

First Baptist Church

Rutherfordton, NC

Sunday, February 11, 2018



Baptist Women's Day

NURSERY WORKERS

February 11.....Laura Hodge
.....Lynn Blanton
February 18.....Marie Graeper
.....Belinda Camper

WEE WORSHIP

February 11.....Beth Archer
.....Jennifer Roberts
February 18.....Judy Bond
.....Dane Heffner

PRAYER MINISTRY

February 11.....Daryl Camper
.....Martha Jones
.....Stan Clements
February 18.....John Blanton
.....Bob Smith
.....Debbie Bumgarner

JAIL MINISTRY

8:15 AM

February 11.....Hughes Family
February 18.....Scruggs/Huneycutt

GREETERS

February
Fellowship Class

First Baptist Church
P. O. Box 839
Rutherfordton, NC 28139
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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, February 11	Monday, February 12
9:00 Prayer Ministry Team	Quilters/FH
9:15 Deacon Prayer	Tuesday, February 13
9:45 Bible Study	5:30 First Ringers Handbells
10:55 Morning Worship	6:30 Church Building Lights meeting
11:00 Wee Worship	Wednesday, February 14
12:30 Lenten Family Gathering	5:30 Prepared Meal
4:15 Youth Handbells	5:55 Children's Choirs
5:00 Youth Choir	6:30 Missions (Mission Friends only)
6:00 Discipleship Training	6:30 Ash Wednesday Service
	7:30 Sanctuary Choir



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ACOLYTES

February 11.....Abby Miller

..... Aidan Ledbetter

February 18.....Lillie Beheler

.....Melanie Huneycutt

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

February 11.....Daniel Hooper

February 12.....Kristy Wilson

February 13.....Kitty McCammon

February 14.....Drew Smith

February 15.....Richard Allen

February 16.....Jerry Eaves

.....Nancy Wharton

.....Aaron Higgins

February 17.....Annette Jones

USHERS FOR FEBRUARY

Team 1: George Hughes, Todd Hodge, Jamie Knox, Seth Parton, Rusty Washburn, Bruce Boone, John Henry Deaver, Griggs McKinnon

DEACON AT THE DOOR

Daryl Camper

COLLEGE STUDENT

David Bond

626 Cowley Avenue

East Lansing, MI 48823

Michigan State

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mike Kernodle for being named Southwestern Conference Male Swim Coach of the year!

Funeral Food Alert

Team #8

Laura Giles

Judy Bond

Records for February 4, 2018

Sunday School Attendance 0

Morning Worship Attendance 85

Budget Requirements..... \$8,664.00

Budget Offering \$3,762.18

Special Offerings \$311.96

Total \$4,074.14

Budget to Date

Required by 2-4-18 \$155,952.00

Received by 2-4-18 \$167,788.44

Building Fund

Received \$1.00

Capital Campaign \$

To Date \$419,893.71

WEDNESDAY MEAL: February 14

Menu: Baked Chicken, Green Beans, Potatoes, Slaw, Rolls, 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: 36

February Goal: 30

February Donations: 2

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

WELCOME TABLE

Monday, February 12

First United Methodist Church

Volunteers and Desserts Needed

Sign-up sheets available in Welcome Center and Vestibule

NOTE

Our Financial Secretary, Debbie Turner, will be working at the church on Mondays and Tuesdays. Checks for bills and reimbursements will be written and signed on Tuesdays. Please have any check requests turned in the church office by the Monday of the week you need your transaction made.

WOM (Women on Mission) GROUP MEETING

WOM will meet February 13, 2018 in the **Church Fellowship Hall** at 2:00 PM. If you are a member, please remember to bring:

1. Dues, pennies, can tabs
2. Canned Meat for Yokefellow
3. 1 gallon can of Green Beans for Grace of God.

Linda Harris will be the hostess.

VALENTINE BOX REMINDER

Treats for the Valentine boxes that will be sent to our 19 college students need to be in the church office by Thursday afternoon, February 8.

Thanks! -Meryl

JOY GROUP NEWS

Annual Business Meeting/Covered Dish Meal

Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 12:00 noon

Church Fellowship Hall

Meat and Bread will be provided.

Abingdon Trip

The JOY group will travel to Abingdon, VA on Thursday, March 29 to see the presentation of “*A Facility for Living*,” at the Barter Theater’s 2 PM show. We will leave the church at 8 AM sharp.

This is a hilarious story of residents of a Federal Nursing Home (a penitentiary converted to a senior center). They are tired of the monotonous cycle of pills, old movies, mandatory bed times, and especially Nurse Ratched. A new resident arrives and shakes things up. The band of misfits hatch a plan to break the rules and in the process rediscovers purpose and dignity in the face of the system stacked against them.

The ticket price will range between \$24 and \$32 depending on the number we have attending.

We will have lunch at Bonfire BBQ in Abingdon which is just down the street.

Reservations MUST be made by February 15th to guarantee seating!

Please sign up in the Welcome Center or the Vestibule, or call Linda Harris at (828) 429-0215

FBCR YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday night (February 11) - ILLUMINATE—Mission experience at Hospice in Spindale. We will leave as close to 6:00 PM as possible and return at 7:00 PM.

Wednesday night (February 14) - DIVE—We will not be meeting in the Youth Center but will instead participate in the Church-wide Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary.

CHURCH BUILDING DEDICATION SERVICE

Sunday, February 18, 2018 in the morning worship service will be a time of celebration and dedication on the newly renovated spaces of our church. Please mark it on your calendar and plan on participating as we rededicate our facility to the glory of God!

PASTOR’S COLUMN

Soon afterwards he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Herod’s steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources. (Luke 8:1-3, NRSV)

I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. (2 Timothy 1:5, NRSV)

I really like Doritos, especially the ranch-flavored. When I eat them, I can get really messy. The flavored salt gets all over my hands. I drop crumbs and make loud crunches. But Doritos nearly made a mess when they announced that they were developing chips that would be more appealing to women. They would crunch less. They would not be as messy. They were designed for the “needs of women.”

As you can imagine, Doritos received quite a bit of feedback on that decision. It wasn’t positive. Dainty, delicate chips are just as disgusting to a woman’s pallet as they are to a man’s. Doritos issued a statement on Twitter: “We already have Doritos for women. They are called Doritos.” That seemed to settle things down.

Women in Baptist life have not been the dainty, more delicate Baptists. They have been vocal leaders. They have been humble servants. They have served just as faithfully in background as in the forefront. At First Baptist, we recognize the accomplishments of Baptist Women, their leadership in the area of Missions, and their contributions that they have made in our on congregations.

At First Baptist, we’ve been blessed with many women who have been at the forefront and in the background. We recognize and honor those who have felt God’s calling to *lead*. We recognize and honor those who have felt God’s calling to *follow*. However, we do not believe that the role of women in our church can be limited by their gender. In the past ten years, First Baptist ordained women as ministers for the first time. First Baptist has hired a woman to a ministerial staff position, who was already ordained as a minister prior to her arrival. We’ve invited multiple women from inside as well as outside our congregation to preach. And, we’ve had our first woman to serve as Chair of the Deacon Council. At the same time, we still have many strong women who serve in many roles behind the scenes. They decorate our church, volunteer in the office and nursery, wash dishes on Wednesday nights, teach Sunday School, Choir, Mission programs, and other countless, and sometimes, thankless tasks. We celebrate you all!

This Sunday, Vera Strelchenko, and her daughter, Anna, will be with us to share an update on their ministry in the Ukraine. They will also bring encouraging words. Vera’s husband, Tim, is unable to be with us. But in his place are two women called and equipped by God, who are helping to raise funds and awareness for their ministry. Come be a part of this special day!

At First Baptist, we don’t have vocations reserved for women. We have vocations. Women and men both have the same crunch for the Kingdom of God!

Grace and peace,

Tim

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
RUTHERFORDTON, NORTH CAROLINA
SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE
February 11, 2018
10:55 AM

CALL TO WORSHIP

BAPTIST WOMEN'S DAY

Greetings and Announcements Jessica Godfrey

Leader: The Lord is Risen!

People: He is Risen indeed!

Lighting the Acolyte Candles

*Hymn 349 "To God Be the Glory" TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*Invocation Terry Honeycutt

REMEMBER AND GIVE THANKS

Children's Message Rebecca Marsh

Prayer for Swaziland Mission Beth Heffner

Morning Prayer/The Lord's Prayer Kathy Tuttle

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 269 "We All Are One in Mission" COMPLAINER

*Scripture and Prayer of Offertory Matthew 6:19-21 Aidan Ledbetter

Offertory

HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

Anthem "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. Hopson

Women's Volunteer Choir

(Text is Hymn #295)

The Spoken Word Vera and Anna Strelchenko

*Hymn 427 "We've a Story to Tell" MESSAGE

(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 Becky Boone

*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

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

This morning is Baptist Women's Day. Several of our women will have leadership in this morning's service. Also, our offering ushers this morning will be our Girls in Action mission group (Grades 1-5).

WELCOME BACK STRELCHENKOS!

We are excited to welcome Vera Strelchenko and her daughter, Anna, back to First Baptist Church on Sunday, February 11. Vera and Anna will travel to the United States later this week and will be speaking in churches for three weeks to raise awareness, financial support and prayer opportunities for their ministry.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, February 14, 2018

6:30 PM

First Baptist Church Sanctuary

MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY

Eastern NC families are still recovering from the devastating floods of Fall 2016. Can you help? To celebrate Easter 2018, First Baptist is sponsoring a hands-on repair trip to Lumberton Thursday-Saturday, March 29-31. A group of Women Roofers will replace a roof, weather permitting, and skilled leaders are being enlisted to lead teams of 4-5 to provide other repairs. Food and lodging (including twin bunk beds) is provided, but volunteers need to bring bedding. Questions? Contact Nell Bovender, 429-9129, or nbovender@yahoo.com.

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING CLASSES FOR SPRING 2018

Discipleship Training at First Baptist resumes Sunday, February 11, 6 PM, with classes for Children, Youth and Adults. Children, Grades 3-5, will meet in Room 106 for Bible Drill, where they will commit to learning the books of the Bible and memorizing scripture. The class is led by Joe Hughes and Beth Heffner. Youth, grades 6-12, will meet in the Youth Basement and the class will be led by John Miller. Adults will have two options:

- ⇒ Rev.'s Chuck and Jessica Godfrey will lead *The Five Love Languages* by Gary Chapman. The class is designed for married couples and will run February 11-March 18. The class will meet in **Room 129** on the main level. The book is needed for the class and can be found on Amazon.com or you may order through the church for a cost of \$9.00 (Paperback).
- ⇒ Rev. Terry Honeycutt will lead *Scriptures that Comfort and Challenge*. The class will meet February 11-March 18 in **Room 205**. Terry's description of the class: "Many of us think of the Bible when we need comfort or a challenge, but sometimes it is hard to bring specific verses to mind when we need them. When we feel the need for peace or hope or encouragement or instruction, flipping of pages might follow, as well as mutters of, "I know that verse is in here somewhere...! Let's identify some passages that we can turn to when we need them. We will talk about what these verses have meant to others before us. We will also spend some time in reflection, allowing the scriptures to do their work in us. What passages are already on your list?"

Dr. Jim McConnell, New Testament Professor at Gardner-Webb, will be back with us in April (April 8-22, 6 PM) to teach the Annual Bible Study on the First Epistle of Peter. No only will Dr. McConnell help us to unlock the riches of First Peter, but will also provide us with skills and techniques to help us become better interpreters of scripture. The class will cost \$10 per person and the location is TBD.

You may sign up for each of these classes by calling the church office (ask for Tim), by email (timfbc@gmail.com), or on the registration sheets provided at the church. Thank you for your interest in growing in your walk with God!

THANK YOU

Dear First Baptist Church,

Thank you for the cards, gifts, monetary gifts and all the encouraging words that you gave me. I have many lasting memories of each of you. I may not see each of you as much as I did, but you will always have a special place in my heart. Again, thank you for 19 years of your friendships!

-Debbie Turner



SWAZILAND MISSION TRIP INFORMATION

As most of you know, Judy Bond and Laura Hodge are preparing to go to Swaziland (southern Africa) on a medical mission trip. Judy Bond sends us the following information and prayer needs:

General Information on Swaziland:

- Swaziland is slightly smaller than New Jersey
- Population is 1.4 million
- Government is an absolute monarchy
- Language is siSwati and some English
- 23% of the population is HIV positive

We are going to do medical camps and to bring Community Bible Study International to the country. The gospel of Matthew has been translated into their language and we are bringing those studies with us. We will be spending the weekend training a local team to run this program. We will also be visiting the homes and passing out buckets with food and Bibles.

Prayer needs:

- For safety and health traveling to and from Swaziland, in addition to travel while there.
- For the medical camps, for wisdom and discernment for the medical team.
- God would give wisdom to those speaking and teaching and listening ears to the people we come in contact with.
- That we would bring what is needed for all involved.
- That there will be team unity among the seven key leaders who will begin this ministry, as well as the team of 19 traveling there.
- That CBSI Swaziland will be established nationally and beyond denominational lines.
- That God would be glorified in all aspects of the trip.
- God would protect and provide for the family members at home.

If anyone would like to partner with us back home, we covet your prayers first and foremost. We will purchase Bibles there for \$15 in siSwati language. If anyone would like to donate financially, we will be leaving Thursday, February 15th. We will return on March 1.

Thanks so much!

In Christ, Judy Bond