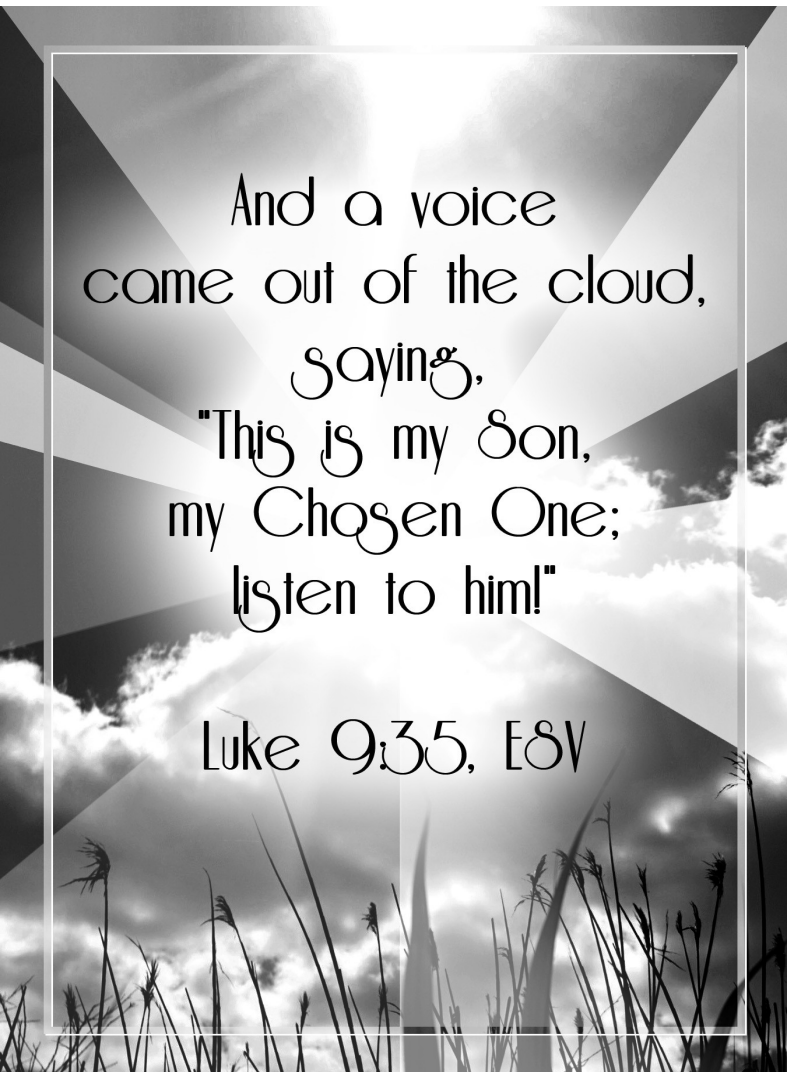


First Baptist Church

Rutherfordton, NC

Sunday, March 10, 2019



And a voice
came out of the cloud,
saying,
"This is my Son,
my Chosen One;
listen to him!"

Luke 9:35, E8V

NURSERY WORKERS

March 10 Jill Knox
..... Nell Boverder
March 17 Amy Beheler
..... Laura Hodge

PRAYER MINISTRY

March 10 Joe Hughes
..... Kaye Gilbert Craft
..... Lib Page
March 17 Nell Boverder
..... Bob Smith
..... Gayle Youngblood

JAIL MINISTRY

8:15 AM

March 10 Hughes Family
March 17 Scruggs Family

GREETERS

March—Connections Class
April—Faithful Workers

MEALS ON WHEELS

March 15 Meryl Lawrence
..... Brenda Wilson
March 29 Ruth Colhot
..... Camille Wheeler

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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, March 10

9:00 AM Prayer Ministry Team
9:30 AM Deacon Prayer
9:45 AM Bible Study
10:55 AM Morning Worship
4:15 AM Youth Handbells
5:00 PM Youth Choir
6:00 PM Discipleship Training
Monday, March 11
7:00 PM Quilters (FH)

Tuesday, March 12

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

Wednesday, March 13

11:00 AM Staff Meeting
12:00 PM Lenten Service
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



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ACOLYTES

March Acolyte Leader:
Rebecca Marsh

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

March 10.....Brent Washburn
.....Jennifer Roberts
March 12.....Michael Jones
March 13.....Carrie Foster
March 14.....Bill Keever
.....Sandy Harrill
March 15.....Susan Martin
.....Debbie Archer
March 16.....Martha McGinnis

DEACON AT THE DOOR

Joe Hughes

GIFTS

A monetary gift has been made to Community Missions in memory of **Richard Justice** by Willis and Brenda Archer.

COLLEGE STUDENT

David Bond

(Study Abroad: Australia)
Michigan State University



TIME CHANGE

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour on Saturday, March 9 before going to bed or you'll miss church!

Records for March 3, 2019

Sunday School Attendance 106
Morning Worship Attendance .. 167
Budget Requirements..... \$8,648.00
Budget Offering \$6,770.00
Special Offerings \$1,223.00
Total \$7,993.00

Budget to Date

Required by 3-3-19 \$190,256.00
Received by 3-3-19 \$196,864.35

Building Fund

Building Fund.....\$490.00
To Date.....\$133,483.44



PEANUT BUTTER FOR YOKEFELLOW

February Goal: 30
February Donations: 30
March Goal: 30
March Donations: 2

We have reached our goal for February! Thank you for thinking of others!

WOM MEETING

The Women on Mission group will be meeting with Dot Carnegie in her home on Tuesday, March 12 at 2:00 PM. Don't forget to bring your 1 gallon can of green beans, your Yokefellow peanut butter, dues, pennies, and can tabs!

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the Valentine cookies and candy! It was so exciting to receive it in the mail, and it was definitely yummy! I hope to see you all again soon! Lauren Revis

Dear FBCR,

Thank you so much for all the Valentine food! I really appreciated it, and it made my week! Evan Revis

COLLEGE GUESTS

During the week of March 10, we will be hosting 10 students that are participating in *Alternative Spring Break*. These students will be coming from UNC -State and will be working with RHP on repairing homes in the county. These young adults will be using our facilities by sleeping on pallets on the floor, using our restrooms and showers, and cooking light meals in the church kitchen. Let's give these students a warm Rutherford County welcome if you see them at any point during the week!



**JOY GROUP MARCH OUTING
LUNCH AT MUTT'S BBQ RESTAURANT
FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2019
(NOTE THE DATE CHANGE)**

Come and enjoy a great barbeque buffet in Greer, South Carolina! More information to follow! Mark it on your calendar!

WEDNESDAY MEAL: Wednesday, March 13

Menu: Chicken, Mixed Vegetables, Green Beans, Potatoes, Slaw, Dessert

Cost: Adult \$5.00 (6th Grade and up)
Children \$3.00 (5th Grade and under)
Maximum per family: \$16



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.



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.



GATHER TO GIVE HALLWAY—For your convenience, we have a new designated area where you can drop off all of your weekly/monthly donations. Our gather to give hallway is located on the **ground floor** as you enter from the elevator downstairs (or using the entrance downstairs). You can drop off donations for: *Yokefellow, Spindale's Elementary Backpack Program, RS Middle's Hygiene Kit Drive, and our newest addition—Forest City Dunbar Elementary.* Please utilize this new space if you wish to contribute. If you have any further questions, please see John Miller.



MAYFEST

-We are trying something new for Mayfest this year to help raise funds for our summer youth mission trip. **We will be serving breakfast from 8am-Noon on May 4th (Saturday)!** Our menu for this year will be *Eggs, Bacon/Liver Mush, Biscuits, Muffins, and Coffee/Juice.* We are in need of donations in order to maximize our efforts to send our students to mission camp. **If you are willing to donate Bacon and/or Liver Mush, please let John Miller know ASAP.** We'll begin taking other donations as we get closer to Mayfest. Thank you for all of your support.

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. (Isaiah 58:6-9, NRSV)

This Wednesday, March 6, begins the season of Lent. Culminating in Easter Sunday, it leads us on a forty-day journey to Easter. The number forty appears in scripture several times, most notably marking forty days of constant rain and flooding in the account of Noah's Ark. The Hebrews spent forty years in the wilderness before God permitted them to enter the promised land. Jesus spent forty days in the desert, fasting following his Baptismal calling. It always indicates a time of forming, shaping and molding for the task ahead.

During those forty days, it's customary to engage a mini-fast. The Tuesday prior to Lent is known as Shrove Tuesday, or, better yet, Fat Tuesday, as households consumed their dairy prior to Lent. Many churches serve pancakes on Shrove Tuesday in preparation for the fast. Today, many people give up something that they enjoy – a food, a hobby, or habit. Others introduce a new habit, one that leads to good. Whatever is chosen, the purpose of the fast is to prepare to live out the calling to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

Spiritual disciplines, such as fasting, are never an end in and of themselves. We do not earn brownie points with God by fasting, or whatever discipline we might adopt. In fact, earning is opposed to the way God relates to each of us. He relates to us by *grace*. All we have before God is that which God gives us. We cannot make God love us any more than He already does.

Spiritual disciplines mold and shape us. Perhaps, each day we realize we must abstain from that which we enjoy, we are reminded of seeing life through the lens of Jesus Christ. Or, perhaps we chose to develop a habit. It helps us to become more like Jesus as we engage the world around us. The goal of Lent is to shape us for the calling we received from Jesus – to work for justice, to lift up the poor, and to embody the Kingdom of God wherever we may be.

Grace and peace,
Tim

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

Sermon Series: *Following Jesus Together*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Greetings and Announcements Beth Heffner

Leader: The Lord is Risen!

People: He is Risen indeed!

Lighting the Acolyte Candles "The River Is Here" Park

First Baptist Youth Choir

*Hymn 19 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" FOREST GREEN

*Invocation Joe Hughes

REMEMBER AND GIVE THANKS

Children's Message Kim Deaver

Voluntary "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" arr. Adkins

First Baptist Youth Handbell Choir

Morning Prayer/The 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 161 "See Our Lord in All His Glory" CWM RHONDDA

*Scripture and Prayer of Offertory 1 Timothy 6:6-8 Addison Lane

Offertory

HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

The Written Word Luke 4:16-30, 9:28-36 Taylor Gilbert

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem "Jesus Christ the Apple Tree" Patterson

The tree of life my soul hath seen, laden with fruit and always green;

The trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ,

Compared with Christ, compared with Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith alive:

Which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ,

With Jesus Christ, with Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel: by faith I know but ne'er can tell,

The glory which I now can see 'tis found in Christ,

'Tis found in Christ, 'tis found in Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought and pleasure dearly I have bought:

I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ,

'Tis found in Christ, 'tis found in Christ the apple tree.

In Jesus Christ, in Jesus Christ, in Jesus Christ the apple tree. CCLI#1858884

The Spoken Word "Transfigured Together" Tim Marsh

The Observance of the Lord's Supper

The Partaking of the Bread

The Partaking of the Cup

GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE

*Benediction Tim Marsh

*Departing Song (267) "Blest Be the Tie" DENNIS

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above. Amen.

*Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Please remember to silence your cell phones or electronic devices

BENEVOLENCE EXIT OFFERING

Following the worship service this morning there will be members of our Mission Council at each exit with baskets so that you can have the opportunity to give to our church's Benevolence Fund to help the needy who come to our church doors. This mission offering is an opportunity to help others in Rutherford County get the financial help they need.

**VOLUNTEER TRAINING FOR SERVICE AT THE
RUTHERFORD CORRECTIONAL CENTER**

On Monday, March 11, the Rutherford Correctional Institution will host required volunteer training in the Fellowship Hall at Second Baptist Church, for all who are interested in renewing their Blue or Salmon Card or for those who are interested in obtaining a new Blue Card. If your cards expire in February or June of this year, then you need to complete this training to be eligible to continue to serve. The meeting for established volunteers is from 6:00 PM to 7:15 PM. If your card expires in October, do not go to this training.

If you are not an established volunteer, or if your card expired prior to 2019 then you will need to call the Rutherford Correctional Center to make a reservation to attend the New Volunteer orientation. The number is 828-286-4121. The training is 7:30 - 8:30 PM for new volunteers. They are only taking 50 spots for new Blue Cards only. The Blue Card will allow you to participate in chapel services that we host at the prison. You would need to call to make your reservation as soon as possible.

Please prayerfully consider your participation in this ministry! We would love to have more people to go an lead chapel (Blue Card). Your participation is of eternal value!

RUTHERFORDTON COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES 2019

Wednesday, March 13

Location: Rutherfordton Presbyterian Church

Preacher: Rev. Andrea Purcell (Pastor, Matthew's Chapel AME Zion Church)

Wednesday, March 20

Location: Mt. Pleasant CME Church (Union Mills)

Preacher: Rev. Erin Burlson (Pastor, Wells Spring UMC)

Wednesday, March 27

Location: Wells Spring UMC (Forest City)

Preacher: Rev. Don Ledbetter

Wednesday, April 3

Location: First United Methodist Church, Rutherfordton

Preacher: Rev. Beth Heffner (Minister of Music & Administration,
First Baptist)

Wednesday, April 10

Location: Russell Tabernacle CME (Spindale)

Preacher: Rev. Jacob Teasdell (Pastor, Mt. Pleasant CME Church)

Good Friday, April 19

Location: St. Francis Episcopal

Preacher: Good Friday Liturgy prepared by Rev. Gary Coffey

Easter Sunrise, April 21 (7:00 AM)

Location: Rutherfordton City Cemetery

Preacher: Dr. Don Scofield (Minister, Rutherfordton Presbyterian)

Rain Plan: First Baptist Church, Rutherfordton

Breakfast at First Baptist Church, Rutherfordton following service

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 "fberchildren" 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