

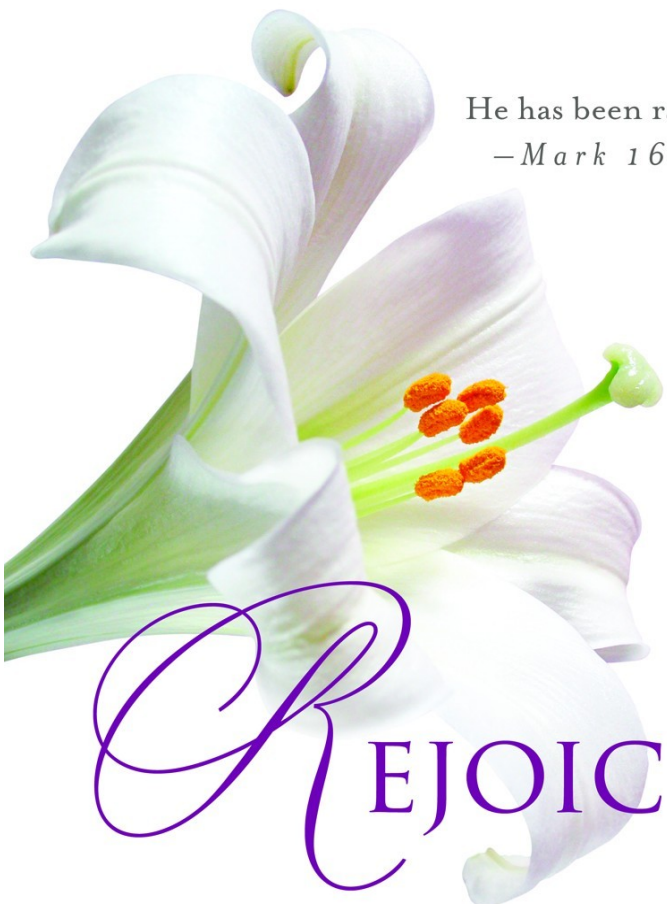
First Baptist Church

Rutherfordon, NC

Sunday, April 1, 2018

He has been raised.

—Mark 16:6



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Rutherfordon, NC 28139

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NURSERY WORKERS

April 1.....Marie Graeper
.....Belinda Camper
April 8.....Lynn Blanton
.....Laura Hodge

WEE WORSHIP

April 1.....Lewis Craig
.....Claudia Waters
April 8.....Beth Archer
.....Dane Heffner

PRAYER MINISTRY

April 1.....Terry Honeycutt
.....Gayle Youngblood
.....Margaret Higgins
April 8.....Ben Moore
.....Billy Honeycutt
.....Chip Bond

JAIL MINISTRY

8:15 AM

April 1.....Roberts Family
April 8.....Hughes Family

GREETERS

April—Faithful Workers Class
May—Truth Seekers Class

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, April 1

7:00 Sunrise Service-Rutherfordon Cemetery
9:00 Prayer Ministry Team
9:15 Deacon Prayer
9:45 Bible Study
10:55 Morning Worship
11:00 Wee Worship

Wednesday, April 4

No Wednesday evening activities

Monday, April 2

Church Office Closed



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Custodian

George Hughes

Grounds Maintenance



ACOLYTES

- April 1.....Hannah Parker
-Natalie Marsh
- April 8.....Abby Miller
-Aidan Ledbetter

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

- April 1.....Nancy Simmons
- April 2.....Zack Norville
-Jaylen Ledbetter
- April 3.....Pam Robinson Newton
- April 4.....Jean Reece
-Donna Pratt
- April 5.....Kyna Foster
-Jada Knox
- April 6.....Barbara Jones
- April 7.....Reggie Biggerstaff

USHERS FOR APRIL

Team 3: Henry Giles, J.T. Waters, Bud Grissom, Tim Bovender, Isaac Hughes, Jim Herzog, Susie Kernodle, Mark McMahan

DEACON AT THE DOOR

Terry Honeycutt

COLLEGE STUDENT

Bailey Graeper

Catawba College

2300 W. Innes Street

Campus Box 225

Salisbury, NC 28144

Catawba College

WELCOME TABLE

Our next serving dates are April 2, April 9 and April 23. Prayerfully consider how you and your family or you and your Sunday school class might help. We always need deserts and volunteers. Watch for sign-up sheets in the Welcome Center.

Records for March 25, 2018

Sunday School Attendance.....	131
Morning Worship Attendance ..	173
Budget Requirements.....	\$8,664.00
Budget Offering.....	\$10,973.49
Special Offerings	\$1050.47
Total	\$19,636.79

Budget to Date

Required by 3-25-18...	\$225,264.00
Received by 3-25-18...	\$237,146.82

Building Fund

Received	\$1.00
Capital Campaign	\$200.00
To Date	\$424,618.71

NO WEDNESDAY MEAL: APRIL 4

MEAT FOR YOKEFELLOW

March Goal: 30

March Donations: 26

Only 4 more to reach our goal for this month! Thank you for your generous giving in feeding the hungry of Rutherford County!

CHURCH CURTAINS

All of the curtains that were hanging on our windows prior to our renovations were saved and washed. Unfortunately, the current color scheme of our rooms do not coordinate with the colors of these curtains. All the curtains are in a box in the Church Fellowship Hall. If you would like to have any of these curtains, they are free for the taking! Whatever is left will be given away.

ISAAC HUGHES' EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT WORKDAY

Monday, April 2, - 9:30 AM

Thank you to all who were able to help with the landscaping of the African-American Cemetery at Gray's Chapel United Methodist Church. So much was accomplished. Isaac is hosting one more workday on Monday, April 2 (Easter Monday) at 9:30 AM. That workday should finish up his project. Thank you to all who have donated their time, energy and contributed financially to Isaac's project!

SPRING DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

Sunday Evenings, April 8-22

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**. Not only will Dr. McConnell help us to unlock the riches of First Peter, but he will also provide us with skills and techniques to help us become better interpreters of scripture. The class will cost \$10 per person and will meet in the Sanctuary at 6:00 PM. You may register by call the church office (ask for Tim), by email (timfbc@gmail.com), or on the registration sheets provided in the Welcome Center. Thank you for your interest in growing in your walk with God!

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the scholarship award. I used the money to buy my books this year. I greatly appreciate your prayers and support you send my way. I love you guys. I can't wait to come back and see my church family. -Alain Colnot



YOUTH

Tonight (No Youth, Easter Sunday)

Wednesday Night (No Youth, Spring Break)

Second Adult Schedule

Today Sunday School (MS-Gayle Youngblood, HS-Kurt Parker)

4/8 Sunday School (MS-John Roberts, HS-Laura Hodge)

4/8 ILLUMINATE (Still need a second adult)

Passport Second Deposits are due TODAY (\$100 per student)

CHILDREN

*Summer Schedule Coming Soon!

*Deposits for South Mountain are due ASAP (\$55.00 per child)

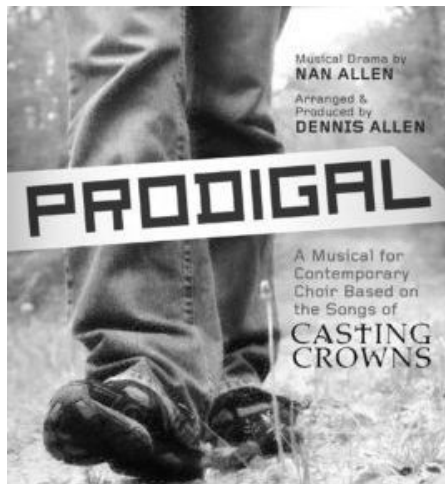
UPCOMING APRIL EVENTS

Baptist Men's Day

Sunday, April 15 in the Morning Worship

Youth Sunday

Sunday, April 29 in the Morning Worship



YOUTH MUSICAL

Sunday, April 29 at 6:00 PM

Presented by the Youth Choir of First Baptist, Rutherfordton

PASTOR'S COLUMN

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!" (Mark 15:33-39, NRSV)

The Cross.

The darkest day in the history of humanity became the day we remember that brought us salvation.

As Baptists, we are not used to celebrating Holy Week in a systematic fashion. Liturgy, the church calendar, and remembering Jesus in an orderly, sequential way is foreign to us. Baptists have always espoused freer forms of worship. We value what God is doing in our midst *now* maybe a bit more so than what God did for us during this week nearly two thousand years ago. If the cross seems unpleasant, we rush to the resurrection. If Peter's denials of Jesus create angst, we fast-forward to the story of his restoration. If the crowds' mockery is too much to digest, we diet on the beautiful Christological hymns in Paul's letters or the Book of Revelation. If the crown of thorns and the sign – Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews – placed on the cross sicken us, then we medicate ourselves with John's proclamation that Jesus Christ is "King of Kings and Lord of Lords!"

We struggle to focus on the cross. Through the cross, God accomplished things we could not accomplish ourselves. He accomplished things He could not accomplish otherwise. Through the cross, God defeated the powers that nailed Jesus to the cross. Jesus died as a result of a conspiracy between the religious leaders and the political leaders. When those in power are crossed, they use the threat of death as their weapon of choice. However, death could not hold Jesus. And second, through the death of Jesus, our sins were atoned for. Much has been written about atonement. But one thing is certain, our sins do not have to define our future or our life in the present. The cross was necessary.

The cross is also horrific. Yet, even in its horror, Jesus' death on the cross brought salvation. The cross revealed the essence and character of God. As Jesus carried his cross, as he was nailed and lifted up, as he felt the pain and thirst of his humanity, and as he gave up his last breath, He revealed God to the world. Only a few of his followers saw Him die. However, a Roman soldier, who happened to be on duty that morning, watched the whole thing. He concluded that Jesus is what God looked like. "Surely this man was God's Son!"

If you have not already, take time to reflect on the cross. It was for you, even if it was *only* for you, that Jesus gave his life and by doing so, brought life into your life and our world!

Grace and peace,

Tim

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
RUTHERFORDTON, NORTH CAROLINA
SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE
April 1, 2018
10:55 AM

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sermon Series: *Just Jesus*

EASTER SUNDAY

Greetings and Announcements John Miller

Leader: The Lord is Risen!

People: He is Risen indeed!

Lighting the Acolyte Candles

The Ordinance of Baptism

Baptismal Candidate: Kevin Young

Baptism

Baptismal Sentences

Tim: Hear the pledge of your family of faith:

Congregation: **We rejoice with you. We will pray for you.**

**And we will walk with you in the way of Jesus until the day
when He shall bring us all home.**

Prayer Tim Marsh

The Written Word Mark 16:1-8 Taylor Gilbert

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn 194 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" EASTER HYMN

*Invocation Terry Honeycutt

REMEMBER AND GIVE THANKS

Children's Message John Miller

Voluntary

Morning Prayer/The Lord's Prayer Beth Heffner

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 207 "Low in the Grave He Lay" CHRIST AROSE

*Scripture and Prayer of Offertory Psalm 96:7-8 Emma Rees

Offertory

HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

The Written Word Mark 12:18-27 Tim Marsh

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem "Alleluia, Praise the Risen King! Larson

Chorus:

Rejoice, be glad, lift your voice and sing!

The King of love, our glorious King,

Has conquered death and He lives again. Let earth and heaven ring!

On Easter morn at the break of day,

To the tomb, the women made their way.

"He is not here," the angel said, "He is risen from the dead!" (Chorus)

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;

The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.

From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,

Our Christ has brought us over with hymns, hymns of victory! (Chorus)

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, praise the risen King! CCLI#1858884

The Spoken Word "Do You Know the Power of God?" Tim Marsh

*Hymn 620 "Because He Lives" RESURRECTION

*(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

Baptismal Presentation Ben Moore

*Benediction

*Departing Song (208) "He is Lord" HE IS LORD

He is Lord, He is Lord! He is risen from the dead and He is Lord!

Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!

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*Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Please remember to silence your cell phones or electronic devices