FIRST THINGS FIRST

January 2026



SOUPER BOWL!

Join us Sunday, February 8th, immediately following worship for our annual Souper Bowl of Caring luncheon! Enjoy a delicious variety of soups, sandwiches, and desserts as we gather in fellowship and mission.

All donations will support the Nurse's Closet at Altavista Elementary School and Altavista Combined Schools—important mission projects of FBC's Estelle Brooks Circle.

Everyone is invited! Show your team spirit by wearing your favorite team shirt. Let's come together to make a difference in our community!





REPLANT

On Saturday, February 28th, there will be a church leader training event at New Prospect Baptist Church. Breakout sessions will include topics such as: Faith Formation, Future Visioning, Evangelism, and Youth & Children's Ministry. It will take place from 8:30am - Noon. Please let Alden know if you'd like to attend.

DEEP THOUGHTS

When I was in Georgia for the New Year, my nephews showed me their go kart. They quickly learned how I recieved my 2 speeding tickets years ago. While I was taking a break, the oldest nephew (who is 10 years old) ran up to the adults and was very upset.
He accidentally ran into the fence and it left a large bend in the wire. He wasn't hurt, just scared, and said he never wanted to drive the go kart again. We knew he would need to learn a valuable lesson that day: how to get back up after you fall. I told him to ride with me again while I drive, and he agreed. Well, this time I pushed that go kart to its limit!

I wanted my nephew to know there wasn't anything to be afraid of. After a few laps, he worked up the courage to drive again, but he wanted me to ride along. After rebuilding some confidence, he was back to driving as he was before! What a beautiful reminder for us: When we crash at life, it takes time to get going again. But the most important thing we can do is try.

ALUMNI CLASS

Our very own Steve Eakin (Doc) has taken over our younger adults Sunday school class! This class is for singles and couples in their 20s and 30s. This provides critical faith formation for our future church leaders and those who want to have a better understanding of scripture.

BREAKFAST HOUR

The next breakfast will be on March 29th at 9:30 am in the fellowship hall. A sign-up sheet for food is posted on the bulletin board at the kitchen entrance.

GRIEFSHARE

GriefShare has been a major part of our church ministry for years. It is a support group specifically for individuals who are experiencing a significant loss by death.

They are currently in a meeting cycle which takes place on Sundays from 2:45 - 5pm in the new Activity Room.

SNOW DAY!!!



We may have some snow this weekend! To ensure everyone's safety, we will decide this weekend if there is a need for cancellations. The church will notify WSET, so stay tuned for more information!

PASTORAL UPDATES

Alden will be in Greensboro on Saturday, February 7th.
More dates coming soon!