



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

Friday, April 24

2:30 PM Dominoes

Saturday, April 25

9:00 AM Pickleball

Sunday, April 26

8:30 AM Early Worship & Baptism

9:30 AM Ingrained/Adult Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service

4:00 PM New Member Class

4:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal

4:30 PM Joy Ringers

5:15 PM Youth Ringers

6:00 PM FBC Youth

6:00 PM Women's Bible Study

Monday, April 27

10:30 AM FBC Staff Meeting

12:00 PM Rotary Club

3:00 PM Advanced Men's Pickleball

6:30 PM Upward Interest Meeting

Tuesday, April 28

9:30 AM FBCM Chapel

5:00 PM Pickleball

6:00 PM Women's Fitness Class

Wednesday, April 29

5:00 PM Children/Youth Snack Supper

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

Church Conference Meeting

Wednesday, April 22 at 6:30 PM in the
FLC Dining Hall

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

201 Robin Rd, Lincolnton, NC 28092

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Church Office Hours:

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

Weekday Children's Ministry

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Common Grounds

Faith. Food. Fun. Fellowship. Family.

At FBC Lincolnton, our greatest strength has always been our people.

Through our Ingrained initiative, we've explored the connection between community, hospitality, and church growth. One truth keeps rising to the surface: what makes our church special isn't just what we do. It's who we are together. That's the heart behind *Common*

Grounds. On Sunday, April 26 at 9:30 a.m., we're setting aside our usual Sunday School routine for a churchwide hour of connection in the gymnasium. This will be a relaxed, welcoming time designed to help us grow closer as a church family. Our incredible hospitality team

will provide a light breakfast, and we'll create space for meaningful conversations, laughter, and shared stories. As our church continues to grow, it's easy to find ourselves sitting near people we don't yet know or attending different services without ever connecting. *Common Grounds* is an intentional opportunity to bridge those gaps. Our prayer is that this event will help us to put names with faces, to hear one another's stories, and to strengthen the relationships that make ministry possible.

As we look outward—serving our community, loving Lincoln County, and shining the light of Christ—we also want to look inward. Healthy, vibrant ministry flows from a church body that knows, encourages, and genuinely enjoys one another. We hope you'll join us for this special morning. Come ready to connect and come expectant for how God will continue to grow us together.

Upcoming Baptism

Please join us on Sunday, April 26 during the 8:30 AM service for the Baptism of Jeremy Leaders.

New Members Class

The Faith and Practice of First Baptist Church

Session #1—Sunday, April 26

4:00-5:30 p.m., FLC Dining Room

What We Believe & How We

Function

Session #2—Sunday, May 3

4:00-5:30 p.m., FLC Dining Room

What We Do & How Can You

Serve?

Do you want to get to know First Baptist Church better? This two-part class will be

NEW MEMBER CLASS

offered twice per year. It is designed for new members, prospective new members, or anyone else who wants to understand better the faith and function of our church.

Dessert, snacks, coffee and other drinks will be provided. If you plan to attend, please sign up by contacting the church office at

(704) 732-1101 or

receptionist@fbclincolnton.org.

What Does Church Membership Mean?

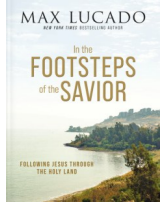
Scott Hagaman, Pastor

Over the years, like many other local churches, First Baptist Church has regularly provided New Member classes. We will re-start that practice on April 26 and May 3. Detailed information is on the front page of this Informer. If you are a new member, considering church membership, or simply want to know more about FBC, I hope you will join us! As a result of these classes, I hope FBC participants will gain knowledge about who we are and what we do as a church. However, my highest aim is that church membership might be more meaningful having gained greater insight about us. In our contemporary business-oriented culture, "joining" a church may feel like joining some other organization. Perhaps it may seem like we're a faith-based club. Fill out this form; the members vote; and you are in.

However, from the beginning, Baptists placed a far higher meaning to church membership. That meaning can be summed up in one word, "covenant."

Early Baptists broke away from the Church of England, rejecting the established state church. Our Baptist forebears were convictional that you cannot be born a Christian; that the State cannot legislate you to be a Christian; or that being from a geographical place could make you a Christian and a member of the local parish church. As scripture teaches, people become followers of Jesus Christ by belief (salvation by grace through faith!). So, as early Baptists gathered together to form churches separate from the state church, they made solemn covenant to be church together. These covenants were actual written documents that the members signed upon joining. A Church Covenant is simply a list of promises to be Christian and Church together. Such documents espouse the intention to serve the Lord, to support one another as brothers and sisters, and to carry out the work of the Gospel together. In a sense, what that means is that we are not "Lone Ranger" Christians. We don't do faith in isolation. We do faith together in community. Church membership can seem perfunctory and transactional. However, in its best sense, church membership is an expression of our calling in Christ, which should feel and look like family. In Christ, we are family. We love and support one another. We never give up on one another. In good times and bad, we walk in faith together with Christ as our Lord. May FBC truly be that kind of family to one another now and always, until the completion of all things when Christ returns.

Women's Bible Study Group
Six-week study beginning on
Sunday April 12 from 6-7 PM in
the Tree of Life Classroom
Come join us as we take a virtual journey of the Holy Land and follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Through reading, analyzing maps, and watching videos by Max Lucado, we will be visiting and learning about Capernaum, Sea of Galilee, Mount of Beatitudes, Temple Steps, Garden Tomb, and Caesarea by the Sea. To sign up for the Bible Study, contact Michelle Johnson at 704-591-3290.



Thank-You Note

Thank you, church family, from the bottom of my heart, for every call, text, meal, flower, and everything else. The past three weeks have been incredibly difficult, but being surrounded by your love, prayers, and support has helped me through. I am so deeply grateful and truly blessed to be part of such a caring church family.

-Lindsay Hatley & Family



CHRISTIAN MINISTRY OF LINCOLN COUNTY THE AMAZING RACE AGAINST HUNGER

presents



Race for the trophy starts NOW! Get your team together and start raising money to sponsor someone that needs a hot, well balanced meal. Race ends on May 3rd.

Bingo, Meal and Live Entertainment
Saturday, May 2, 2026
A Live Meal Sponsorship Fundraiser

First United Methodist Church
201 East Main Street
Lincolnton, NC 28092



DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 PM

FASHION SHOW AND Tea

Hosted by
The FBC Women's Bible Study

Join us for fellowship, laughter, and great fashion!

Saturday, May 16th

10 o'clock in the morning until
12 o'clock in the afternoon

The Dining Hall of The FLC
First Baptist Church
201 Robin Road
Lincolnton, NC 28092



Featuring local stores including Tableco,
Benny's Boutique, Cowboy Killer Company, Amy's Closet,
Steer South Trading Company and Little Hidden Gem

Suggested donation of \$10 at the door, text or call
704-591-3290 to reserve your spot. Seats are limited.
Proceeds will go towards the Upward Basketball Program scholarships.

85
years loved

PLEASE JOIN US FOR CAKE AND ICE CREAM
AS WE CELEBRATE

Sandra Ward

SATURDAY | APRIL 25TH
2:00 - 4:00 PM

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
FAMILY LIFE CENTER
201 ROBIN ROAD, LINCOLNTON, NC
NO GIFTS PLEASE

Deacon Election

The Deacon election process is beginning. To qualify, you must be a member of at least 2 years and you must be at least 18 years of age. If you meet these qualifications but do not wish to be considered, please contact the Church Office to have your name removed from the list.



WEEK OF APRIL 19, 2025

Weekly Undesignated Contribution Requirement	\$16,538.46	
Actual Undesignated Contributions	\$11,564.56	
<i>Weekly Deficit</i>	\$4,973.90	
YTD Undesignated Contribution Requirement	\$479,615.34	
YTD Actual Contributions	\$524,387.03	
<i>YTD Surplus</i>	\$44,771.69	
Home Missions	\$130.00	Foreign Missions \$500.00
Capital Improvement	\$50.00	Property & Operations \$51.00
VBS	\$50.00	

Upcoming Church Council Meeting

Sunday, May 17th

Please call the Church Office by Wednesday, May 13th to confirm your attendance.

Congratulations to David and Melissa Ballard who became grandparents to baby Ella Ruth McAbee, weighing 8 lbs. and 20 inches tall. Mother Natalie and Ella Ruth are both doing well!



Thank-You Note

Thank you for your many prayers, cards, phone calls, and visits I received during my recent stay in the hospital and Rehab. Continue to pray that I may regain more healing and strength in my back and spine. Love, Inez Abernethy

thank you

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

<u>10:30 AM Worship</u>	<u>235</u>
Total in Worship	235
Sunday School	200
<u>Nursing Home</u>	<u>20</u>
Total in Sunday School	220

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Empty Nester Group Meeting

Come join the Empty Nester Group for some fun and fellowship. On Saturday, May 30 at 6:00 we will gather at the home of Jeff and Melanie Emory for a cookout. On Friday, June 12 we will prepare and serve dinner at the Hesed House. Please reach out to Melanie at 704-472-5977 to sign up for these events. We would love to have you join! us!

Upward Interest Meeting

April 27th at 6:30 PM in the Conference



Women's Fitness Group

Tuesdays from 6-7 PM
FLC Room 203
(Children's Choir Room)



This new yoga fitness group taught by Hundley Macomson combines scripture, meditation, and yoga to benefit one's body, mind, and spirit. Come and bring a friend! Bring your own yoga mat. Contact Michelle Johnson for more info.
There will NOT be a class on April 28.



THE LIBRARY
FBC LINCOLNTON
RESOURCE CENTER

Library Open House

We've moved and you are invited to our **Open House** on Sunday, April 26th from

8:30 a.m. — 9:30 a.m. Your church library is now located in the Family Life Center. Come and check it out!

CHURCH MEMBER

Judy Abernathy
Inez Abernethy
Donna Beasley
Richard Beasley
Sharon Bondurant
Mary Bridges
Derrick Canipe
Kathie Canipe
Shelby Coffey
Vicky Gilbert
Doug Hancock
Travis Hart
Bob Hodges
Trudy Hoffman
Ayda Johnson
Jessie Johnson
Mark Johnson
Collyns Leaders
Sylvia Linker
Fred Martin

PRAYER CONCERNS

William McCollough
Sara Miller
Joey Motz
Roxanne Motz
Jerry Payseur
Sara Peek
Linda Segrest
Ruth Schrum
Wayne Schrum
Janice Sellers
Pat Stamey
Jim Thackston
Gloria Thornburg
Hilda Ward
Jim Watson
Pat Wilhelm
Elaine Wright

- Nursery Worker
- Upward



FBC STAFF

Rev. Dr. M. Scott Hagaman	<i>Senior Pastor</i>
Rev. Dr. J. Dixon Free	<i>Pastor Emeritus</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 Pianist</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>
Caroline Smith	<i>Custodial Technician</i>
SuAnn Guynn	<i>Custodial Technician</i>
Doreen Melton	<i>Exec. Director</i>
Chasity Reid	<i>Director</i>

2026 READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

April 22	I Samuel 18-19	Luke 8:40-56
April 23	I Samuel 20-21	Luke 9:1-17
April 24	I Samuel 22-23	Luke 9:18-45
April 25	I Samuel 24-25	Luke 9:46-62
April 26	I Samuel 26-27	Luke 10:1-24
April 27	I Samuel 28-29	Luke 10:25-42
April 28	I Samuel 30-31	Luke 11:1-13
April 29	II Samuel 1-2	Luke 11:14-28
April 30	II Samuel 3-4	Luke 11:29-54
May 1	II Samuel 5-6	Luke 12:1-12
May 2	II Samuel 7-8	Luke 12:13-34
May 3	II Samuel 9-10	Luke 12:35-59
May 4	II Samuel 11-12	Luke 13:1-17
May 5	II Samuel 13-14	Luke 13:18-35
May 6	II Samuel 15-16	Luke 14:1-24

WEEKDAY CHILDRENS MINISTRY

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UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

- APRIL 22**– Kelsey Houser
- APRIL 23**– Cindy Saine, Linda Hovis, Leslie Holland, Tyler Everhart, Derrick Canipe, Jaylynn Stout
- APRIL 25**– Donna Forner, Saundra Ward, Josh Beam, Kristy Baker
- APRIL 26**– Abbie Lineberger, Brittany Leaders
- APRIL 27**– Emilee Reynolds, Ryan Gunter
- APRIL 28**– Ernie Motz, Jolie Campbell
- APRIL 30**– Donna Smith, Donna Harmelink, Vicky Ramsey
- MAY 1**– Henry White
- MAY 2**– Ruthanna Crews, Allison Owens, Evalina Herndon, Jamie Lineberger
- MAY 3**– Cheryl Burgess, Maelle Keener, Ramzy Fouts, Bethany Bryan
- MAY 4**– Linda Poole, Mary McNeil
- MAY 5**– Roxanne Motz, Luis Campos, Paul Muller, Jim Horn, Andrea Greene, Doris Brown
- MAY 6**– Kim Berg, Henry Rice

WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS ~ APRIL 26, 2025

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Jim Watson

SURVEILLANCE & SECURITY: David Ballard

NURSING HOME: Karen Miller, Ruth Bryson, Franna Cline, Max Anne Keener

Greeters ~ April 26

- Gurley, Steve/Sue (1)
- Brogden, Harry (2)
- Rudisill, Ken/Linda Harrill (3)
- Schuman, Sherry (4)

Greeters ~ May 3 & 10

- Sharp, John/Clara (1)
- Sellers, Glenn/Janice (2)
- Deal, Gale (3)
- Carey, Treva/Cline, Sue (4)



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