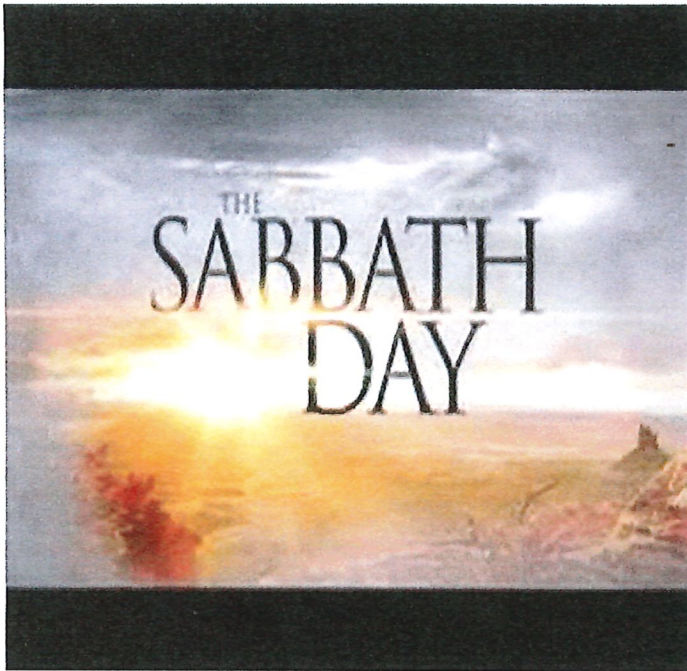


First Baptist Church of Mt. Holly

July 13, 2025



Our Mission is to equip believers to deny themselves
and follow Christ by serving the church
and witnessing to the world.

Ministers: *All the People of God*

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Welcome to FBCMh

Discover more at: fbcmh.org

We are so excited you have chosen to worship
with us this morning.

God has drawn us together today. There is a place for every
person of every age and circumstance. Let's discover together
what God has in store for us. We hope you experience God in
this place and please let us know how we can be a helpful part
of your life.

Order of Worship 11:00 am

- * Praise Team: "Today is the Day"
"Because of Jesus"
"Nothing but the Blood"
- * Prayer Song: "In the Garden"
- * Sermon by Pastor George: "Hallowing the Sabbath
and the Pharisaic Hypocrisy"

Closing Song: "Majesty"

- * Prayer and Announcements
- * Benediction and Departure

Pastor's Corner:

When I became the Minister of Christian Education at First Baptist Church of Hightstown, (1977-1982), the pastoral staff was expected to become involved in various clubs and organizations in town. Even though I was single, I ran for the East Windsor School Board, which provided a fantastic experience and a lot of knowledge about the educational political structure of the town. I also became a member of the Rotary International club of Hightstown. The club had weekly meetings and when one could not attend the local meetings, one had to go to a different meeting in a nearby town. Other church members were involved in similar clubs, and I found that these clubs had more stringent membership requirements than area churches. Baptist churches uphold membership as of the utmost importance. We give a certificate of membership which reads: "Upon the profession of her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, Redeemed Sinner was baptized in the fellowship of the First Baptist Church of Christ's Kingdom Town." Baptism is an act that is done individually but incorporates you in a fellowship of believers. In addition to the certificate of baptism, the church issues a certificate of membership which reads, "This is to certify that Redeemed Sinner was received into the membership of the First Baptist Church of kingdom Town on this date."

In the United States, one of the first protests of the Baptists was against the taxation of residents for the church and clergy. Initially, Baptists preferred to be jailed rather than pay taxes to support the state church, such as the case of Isaac Backus and his mother in Massachusetts. However, the Baptists required adults upon their baptism to unite with the church, become members, and support the church's work financially.

In my pastoral life I encountered some oddities. The first was that in some of the churches that I served, some of the members would say, "Pastor, this is your church"! I pointed to the verse that says that the universal church belongs to Jesus Christ and the local church belongs to Christ and to us as members of the body of Christ. Secondly, we had people who wanted to become members of the church, but they did not want to be baptized. They liked everything about us, except that we required a believer's baptism to become a member. One particular person was baptized after about 8 years of regularly attending our church. Another person attended regularly but refused to become a

Sermon Notes

**Title: "Two Different Reactions
by Looking at the Same Thing!"**

Supporting Scriptures: Ezra 3:1-13 (focus 13)

Sermons can be heard live on our Facebook Live and YouTube.

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member. She came from a church that did not require membership or financial contributions. One of the arguments was that she does not need papers to prove things, however, she needed papers to prove that she was married to her husband, papers to prove that her three children belonged to her, and papers to prove that she was the owner of her house. At one point I asked her if we as the local body of believers can count on her. The membership is a declaration that Christ and the local church can count on you – we can count on your presence, your gifts, and your willingness to become one of us. You declare allegiance to this body.

Children's Ministry

Ministry Contact: Phyllis Bickley
(church@fbcmh.org)

Experiencing God through dynamic Bible learning
and engaging worship.

***Sunday School 9:30-10:45**

**For Pre-school – 8 years old
And those in 4th-8th grades**

Children's Church 11:00-12:15
(during Worship Service in the sanctuary)

Simply Loved

4 year olds -3rd graders

Vacation Bible School is Coming

"Wonder Junction"

August 4-8/ 6 pm – 8:30 pm

More info to come!

Youth Ministry

Our Student Ministry encourages growth in intimacy
with God, seeking to understand and follow His desires for
their lives, as they help each other do the same.

**Watch for updated information of times and days
of Youth Group meetings.**

Young Adults' Ministry

Ministry Contact: Nathan Motley
Wednesday Evening Gatherings: 7:30 pm
**Anyone post-high school thru 20's
or early 30's are welcome to join**

Adults

Class for All Adults

Sundays at 9:30 am in Room 201

New 10 week study

"Epistle of James: Walking in Wisdom"

**Will be taught by Joshua Trejo
for anyone wanting to remain downstairs.)
(also will be televised in Room 100)**

Men's Ministry

Ministry Contact: John Demby
(Men@fbcmh.org)

Men's Weekly Bible Study:
Thursdays at 11:00 am in the Café

Women's Ministry

Ministry Contact: Amy Motley
(Women@fbcmh.org)

Wednesday Morning Bible Study:
WILL NOT BE MEETING July 16

Ladies' Saturday Morning Study:
resumed July 12 with a study in Acts

Missions

Ministry Contact: Debi LeDeaux
Join the Missions team on Sunday, July 15
right after service, in Room 100, to make
plans for summer and back-to-school
service opportunities.

Be In the Know....

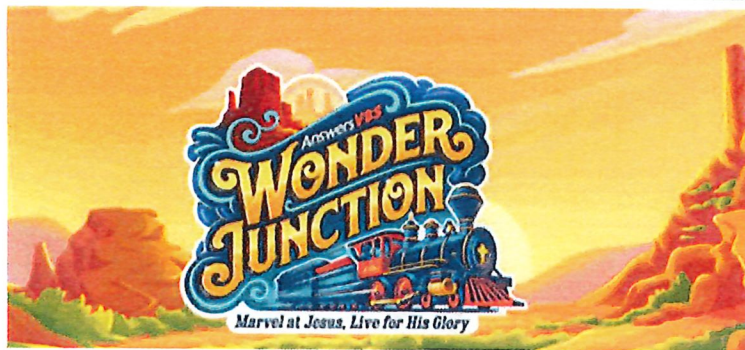
Church Office Hours

Monday – Thursday/ 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Phone: 609-267-1841

Timothy Christian Academy

Is looking to hire teachers, assistants and substitute teachers for this September 2025. If interested, call the school at 609-261-9578.



“Wonder Junction”

Vacation Bible School is Coming

August 4-8/ 6 pm – 8:30 pm

“Wonder and amazement await us each day at Wonder Junction, where kids gather at the All Aboard Assembly, a high-energy beginning that includes wacky intros, lively songs, a Mission Moment, and prayer. Then they rotate through five fun sites:

**Lessons, Snacks, Games, Science and
Crafts, Music and Verses”**

**(See VBS flyer for QR code to register
your child/ren)**

This Week's Events

Sunday, July 13

Education Hour

9:30 am

Worship Service

11:00 AM

Thursday, July 17

Men's Bible Study

11:00 am

Saturday, July 19

Women's Bible Study

8:00 am

Library Team Book review

9:00 am

Men's Fellowship Picnic

3:00 pm – 7 pm

Sunday, July 20

Education Hour

9:30 am

Worship Service

11:00 am

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