



# Faith Harbor

*A beacon of hope, anchored in Christ, sharing God's love through joyful service.*



*Psalm 14.1: "Fools say in their hearts,  
'There is no God.'"*

This passage is such an intriguing way to look at atheism. It isn't really atheism in the sense of a logical decision, instead an atheism that is snarky and divisive – while at the same time foolish.

As I have been praying this passage all week, I have been thinking about ways that I act foolish, as if there is no God. The foolish way of going about life thinking that I am the one who is in charge and is powerful – the ways in which I

forget to pray and to seek wise council – the ways I neglect to stand in awe and wonder of the greatness of God's splendor – and even the ways I forget that the people around me are there for my benefit because God has knit our hearts together. The psalmist calls this foolish.

Notice, the foolishness is not found in the logical decision of atheism, instead it is in the heart of foolish people that operate as if there is no God. For one can profess one thing – yet live another way.

My sisters and brothers, may we live our lives dependent on the great God almighty, the God is and is and is to come. The great God that we see manifested in the person and work of Jesus Christ. In this dependence, may we not rely on our own strength, but instead on the strength of the one who made us in his image and after his likeness. May our hearts proclaim dependence on our loving heavenly Father.

#### Scriptures:

09/21/25	Jonah 1.1-3; 3.1-10
09/28/25	John 12.27-36
10/05/25	Acts 9.1-19
10/12/25	Matthew 25.31-46
10/19/25	Revelation 20.11-15
10/26/25	II Corinthians 5.11-21
11/02/25	Isaiah 55.1-13
11/09/25	II Corinthians 6.14-7.1
11/16/25	Revelation 21.1-8
11/23/25	Revelation 21.9-27

# Announcements and Upcoming Events

## Greeters:

September 21<sup>st</sup>: Youth

## Upcoming Meetings:

**Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>: Leadership Council – 6:30pm**

**Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>: Charge Conference- 2:00pm**

**@The Edge Church (1000 NC-210, Sneads Ferry, NC 28460)**

FROM THE FINANCE TEAM: By the Numbers - *A summary of weekly revenues*

Weekly Revenues for Period Ending September 13, 2025				
Tithes - General Budget	Oth Spec	Oth Revenues	Pre-School	Total Revenue
\$7,788.35	\$0.00	\$6.65	\$825.00	<b>\$8,620.00</b>

**Fun Facts:** While doing research in preparation for the 2026 budget, I came across some interesting numbers when comparing our past giving to the current year. In 2024 our overall YTD giving (as of 9/10/2024) was **\$361,189.76** and out of that total, 81.6% was for Tithes & Offerings totaling **\$294,727.52**. Comparing that to the 2025 YTD overall giving we have **\$451,889.72** of which 60% went to Tithes & Offerings totaling **\$270,705.41**. Even though our overall giving increased in 2025, our Tithes & Offerings decreased by 20% over the same period last year. We are a very generous congregation, which I am proud to be a member, but we also need to be diligent with our tithing. In order to meet our expenses by the end of the year we will need to increase our tithing percentage over the next few months. I bring this to your attention because this will have a direct impact on the 2026 budget.

David J Davila, Finance Chair



### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Facility Manager–**

Our Facility Manager works directly with the Trustee's committee to make sure that Faith Harbor is well maintained. The facility manager may make minor repairs up to their capabilities. The facility manager will arrange for contractors to complete more complex repairs. A general knowledge of building maintenance will be helpful. If interested, please contact Bill Widholm at (910) 431-5056

## ***Faith Harbor Pilots***

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**A ministry for men, by men, for the good of all.**

The Faith Harbor United Methodist Men invite all men to be a part of something special. The men of the Church are being called to serve as ***“A beacon of hope, anchored in Christ, sharing God’s love through joyful service.”*** Please join us as we begin and look forward to having another great year of service. This is an open invitation to all men who desire to become disciples of Christ.

### **Faith Harbor Pilots Schedule of Upcoming Events**

- 1. Sunday October 19, 2025, Share the Table 1pm-6pm**
- 2. Wednesday November 5, 2025 – Family Night Supper at 6pm**
- 3. Saturday December 6, 2025 – Craft Fair/Church Bazaar 9am-2pm**

Mark your calendars now and stay tuned for further information on how you can be a part of these upcoming events.

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### **Tuesday Morning Men’s Group**

**Come as you can, if you can** – unless otherwise stated, the men’s breakfast group meets at Sear’s Landing every Tuesday around 8:30am and waiting until 9:00am to order for those wishing to eat. Roger Morton, our devotional leader and biblical scholar, provides an inspirational devotion each week. Please join us anytime if you wish to start your day in an uplifting and inspirational way. For more information, contact Roger: rramorton@gmail.com.

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### ***Save the Date!***

November 5<sup>th</sup>: Hosted by Faith Harbor Pilot’s Group  
February 17, 2026: Hosted by Faith Harbor Youth Group

\*Menu details to follow. If your group would like to host an upcoming night, please contact the office- faithharborumc.secretary@gmail.com



Do you have a heart for worship? We would love you to join us in the Sanctuary on Saturdays at 5:30pm for a contemporary Worship service.

Bring your friends ~all are welcome!!

### THRIFT STORE



The Thrift Store is always looking for household items and furniture in good condition. We do not accept adult clothing, electronics, broken or damaged items. **We can no longer accept donations without an appointment.** Please contact a volunteer to schedule donation drop offs.

Sandy Taylor (540) 420-6713

Gloria Richardson (704) 804-4909

Beth Walker (252) 213-2240

Sabrina Guy (910) 526-4183

Sylvia Bowman (910) 284-3131

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The Nursing Home Ministry of Faith Harbor join members of the Gathering Church on Sunday mornings at 11:00 in the Memory Care Unit at the Woodbury Wellness Center located at 2778 Country Club Dr, Hampstead. **You are welcome to join us every second Sunday for worship and visit with the residents.**

Contact: Bescye P Burnett (678) 882-6721 or [bescyep@gmail.com](mailto:bescyep@gmail.com)

“Love...Loves...Loved”

“Not everything that is faced can be changed; but nothing can be changed until it is faced”. James Baldwin (1924–1987)

# Our Children's Ministry



Children are a gift from the Lord and here at Faith Harbor, we want to come alongside you as parents and work with you to help build them up in the faith. If you have a child, newborn through 5th grade, please help us better communicate with you by clicking on the following link: [Children's Ministry Form](#).

**Jr BASIC!** Will be held on the first and third Sunday of the month. It is a time when elementary-aged children can stay after church for fellowship, lunch, and a lesson/craft. It is a great time for the kids of Faith Harbor to get to know each other better, and for the parents to grab a quick lunch date!!!

**We can't do this without your help!! Please consider volunteering for just one or two weeks. Use the link below to sign up!!! Any questions, please reach out to Peg (717) 802-6716 or [stroheckerpeg@gmail.com](mailto:stroheckerpeg@gmail.com) Thank you!**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084FA8AC2FA6FCCE9-58062320-jrbasic>



## Youth Groups for Grades 6-12

**Wayfinders** is our middle school group, grades 6-8.

**Navigators** is our high school group, grades 9-12.

\*Wayfinders and Navigators will meet in the Reef weekly!!

Wayfinders: 5:00 – 6:00p in the Reef

Youth Supper: 6:00- 6:30p (optional) in the Narthex

Navigators: 6:30 – 8:00p in the Reef

## Coming up...

### October 10 – 12<sup>th</sup>: Youth Fall Retreat

\*Registration paperwork is available by hard copy or by fillable pdf. We use the BAND app for regular communications. Contact Ms. Deb for more info.

Deborah Lanham - Youth Minister

910.388.6862

Office Hours (flexible): Tues & Wed 9:30 - 3:30 or by appointment



# FAITH HARBOR PRESCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



SEPTMEBER  
2025

### What We Are Learning

#### THEME: ALL ABOUT ME AND MY SCHOOL FAMILY

All About Me - "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made!" Psalms 139:14

We're so excited to begin this year with your children! September is all about getting to know each other and creating a warm, welcoming classroom community.

This month, we'll focus on:

- Learning classroom rules and routines
- Exploring our bodies feelings and how to express them kindly
- Getting to know our classmates and teachers
- Understanding how each child is special—in their family, our class, and in God's eyes

Our goal is to help your child feel safe, loved, and excited about coming to preschool each day. We look forward to a joyful and fun start to the school year!

Thank you for being part of the Faith Harbor Preschool Family!!



### What's New

#### SOCCER SHOTS AND TOPSAIL DANCE ARTS

**Soccer Shots** acts as an extracurricular activity. 30-minute class on school grounds. This program will take place directly after school. Wednesdays from 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm. Starting September, 25th. Sign up now.

**Topsail Dance Arts** acts as an extracurricular activity. 45-minute class on school grounds. This will take place directly after school. Tuesdays from 12:30 pm-1:15 for ages 3-5 starting Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Reminders



- Send in a Change of Clothes.
- Label Everything.
- Class Dojo Communication release form due.

### Upcoming

Bike day-Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:45

Fall Conferences-October 17<sup>th</sup> sign up genius will be sent out.

Community Helper visits in the month of October TBD.





## SEPTEMBER

3<sup>RD</sup>: Ray Blackburn

5<sup>th</sup>: Giles Jeffreys

6<sup>th</sup>: Sandy Wise

8<sup>th</sup>: Lance Jordan

9<sup>th</sup>: Rita Streiff

10<sup>th</sup>: Mark Valente

11<sup>th</sup>: Mattie Albertson

14<sup>th</sup>: Hazel Passingham

18<sup>th</sup>: Mary Lynn Wood

20<sup>th</sup>: Arness Krause

22<sup>nd</sup>: Frank Carroll

25<sup>th</sup>: Quinn Woolard

26<sup>th</sup>: Will Moore

27<sup>th</sup>: Ava Barnes

28<sup>th</sup>: Jean Hawley; Michael Kaufmann

29<sup>th</sup>: Jordan Albertson



## Scripture- Week of September 22<sup>nd</sup>

Centering Prayer: "Help us, O God of our salvation." Psalm 79

M Jeremiah 9.12-26, Acts 4.1-12

Tu Jeremiah 10.1-16, I Corinthians 9.19-23

W Jeremiah 10.17-25, Luke 20.45-21.4

Th Jeremiah 23.9-22, II Corinthians 8.8-15

F Jeremiah 23.23-32, Ephesians 2.1-10

Sa Jeremiah 24.1-10, Luke 9.43-48

Su Jeremiah 32.1-15, I Timothy 6.6-19, Luke 16.19-31

Key scripture I Timothy 6.18-19: "They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life."



**Members:** Ray Blackburn; Bescye & Charles Burnett; Connie & Frank Carroll; Doris & Mike Davis; David Decatur; Parker Fox; Janet Hughes; Cathy Medlin; Tony Merlino; Doug Mewborn; Larry & Becki Modlin; Vance Penny; Judy Pratt; Alan Sasser; David & Jill Strohpaal; Ron Voli; Owen Williams

**Military:** Joe Fraley, Andy Harrison, Ryan Hermance; Charles Hickey; Greg Holmes; Joey Horne; Abbie Kizer, John Modlin, Branden Mooney, Dryden Phelps; Tyler Ray, Gavin Robinson; Charlotte Taylor; Craig (family friend of Deanna Beard)

**Family and Friends:** JP Antunez (Albertsons); Dana Bailey (Sandy Wise); Adrian Berroteran (Melissa Schleinkofer); Rosie Bland (George & Jill Bland); Butch Gordon, Judy Grubbs Cordts (Sandy Sly); Eileen Eifert (John Pratt's sister); Kay Foster (Jimmy & Beverly Dunn); Sherry Hannen (Annie Voli); Jerry Klofonda (Sherrie Weaver); Stacy Mecham (Melissa Schleinkofer); Rondale Miller (Cousin of Sherrie Weaver); Marie Palmer (Sandy Sly); Sue Penny; Anthony Powell (Bescye's Brother); Jennie Smith (Lee Jernigan); Sky Taylor (Sheila Smith); Brenda (Harriet Rice's friend); Pam Ulrich (Sherrie Weaver); Chris Widholm

*And all unnamed persons needing God's peace, comfort, and healing. Heavenly Father, I am praying for complete healing and good health. Please take away my worries & grant me inner peace and strength. AMEN*

**\*To keep our prayer list updated, please let me know if anyone listed above can be removed from the list. Thank you so much for your help!**



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## HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT FAITH HARBOR UMC

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### **Sunday, 9/21- Youth Sunday**

8:00 Beach Service  
9:30 Worship Service  
10:45 Final New Member Class  
10:45 JR Basic  
10:45 Adult Sunday School  
5:00p Wayfinders Group/Reef  
6:00p Youth Fellowship Meal  
6:30p Navigator's Group/Reef

### **Monday, 9/22**

7:30 Open Prayer  
9:00 Quilters, Rm. 6  
6:30p Cub Scouts

### **Tuesday, 9/23**

7:30 Open Prayer  
8:30 Pilot's Group Breakfast  
9:00 Quilters, Rm. 6  
11:15 Rooted & Anchored Women's Group  
6:00p Praise Band Practice  
7:00p Women's AA/Reef

### **Wednesday, 9/24**

9:30 Communion  
7:00p Cantata  
7:00p Boy Scouts/Reef  
7:45p Choir

### **Thursday, 9/25**

12:00p AA Group, Rm. 6  
5:30p Girl Scout Troop #4242  
6:00p Love Thyself/MDT/ Worship as Life class

### **Friday, 9/26**

8:30 Women's Breakfast Group  
5:00p Praise Band Practice

### **Saturday, 9/27**

5:30p Praise Service

### **Sunday, 9/28**

8:00 Beach Service  
9:30 Worship Service  
10:45 Adult Sunday School  
5:00p Wayfinders Group/Reef  
6:00p Youth Fellowship Meal  
6:30p Navigator's Group/Reef