

INFORMER

August 2, 2026

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, August 2

Sunday School Promotion Day

7:00 am Deacons' Meeting

8:30 am Baptism

(Ansley Bridges, Rachel & William Batsom)

6:00 pm FBC Youth Kick-Off

Thursday, August 6

12:30 pm FBC Kids Outing to Bo's

Sunday, August 9

Deacon Election Day

6:00 pm Back-to-School Bash at

S. Ray Lowder

1:00 pm TopAgers trip to Crawdads Game

Wednesday, August 12

6:30 pm Church Conference

Tuesday, August 18

5:30 pm NCBOM Dinner & Rally at

Lincoln Ave. Baptist

Wednesday, August 19

5:00 pm Kids/Youth Supper Resumes

6:30 pm Global Missions Night/Prayer Meeting

Friday, August 21

6:00 pm Youth/Family Night to Ball Game

Message From the Pastor

The Movements of Worship: Invocation

Christian worship throughout the centuries and across the various traditions can be quite diverse in its expression. However, Christian worship generally occurs in three movements: gathering, proclamation, and response. In our worship at First Baptist Church, we follow that same pattern in both of services, though in distinct ways. We begin with an opening prayer. Traditionally, that prayer is called the "invocation." Taken from Latin, we can easily hear our word "invoke." That makes our prayer sound rather confident, doesn't it? Do we think we can produce God's presence as though our words control the Almighty? The Latin root, invocare, actually means "to call upon" or "to appeal to." Beginning worship with prayer, we recognize that God cannot be controlled—that God is God and we are not. Yet, that same God seeks to relate to us, to walk and talk with us. We call upon God like Adam and Eve did in the garden of Eden, knowing that God is already there, waiting to hear from us. Such familiarity and intimacy mark the beginning of Christian worship. In that sense, we gather for worship, knowing that God is always here with us, ready to receive our worship, even as His Spirit enables it. Thus, our greeting of God is really God's greeting of us. We welcome God only to be welcomed by God, who has called us to worship Him.

Deacon Election

Deacon voting will begin on Wednesday, July 15. Voting will end on Sunday, August 9 at the close of the 10:30 worship service. Ballots will be available in the church office for absentee voting. Please prayerfully consider each candidate listed.

**Rodney Ballard
Rusty Cornwell
Rusty Reynolds**

**Jerry Barton
Jeff Emory
Jennifer Sinclair**

**Josh Beam
Gary Hoffman**

**Diana Carpenter
Rex Rhyne**

All-State Youth Choir



Thank you First Baptist for your prayers, words of encouragement and financial support for the All-State Youth Choir of NC. Four of our students, Cooper Bridges, Noah Cranford, Tucker Cranford, Felicity Sinclair, and leader, Jennifer Sinclair represented FBC extremely well. FBC is recognized throughout the state through this Ministry. Phil Campbell, Coordinator

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Early Worship	Sunday	8:30 am
Sunday School	Sunday	9:30 am
Worship	Sunday	10:30 am
Prayer Meeting	Wednesday	6:30 pm

Contact us at:

704-732-1101 Email: fbclincolnton.org

Website: fbclincolnton.org

Church Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30 AM-5:00 PM

Weekly Attendance 7/26

8:30 am	82
10:30 am	157
Total	239

Sunday School	176
Nursing Home	13
Total	189

Contribution Information 7/26

Weekly Undesignated Contribution Requirement	\$16,538.46
Actual Undesignated Contributions	\$11,295.00
<i>Weekly Deficit</i>	\$5,243.46
YTD Undesignated Contribution Requirement	\$711,153.78
YTD Actual Contributions	\$727,970.03
YTD Surplus	\$16,816.25
Backpack	\$235.00
Property and Operations	\$5.00

TopAgers Caraway Trip

The dates are October 5-8. The cost is \$145 with a \$50 non-refundable deposit due.

**TopAgers Crawdads Game**

We are planning a trip to see the Hickory Crawdads on August 9. We will need to leave from the FLC portico at 1:00 PM. **Our seats will be in a covered section.** The cost will be \$8. Reserve your spot by July 29. We hope to see many of you there!

NCBOM AREA 8 MISSION RALLY

Will be at Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church on Aug 18th. A meal is provided at 5:30. The program begins at 6:50 pm. There is no charge for the meal but reservations are needed. Contact Andrea Greene or Jeff Grigsby if you are interested in attending.

Congratulations

To Tyler and Hannah Everhart on the birth of their daughter **Georgia Mae Everhart** on 7/21 weighing 8 lbs 1 oz and 21 ¾ in long.

**Bavaria Christmas Markets Tour**

November 30-December 9, 2026
\$350 deposit due by August 17th.

Detailed information available through the church office. For further questions, please contact Scott Hagaman, or Rose Mary and James Ball.

**Women's Bible Study**

Bible study with writer Cindi Wood on Saturday, September 12 at 10:00 AM in the FLC Dining Hall. Contact Michelle at 704-591-3290 for more information; please RSVP by 8/30. A donation of \$15 is encouraged.



Sympathy
We extend sympathy
to the family of
Elaine Baker

**FBC Kids Event**

Going to Bo's Entertainment on August 6. Cost: \$10 We will leave at 12:30 pm and return at 7:30 pm. We will stop for dinner. Extra money for snacks can be brought. Wear closed toed shoes.

Empty Nester Group

On August 29, we will go to Hang Time Golf in Gastonia. If you are able to attend, please text Melanie Emory at 704-472-5977 by August 3.

**FBC & 2026 Apple Festival, Saturday, October 17th**

This year, our Church will be helping with the Apple Festival in the Kid's Orchard section. Sign-up sheets are available. contact Denise at 434-242-5564 or denisegirvin@yahoo.com for more information.

**Budget Process**

- 8/2 - Preliminary Draft to Deacons
- 8/12 - Preliminary Draft to Church Conference
- 8/19 & 8/26 - Listening Sessions (by appointment only)
- 9/6 - Present Budget to Deacons
- 9/16 - Present Budget to Church Conference with discussion
- 9/27 - Present Budget to Church (both services) in business meeting for a vote

6TH-12TH GRADE FALL RETREAT

When: October 23-25, 2026
Where: Ridgecrest Conference Center
Speaker: Jason Gaston, Support Director at Summit Collaborative

Total Cost: \$60

Deposit 1: \$30 due August 16
Deposit 2: \$30 due September 13

Place deposits in Anna Bowman's office deposit window

OPEN TO RISING 11TH GRADE & UP!

HONOLULU, HAWAII MISSION Trip

PARTNERING WITH OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH & LOCAL MINISTRIES

COST COVERS FOOD-STAY-FLIGHT & TRANSPORTATION

\$2500

APPLY BY AUGUST 9
EMAIL DIRECTOR OF STUDENT MINISTRIES FOR APPLICATION
*SUPPORT RAISING COURSES BEGIN IN AUGUST

JUNE 5-JUNE 14, 2027
VBS, FOOD PANTRY, PRAYER WALK/EVANGELISM, TOUR DAY

Email: youth.ministry@fbclincolnton.org

FBC Youth Kickoff

join us for the ultimate game of spoons!

Inviting ALL Rising 6-Rising 12

AUGUST 2 6-7:30PM

FBC Lincolnnton
Office Building-Second Floor
Dinner served in Youth Cafe at 6

Contact Director of Youth Ministry
(704)666-1802
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