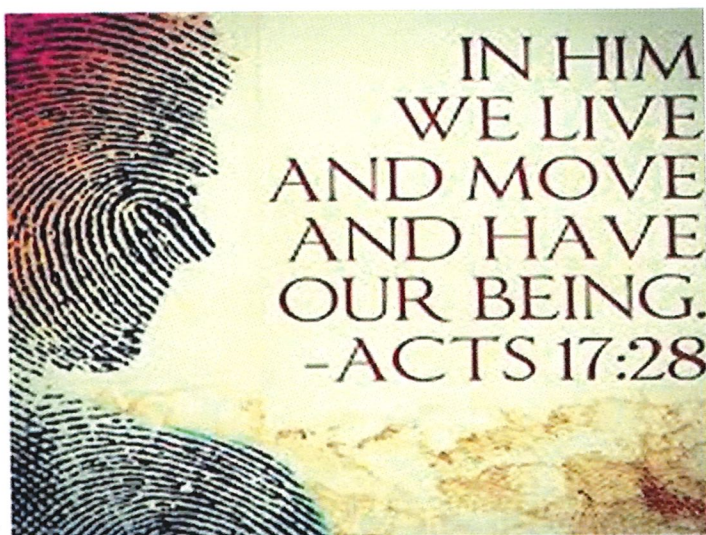


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# *First Baptist Church of Mt. Holly*

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August 31, 2025



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

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Ministers: *All the People of God*

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## **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 )**

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### **Men's Ministry**

**Ministry Contact: John Demby**

**([Men@fbcmh.org](mailto:Men@fbcmh.org))**

**Men's Weekly Bible Study:**

**Thursdays at 11:00 am in the Café**

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### **Women's Ministry**

**Ministry Contact: Amy Motley**

**([Women@fbcmh.org](mailto:Women@fbcmh.org))**

**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**

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### **Missions**

**Ministry Contact: Debi LeDeaux**

**Your generosity is amazing! Thank you. We were able to:**

- \*adopt 22 children from the Seeds of Hope Undie Sunday program**
- \*donate backpacks with school supplies and earbuds for 24 children for the Christian Caring Center**
- \*donate 22 string backpacks filled with school supplies to Beacon Hope Ministries**
- \* donate a box of school supplies to support TCA students and teachers.**

## **Children's Ministry**

**Ministry Contact: Dorie Bartlet**

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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-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**

## **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.**

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## Pastor's Corner

### "God's Gifts to Build the Church – Prophets"

(Sunday, August 31st)

**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 Christ 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."**

The first time the word "prophet" is recorded in the Bible is in Genesis 20:7. It is God speaking to Abimelec who did a wrong thing with a clear conscience and God protected him from sinning. God speaks to him: *"Now return the man's wife (Sarah) for he is a prophet, and he will pray for you, and you will live. But if you do not return her, you may be sure that you and all yours will die."* In the Old Testament, while the majority of prophets are males, there are women prophets and they are called prophetesses (even though the 21<sup>st</sup> century feminists would insist on being called prophets, similarly to the rejection of the word "actresses" and insistence on using "actor" for both males and females in the profession). (continued on back)

**(Pastor's Corner continued)**

**Miriam the sister of Moses, is called, is called a prophetess. In the Old Testament structure of leadership, we have priests, prophets, and kings. The priests taught the Torah and led worship, the kings directed the social structures of the kingdom and led people in battles, and the prophets were the voices of God. In the time of Samuel and Elijah we have the school of prophets, and in the time of Amos we find that the prophets are rejected by many of the kings who no longer listened to God. Many of the prophets were martyred for the messages that they gave from God to the disobedient people of Israel.**

**It is agreed that less than ten percent of prophecies in the Old Testament are predictive about the future – the coming of the Messiah, the restoration of Israel, and the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Peter tells us that the prophets spoke as they were moved by the Spirit of the Lord, and as such they had to discern when what they heard was the message of God. When I was in the last phase of my seminary education, I heard a pastor speak at Green Lake, Wisconsin about a song: "Every time I hear the Spirit moving in my heart I – pray, sing, call someone." The Spirit of the Lord is the Spirit of prophecy. We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells us, it is not quiet, and we must be active in obedience to the Holy Spirit.**

**In the Old Testament, Joshua is concerned that more people are prophesying, but Moses says, "I wish that the whole nation will prophesy" (In Acts we read about Philip who had 4 daughters and all of them were prophetesses). We encourage the people in obedience to the Holy Spirit to speak as the Holy Spirit leads them.**

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