

First Baptist Church of Mt. Holly

September 21, 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

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
experience God in this place and please let us know
how we can be a helpful part of your life.

Order of Service

* Worship Team: "He Has Made Me Glad"
"I Will Sing of the Mercies"
"Forever God is Faithful"

*Prayer Song: "Your Name"

*Prayer and Offering: Pastor George
"Doxology"

Sermon by Pastor George: "For the Son of Man
came to seek and to save the lost"

Closing Song: "Mighty to Save"

Benediction

Pastor's Corner

"God's Gifts to Build the Church – Pastors"

– Teachers" (September 21st, 2025)

Ephesians 4:7-13: **But to each one of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore, it is said, 'When he ascended on high, he made captivity itself captive; he gave gifts to his people.' (When it says 'He ascended' what does it mean but that he also 'descended' into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.)**

The gifts that he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ."

I have learned how to "pastor" or "shepherd" by observing other people. I knew all the classic biblical passages – "David was called from sheep to tend to the people of Israel." Jesus was the Good Shepherd. He taught about good shepherds and the bad ones. The bad shepherds are hired, and then they leave the sheep alone when the flock is in danger. Jesus as the Good Shepherd gives his life for the sheep. The sheep know the voice of the Shepherd, and they follow him.

In addition to these biblical verses, Romanian culture is a shepherd's culture. As American culture is full of cowboys, our culture is full of shepherds and sheep. There are many important Romanian stories and poems about the relationship between shepherds and their sheep. Our own expanded family always had a shepherd or two.

(Pastor's Corner continued)

On a metaphorical level, I also had examples of good shepherds as I grew up. The local Orthodox priest one winter stopped me on the street to tell me that a hat on my head will serve me well, even though on that day, I did not wear one. When I was 16 and in the First Romanian Baptist Church in Detroit, Rev. ASL treated me as his son in the Lord and encouraged me to become a pastor. When I traveled to Wellesley, Mass. the Pastor of the church, Robert Decker, told us that he is not a great preacher, but he will teach us to become good shepherds.

As with the responsibility that comes with being a teacher, the shepherd's responsibility is beautiful and frightening. Apostle Peter tells us that as shepherds we are going to give an account for the sheep that God has entrusted to us. That is an awesome responsibility.

I have seen great shepherds, and I have also seen church members make a shipwreck of their faith because they refused to be shepherded. Psalm 23 writes, "Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me" but do they? Do we all respond well to being "shepherded?"

In one of my churches, I had a member who, by his bodily posture during the worship service, declared that I am not his teacher or his shepherd. His outward demeanor antagonized the whole church until I went to his home, and I asked if I was his shepherd. He told me that I was not, and some 20 years later he still had not found a church or a pastor where he was satisfied and willing to submit to being guided.

Children's Ministry

Ministry Contact: Dorie Bartlett

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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

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

**We will be starting this ministry Fall 2025 when we
have our new Theological Field Education student.**

Adult Ministry

Class for All Adults

Sundays at 9:30 am in **Room 201**

Beginning **today, Sunday, September 7th** the adult Sunday school
class will begin a new six week study led by Mark Bartlett: Dr.
David Jeremiah's "*Everything You Need: Essential Steps to a Life of
Confidence in the Promises of God*".

(For anyone wanting to remain downstairs.
class also will be televised in Room 100)

Men's Ministry

Ministry Contact: John Demby

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Men's Weekly Bible Study:

Thursdays at 11:00 am in the Café

Women's Ministry

Ministry Contact: Amy Motley

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Wednesday Morning Bible Study at 9:30 AM

With Florence Williams

Ladies Saturday Morning Bible Study:

Current Study: the Book of Acts with Pam LeDeaux

Missions

Ministry Contact: Debi LeDeaux

October: Free gifts from the Missions Closet

It's a good time to look for Christmas gifts.

November: Thanksgiving Baskets - Let a Missions Team member
know if you know someone without the resources to purchase a
Thanksgiving meal.

Sermon Notes

Title: "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost"

Supporting Scriptures: Luke 19:1-10

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

Be In the Know....

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Monday – Thursday/ 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

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This Week's Announcements!

1. Our next **Invitation to Prayer** meeting will be held this evening at 6:30 pm. Everyone welcome to join. See Anita Wolvin or Michelle Richardson for more information.

2. **Help Needed Sunday Mornings**

We are looking to hire a paid nursery worker from 930am-1230pm every Sunday at \$20 an hour. Of course a background check would be needed. It could be someone within our church or if someone knows someone they would like to refer.

3. **Sunday Worship Service Attendance**

"I was glad when they said unto me: Let us go to the house of the Lord." The summer two months – July and August had this attendance:

July 6-68; July 13-67; July 20- 70; July 27-68

Average for the month: 68

August 3-83; August 10-70; August 17-78;

August 24-71; August 31-75

Average for the month: 75

Let us encourage one another to be in God's House and invite others to join us in praising the Name of the Lord!

This Week's Events

Sunday, September 21

Education Hour	9:30 am
Worship Service	11:00 am
Invitation to Prayer	6:30 pm

Wednesday, September 24

Women's Bible Study	10:00 am
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Thursday, September 25

Grapevine Ministry	9:30 am
Men's Bible Study	11:00 am

Saturday, September 27

Women's Bible Study	8:00 am
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Sunday, September 28

Education Hour	9:30 am
Worship Service	11:00 am

Future Events at FBCMH

*Saturday, October 18 – All Church Gathering

(Note change in date)

(previously called the Roll Call) 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Materials to be distributed on 9/28

*Saturday October 4 – ABCNJ Convention

*Sunday, October 12 – Pastor's Appreciation Sunday

*Sunday November 2 – The Roll Call

*Sunday, November 23 – Believer's Baptism (If you want to be baptized or become a church member, please see Pastor George or Daren Motley)

* Sunday, December 7- Right Hand of Fellowship

*Sunday November 1st 2026 – FBCMH's

225th Anniversary

We pray that you will seek to be present.