not a commitment, simply gauging interest to go and serve!

CPR Training Opportunity

We will be hosting a CPR training opportunity on January 17th at 9:30 AM. The entry cost is \$10 and there are 18 open spaces. If you are interested, please sign up by calling Lindsay Hatley at 980-429-8636.



We Need Your Help to Feed FBC Youth!

Dinner volunteers needed most!

We're looking for help to provide meals for our students on Sunday mornings and evenings. You can sign up by yourself, as a group, Sunday school class, family, etc.

Cooking isn't your thing or unable to pick-up food? Contact Mekenna about other ways to serve. **A big thank you to those who have partnered with us in the past and continue to!** Please Contact Anna Cranford and/or Mekenna Boswell with any questions or concerns.

Contact: Mekenna Boswell at youth.ministry@fbclinton.org

or (704)-666-1802

Anna Cranford at

annacranford@lincoln.k12.nc.us

or (704)-460-3862

Sympathy



We extend our sympathies to James Elkins in the passing of his wife, Ruth, and to the family of Lawrence David Warlick Jr.

Get ready for a new year and join the Women's Bible Study beginning

on Sunday, Jan. 11, 2026 from 6-7:30 pm in the dining hall for Max Lucado's "Tame Your Thoughts". Please contact Michelle Johnson at 704-591-3290 and sign up for the new study.





**JOSEPH IS KNOWN FOR
HIS ACTIONS, HIS OBEDIENCE.
WHAT WILL YOU BE
KNOWN FOR?**

HELP NEEDED!

**FOR CONCESSIONS
ON SATURDAYS**

**HOSPITALITY ON
MONDAY/THURSDAY
NIGHTS**



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Ingrained: Ministry Engagement Summit

Saturday, January 10 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

Breakfast 8:00-9:00 a.m./Session 9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon

FLC Dining Room

Led by Dr. Bill Wilson and the Ingrained Lead Team

Praise Team Seeks Instrumentalists

Do you love to praise God through music? The Praise Team that provides music and singing for FBC's 8:30 AM worship service is an all-volunteer group that has been a part of FBC life for some 25 years. Recently, as some of the young, very talented participants moved due to college and career, the group needs several instrumentalists, including those who play guitar, keyboard, or drums. If you are interested in joining the Praise Team, please contact Samuel Bridges or Hannah Everhart.



WEEK OF DECEMBER 21, 2025

Weekly Undesignated Contribution Requirement \$16,538.46

Actual Undesignated Contributions \$15,955.00

Weekly Deficit \$583.46

YTD Undesignated Contribution Requirement \$198,461.52

YTD Actual Contributions \$222,633.97

YTD Surplus \$24,754.91

Foreign Missions \$5,915.00 YTD: \$13,823.00

Upward \$230.00 Capital Improvement \$10.00

Memorials \$600.00 Flowers \$100.00

Backpack \$500.00 Property/Operations \$1.00

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

10:30 AM Worship 198

Total in Worship 198

Sunday School 171

Nursing Home 24

Total in Sunday School 195

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Weekly Upward Prayer

Pray for all of the volunteers. Pray for the to be encouraging to one another and diligent in their specific tasks.



CHURCH MEMBER PRAYER CONCERNS

Judy Abernathy
Pat Ballard
Joan Bangle
Donna Beasley
Richard Beasley
Sharon Bondurant
Mary Bridges
Derrick Canipe
Shelby Coffey
Gale Deal
Vicky Gilbert
Bob Hodges
Trudy Hoffman
Mark Johnson
Collyns Leaders
Fred Martin
William McCollough
Rick Metcalf
Jerry Payseur

Sara Peek
Linda Segrest
Ruth Schrum
Wayne Schrum
Janice Sellers
Ron Souders
Vel Souders
Jim Thackston
Hilda Ward
Elaine Wright
Harvey Young

- Custodial Technician
- Nursery Workers
- Upward
- WNC Residents



FBC STAFF

Rev. Dr. M. Scott Hagaman	<i>Senior Pastor</i>
Rev. Dr. Aaron M. Rice	<i>Minister of Music</i>
Alisha A. Hinson	<i>Director of Children's Ministry</i>
Mekenna R. Boswell	<i>Director of Student Ministry</i>
Timothy Scruggs	<i>Organist</i>
Harriet Dobbins	<i>10:30 Pianists</i>
Anna Bowman	<i>Business Manager/Financial Secretary</i>
Lora Taylor	<i>Administrative Assistant</i>
Layla Sawyer	<i>Office Assistant</i>
Tommy Owens	<i>Facilities Technician</i>

2025 READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

December 31	Malachi 3-4	Revelation 22
January 1	Genesis 1-3	Matthew 1
January 2	Genesis 4-6	Matthew 2:1-12
January 3	Genesis 7-8	Matthew 2:13-23
January 4	Genesis 9-11	Matthew 3
January 5	Genesis 12-14	Matthew 4:1-11
January 6	Genesis 15-17	Matthew 4:12-25
January 7	Genesis 18-19	Matthew 5:1-16
January 8	Genesis 20-22	Matthew 5:17-48
January 9	Genesis 23-24	Matthew 6:1-18
January 10	Genesis 25-27	Matthew 6:19-34
January 11	Genesis 28-29	Matthew 7:1-14
January 12	Genesis 30-31	Matthew 7:15-19
January 13	Genesis 32-33	Matthew 8:1-17
January 14	Genesis 34-36	Matthew 8:18-34

WEEKDAY CHILDRENS MINISTRY

Doreen Melton	<i>Exec. Director</i>
Chasity Reid	<i>Director</i>

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UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER 31– Jane Free, Marty Coram
JANUARY 1– Vicky Gilbert, Candy Blume, Jennifer Hubner
JANUARY 2– Homry Pavon, Daniel McBride
JANUARY 3– Rev. Raleigh Castelloe, Jessica Beasley,
Montgomery Fletcher
JANUARY 4– Kelly Brock
JANUARY 7– Isla Williams
JANUARY 8– Bill Cardin, Betty Reynolds, Nathaniel Hitt
JANUARY 9– Trinity Morris
JANUARY 10– Debora Goode
JANUARY 12– Rebecca Hicks, Bill Hitt, Sharon Lineberger
JANUARY 13– Ginger Lutz, Karen Carter Miller,
Coy Campbell
JANUARY 14– Candace Stevens, Joey Handy,
Mackenzie Ingle, Levi Schmidt
JANUARY 15– Linda Baxter, Pam Pearson
JANUARY 16– Ruth Schrum, Neal Rhyne, Zane Ridings
JANUARY 17– Kim Ward, Hanna Hagaman

WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS ~ JANUARY 4, 2025

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Denise Girvin

SURVEILLANCE & SECURITY: Harry Brogden

NURSING HOME: Steve & Sara Miller, Jason Cranford

Greeters ~ January 4

Alexander, Neal/Shirley

Ministry Opportunity



We are in **URGENT** need of many volunteers
to help with our nursery/children's program
on Sunday mornings at the following times.

8:30 am 9:30 am 10:30 am