

# First Baptist Church

Rutherfordton, NC

*Sunday, May 20, 2018*



## NURSERY WORKERS

May 20.....Judy Bond  
.....Lori Herrick  
May 27.....Beth Archer  
.....Penny Parker

## PRAYER MINISTRY

May 20.....Joe Hughes  
.....Kaye Gilbert Craft  
.....Lib Page  
May 27.....John Blanton  
.....Bob Smith  
.....Debbie Bургарner

## JAIL MINISTRY

8:15 AM  
May 20.....Jones Family  
May 27.....Roberts Family

## GREETERS

May—Truth Seekers  
June—Fellowship

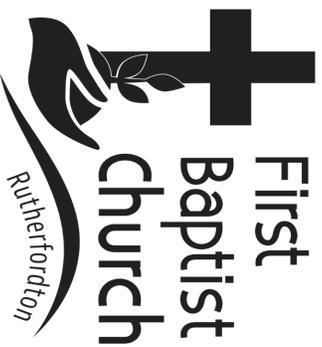
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## OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

<b>Sunday, May 20</b>	<b>Tuesday, May 22</b>
9:00 Prayer Ministry Team	7:00 Finance Committee
9:30 Deacon Prayer	
9:45 Bible Study	<b>Wednesday, May 23</b>
10:55 Morning Worship	6:00 Adult Prayer Meeting/ Youth
11:00 Wee Worship	7:00 Sanctuary Choir
12:15 Memorial Luncheon	
5:00 Youth Choir	

## Monday, May 21

6:00 Fellowship of Christian Women



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**George Hughes**

Grounds Maintenance



**IN MEMORIAM**

**Pamela Kirk Dezio**

**Died on April 30, 2018**

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The love and concern of the church family is extended to her parents, Rev. William Kirk and Margaret Finney; her husband, Doyle Dezio, and son, Douglas Arrow Kirk.

**Juanita Harrill Carver**

**Died on May 9, 2018**

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The love and concern of the church family is extended to her son, Scott and the entire family.

**GIFTS**

A monetary gift was made in memory of Juanita Carver to the Passport Fund by Darryl and Debbie Bumgarner.

**ACOLYTES**

May 20.....Jeremiah Craig  
.....Jacob Craig  
May 27.....Lillian Beheler  
.....Abby Miller

**BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK**

May 21.....Jerry Farmer  
.....Mills Higgins  
.....Lori Norville  
May 22.....Marjorie Geer  
.....Pat Morgan  
May 24.....Ashley Bechtel  
May 25.....Mike Stephenson  
.....Ben Tomerlin  
May 26.....Anson Grissom

**DEACON AT THE DOOR**

Joe Hughes

**Records for May 13, 2018**

Sunday School Attendance..... 130  
Morning Worship Attendance .. 164  
Budget Requirements..... \$8,664.00  
Budget Offering..... \$6,329.21  
Special Offerings..... \$1,373.00  
Total ..... \$7,702.21

**Budget to Date**

Required by 5-13-18... \$285,912.00  
Received by 5-13-18... \$291,138.48

**Building Fund**

Received..... \$350.00  
Capital Campaign..... \$0  
To Date..... \$425,608.39

**FLOUR FOR YOKEFELLOW**

May Flour Goal: 30

May Flour Donations: 5

The new item for Yokefellow for May-August is flour. Please purchase a brand you would use because using good flour makes a difference in baking. Any size, all-purpose, or self-rising is acceptable. Again, thank you for this ministry.

**THANK YOU**

To the Ladies of First Baptist Church Food Committee:

Thank you for the wonderful meal that was delivered to my sisters house on Saturday. Everything was so good and it meant so much to us to have a home cooked meal after traveling so far from Alabama.

Juanita loved the First Baptist Church and she missed her church family very much.

Love, The Carver Family

**THANK YOU**

A special thank you to Tim Smith in the use of all of his BBQ equipment during May Fest! It was a blessing and greatly needed!

**FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN**

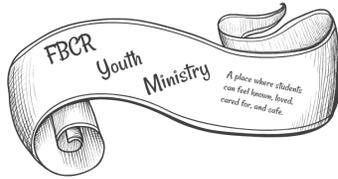
The group will have a dinner meeting at Gregory's Restaurant on Monday, May 21 at 6:00 PM.

**FBCR GRADUATION RECOGNITION SERVICE**

**Sunday, June 3, 2018**

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 newsletter. 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 2018 please fill out the following and return it to or calling the church office by Sunday, May 20. 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Degree Earned \_\_\_\_\_



## **YOUTH**

**\*Wednesday (5/23, 6:00-6:45pm)—Modern Day Memes Series (Parables of Jesus)**

**\*Passport Waivers**—All students must have a passport waiver form completed in order to attend this summer! Please go to the church website and click on “families,” then “waiver forms,” then fill out the online passport waiver. (Trip is June 24-29)

## **CHILDREN**

**\*Wednesday Nights for Children**—There will be no children’s Wednesday night activities from **May 23-June 13**. We will kick off our summer activities the week of **June 18<sup>th</sup>** (Mega Mondays and Wacky Wednesdays).

**\*South Mtn Waivers**—All children must have a south mountain waiver form completed in order to attend this summer! Please go to the church website and click on “families,” then “waiver forms,” then print out the South Mountain Waiver and turn in ASAP. (Trip is July 30-August 3)

## **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 “fbcchildren” to [95577](tel:95577) for CHILDREN’S MINISTRY announcements

## **JOY GROUP MAY OUTING**

The JOY Group will be heading for Judges BBQ in Morganton, NC for lunch on Thursday, May 31. We will leave the church at 10:45 AM. Average cost of the meal is \$10.00. Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, May 23. A sign up sheet is available in the Welcome Center.

## **THANK YOU**

I’ve always considered First Baptist my “second” home and I’ve had that strongly confirmed during the past few weeks as I’ve been recovering from knee replacement. I believe in the power of prayer and I thank you most for your many prayers before, during and after the surgery. Thank you, too, just for thinking of me and for your many acts of love and concern. Please continue to keep me in your prayers as I begin out-patient therapy.

Much love,  
Jane Simpson

## **PASTOR’S COLUMN**

*But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.*  
**(1 Thessalonians 4:13, NRSV)**

Grief is a part of life. In the most recent Indiana Jones film, an older and wiser Indiana Jones looks at pictures of his father, Henry Jones, Sr., and his longtime colleague at the university, Marcus Brody, and says to his colleague, Charles Stanforth, “It’s been a tough couple of years. First, Dad and then, Marcus...” Stanforth replies, “We’ve reached the age where life stops giving and starts taking.”

Grief is a natural part of life. We grieve the death of our loved ones, our family and our friends. But, we also grieve the loss of place, jobs, health, and home. We grieve our pets when they pass. Grief is our emotional response to loss.

This Sunday is our church’s Memorial Sunday. Each year, we remember the lives of our church members and dear friends of our church who have passed since May 2017. We welcome back family, former members and close friends for a special service. For some, the pain of loss is very real. For others, the sting of the loss has passed, but grief returns now and then. While grief is a human constant in response to loss, we each experience it through a wide range of emotions. Yet, grief can be unhealthy if it is suppressed, if it continues for a long period of time, and if those who are grieving are unable to return to a somewhat normal life.

For me, it helps to put grief into context. As Paul writes, we grieve, but we grieve differently. We grieve the absence of our loved one. Yet, we do not believe all is lost when our loved one passes. Paul wanted to his congregation to know and understand that nothing is lost when our loved ones die. Rather, in Christ, all experience the same resurrection Christ experienced and all will experience the same glory at the return of Christ, whether alive or dead at Christ’s return.

Paul hoped that these words would not only comfort those who were grieving, but inspire them to continue to move forward in their life in Christ.

Grief is normal. Yet, hope is supernatural. Let us grieve loss...but not without hope.

Grace and peace,  
Tim

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
RUTHERFORDTON, NORTH CAROLINA  
SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE  
May 20, 2018  
10:55 AM**

***CALL TO WORSHIP***

Greetings and Announcements John Miller

Leader: The Lord is Risen!

**People: He is Risen indeed!**

Lighting the Acolyte Candles

\*Hymn 37 "God, Our Father, You Have Led Us" CWM RHONDDA

\*Invocation Joe Hughes

***REMEMBER AND GIVE THANKS***

Children's Message Beth Heffner

Voluntary Meditation from *Thais* Massenet

Stephanie Rzonca, Violin and Alison Moore, Piano

The Morning Prayer/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 57 "Be Still, My Soul" FINLANDIA

\*Scripture and Prayer of Offertory Acts 20:35 Aidan Ledbetter

Offertory

***HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD***

The Written Word 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Tim Marsh

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

***In Remembrance***

Remembering those of us who have been laid to rest

from May 2017-Present

Shirley Wells Annie Wilkins Louise Wilkie

Elizabeth Eaves Elizabeth Barbee Margaret Evans

Kenneth McDaniel Edgar Elliott Pamela Kirk Dezio

Candlelighter: Addison Lane

Prayer of Remembrance Beth Heffner

Anthem "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" arr. Raney

Alison Moore and Ken West, 4-Hand Piano

(Text is Hymn #566)

The Spoken Word "Grief and Going Forward" Tim Marsh

\*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.)*

***GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE***

\*Benediction

\*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\*\*

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

First Baptist Church has scholarship funds available to students who are members of the church, former members or an active church participant.

There are four scholarship funds:

1. ***The Christian Education Scholarship*** is for students preparing for church-related vocations at one of the seven Baptist colleges or universities in NC

2. ***The John Watson Scholarship*** is for students preparing to attend a SACS accredited technical school or community college.

3. ***The Julius Edley and Evelyn Bobo Martin Scholarship*** is for students preparing for "full-time religious work" and is not restricted to denominational colleges or universities.

4. ***The General Scholarship*** is for students preparing for any vocation and is not restricted to denominational colleges or universities.

You may pick up an application in the church office. **Scholarship applications are due today.**