

First Baptist Church

Rutherfordton, NC

Sunday, February 17, 2019



...how often should
I forgive?
"Not SEVEN times,
but, I tell you,
SEVENTY-
SEVEN
times."

Matthew 18:21-22, NRSV

NURSERY WORKERS

February 17..... Debbie McKinnon
..... Joanne Beasley
February 24..... Bob Harrison
..... Beth Archer

PRAYER MINISTRY

February 17..... Mike Scruggs
..... Beth Archer
..... Amy Revis
February 24..... Chip Bond
..... Jeff Archer
..... Kaye Gilbert Craft

JAIL MINISTRY

8:15 AM

February 17..... Scruggs Family
February 24..... Jones Family

GREETERS

February—Youth

March—Connections Class

MEALS ON WHEELS

March 1..... Pam & Rich Wolke
March 15..... Meryl Lawrence
..... Brenda Wilson

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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, February 17

9:00 AM Prayer Ministry Team
9:30 AM Deacon Prayer
9:45 AM Bible Study
10:55 AM Morning Worship
4:15 PM Youth Handbells
4:45 PM Deacon's Meeting
5:00 PM Youth Choir
6:00 PM Discipleship Training

Monday, February 18

11:30 AM Fellowship of Christian
Women (Bee Happy)
6:00 PM Cooking Class
6:30 PM Properties Committee

Tuesday, February 19

1:00 PM Spanish Class
5:30 PM First Ringers

Wednesday, February 20

11:00 AM Staff Meeting
5:15 PM Wednesday Meal
5:55 PM Children's Choirs
6:30 PM Children's Missions
6:30 PM Youth (DIVE)
6:30 PM Adult Prayer Meeting
7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir

Friday, February 22

6:00 PM Renewal Service

Saturday, February 23

6:00 PM Renewal Service



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ACOLYTES

February Acolyte Leader:

Vicki Hughes

February 17.....Abby Miller

February 24.....Jacob Craig

.....Emma Malan

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

February 17.....Annette Jones

February 18.....Rick Oates

.....Larry Smith

February 20.....Eddie Bennett

.....Penny Ann Parker

.....Tripp Searcy

.....Drew McClain

February 22.....Savannah Camper

.....Don Ledbetter

February 23.....Cindy Allen

.....Gene Boone

DEACON AT THE DOOR

Mike Scruggs

COLLEGE STUDENT

Jonathan Barnes

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Philip and Maggie Archer in the birth of their second daughter, Rebecca May Archer, who was born Thursday, February 7 in Kunming, China. Proud grandparents are Willis and Brenda Archer.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN

The Fellowship of Christian Women will be meeting Monday, February 18 at 11:30 AM at Bee Happy restaurant.

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

The Properties Committee will meet in Room 205, Monday, February 18 at 6:30 PM.

Records for February 10, 2019	
Sunday School Attendance	119
Morning Worship Attendance ..	177
Budget Requirements.....	\$8,648.00
Budget Offering	\$9,371.00
Special Offerings	\$867.46
Total	\$10,238.46
Budget to Date	
Required by 2-10-19 ...	\$164,312.00
Received by 2-10-19...	\$171,457.93
Building Fund	
Building Fund.....	\$50.00
To Date.....	\$132,993.44



PEANUT BUTTER FOR YOKEFELLOW

February Goal: 30

February Donations: 10

Our new item is now peanut butter, a good source of protein. Would you consider donating one jar this month? Thank you for your generosity!

DEACON COUNCIL MEETING

The deacon's will be meeting on Sunday, February 17 at 4:45 PM in Room 205.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are in the depths of putting together our new digital pictorial Church Directory. Tentative plans are to make this directory available during the last week of February...just in time for our Renewal Services! As we have been learning about what it means to be a vital church member through Tim's messages recently and culminating with the messages during our Renewal Services...we will celebrate our church body by making our church directory available to everyone at that time.

If you have not sent in a picture or filled out a directory information form and given it to Beth, please do so ASAP! All information will be password protected. Each member is important so we want your participation! Also, several of you do not have a smart phone or computer and would not have accessibility to the digital directory, so you may receive a hard copy. If you would like to receive a hard copy, please sign your name to the sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center or contact Beth Heffner. The cost to produce a directory is \$2.00.

RESCUE MISSION NEWS

If you haven't heard by now, the Grace of God Mission will not longer be operating the men's and women's shelters of Rutherford County due to the declining health of the Hagaman's. *Out of the Ashes* has become the new men's shelter and in the most recent Grace of God newsletter they have announced that the women's shelter has been turned over to *Hope Center*. This is a ministry headed by Neil Perry. They have a 501C and board members. Anyone needing help should call 828-395-5842 and ask for Becky. Their mailing address is 1071 S Broadway in Forest City. Terry and Sherry Hagaman will still be running the Mission Kitchen. They are in need of Gallon sized vegetables, 12 oz styrofoam cups, sectioned styrofoam to-go trays, coffee, cleaning products, and mailing envelopes.

WEDNESDAY MEAL: Wednesday, February 20

Menu: Turkey or Ham Sandwich, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, 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



PASTOR'S COLUMN

*Why would you ever complain, O Jacob, or, whine, Israel, saying, "GOD has lost track of me. He doesn't care what happens to me"? Don't you know anything? Haven't you been listening? GOD doesn't come and go. GOD lasts. He's Creator of all you can see or imagine. He doesn't get tired out, doesn't pause to catch his breath. And he knows everything, inside and out. He energizes those who get tired, gives fresh strength to dropouts. For even young people tire and drop out, young folk in their prime stumble and fall. But those who wait upon GOD get fresh strength. They spread their wings and soar like eagles, they run and don't get tired, they walk and don't lag behind. (Isaiah 40:27-31, *The Message*)*

SOUTH MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CAMP: deposits are \$50.00 and are due by February 24th (Trip is July 29-August 2, Mon-Fri). Also, any child coming on this trip must have a South Mountain Waiver in addition to our church's personal medical release. These forms are available on our church website (Families—Waiver Forms)

WAIVER FORMS: Any child planning to participate in our children's ministry this year needs to have a 2019 Medical/Waiver form filled out. Please see John for a copy or you can download one on our church site.

LENT FAMILY GATHERING: March 3rd (Sunday) immediately after our morning service until 3:00pm. If your family plans to attend, please sign up in the *Welcome Center* or let John know ASAP.

THIS SUNDAY/WEDNESDAY: Bible drill is still on schedule tonight from 6-7pm, and Music and Missions is still on schedule for this Wednesday, from 5:55-7:15pm.



WAIVER FORMS: Any student planning to participate in our youth ministry this year needs to have a 2019 Medical/Waiver form filled out. Please see John for a copy or you can download one on our church site.

THIS SUNDAY/WEDNESDAY: Game night tonight in the youth basement from 6-7pm. This Wednesday we will continue our Bible study series "Under the Lens." (Study on 1 John)

TEXT MESSAGE SIGN UPS

*Text "FBCR" to [95577](tel:95577) to receive GENERAL CHURCH announcements

*Text "fbryouth" to [95577](tel:95577) for YOUTH MINISTRY announcements

*Text "fbcrcchildren" to [95577](tel:95577) for CHILDREN'S MINISTRY announcements

EMAIL SIGN UPS

If you are missing out on receiving church news/prayer requests you may also contact Tim Marsh at timfbc@gmail.com and he will add you to the list.

WORSHIP SERVICES ON WEBSITE

A link to our worship services on YouTube is now located on the front page of our website. Our website address is www.firstbaptistrutherfordton.com

I read from this passage Wednesday Night. I regret that I did not share Eugene Peterson's paraphrase, *The Message*, when talking about *renewal*. Read the last few lines again. "[Those] who wait upon GOD get fresh strength..." I love that translation – *fresh!*

When something is fresh, it is just right. It is ready. Think of opening a gallon of milk, biting into a crisp apple, consuming a warm, scratch-made biscuit topped with apple butter! One of my favorite treats are Krispy Kreme donuts when the red, neon sign is glowing. All Krispy Kremes are good, but an original that is freshly made is the best! However, after a few days, those same donuts will become firm, stale and undesirable. Yes, you can microwave them and they almost taste fresh. But, it's not the same.

Newness breeds excitement. However, familiarity can breed contempt. When the newness wears off, when we get into a routine, when we begin to know all that there is to know, we become complacent. Our energy is depleted. We become content with mediocrity.

Yet, those who wait upon God get fresh strength! We receive a renewed energy, passion and strength as if we were young once again.

On February 22-24, we will have a time of renewal – fresh preaching from Dr. Guy Sayles, fresh music coordinated by Beth Heffner, and a fresh opportunity to rekindle our energy for our own congregation, for our common life together and for the work God has given us to do.

As a church, we are valuable for both who we are and what we do. We are the people of God. And, we are God's instruments for sharing Jesus Christ in both word and deed in the context(s) we've been placed, and beyond. Our entire existence is summed up in providing an environment where all may find and follow Jesus Christ. May God continue to empower us, renew us and speak to us as a local expression of the Body of Christ! May we receive *fresh strength!*

Grace and peace,
Tim

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
RUTHERFORDTON, NORTH CAROLINA
SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE
February 17, 2019
10:55 AM**

Sermon Series: *Our Life Together*
A Sermon Series based upon Dietrich Bonhoeffer's classic book on Christian Community for the renewal of community at First Baptist Church

CALL TO WORSHIP

Greetings and Announcements Tim Marsh
Leader: The Lord is Risen!
People: He is Risen indeed!
Lighting the Acolyte Candles
*Hymn 310 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" HYMN TO JOY
*Invocation Mike Scruggs

REMEMBER AND GIVE THANKS

Children's Message Taylor Gilbert
The Morning Prayer/Lord's Prayer John Miller
**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 671 BEACH SPRING
"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"
*Scripture and Prayer of Offertory Proverbs 22:9 Emma Malan
Offertory
Anthem "Please Forgive Me" arr. Cottrell
Beth Archer, Soloist

For every time I've been unfaithful, for every time I've been untrue,
For every time I've been ungrateful for all You've done and all You do,
Please forgive me, please forgive me.

For when my pride has been unbroken,
For when my soul has been unmoved.
For all the praise I left unspoken when I owe everything to You,
Please forgive me, please forgive me.

Chorus:
There is a fountain filled with blood
Where Your forgiveness ever flows.
Come wash me in the healing flood, and I'll be white as snow.
For when my heart has been unyielding,
When my devotion went unproved,
For all the days I've been unwilling to take my cross and follow You,
Please forgive me, please forgive me. (Chorus) (Repeat first verse)

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HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

The Written Word Matthew 18:15-35 Tim Marsh
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Solo "The Lord's Prayer" Mallotte
Peter Moore, Solo and Alison Moore, Piano

The Spoken Word "Accountable to One Another" Tim Marsh
*Hymn 694 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" MORNING SONG
(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

FBCR Renewal Services

Friday, February 22—6:00 PM; Saturday, February 23—6:00 PM
Sunday, February 24—10:55 AM

"Our Life Together"



Guest Speaker: Dr. Guy Sayles