

# INFORMER

September 20, 2026

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## WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Sunday, September 20**

11:30 am Lunch & Choir Rehearsal  
6:00 pm Men's Bible Study  
6:00 pm Women's Bible Study

### **Monday, September 21**

Gym closed

### **Tuesday, September 22**

6:00 pm Women's Fitness Group  
6:30 pm Ingrained Team Meeting

### **Wednesday, September 23**

6:30 pm Church Conference

### **Saturday, September 26**

8:30 am Ingrained Breakfast & Lesson

### **Sunday, September 27**

Ingrained Sunday

### **Monday, September 28**

6:30 pm Germany Trip Info Meeting (DH)

### **Thursday, October 1**

2:00 pm Chrismon Class

### It's in our DNA Already

In Genesis, in the beginning, we hear how Adam and Eve walked and talked with God. First, that says something about God. God is close and personal. God wants to have a relationship with each of us. Also, second, that says something about us.

We are meant to live in community, both with God our Creator and with one another. Jesus Christ came to rebuild that intimate relationship between God and us. Having been saved by Christ, the barrier is removed between God and us. Our close, intimate relationship is restored with God, our Father. The Church is the collective expression of that same close relationship with God. The Church is a foretaste of God's eternal community, where we seek to live each day walking and talking with God. Inviting others to know Christ and to be a part of this community is already a part of our DNA. The fellowship of church is our witness.

The fellowship of the church is our mission. We are called to share God's community with our neighbors. If you are passionate about sharing Christ and His church with others, I encourage you to be a part of the upcoming Ingrained Summit. Together, we will grow that outreaching part of our DNA even stronger! I hope to see you there!

### Ingrained Summit 2.0

**Breakfast, 8:30-9:00 a.m. Session, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. FLC Dining Hall**

Imagine planting Gospel seeds that grow and bear much fruit for God's kingdom. The aim of Ingrained is to deepen FBC's outreach culture from leadership and staff all the way to every person in the pews. We seek to ingrain that outreaching, evangelistic character deep in our congregation's DNA. In year two of Ingrained, we seek to take this culture of outreach to the next level, especially engaging our neighbors who typically do not ever walk on our campus. How can we share the love of Christ with them? Dr. Travis Collins from the Center for Healthy Churches will be our congregational coach as we gather for a time of equipping and learning. He is also formerly an IMB missionary. Dr. Collins will lead our **Ingrained Summit 2.0 on Saturday, Sept. 26** and preach in both services on Sunday, Sept. 27. We want everyone to be here! If you are interested in growing FBC's outreach culture and reaching people for Christ, then please come and participate! A full breakfast will be provided by FBC's Baptists on Mission. Please sign up through the church office by Wednesday, Sept. 23. **Childcare provided; please call ahead.**

### Deacon Recommendations

- The Board of Deacons joins the FBC-Lincolnton Ministerial Staff in recommending the approval of a Brief Statement of Beliefs to be published on the new church website, and in other church publications.  
*\*Copies of the new statement will be in the church office, at Prayer Meeting, and in the sanctuary narthex.*
- The Board of Deacons join the Budget and Finance Committee makes the following recommendations:
  1. The 2026-2027 Budget in the amount of \$885,823 be approved.
  2. That we allocate funds from reserves for the following:
    - a) \$20,000 for work on the Courtyard, including trimming or removal of trees and bushes and repair of any damage to the building.
    - b) \$30,000 be added to the Designated Approved Offering HVAC-FLC Account and changing the name and guidelines of this account to HVAC Expenses. This account could then be used for HVAC expenses anywhere in both buildings.
  3. Approval of the following Approved Designated Offerings: Home Missions-Annie Armstrong, Home Missions-CBF, Foreign Missions-Lottie Moon, Foreign Missions-CBF, NC State Missions-BSC, NC State Mission Offering-CBF, Capital Improvements, Memorials, Property and Operations, Baptist on Mission, Vacation Bible School, Upward Ministry, Education Fund, Operation Backpack, Mission Trip Support, Youth Summer/Mission Trip, Flowers, Disaster Relief-Local
  4. With the adoption of this budget, the authorized check signers of the designated and undesignated Church accounts for the 2026-2027 Church Year are Harry Brogden, Anna Bowman, Greg Stroup, and Lee Campbell
  5. The Board of Deacons recommends Travis Sinclair to serve as Church Moderator for the 2026-2027 church year.

### Contact us at:

704-732-1101 Email: [fbc@fbclincolnton.org](mailto:fbc@fbclincolnton.org) Website: [fbclincolnton.org](http://fbclincolnton.org)

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

**Weekly Attendance 9/13**

8:30 am 83  
10:30 am 171  
Total 254

Sunday School 197  
Nursing Home 15  
Total 202

**Contribution Information 9/13**

Weekly Undesignated Contribution Requirement \$16,538.46  
Actual Undesignated Contributions \$32,100.00  
*Weekly Surplus* \$15,561.54  
YTD Undesignated Contribution Requirement \$826,923.00  
YTD Actual Contributions \$851,273.08  
YTD Surplus \$24,350.08

NC State Missions \$1,162.00 YTD: \$2,620.00

**Sympathy**

We extend our deepest sympathy to Allyson Hanock and her family in the loss of her father, Steve Abernethy, and to the family of Sandra Marlar.

**Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible Study**

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:20 p.m., FLC Dining Hall  
Led by Dr. Scott Hagaman, Pastor  
September Series: Commonly Called  
Every Follower of Jesus Christ is Called  
What Is Your Calling?  
Sept. 30 Listening for Call – First Samuel 3:1-4:1a

**Combined Worship Service  
World Communion Sunday**

Sunday, October 4  
9:30 p.m. Sunday School  
10:30 p.m. Single Worship Service  
Following worship, a cookout lunch will be provided in the Family Life Center! Everyone is encouraged to stay for a time of food and fellowship as we celebrate our common bond in Jesus Christ!

**NC Missions Offering**

During the month of September, we will collect donations for the NC Missions Offering. Our goal is \$12,000.  
Received: \$2,620.00

**Weekly Volunteers****9/20**

DOW: Karen Miller  
Security: David Ballard

**9/27**

DOW: Jim Watson  
Security: Richard Greene

**Support Our Education Fund**

The new school year has begun, and the Scholarship Committee would like to invite you to prayerfully consider making a gift to the Education Fund.

**Would you be willing to read a story to children?**

Our Weekday Children's Ministry would love to share a visit to our media center to enjoy story time with you. The children will be in the 3-year-old and 4-year-old classes. This will be happening on Thursday mornings from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. in the new media center located in the Family Life Center. We can help you choose a book to read to the children if you like, or you may have a favorite you'd like to share. Please call the church office, 704-732-1101, to sign up.

**MEN'S FALL BIBLE STUDY**

Beginning September 20 at 6:00 pm in the Conference Room. We will be studying the relationships that Jesus had with His 12 Apostles and how He molded them into the foundation of the Church. We will base the study on the book "12 Ordinary Men" and will need to know how many are planning to attend. Contact Ernie at 704-747-3636 ASAP so we are able to plan sufficiently.

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

This year, our Church will be helping with the Apple Festival in the Kid's Orchard section. We are also collecting 8 oz. water bottles. Sign-up sheets are available, contact Denise at 434-242-5564 or denisegirvin@yahoo.com for more info. We will also be raffling off a Family Movie and Game Night basket at the Apple Festival. Donations are needed.

**Upward Registration is now OPEN!**

Volunteers are encouraged to start signing up to help. Applications are available in the office or see Andrea Greene.

**WNS Menu**

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| <b>September 16th</b><br>Hot Dogs<br>French Fries<br>Mandarin Oranges<br>Cupcakes<br>Tea  | <b>September 23rd</b><br>Quesadillas, chicken or cheese<br>Mexican Rice<br>Apple Empanadas<br>Tea | <b>September 30th</b><br>Chicken Sandwich<br>Hashbrown Casserole<br>Fresh Veggies & Ranch<br>Cake with Berries and Whipped Cream<br>Tea | <b>October 7th</b><br>Pasta<br>Marinara Sauce<br>Alfredo Sauce<br>Salad<br>Bread<br>Lemon or Chocolate Pie               |
| <b>October 14th</b><br>BBQ Chicken Sandwich<br>Baked Beans<br>Chips<br>Apple Crisp<br>Tea | <b>October 21st</b><br>Taco Bar<br>Corn Croquettes<br>Fruit Salad<br>Candy Corn Cookies<br>Tea    | <b>October 28th</b><br>Corn Dogs<br>Mac & Cheese<br>Grapes & bananas<br>Monster Rice Kripsy<br>Treats                                   | <b>November 4th</b><br>Potato Soup<br>Taco Soup<br>Chips & Crackers<br>Apple Slices<br>Ice Cream Sandwich Dessert<br>Tea |
|                                                                                           | <b>November 11th</b><br>Spaghetti<br>Salad<br>Bread<br>Yummy Pumpkin Cake<br>Tea                  | <b>November 18th</b><br>Chicken Pot Pie<br>Green Beans<br>Sweet Potatoes with Marshmallows<br>Caramel Apple Cake                        |                                                                                                                          |

**Budget Process**

9/23 - Budget discussion at Church Conference  
9/27 - Present Budget to Church (both services) in business meeting for a vote

**Trunk-or-Treat Candy Collection**

We are beginning our candy collection for our Trunk-or-Treat. Our goal is 25,000 pieces.

**First Baptist  
Lincolnton**

**TRUNK  
OR  
TREAT**

**Join Us**When : October 31<sup>st</sup>

Time : 6:00-8:00 PM

Location: 201 Robin Road Lincolnton

# Prayer List

## Family

Steve Abernethy  
 Janet Bridges  
 James Broyhill  
 Patrick Campbell  
 Sandy Cline  
 Debbie Cooley  
 Ann Digh  
 Tom Dyson  
 Donald Ekback  
 Dale Gray  
 Carolyn Greene  
 Erin Ford  
 Mike & Martha Goins  
 Harold Greene  
 Trevor Hatley  
 Randy Livingston  
 Kasey Messer  
 JoAnna Morgan  
 Ernie Motz  
 Kim Noles  
 Rita Price  
 Rodney Robinson  
 Brad Shumat  
 Andrew Smith  
 Greg Smith  
 Grayson West  
 Cynthia White  
 Erica Williams  
 Ken Wright

## Church Members

|                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Judy Abernathy   | Collins Leaders    |
| Linda Baxter     | Sylvia Linker      |
| Donna Beasley    | Ana Luna           |
| Richard Beasley  | Fred Martin        |
| Sharon Bondurant | William McCollough |
| Mary Bridges     | Jerry Payseur      |
| Derrick Canipe   | Sara Peek          |
| Kathie Canipe    | Brenda Robinson    |
| Shelby Coffey    | Ruth Schrum        |
| Duane Digh       | Wayne Schrum       |
| Dwight Drum      | Linda Segrest      |
| Margaret Ekback  | Debbie Sipe        |
| Jane Free        | Pat Stamey         |
| Vicky Gilbert    | Jim Thackston      |
| Janice Grossman  | Hilda Ward         |
| Doug Hancock     | Sandra Ward        |
| Bob Hodges       | Jim Watson         |
| Trudy Hoffman    | Debbie Whisenant   |
| Ayda Johnson     | Teresa Wilkie      |
| Jessie Johnson   |                    |
| Mark Johnson     |                    |
| Bill Lankford    |                    |

## Friends

Lana Bollinger  
 Carla Brandon  
 Patrick Campbell  
 Jeanne Corwin  
 Anthony Davis  
 Wanda Edwards  
 Dr. Walter Hart  
 Tim Hurt  
 Yulia Kuznetsov  
 Jase McDowell  
 Laura Minick  
 Dr. Debra Morris  
 Paul Mundy  
 Candace Orr  
 Jerry Ostrander  
 Dr. Ivan Park  
 Cassie Parker  
 Jean Purvis  
 Josh Ruiz  
 Sis Shull  
 Jeff Stepp  
 Dr. Phyllis Tallent  
 Neil & Crystal Taylor  
 Billie Watson  
 Rhett White

## Assisted Living/Homebound

### Homebound

Linda Buff  
 Kathy Masterson  
 James Elkins  
 Alden/Linda Segrest

### TerraBella Lincolnton

Elaine Campbell  
 Ann Harrill  
 Kay Wilson

### Abernethy Laurels

Tana Boggs  
 Wendell Boggs  
 Phyllis Castelloe  
 Raleigh Castelloe (Memory Unit)  
 Ray Parker/Mary Lou Parker

### Carolina Care, Cherryville

Polly Waters\*

### The Greens

Pat Ballard

# Upcoming Birthdays

**September 16-** Emalynn Stout  
**September 17-** Larry Fletcher, Linda Baker, Tony Wilkie  
**September 18-** Janie Schronce, Kim Zickefoose, Tim Ward, Brianna Bryson  
**September 19-** Lisa Baker, Noah Gunter  
**September 20-** Pat Sykes, Kathy Masterson, Ed Lindsey  
**September 21-** Tina Ari, Joey Crews, Aspen Buice  
**September 22-** Sara Peek, Jonathan Tipton, Linda Harrill-Rudisill  
**September 23-** Anna Jimenez, Inez Abernethy  
**September 24-** Glen Singletary, Jennifer Miller  
**September 25-** Will Hancock, Anna Castillo, Chase Silver, Jaxon Ward, Jon Christian Burris, Murphy McCord, Richard Fouts  
**September 26-** Joe Baker  
**September 27-** Jonathan Miller, Gayren Handy, Robby Sullivan, Rachel Cartner  
**September 28-** Collyns Leaders  
**September 29-** Phil Campbell, Quinn Rulapaugh  
**September 30-** Ansley Bridges, Teresa Greene, Cindy Sherrill  
**October 2-** Scott Chapman, Obie Pigg  
**October 3-** Lauren Putnam, Maddox Hovis, Jessica Lineberger  
**October 4-** Skylar Wilson, Spencer Pendleton, Colton Gilbert, Kathie Canipe, Gaye Howard  
**October 5-** Katy Cartner, Stacy Nantz, Mike Goodson, Carter Spitler  
**October 6-** Philip Graham, Scott Zickefoose, Hunter White  
**October 7-** Jenni White, Jill Tipton, Jon Burris  
**October 8-** Joan Bangle, James McDonald  
**October 9-** Doris Payseur  
**October 10-** Joshua Carter  
**October 11-** Jane Hester  
**October 12-** SuAnn Guynn, Graham Willis  
**October 13-** Jane Batts

# 2026 Read Through the Bible

|              |                |                    |
|--------------|----------------|--------------------|
| September 16 | Isaiah 19-22   | II Corinthians 5   |
| September 17 | Isaiah 23-25   | II Corinthians 6   |
| September 18 | Isaiah 26-29   | II Corinthians 7   |
| September 19 | Isaiah 30-32   | II Corinthians 8   |
| September 20 | Isaiah 33-35   | II Corinthians 9   |
| September 21 | Isaiah 36-39   | II Corinthians 10  |
| September 22 | Isaiah 40-41   | II Corinthians 11  |
| September 23 | Isaiah 42-43   | II Corinthians 12  |
| September 24 | Isaiah 44-47   | II Corinthians 13  |
| September 25 | Isaiah 48-50   | Galatians 1        |
| September 26 | Isaiah 51-53   | Galatians 2        |
| September 27 | Isaiah 54-57   | Galatians 3        |
| September 28 | Isaiah 58-60   | Galatians 4        |
| September 29 | Isaiah 61-63   | Galatians 5        |
| September 30 | Isaiah 64-66   | Galatians 6        |
| October 1    | Jeremiah 1     | Ephesians 1        |
| October 2    | Jeremiah 2     | Ephesians 2        |
| October 3    | Jeremiah 3-4   | Ephesians 3        |
| October 4    | Jeremiah 5-6   | Ephesians 4        |
| October 5    | Jeremiah 7-8   | Ephesians 5        |
| October 6    | Jeremiah 9-10  | Ephesians 6        |
| October 7    | Jeremiah 11-12 | Philippians 1      |
| October 8    | Jeremiah 13-14 | Philippians 2      |
| October 9    | Jeremiah 15-17 | Philippians 3      |
| October 10   | Jeremiah 18-19 | Philippians 4      |
| October 11   | Jeremiah 20-21 | Colossians 1       |
| October 12   | Jeremiah 22-23 | Colossians 2       |
| October 13   | Jeremiah 24-25 | Colossians 3       |
| October 14   | Jeremiah 26    | Colossians 4       |
| October 15   | Jeremiah 27-28 | I Thessalonians 1  |
| October 16   | Jeremiah 29-30 | I Thessalonians 2  |
| October 17   | Jeremiah 31    | I Thessalonians 3  |
| October 18   | Jeremiah 32    | I Thessalonians 4  |
| October 19   | Jeremiah 33-34 | I Thessalonians 5  |
| October 20   | Jeremiah 35-36 | II Thessalonians 1 |
| October 21   | Jeremiah 37-38 | II Thessalonians 2 |
| October 22   | Jeremiah 39-41 | II Thessalonians 3 |
| October 23   | Jeremiah 42-43 | I Timothy 1        |
| October 24   | Jeremiah 44-45 | I Timothy 2        |
| October 25   | Jeremiah 46-47 | I Timothy 3        |
| October 26   | Jeremiah 48    | I Timothy 4        |
| October 27   | Jeremiah 49    | I Timothy 5        |
| October 28   | Jeremiah 50    | I Timothy 6        |
| October 29   | Jeremiah 51    | II Timothy 1       |
| October 30   | Jeremiah 52    | II Timothy 2       |
| October 31   | Lamentations 1 | II Timothy 3       |
| November 1   | Lamentations 2 | II Timothy 4       |
| November 2   | Lamentations 3 | Titus 1            |
| November 3   | Lamentations 4 | Titus 2            |