

First Light

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Congratulations to our 2026 Graduates



Justin Bunch

*Son of Ben and Jennifer Bunch
Grandson of Gary and Adrienne Giles
Graduate of Anderson County High School*

Zaeta Ann Blakeslee-Cowen

*Daughter of Bradley and Paula Cowen & Lindsay Blakeslee
Granddaughter of Jack and Sharon Cowen
Graduate of Duncan V. Fletcher High School,
Neptune Beach, FL, May 29,
with a High School Diploma & a Two-year college degree
Major in Business/Marketing at Florida Atlantic University this fall.*

Lindsay Allynn Moss

*Daughter of Aaron and Amber Moss
Granddaughter of Mickey and Nena Moss
Graduate of Nolensville High School, Nolensville, TN.
She will study engineering at Tennessee Technological University in the fall.*

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Before His Presence with Singing

"Yes, on through life's long path, still singing as ye go"

I've chosen this hymn to go with Shawn's sermon on the Beatitudes this coming Sunday. And I'm going to practically quote the wisdom and insight of a colleague in this article, for *his* article on this hymn is brilliant.

Think about the Wizard of Oz and that little skipping song they sing in the movie—'We're OFF to see the...' Like the characters in the movie, we are on a lengthening path filled with uncertainties. Of course, we know where we're going to end up, but we can never be quite certain what to expect along the way. To carry that Oz analogy a bit further, some of us are hopelessly positive, skipping down the path in our ruby slippers with great confidence and resolve that we can find our way back home. Others are heartless – or have lost heart. Some are totally without courage. Still others are mindless in their travels, not alert or thoughtful. Then there are the ones who are Toto-ly happy to just follow everyone else, making no decisions of their own.

For this hymn writer, Edward M. Plumptre, the singing is the constant. I confess, I worry sometimes, about those of our congregation who, when it comes time to sing a hymn, no matter how familiar or new, stand with arms folded, staring blankly as others sing. I have long been praying for a non-threatening, habit-changing way of addressing that.

I like the stanza that says, "Yes, on through life's long path, still singing as ye go." I honestly don't know what I'd do without the constant ringing of song in my head. I wake, fall asleep, and journey through the day with some hymn tune on my mind whether I want it there or not.

We share life's long path. Our struggles and difficulties may vary, but if we can face whatever lies ahead with a song – perhaps even a hymn – to take our mind off those things that trouble us, we're more likely to make it safely to the other side. So, let's lock arms and head down life's road together – heartily vocalizing our common faith in song!

Christ, *Tim*

50 Years
6/12/1976

Jack & Sharon Cowen
a celebration of love & commitment

Saturday, June 20, 2026 | 2:00 - 4:00 PM drop-in
congratulations, snacks, reminiscing, no gifts please
FBC OR ~ Fellowship Hall
1101 Oak Ridge Turnpike Oak Ridge TN 37830
(1st floor, lower entrance)

An Opportunity To Pray for and Bless Our Youth

This year, FBC has 12 wonderful youth that will be attending their annual Passport camp on June 21-26. While they are staying in Spartanburg, SC, FBC would like volunteers to send an assigned youth member, a daily personal note of reflection, bible verse or affirmation of Christ's love for us. If you are interested in writing 5 notes to an assigned youth, please notify Liz Clary at 865-719-7326. She will assign you a youth and give you 5 note cards with instructions.

If writing note cards is not your interest but you would like to pray daily for an assigned youth camper, there will be a table in narthex on June 7th and 14th, in which you may be assigned a youth.

The youth love hearing from us while they are on their faith building discipleship and will feel your prayers as they grow in their spiritual journey.

Weekly Bible Study & Chancel Choir

Our weekly Bible study and Chancel Choir will be taking a break for the summer. Chancel Choir will resume July 15, with Bible Study resuming July 22.

Ecumenical Storehouse Pickup Day

We need able-bodied volunteers to pick up donated household items Saturday, June 13 from 9 a.m. to noon. If you have any questions, contact Jim Williamson.



Meetings: Council & Committee

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
Sunday, June 14, 2:00 p.m. / RM 105

DEACONS MEETING
Sunday, June 14, 2:00 p.m. / RM 105

PERSONNEL MEETING
Sunday, June 14, 4:00 p.m. / RM 105

BUNCO GAME DAY

Join us for a fun afternoon of Bunco! We play every 3rd Tuesday of the month from 1-4PM, RM. 105. Our next game day is Tuesday, June 16. Questions, please contact Sandy Davidson or Joy Arehart.



Discussion Group

Movie: Harvey (1950) starring Jimmy Stewart.

Viewing: Streaming on many platforms for - \$4.

Time & Place: Friday, June 19, 6:30 p.m. at Joy Reedy's home.

Questions: Contact Mike Crowell, Brandon Weaver, or Joy Reedy.

SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at 6 p.m. This meeting is to vote on the upcoming fiscal years Church Budget.



TRIVIA & FINGER FOOD POTLUCK

Don't miss our upcoming Trivia Night and Finger Food Potluck Sunday, June 28 at 5:00 p.m. Come for an evening of great fun, food and fellowship. Bring your finger foods to share.

INFORMATION REGARDING NEXT FBCFBC MEETING

Please note that the church's Fabulous Book Club will not meet in July. The August meeting will take place on August 6 at noon in the library, with more information forthcoming. In the meantime: whether you attend the book club or not, we encourage you to *check out some of the fabulous books from the FBC library!* And if you have not yet attended the church's book club, it's not too late to make a resolution to begin attending FBCFBC meetings!

CHILDREN'S VOLUNTEERS

Sunday Volunteers

SUNDAY, June 14

11am Nursery Tedi Newman & Angie Walls
Children's Church..First Christian & Hannah Simic

SUNDAY, June 21

11am Nursery Susan Williams & Hannah Simic
Children's Church..... Jackie Laney & Hannah Simic

SUNDAY, June 28

11am Nursery Bev Burgan & Jodie Johnson
Children's Church.....Debbie Johnson & Polly Smith

Prayer Requests

SYMPATHY: *The First Baptist Church family extends heartfelt sympathy to the family of Frances Mynatt, who passed away May 28, 2026. Mrs. Mynatt and her late husband, Dillard, were former members of First Baptist Church, where Dillard previously served as pastor.*

The family of Pat Row, who passed away June 3, 2026. Visitation for family and friends will be held at Weatherford Mortuary in Oak Ridge, TN on Tuesday, June 9th from 6:00 – 7:00 PM followed by a celebration of life service at 7:00 PM. The graveside service will be held on Wednesday, June 10th at 11:00 AM at Oak Ridge Memorial Park, 1501 Bethel Valley Rd.

IMMEDIATE: Miriam Griffin. Melissa May Lee. Elaine Pike, Carol O'Shaunessy's cousin. Hughie Thomas. Josh Smith. Curtis Pickwell. Mark & Debra Belvin's friends. Pat & Mary Ann. Dave Bunton's friend, Jane. Norval Ziegler. Jim Gibson. Greg Helton. Jennifer Merkel (John & Eva Leone's daughter). Nancy Denton. Ray Seiber (Diana Giles' father). Susan Alderson (friend of Mickey Moss). Junell Brock (Peggy Geldmeier's niece). Beth Ingle. Ellin Ward. Harold Matelski (Lee Howell's father-in-law). Mark Bunton (Linda & Dave Bunton's son). Ronnie Scates (Julie Keeth's friend). Jason Byrd & Anna King. Dayton King (Diane Williams' brother). Becky Seiber (Diana Giles' mother). Katie Emmerson (Ellin Ward's daughter). Robert Darnell (Diane Qualls' brother). Larry Carter. Heidi Rose Harris. Bruce Marshall. Adrian Flory.

LONG TERM: Leon Cole (Melody Turner's brother-in-law). Jo Ann Tunstall. Ulrika Leander (Charlotte Bounds' friend). Vicki Heidle. Andrew Bobbett (son of Diane Ray's friend, Nan). Jim Walls. Cheryl King (Diane William's sister-in-law). Sandra Burns (Johelen Stephenson's cousin). Megan Elliott (friend of the Turners). Carolyn Maples (Brandon Weaver's aunt). Ben Davidson (Tom Davidson's nephew). Wanda Vines (friend of Sandy Davidson). Virginia Griffith (Lisa Bowers' mother). Larry Fields. Rick Nation. Theresa Bowers.



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NURSING HOMES & ASSISTED LIVING

ALEXANDER GUEST HOUSE

Katie Landis, RM. 217.

COURTYARDS SENIOR LIVING

Lynn Edd Story, RM. 107.

Dot Senn, RM. 105.

LIFE CARE OF BLOUNT COUNTY

Norval Ziegler, RM. 141.

SHANNONDALE OF MARYVILLE

Shirlene Dale, RM. 114.

THE GLEN AT OAK RIDGE

Jean Webster, RM. 102-103.

THE GROVES

Ray Irminger, RM. 119.

Our Ministry Continues Throughout the Week

Church Office: 483-4615 /483-4657

OUR STAFF:

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Rory Naeve

Minister of Music: Rev. Tim Bounds

Minister of Children: Hannah Simic

Minister of Youth: Rev. Shawn Simic

Church Secretary: Lola Murray

Facilities Manager: Chris Peterson

Wednesday Services

6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

7:15 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday Services

10:00 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship

5:30 p.m. Feast (Youth)