# First Baptist Church of Mt. Holly

**July 27, 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 Service**

\* Praise Team: "Victory in Jesus"

"The Lord Almighty Reigns"

"To Him Who Sits on the Throne"

"Agnus Dei"

\*Prayer Song: "Victor's Crown"

\* Sermon by Pastor Edwin Childs: "Breaking the Good News"

Closing Song: "Overcome"

### Pastor's Corner "School Reunion"

In addition to the various trips I take in order to work with churches in Eastern Europe – i.e. Romania and Servia (sometimes Moldavia), I try to keep in touch With the people that I went to school with from Kindergarten to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

In 2015, we had a 50 year reunion for those of us who attended elementary School and middle school together. At the gathering, I presented a Bible and a couple other important books in the Romanian language to each of my former class mates. I also wrote a reunion poem for the occasion.

This year, 2025, will be our 60<sup>th</sup> reunion. In 1965 we were 15 years old, and we were shaped by our teachers who were passionate communists. Communism came to our country at the end of World War II and the transformation started in schools, in addition to the economy of our country, where farmers' lands were confiscated and they were forced to work on state-owned farms instead. We were allowed to have a few acres of land thus I worked with my parents on our lands and also on the government's land.

It was always interesting going to school on Monday mornings, because our Homeroom teachers had to ask us where we were on Sundays, as religious affiliate of any kind was frowned upon.

In our class there was one Baptist kid (yours truly), one Nazarene kid, and one Orthodox kid. One morning because our homeroom teacher repeated this line of questioning every single week, I finally replied that the teacher *knew* where I was every Sunday, because I walked past the school on my way to church, Which was only two doors down the road!

Befitting a school that was adamantly anti-religion, there were always activities scheduled for Sundays. However, my father on the battle -- declaring that the school had me for 6 days and he had me for one! When we were 14, we had to make a decision to join the Young Communist Party, which I never did, even though I received the book.

I remain thankful to my teachers who, although they wanted all of us to become good communists, were also good teachers. I learned languages, history, geography, sciences and math because I had great teachers. (Continued on page 6)

## Sermon Notes Title: "Breaking the Good News" Supporting Scriptures: Luke 4:16-30

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Sixty years later, close to half of our 1965 K-8 class lives in Turkey, Sweden, France, Canada, and the United States. The number of residents in our former village has been reduced to about one-fourth of what it was. What is more tragic is the number of students that graduated with me in my class of 1965 is larger than all the students in each of the k-8 grades combined. In a discussion with a colleague, he asked me to have a 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary worship service for our 1965 class in our village's Baptist Church – remembering those who have left this life and presenting the gospel to those who are still alive today.

As I travel to Eastern Europe, I ask you all to please pray for God's work for those who hear the gospel this weekend both in New Jersey and abroad.

### Children's Ministry

### Ministry Contact: Dorie Bartlet Dmbartlett1@gmail.com

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-8<sup>th</sup> 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

Pick up a flyer in the covered wagon in the lobby.

### **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 (TFE) student.

#### 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
Missions Opportunity
Let's Get Ready for Book to School

"Let's Get Ready for Back-to-School See the flyer in today's bulletin for more information.

There is also an envelope in your bulletin if you would like to make a monetary donation to support children in need to have a great start to the new school year.

### Be In the Know....

### **Church Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday/ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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### This Week's Events

Sunday, July 27			
9:30 am			
11:00 AM			
6:30 pm			
Wednesday, July 30			
10:00 am			
Thursday, July 31			
11:00 am			
Saturday, August 2			
8:00 am			
Sunday, August 3- Communion Sunday			
9:30 am			
11:00 am			
6 pm – 8:30 pm			

#### **Future Events at FBCMH**

\*August 10<sup>th</sup> Lunch & Celebration of Edythe Antonelli's 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday

\*Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> – Honoring the Laborers at FBCMH

\*Saturday, September 27 – All Church Gathering (previously called the Roll Call) 9:00 am – 3:00 pm – Materials to be distributed on 9/7

\*Saturday October 4 - ABCNJ Convention

\*Sunday, October 12 – Pastor's Appreciation Sunday

\*Sunday November 2 – The Roll Call (Read Pastor's

Corner)

\*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 put these events on your calendar and seek to be present.