

First Baptist Church

Rutherfordton, NC



**himself being
the chief
corner stone ...**

Ephesians 2:20

January 21, 2018

NURSERY WORKERS

January 21 Amy Beheler
..... Jill Knox
January 28 Bob Smith
..... Jennifer Roberts

WEE WORSHIP

January 21 Angie Malan
..... Kim Deaver
January 28 Ashley Craig
..... Cindy Allen

PRAYER MINISTRY

January 21 Beth Archer
..... Jeff Archer
..... Gail Youngblood
January 28 Frank Jones
..... Margaret Higgins
..... Billy Honeycutt

JAIL MINISTRY

8:15 AM

January 21 Scruggs/Huneycutt
January 28 Jones Family
February 4 Roberts Family
February 11 Hughes Family

GREETERS

January
Outreach Class

First Baptist Church

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Rutherfordton, NC 28139

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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, January 21

9:00 Prayer Ministry Team
9:15 Deacon Prayer
9:45 Bible Study
10:55 Morning Worship
11:00 Wee Worship
4:15 Youth Handbells
4:45 Deacon Council
5:00 Youth Choir
Monday, January 22
6:00 Fellowship Christian Women

Tuesday, January 23

5:30 First Ringers Handbells

Wednesday, January 24

5:30 Prepared Meal
5:55 Children's Choirs
6:30 Called Church Conference
6:30 Missions (Mission
Friends, GA's, RA's)
6:30 Bible Study and Prayer
7:30 Sanctuary Choir
Thursday, January 25
6:00 RHP/Habitat/FH

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George Hughes

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ACOLYTES

- January 21..... Lillie Beheler
-Melanie Huneycutt
- January 28..... Jeremiah Craig
- Jacob Craig

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

- January 21..... Jessica Godfrey
- January 23..... Aiden Wheeler
- Brayden Wheeler
- January 24..... Todd Robbins
- January 25..... Randy Dillingham
- Emma Rees
- January 26..... Andrew Bond
- January 27..... Kenneth West

DEACON AT THE DOOR

Beth Archer

USHERS FOR JANUARY

Team 3: Henry Giles, J. T. Waters, Bud Grissom, Isaac Hughes, Susie Kernodle, Tim Bovender, Jim Herzog, Mark McMahan

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Records for January 14, 2018

Sunday School Attendance.....	83
Morning Worship Attendance ..	124
Budget Requirements.....	\$8,664.00
Budget Offering.....	\$6,137.00
Special Offerings.....	\$1,969.00
Total	\$8,106.00

Budget to Date

Required by 1-14-18...	\$138,624.00
Received by 1-14-18...	\$148,493.26

Building Fund

Received	\$350.00
Capital Campaign	\$510.00
To Date	\$420,440.71

WEDNESDAY MEAL: January 24

Menu: Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, Dessert

Cost: Adult \$5.00 (6th Grade and up)

Children \$3.00 (5th Grade and under)

Maximum per family: \$16

Time: 5:30-6:30 PM

Names: _____

CANNED MEAT FOR YOKEFELLOW

January Goal: 30

January Donations: 29

Our new item for the next four months is canned meat, and we're well on the way to meeting our goal! Please continue to remember the needy as you shop for your groceries. Thank you for being a part of this vital ministry.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN

Fellowship of Christian Women will have a dinner meeting **Monday, January 22 at 6 PM** at First Wesleyan Church in Forest City.

CHURCH OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN 2018

Do you have four hours you can spare weekly? Are you gifted at relating to people? Do you have a desire to be Christ's presence to those who visit our church or call by telephone? Our church is looking for *eight* volunteers who would be willing to volunteer four hours on a weekly basis, mornings and afternoons, Monday-Thursday, beginning **Monday, February 5, 2018**. Requirements include: a friendly disposition, a desire to make a difference, and the willingness to serve in a consistent 4-hour time slot on a weekly basis. If interested, please contact Pastor Tim Marsh for more information on how you can make a difference!

RETIREMENT RECEPTION FOR DEBBIE TURNER, SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

First Baptist Church is honored to host Debbie Turner, our Office Manager, along with her husband, Charles, and her sons, Daniel and Michael, along with their families, on Sunday, January 28 in the 10:55 AM Worship Service. Immediately following the worship service you are invited to a reception in Debbie's honor. Please make plans to join us for this special Sunday as we honor Debbie for her nineteen years of faithful service to our church and to the Lord. Debbie's last official day as our Office Administrator will be Wednesday, January 31. She will begin her part-time role as Financial Secretary the week of February 5.

THANK YOU

During this difficult time in my life, I feel blessed by all your cards and prayers.

May God bless and keep you all.

Love and prayers,
Winnie Elliott

THANK YOU

For every thought, prayer, concern, cards and visits, I'm truly thankful. I appreciate my church family and the love and concern you showed me during my surgery and recuperation.

Love,
Sandy Smith

BACKPACK MINISTRY

As we start the New Year, Spindale Elementary wants to send a "**SHOUT -OUT**" to everyone who made us smile in 2017, and you were definitely one of them! Thank you!

Thank you so much for the Pop-Tarts you have donated. You supply the food item that brings the most smiles!

Amy Revis

CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24 AND 31

Please make plans to attend the called church conferences on January 24 and 31 at 6:30 PM to discuss proposals from the Personnel Committee involving staff realignment. Votes on such proposals will take place on January 31. Also, the Building Committee will bring an update on Phase 2 of our renovation project. Thank you for your prayerful participation in this church conference!

FAMILY LENTEN GATHERING Sunday, February 11, 2018 12:30-2:20 PM

Church Fellowship Hall

(An event for families with children)

Following our morning worship service, we will provide a pizza lunch at 12:30 PM and it will be followed by some time of crafts and preparation of the Lenten season which will start on Wednesday, February 14 and will continue until right before Easter on Sunday, April 1. Please sign up in the Welcome Center or contact Beth Heffner.

PASTOR'S COLUMN

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free-- and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. (1 Corinthians 12:12-18, NRSV)

If you were asked what the most important part of your body, you might respond with the brain or the heart. The brain controls our central nervous system like a computer. It stores memory, allows us to see, hear, speak and think. It allows us to process our experience of our world. Our heart makes sure that blood, rich in oxygen, reaches all of our organs so that they may be alive and vibrant. Most of us would not respond to this question by saying our appendix, our baby toes or our sinus cavities.

The Corinthians were struggling with their new found faith. Their cultural norms and assumptions about faith created conflict among church members over who was the greatest. In response, Paul compared the church to the human body. I am not sure what all the ancients knew about the human body, or how much Paul knew, but even the ancients realized how beautiful and complex our bodies are. Yes, we need brains and hearts. When they fail, our bodies cannot survive. At the same time, baby toes are important too! Both of my baby toes are undersized and turn inward. As a result, I can struggle with my balance when I walk. Even though I can function well, it is hard for me to balance when I must walk in a formal manner, such as a procession in a wedding or funeral. Healthy baby toes make a difference!

What I love about church is that each of us have a special role to play! When we are all here, doing well and at our best, the church thrives. When some of us are sick, absent, or when we lose a member to death or when they must relocate, it causes us to limp a little! What I am writing is not meant to make anyone feel guilty. Rather, I want to remind you all just how *important* you are to First Baptist Church. Everyone is *essential* to our success in finding and following Jesus as a church body. Whether you are a child or a youth, married or single, retired or in the prime of your career, healthy or sick, wealthy or struggling, you matter to our church!

Personally, I miss you all when you are absent. I grieve when you are unwell or experience loss. I celebrate when you succeed. And, it's a joy to see each of you in action, doing what you believe God has called you to do, utilizing your gifts and making a difference. At First Baptist, we *are* the people of God, his instruments for sharing Jesus Christ in word and in deed to our community and beyond!

Grace and peace,
Tim

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
RUTHERFORDTON, NORTH CAROLINA
SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE
January 21, 2018
10:55 AM**

Sermon Series: Within These Walls We Will Be...

CALL TO WORSHIP

Greetings and Announcements John Miller
Lighting the Acolyte Candles “Holy, Holy, Holy” arr. Wagner
First Ringers Handbell Choir
Ken West, Organ

*Hymn 335 “Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens. Adore Him” HYFRYDOL
*Invocation Beth Archer

REMEMBER AND GIVE THANKS

Children’s Message Tim Marsh
Voluntary “Amazing Grace” arr. Eithun
First Ringers Handbell Choir

*(This music was purchased in memory of Wilda Perrin
by the First Ringers Handbell Choir in appreciation
of her ministry with our handbell program.)*

Morning Prayer/The Lord’s Prayer Beth Heffner

**Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

*Hymn of Offertory 477 AUSTRIAN HYMN
“We Are Called to Be God’s People”

*Scripture and Prayer of Offertory Proverbs 3:9 Lillie Beheler
Offertory

HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

The Written Word Ephesians 2:11-22 Tim Marsh
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem “Within These Walls” Choplin
Within these walls, we assemble.
Within these walls, we gather in Your name.
As we join our hearts in a holy union,
We come to find communion in Your holiness again.

Within these walls, let there be harmony; a common bond;
A Spirit from above.
And as Your children let us love each other as sisters
And as brothers united by Your love.

Chorus:

We are the branches, You are the Vine.
We are the vessels and You are the Wine.
We are the body, You are the Head.
For every hunger, You are the Bread.

Within these walls, let there be refuge,
A place of rest when doubts and trials form.
And let us lift each other as we gather
To find Your peace no matter how terrible the storm. (Chorus)

Within these walls, give us Your vision.
Within these walls, let us understand that beyond these walls,
There are hurting people who have never felt your healing hand.

Beyond these walls, send us forward.
Beyond these walls, let your will be done.
We are your people; You will leave us never,
And work together until Your kingdom comes. Your kingdom comes!
Within these walls, let us listen. Within these walls, let us pray.

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The Spoken Word “The People of God” Tim Marsh

*Hymn 278 “We Are Travelers On a Journey” BEACH SPRING
*(We invite all who desire to make public professions of faith or transfer
church membership to do so at this time. And, we encourage all with
special prayer needs to pray with the pastor or pray silently at the altar
for personal or intercessory prayer needs.)*

GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE

*Benediction Tim Marsh

*Departing Song (512) “We Go in Peace” EDWARDS

We go in peace, we go in love,
We go with grace and mercy from the Lord above
To tell the world this very thing:
That Jesus Christ is Lord and King, Jesus Christ is Lord and King!

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*Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Please remember to silence your cell phones or electronic devices