

First Baptist Church

Rutherfordton, NC

Sunday, May 19, 2019



With You in the Fire

NURSERY WORKERS

May 19 Joanne Beasley
..... Debbie McKinnon
May 26 Lewis Craig
..... Amy Beheler

PRAYER MINISTRY

May 19 Terry Honeycutt
..... Mike Stephenson
..... Sandy Smith
May 26 Ben Moore
..... Lib Page
..... Jerry Farmer

JAIL MINISTRY

8:15 AM

May 19 Jones Family
May 26 Roberts Family

GREETERS

May—Truth Seekers Class
June—Fellowship Class

MEALS ON WHEELS

June 7 Nancy Giles & Kaye Craft
June 21 Debbie & Darrell Bumgarner

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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, May 19

9:00 AM Prayer Ministry Team
9:30 AM Deacon Prayer
9:45 AM Bible Study
10:55 AM Morning Worship
4:45 PM Deacon Meeting
5:00 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal

Monday, May 20

10:30 AM Staff Meeting
2:30 PM Fellowship of Christian
Women—Oakland Living Center
5:00 PM Cooking Class
6:30 PM Properties Committee

Tuesday, May 21

1:00 PM Spanish Class

Wednesday, May 22

4:00 PM Scholarship Committee
6:00 PM Adult Prayer Meeting
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir



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ACOLYTES

May Acolyte Leader: Kim Jones

June Acolyte Leader: Vicki Hughes

May 19.....Abby Miller

May 26.....Emma Malan

.....Jacob Craig

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

May 19.....Scott Eaves

.....Gwyn Costner

.....Jane Kirkpatrick

.....Alain Colnot

May 21.....Jerry Farmer

.....Mills Higgins

.....Lori Norville

May 22.....Marjorie Geer

.....Pat Morgan

May 24.....Ashley Bechtel

May 25.....Mike Stephenson

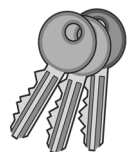
DEACON AT THE DOOR

Terry Honeycutt

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN

The Fellowship of Christian Women will meet on May 20th at 2:30 PM at Oakland Living Center. The group will be hosting an Ice Cream Social.

CHURCH KEYS



As part of our new Safety Policy we are requesting that everyone who has a key to the church building please come to the church office or see Beth and fill out a form. These forms need to be updated each year in order for us to keep up with who has keys. Thank you.



SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Bill Cochran** who passed away on May 8. A memorial service was held for him on Saturday, May 11.

Records for May 12, 2019

Sunday School Attendance.....	97
Morning Worship Attendance ..	155
Budget Requirements.....	\$8,648.00
Budget Offering.....	\$4,131.50
Special Offerings	\$1,721.50
Total	\$5,853.40

Budget to Date

Required by 5-12-19 ...	\$276,736.00
Received by 5-12-19 ...	\$270,551.14

Building Fund

Building Fund.....	\$350.00
To Date.....	\$129,410.36

NEW YOKEFELLOW REQUEST--CANNED MEAT



May Goal: 30

May Total: 9

Please note our new item is canned meat—tuna, salmon, chicken, Spam, etc. Protein is very essential to the diet and an expensive item for many people. Thank you for your generosity!

SAFETY AND HOSPITALITY

A big thank you for your participation and comments on Safety Sunday, May 5! We are well on our way to offering a safer and more welcoming environment at FBCR. Please read the Safety Policy you received at the Training, and be prepared to discuss and vote in a Church Conference, Wednesday, May 29. The Safety Committee (Terry, Ben, Lewis, Nell) welcomes your feedback as this continues to take shape.

Many of you signed up on Safety Sunday indicating your willingness to serve as Greeter, Usher and/or Safety Team member. As you continue thinking about how you can help, please let us know what your schedule allows. Sign-up sheets are still available in the Welcome Center and in the church office.

If you were unable to attend the Training, you can get a copy of the video from John Miller. We ask that you view the recording at your convenience, so that all of us have the same information. Again, thank you for your interest and willingness to help!

FBCR GRADUATION RECOGNITION SERVICE

Sunday, June 2, 2019

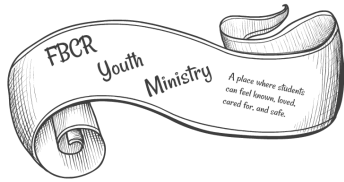
We would like to recognize our graduates in the morning worship service on Sunday, June 3 as well as print their name in the bulletin. If you have a graduate from high school, college (Associate's or Bachelor's), graduate school or any other academic program between August 2017-June 2019. Please fill out the following and return it to the church office. You may also call the church office. Deadline is Sunday, May 26. As always, the day is primarily for our high school Seniors, but we would like to honor all graduates that day. First Baptist rejoices with our graduates in this milestone in their lives.

Graduate Name _____

Name of High School _____

-or-

Name of College/University _____



PASTOR'S COLUMN

Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, "Weren't there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?" They replied, "Certainly, Your Majesty." He said, "Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods." (Daniel 3:24-25, NIV)

Grief.

It's a word that we cannot understand the definition until we experience it. It's the feeling of loss – loss of a loved one, a job, an opportunity, or a life. Grief appears in the place of someone or something we once held dear. It appears when the one we loved or the life we loved is no longer available. It settles in, taking the place of our beloved. And, it can be paralyzing, depressing, infuriating, and frightening all at once.

This Sunday is Memorial Sunday in the life of our church. It's the day in which we remember those who have passed away between last May and this May. Each life is special to us, changing our lives forever as a congregation. And, families, friends, church family all miss these that we will honor on Sunday.

Some ministers mistakenly try to shield their members from grief. Others will share stories of how we can prevent grief with acts of faith. But these are mistaken. The Bible is full of stories of grief, loss, and pain. If those who are held as exemplars of faith grieve, then why do we think that we can be spared?

The only way to grieve healthily is to go through it – all of it. We must embrace sadness, pain, anger, fear, numbness, and uncertainty. All of us must embrace it. None are exempt.

However, like Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, God does not spare us from the fire. Instead, He walks in the midst of the fire, reminding us that he is greater than the fire.

If you are hurting, stuck and need help, please talk to someone. Talk to a friend. Talk to me. Seek the help of a trained counselor. You can move beyond the initial stages of grief into a new normal, where other loved ones, opportunities and new life awaits.

Grace and peace,

Tim

SUMMER CALENDARS Be looking for our family summer calendars to help you stay informed of our plans coming soon!

FUGE STUDENT/PARENT MEETING This Wednesday (May 22nd) at 6:30 PM in the youth basement. We will be talking through all of the details of our trip from June 29-July 3. If you can't make it, please contact me and I'll get in touch with you (John).

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

The Properties Committee will meet Monday, May 20 in Room 205 at 6:30 PM

JOY GROUP TO STRAWBERRY HILL/COWPENS STATE PARK Thursday, May 30

Sign up in the Welcome Center!

SCHOLARSHIP REMINDER

All scholarship requests must be turned in by today. We prefer receiving back the original application form and not send it in digitally. Note: If you have already received any of our scholarships in the past, you only need to fill out the one page renewal form.

YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL

We will be having a short choir rehearsal this afternoon (Sunday, May 19) from 5:00-5:30 PM in the choir room.

NOTES OF INTEREST

Rutherford Housing Partnership is hosting a fund raiser entitled, "*Home Sweet Church.*" on Sunday afternoon, May 19 from 2:00-4:00. Paul Crowe of Crowe's Funeral Home has purchased the old Spindale Presbyterian Church building. He has had it transformed into a residence. Paul is allowing the community to come and see this home in an open house where all the proceeds will go to RHP. The tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased by one of our RHP folks or at the door. The house is located at 125 Pleasant St. in Spindale

A memorial service for **Danny Hirt** will be Sunday, June 23 at 2:00 PM at the Western Carolina University Baseball Field in Cullowhee, NC. Danny's wife, Charlotte, wanted our church to know and to encourage anyone who knew Danny to attend.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
RUTHERFORDTON, NORTH CAROLINA
SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE
May 19, 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!
Remembering Alda Grayson Beth Heffner
Lighting the Acolyte Candles
*Hymn 37 "God, Our Father, You Have Led Us" CWM RHONDDA
*Invocation Terry Honeycutt

REMEMBER AND GIVE THANKS

Children's Message Taylor Gilbert
Voluntary "He's Always Been Faithful" arr. Larson
Addison Lane and Peter Moore, Duet
Alison Moore, Accompanist

Morning Prayer/The 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.**

In Remembrance

Remembering those of us who have been laid to rest
From May 2018-Present

Juanita Carver Ruth Peace Ruby Kirby
Terry Allen Danny Hirt Richard Justice
Hazel Sims Betty Hill Bill Cochran
Jessica Young

Candlelighter: Macie Beheler

Prayer of Remembrance Beth Heffner
*Hymn of Offertory 57 "Be Still, My Soul" FINLANDIA
*Scripture and Prayer of Offertory Psalm 50:10 Jackson Knox
Offertory "Orpheus and Eurydice" Glück/Kreisler
Natalie Acevedo, Violin
(Niece of Terry and Cindy Allen)

HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

The Written Word Daniel 3:8-25 Tim Marsh
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem "Sing Your Way Home" Martin
*This anthem was purchased in loving memory of
Rev. Robert Sparks
former Minister of Music at First Baptist Church,
Rutherfordton, NC by the Sanctuary Choir
in appreciation of his ministry*

Sing your way home at the close of the day.
Sing your way home. Drive the shadows away.
Where'er you go, wherever you roam, it will brighten your road;
Lighten your load if you sing. Sing your way home.
Just sing. Sing your way home.
Goin' home. Goin' home. Goin' home.
Goin' home, goin' home. Lord, I'm goin' home.
O goin' home, goin' home, never more to roam
O Lord, I am goin', goin' home.
Sing! Sing your way home. Just sing. Sing your way home.
Sing your way home. CCLI#1858884

The Spoken Word "With You in the Fire" Tim Marsh

GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE

*Hymn 573 "It Is Well With My Soul" VILLE DU HAVRE
*(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

MUSICAL MEMORIALS

The Sanctuary Choir made a decision several years ago to remember former choir members who have promoted to God's heavenly choir. One way we remember them is by each member kicking in a few dollars and using that money to purchase a new anthem to be sung in their memory. Each piece of music that is purchased has a memorial label put on it. The anthem this morning is one of those anthems. These memorials don't have to come from just the Sanctuary Choir. If you are ever interested in purchasing an anthem for the Sanctuary Choir to sing in someone's memory or honor, please see Beth. She will share with you the details and stipulations.