



## **Springvale First Baptist Church**

**A place to grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ.**

**Come and see what the Lord has in store for us.**

**Let us worship the Lord together!**

*The Messenger!*

*September 2026*

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# Body BUILDERS of FAITH

On Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>,  
at Sanford First Baptist Church,  
there will be a men's gathering at 8 AM  
for breakfast and fellowship.

All men are welcome.

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The Office  
will be closed on  
**Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**  
for Labor Day.



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Renee Lauziere's last day  
working as a  
Church Secretary will be  
Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>.  
We will miss working with you!



She will be doing fun stuff,  
like making bags and  
cuddling with her cats.

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# **FBC Children and Family Ministry**



On July 19<sup>th</sup>, your church council hosted an information gathering meeting about your thoughts on Children and Family Ministry at the First Baptist Church of Springvale.

Since that meeting the Council has been sorting through your suggestions and ideas.

We have developed a program;  
we would like to present it to family members and all interested members of our congregation.

Our goal is to explain the program and discuss next steps for implementation.

This meeting is scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup> immediately following service.

We hope you will plan on attending!



“Thank you for your generous donation of \$110.50 for the ongoing work of the Sanford Food Pantry. Every week individuals and families come to receive food to supplement their needs. We are able to offer fresh vegetables and fruits, breads, dairy products, meat, fish and many staple products to stock their shelves. In 2025, we saw a continuing increase in the number of new individuals and families. In the first and second quarters of 2026, the continuing need for food assistance has not diminished.

“Your continued support, kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated!”

(from the Sanford Food Pantry Board of Directors)

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“To Whom it May Concern,

“Thank you for your continued support of the Imelda Fund. Through your generous donations we have been able to assist many citizens.

“Again, thank you!

Vicki Martin

*thanks*

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“Dear Friends,

“On behalf of American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS), thank you for your generous gift of \$202.00 in Jul 2026 in support of America for Christ Offering 2026. Your financial support to ABHMS is making a transformational difference across the United State and Puerto Rico.

“Your generous giving allows ABHMS to provide scholarships for American Baptist students and ministry leaders; to support our work with intercultural Ministries by providing resources and training that foster sharing and learning across cultures; to help those who are interested in chaplaincy and specialized ministries; to support churches, seminaries, colleges, church leaders and children living in poverty across the United States and Puerto Rico.

“Although the promotional window for AFC for ABHMS is January through March, churches can give to AFC all year long. Additionally, America for Christ giving impacts communities and provides support of your regional office. ABHMS receives two-thirds of your AFC gift, while the region receives one-third.

[...]

“We are grateful for your continued partnership and financial gifts. If you would like more information regarding your gift or want to learn more about ABHMS, please contact our Chief Development Officer, Vincent W. Dent, Sr., at 610-768-2420 or [vincent.dent@abhms.org](mailto:vincent.dent@abhms.org).

“Sincerely yours,

Dr. Jeffrey Haggray”



“Dear Friends,

“Thank you for your generous donation. In cooperation with One Great Hour of Sharing [OGHS], the American Baptist Home Mission Societies will use 100% of your donation to provide immediate emergency response to areas affected by disaster. [OGHS] is administered by the World Relief Committee of the Board of General Ministries. The Committee facilitates American Baptist emergency relief, disaster rehabilitation, refugee work, and development assistance by establishing policy guidelines and overseeing distribution of the annual [OGHS] offering.

“Rest assured that the America Baptist family will continue to provide support in the areas devastated long after news coverage has ceased. If you choose to make future donations you may use your website or write a check payable to “One Great Hour of Sharing – OGHS\_Hurr\_Ian” to be given to your church or mailed to the attention of

Kim Wilkins at American Baptist Home Mission Societies,  
1075 First Avenue,  
King of Prussia PA 19406.

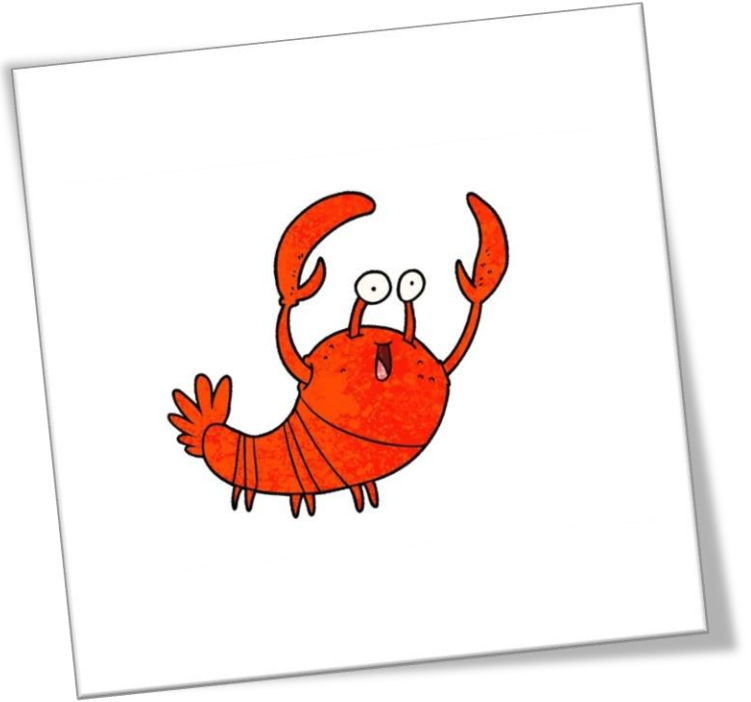
For more information, visit [www.abhms.org](http://www.abhms.org) or phone Kim Wilkins at 610-768-2413.

[...]

“Again, thank you for your partnership and generous support.

“With hope,

Monique Sadler-Taylor  
Director, Annual Fund & Major Gifts”



Thank you to everyone who attended  
our Annual Lobster Bake  
and an **even bigger** THANK YOU  
to Bill Dunn and his team for their hard work  
in making the Lobster Bake possible.

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## A BIG THANK YOU



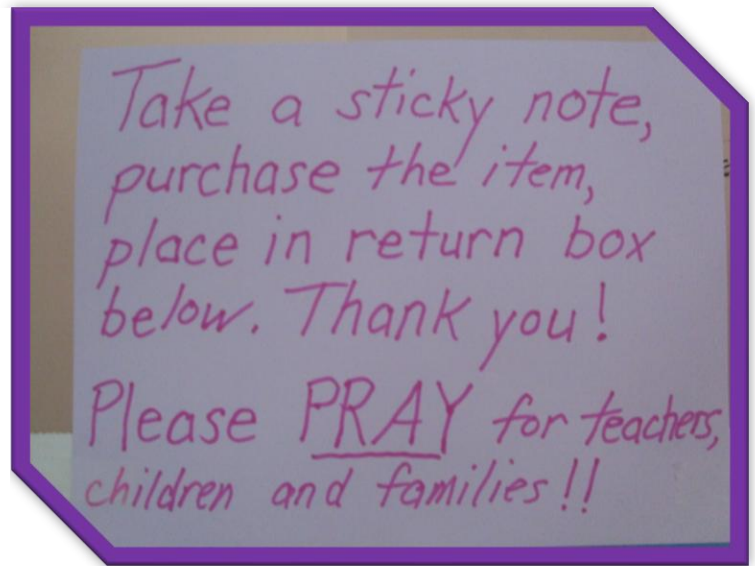
to Shawn, Rey, and Kathy  
for all the hard work  
they have been putting into  
our new kitchen.

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# Play & Learn is starting on Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>.

They are in need of  
food donations.

Please see the  
poster board  
at the back of the  
Sanctuary.



**WEEKLY  
PLAY & LEARN**

A FREE weekly playgroup for all Sanford children ages 0-5 and their caregivers!

Wednesdays 9:30AM-11AM at Springvale First Baptist Church starting **September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Guided by local early educators and community partners, it's a great space to connect, learn, and grow together.

**QUESTIONS?** [spalmer@sanford.org](mailto:spalmer@sanford.org)

- ➔ Enjoy fun, structured play that supports early development
- ➔ Connect with local families and build your support network
- ➔ Access parenting tips and early childhood resources
- ➔ Meet school staff and local community providers

**SIGN UP ➔**



**KIDS KOVE** **The Basics SANFORD** **SPARTANS** **First10 Sanford** **MaineHealth**

Play & Learn  
is also looking for  
volunteers.

They will be  
meeting on  
Wednesday mornings  
from 9:30 to 11.

Please see  
Ken Kuliga,  
if interested.



As part of our School Partnership, besides Play and Learn, the Outreach committee collects hygiene items for students that are experiencing homelessness. Last year we supported more than 100 Sanford students with this project. We praise the Lord and thank you for your generosity! You can purchase any of these items throughout the school year and drop them off in the cubbies located right now in the open closet, around the corner when you enter from the back door.

The items are:

Bar soap,  
body wash,  
shampoo,  
toothpaste,  
toothbrushes,  
wash cloths,  
feminine hygiene products  
and large storage bags.

Thank you,



Ken Kuliga

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# Christmas Fair!

## *Collecting Nature*

*Hello everyone!* This year for the fair Christmas Wreaths we are going back in time. We hope to decorate most of our wreaths with natural decorations. Cones, nuts, milk weed pods, dried fruit, pieces of driftwood and more. There are many interesting plants starting to dry along fields and roads. We have plenty of the larger cones, but we could use some smaller ones. We would appreciate anything you could collect for us. We are also going to make our own sprays as they are popular and will help cut down the cost of the basic wreath. I know it is early to think about the Christmas fair but not too early to collect materials as rain will start the decomposing process.

Thank you,  
Maureen and Carolyn



We will be taking  
Trash and Treasure items  
in October.

Please no books or furniture.

Thanks,  
Carolyn and Maureen



*Kathy's Corner*  
*In Memory of Kathy Fink*  
*Forever in our hearts*

