

First Baptist Church

Rutherfordton, NC

Sunday, March 31, 2019



NURSERY WORKERS

March 31 Angie Malan
..... Kim Deaver
April 7 Lori Herrick
..... Judy Bond

PRAYER MINISTRY

March 31 John Blanton
..... Gayle Youngblood
..... Brenda Archer
April 7 Debbie Bumgarner
..... Ronnie & Brenda Wilson
..... Sandy Smith

JAIL MINISTRY

8:15 AM

March 31 Roberts Family
April 7 Hughes Family

GREETERS

March—Connections Class
April—Faithful Workers Class

MEALS ON WHEELS

April 5 Dot Carnegie
..... Sharon Scruggs
April 19 No Delivery

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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, March 31

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, April 1

10:30 AM Staff Meeting
5:00 PM Welcome Table
6:00 PM Cooking Class

Tuesday, April 2

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

Wednesday, April 3

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/
Church Conference
7:30 PM Sanctuary Choir



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ACOLYTES

March Acolyte Leader:

Rebecca Marsh

April Acolyte Leader:

Angie Malan

March 31.....Abby Miller

April 7.....Hannah Parker

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

March 31.....Andrew Bechtel

April 1.....Nany Simmons

April 2.....Zack Norville

.....Jaylen Ledbetter

April 3.....Pam Robinson Newton

April 4.....Jean Reece

.....Donna Pratt

April 5.....Jada Knox

April 6.....Barbara Jones

DEACON AT THE DOOR

John Blanton

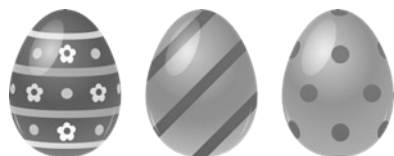
COLLEGE STUDENT

John Henry Deaver

167 Beechtree Circle

Rutherfordton, NC 28139

Isothermal Community College



FAMILY EASTER EGG HUNT

April 13th (Saturday)

10:00-11:30 AM here at

FBC-Rutherfordton

For more information please see the youth and children's section of the bulletin.

WELCOME TABLE

We will be in charge of Welcome Table, April 1, 8, and 22.

Sign up in the Welcome Center to help!

Records for March 24, 2019

Sunday School Attendance 124

Morning Worship Attendance .. 199

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

Budget Offering \$10,572.00

Special Offerings \$751.00

Total \$11,313.00

Budget to Date

Required by 3-24-19 ... \$216,200.00

Received by 3-24-19... \$216,835.65

Building Fund

Building Fund.....\$500.00

To Date.....\$134,453.44



PEANUT BUTTER FOR YOKEFELLOW

March Goal: 30—March Donations to Date: 21

Thank you for your generosity in helping us reach our goal each month! You are making a difference to hungry lives in Rutherford County!

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SAFETY SUNDAY, MAY 5

Please mark Sunday, May 5 on your calendars as an important Sunday in the life of the church! Our Church Safety Team, an ad hoc committee appointed by the Deacons, has been working diligently to implement a plan to ensure that our church is both safe and hospitable to all. Make plans to join them following worship for *Hospitality Training* to discuss their proposals and to learn techniques for being a hospitable, yet safe, congregation. I sincerely appreciate the efforts of the team, which includes Rev. Terry Honeycutt, Chair, Lewis Craig, Benjamin Moore and Nell Bovender, in her role as Deacon Chair.

CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE

The church will be called into conference on Wednesday, April 3 at 6:30 PM to discuss motions presented in the March 27 Church Conference. Your prayerful participation is much appreciated!

WEDNESDAY MEAL: Wednesday, April 3

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



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 _____

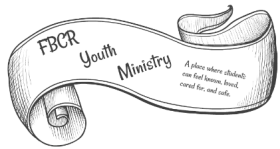


WAIVER FORMS: Any child planning to participate in our children's ministry this year needs to have a 2019 Medical/Waiver form filled out. Please see John for a copy or you can download one on our church site.

THIS SUNDAY/WEDNESDAY: Bible Drill will continue tonight (March 31) as scheduled from 6:00-7:00pm.

We have our regular schedule for Music and Missions this Wednesday (April 3, 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: We will be walking down to Main St. Ice Cream & Coffee tonight from 6-7pm for snacks and group discussions on select topics. Bring a few dollars with you for snacks. 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, Forest City Dunbar Elementary, and our newest addition—Bibles for Prison Ministry.* Please utilize this new space if you wish to contribute. If you have any further questions, please see John Miller.

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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. **Sign ups for various ways to volunteer can be found in the Welcome Center.**

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PASTOR'S COLUMN

On Sunday, when reading the Parable of the Good Samaritan we were reminded that our neighbors are not necessarily those who are blood-related, share the same faith, or look like us. Rather, when we are in need, our neighbors are the ones who refuse to abandon us. Instead, true neighbors are the ones who are there to lend a hand. That's not what the Lawyer wanted to hear when he tested Jesus. Moreover, he did not want to hear that loving God and loving neighbors held no bounds. Even more so, he did not want to hear that loving God and neighbor *is* eternal life! Jesus died so that we might not only live forever with God, but that our lives would reflect the quality of God's eternal life.

Therefore, how do we do eternal life together? How do we love our neighbors as a church? First, we must change our understanding of who benefits from our church. When we give money, volunteer our time, it seems that there has been an unwritten rule in the life of churches that only members or prospective members are the beneficiaries of the ministry of the church. In the Book of Acts (2:42-47), the ministry of the Apostles resulted in the formation of a community that benefitted those inside and outside the church. The church is for the good of the world as defined by the Kingdom of God whether or not the world joins in (or whether the world decides to go next door or down the street to church.) Douglas Campbell, in his book *Paul: An Apostle's Journey*, indicates that for Paul's mission to work, he had to develop friendships outside the church. While many may never have come to Christ, still they considered Paul a man of goodwill. Paul did not drop them when they chose not to embrace his message. Campbell asks rhetorically, how many friendships do we have with people who are not of our faith? How many do we have with those who will never embrace Christ? Our work, resources, facilities, compassion and care are for the good of the context in which we've been placed, regardless the cost.

Second, we must learn to love *proactively*. We must *prepare* to love. We must *plan* to care. The wise man who built his house on a rock knew that storms were coming. He didn't hope that his church attendance, resistance to sin, or good works would hold the storms at bay. And, when they came, he didn't blame God. Instead, he prepared for storms. How do we prepare ourselves to be ready when crises come, not only in our own lives, but in our community and beyond?

Finally, we must love *reactively*. That is, there are times when we need to lift the neighbor out of the ditch *now*. There's no time to call six committees, run it by the deacons, call a church conference two weeks out and then vote on a course of action. When someone has no food, when a storm comes knocking out power, when an opportunity arises to make a difference, we must be prepared to respond to the Holy Spirit's leadership *decisively*. All of this is love. When we were in the ditch, this is what Christ did for us.

Grace and peace,
Tim

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
RUTHERFORDTON, NORTH CAROLINA
SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

March 31, 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
*Hymn 1 "Holy, Holy, Holy!" NICAIA
*Invocation John Blanton

REMEMBER AND GIVE THANKS

Children's Message Sarah Daniel
Voluntary "O God Beyond All Praising" arr. Abriol
Addison Lane, Solo; Alison Moore, Piano
The Morning Prayer/Lord's Prayer Tim Marsh

**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 488 BEACH SPRING
"Come, All Christians, Be Committed"
*Scripture and Prayer of Offertory 1 Timothy 6:17-19 Darby Lambert
Offertory

HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

The Written Word Luke 10:38-42; 12:22-34 Taylor Gilbert
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem "Seek First the Kingdom" arr. Goeller
Chorus:
Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you. (repeat)
So do not worry about tomorrow for tomorrow will worry about itself.
For every day has enough worries of its own. (Chorus)
Do not worry about your life. Do not worry about your body.
For who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? (Chorus)
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The Spoken Word "Focused Together" Tim Marsh
*Hymn 496 "Footsteps of Jesus" FOOTSTEPS
(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

RUTHERFORDTON COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES 2019
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 Teasdale (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 to receive GENERAL CHURCH announcements
*Text "fbryouth" to 95577 for YOUTH MINISTRY announcements
*Text "fberchildren" to 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