

First Baptist Church

Rutherfordton, NC

Sunday, March 24, 2019

LOVE
the Lord your God
with all your
HEART
and with all your
SOUL
and with all your
STRENGTH
and with all your
MIND...

L U K E 1 0 : 2 7

NURSERY WORKERS

March 24John Roberts
.....Amy Revis
March 31Angie Malan
.....Kim Deaver

PRAYER MINISTRY

March 24Daryl Camper
.....Martha Jones
.....Stan Clements
March 31John Blanton
.....Gayle Youngblood
.....Brenda Archer

JAIL MINISTRY

8:15 AM

March 24Scruggs Family
March 31Roberts Family

GREETERS

March—Connections Class
April—Faithful Workers Class

MEALS ON WHEELS

March 29Ruth Cohot
.....Camille Wheeler
April 5Dot Carnegie
.....Sharon Scruggs

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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, March 24

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 25
10:30 AM Staff Meeting
6:00 PM Cooking Class
6:30 PM Properties Committee

Tuesday, March 26

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

Wednesday, March 27

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

Friday, March 29

JOY Group to Mutts



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ACOLYTES

March Acolyte Leader:

Rebecca Marsh

April Acolyte Leader:

Angie Malan

March 24.....Jacob Craig

.....Emma Malan

March 31.....Abby Miller

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

March 25.....John Roberts

March 27.....Steve Barnes

.....Amy Meador

March 28.....Willis Archer

March 29.....Claudia Waters

March 30.....Belinda Camper

.....Merri Wilkins

.....Steven Schultz

DEACON AT THE DOOR

Daryl Camper

COLLEGE STUDENT

Sonia Colnot

301 South Rd., #201

Chapel Hill, NC 27514

UNC-Chapel Hill

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE MEETING

The Properties Committee will meet in Room 205 on Monday, March 25 at 6:30 PM.

WELCOME TABLE

We are responsible for three meals in April for Welcome Table: Mondays, April 1, 8, & 22. Sign up sheets to volunteer will be made available soon. Mark them on your calendar!

THANK YOU NOTE

A thank you note was written to us from the NCSU students that stayed with us last week. The note has been placed on the Bulletin Board.

Records for March 17, 2019

Sunday School Attendance 111

Morning Worship Attendance .. 178

Budget Requirements.....\$8,648.00

Budget Offering\$3,918.30

Special Offerings\$976.00

Total\$4,894.30

Budget to Date

Required by 3-17-19 ...\$207,552.00

Received by 3-17-19...\$206,263.65

Building Fund

Building Fund.....\$470.00

To Date.....\$133,953.44



PEANUT BUTTER FOR YOKEFELLOW

February Goal: 30 - February Donations: 30

March Goal: 30 - March Donations to Date: 20

Thank you for your generosity in helping us reach our goal in February! Peanut butter is an important source of protein so let's help fill that pantry.



JOY GROUP TO MUTTS BBQ

Friday, March 29, 2019

The church bus will leave the church grounds at 10:15 AM to go to lunch at Mutts BBQ in Greer, SC. Expected time back will be around 2:00 PM. There is a sign up sheet located in the

Welcome Center if you are interested in going. Deadline to sign up is Thursday, March 28.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to Craig Sappenfield and his family in the death of his brother, James Alexander Sappenfield who passed away Wednesday, March 13. A memorial service will be planned in the future in Kannapolis.

WEDNESDAY MEAL: Wednesday, March 27

Menu: Hamburger, Hotdogs, Chips, Baked Beans, Slaw, 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



EASTER LILIES

The Decorating Committee will be decorating the Sanctuary with Easter lilies for Easter Sunday. If you would like to place a flower in honor or in memory of a loved one, please fill out the form below and drop it in the mail, offering plate or church office with **\$17.00** by **Sunday, April 14.**

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Given by _____



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.

THIS SUNDAY/WEDNESDAY: Bible Drill will continue tonight (March 24) as scheduled from 6:00-7:00pm.

We have our regular schedule for Music and Missions this Wednesday (March 27, 5:55-7:15pm).

FAMILY EASTER EGG HUNT: Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be April 13th (Saturday) on site here at FBC-Rutherfordton from 10:00-11:30am. We'll be hiding eggs outside AND inside. If it rains, we'll just stick with hiding eggs inside, so this event will happen RAIN OR SHINE! *Light snacks/drinks provided.*



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: Our plan for tonight is to go to the Carolina Arcade Museum in Forest City! *We will leave here as close to 6pm as possible and remain at the arcade until 7:30pm. Parents must pick up their students from Carolina Arcade no later than 7:30pm.* Cost for students/adults is **\$10.00 per person.** We will continue our Bible study series entitled "The Passion" this Wednesday from 6:30-7:15pm.



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.

BALANCING SAFETY AND HOSPITALITY

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me." FBCR has always honored this biblical principle and will continue to do so. However, the deacons feel it has become necessary to consider ways we can make our environment safer, believing that a safe church *is* welcoming.

One concern is the number of unlocked and unattended doors during services and activities. Several Sunday School classes are currently providing greeters in the Welcome Center before SS. We hope to expand this system of greeters and also minimize the number of unlocked, unattended doors.

Ideally we would provide greeters at entrances when they are unlocked, so that all visitors can be welcomed and offered assistance if needed. Obviously, this will require a large number of adults who are willing to take a turn welcoming members and visitors.

As we work toward providing a safer environment, the deacons are proposing that we designate **May 5** for a special emphasis on safety. On "**Safety Sunday**" during Sunday School, teachers will be encouraged to discuss a plan with your class, so that all are prepared in case of fire, weather or medical emergency.

Also on Safety Sunday, **May 5**, a "**Hospitality Training**" will be offered from 12:00 to 1:30. All adults willing to learn how we can balance safety and hospitality more effectively are encouraged to attend. A light lunch will be served, and childcare will be provided. You will receive information about emergency procedures, being observant, listening skills, identifying and assisting troubled individuals, helping a visitor in need of spiritual support. From those who receive training, it is hoped that a large number will feel prepared to serve in a rotation schedule of greeters and/or on a safety team. The intent is that greeters will know what to do and who to call in various situations that might arise.

As part of our **May 5, Safety Sunday** emphasis, we hope to present a written document for church consideration and approval. The deacons invite your input as plans are made and practices are developed. Please direct your ideas and questions to Lewis Craig, Terry Honeycutt, Ben Moore, Nell Bovender, or to your deacon. Thank you in advance for your help!

CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE

First Baptist Church will be called into Church Conference on Wednesday, March 27 to consider the following motions from the Properties Committee. These motions have been considered and endorsed by the Deacon Council:

- A motion to add motion sensors for lights to eight different areas of our facility for \$3822.14
- A motion to install a drainage system at the bottom steps of the former stairwell underneath the Fellowship Hall for \$3941.
- A motion to install a digital thermostat system in the Fellowship Hall for \$6210 to replace the current failing system and reduce energy costs by 33%
- A motion to contract with the Ruby C. Hunt YMCA to host a summer camp/child-care program for no more than 75 Rutherford County Children

Each of these motions will be presented for conversation on Wednesday, March 27 at 6:30, providing detailed information and rationale for discussion and consideration. We will vote on each of these motions without discussion on April 3 at 6:30 PM. Thank you for your prayerful participation in the business of the church!

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
RUTHERFORDTON, NORTH CAROLINA
SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE**

March 24, 2019

10:55 AM

Sermon Series: *Following Jesus Together*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Greetings and Announcements John Miller

Leader: The Lord is Risen!

People: He is Risen indeed!

Lighting the Acolyte Candles "I Will Arise and Go to Jesus" Compton
First Ringers Handbell Choir

*Hymn 339 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" CORONATION

*Invocation Daryl Camper

REMEMBER AND GIVE THANKS

Children's Message Charlotte Lattimore

Voluntary "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked" O'Hara

Peter Moore, Solo; Alison Moore, Pianist

Morning Prayer/The Lord's Prayer Taylor Gilbert

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 291 "God of Beauty, Truth and Goodness" MOSSY CREEK

Stanza 1: Sanctuary Choir; Stanzas 2-4: Choir and Congregation

*Scripture and Prayer of Offertory 1 Corinthians 16:1-2 Madalyn Hughes

Offertory "Christ, We Do All Adore Thee" arr. Hurlbutt

First Ringers Handbell Choir

HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

The Written Word Luke 10:25-37 Tim Marsh

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem "Beloved, Let Us Love" McDonald

God sent His only son to the world, that we might live through Him.

In this is love, in this is love. If God so loved;

Chorus:

Beloved, let us love one another for love is from God,

And everyone who loves is born of Him; and God is love.

Beloved, let us love one another that we may abide in Him,

And He in us, and He in us. That He may abide in us.

There is no fear in love: His perfect love.

His perfect love shall cast away all fear.

By this we know we are His children,

When we love God and keep His Word.

For whosoever is born of God overcomes the world.

There is no greater love, if God so loved the world. (Chorus) CCLI#1858884

The Spoken Word

Tim Marsh

"Following Great Commandments, a Samaritan and Jesus"

GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE

*Hymn 510 "Lord, Here Am I" BECK

(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.)

*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

RUTHERFORDTON COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES 2019

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