

First Baptist Church

Rutherfordton, NC

Sunday, May 27, 2018



NURSERY WORKERS

May 27Beth Archer
.....Penny Parker
June 3Nell Bovender
.....Joanne Beasley

PRAYER MINISTRY

May 27John Blanton
.....Bob Smith
.....Debbie Bургарner
June 3Nell Bovender
.....Mike Stephenson
.....Brenda Archer

JAIL MINISTRY

8:15 AM
May 27Roberts Family
June 3Hughes Family

GREETERS

May—Truth Seekers
June—Fellowship

MEALS ON WHEELS

June 1Darrell & Debbie Bургарner

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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, May 27

9:00 Prayer Ministry Team
9:30 Deacon Prayer
9:45 Bible Study
10:55 Morning Worship
11:00 Wee Worship

Wednesday, May 29

6:00 Adult Prayer Meeting
NO Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 30

10:45 JOY Group to Morganton
6:30 Properties Committee

Monday, May 28

Church Office Closed



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Garry Cuthbertson

Custodian

George Hughes

Grounds Maintenance



ACOLYTES

May 27.....Lillian Beheler
.....Hannah Parker
June 3.....Natalie Marsh
.....Abby Miller

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

May 27.....Alisa Blanton
.....Malcolm Watson
May 29.....Denise Johnson
.....Wesley Hamrick
May 31.....Doris Hardin
June 1.....Lori Herrick
.....Rion MacDonald
.....Keven McCammon

DEACON AT THE DOOR

John Blanton

GIFTS

A monetary donation was given to First Baptist Church in memory of Juanita Carver by Barbara Sappenfield.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2018
MORNING WORSHIP**

Graduation Recognition Service
Church Scholarships Awarded
Youth Choir to sing and
John Miller to preach!

SYMPATHY

Christian Sympathy is extended Beth Archer in the death of her grandmother, Betty Jones. May God bless the entire Jones Family as they are grieving this loss.

Funeral Food Alert

Team #9

**Ronnie & Brenda Wilson
Nancy Simmons**

Records for May 20, 2018

Sunday School Attendance 127
Morning Worship Attendance .. 198
Budget Requirements..... \$8,664.00
Budget Offering \$5,747.61
Special Offerings \$564.00
Total \$6,311.61

Budget to Date

Required by 5-20-18 ... \$294,576.00
Received by 5-20-18...\$299,796.19

Building Fund

Received \$0
Capital Campaign \$0
To Date \$425,618.39



FLOUR FOR YOKEFELLOW

May Flour Goal: 30

May Flour Donated: 14

The new item for Yokefellow for May-August is flour. Any size, all-purpose, or self-rising is acceptable. Thank you for this vital ministry.



GRACE OF GOD MISSION REPORT

(The Grace of God Rescue Mission serves Rutherford County and has helped thousands of needy persons.

Our church regularly supports this mission.)

In the month of April, the mission served 3,532 meals. They served a total of eighteen residents. Four residents found work. Time and time again the needs of mission are being met by God's grace and mercy.

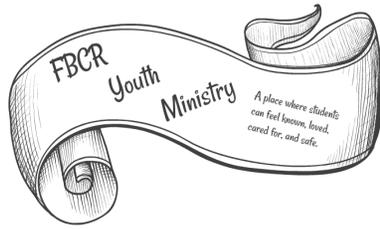
Testimonials:

-I want to thank the Grace of God Rescue Mission for what they have done for me. My experience here has brought me closer to God. Since I have been here life has gotten better.

-The Grace of God Mission has been a helpful place in my life. Not only did the mission take me in when I was homeless, they saved my life. I started going back to church and got the Lord in my heart.

Needs at the Mission are:

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| Gallon sized vegetables | Any running used cars |
| Sectioned styrofoam "to go" trays | Men and Women's hygiene items |
| Coffee | Long and short envelopes |
| 12 oz. styrofoam cups | Paper napkins |
| Cleaning products | |



YOUTH

***Wednesday (5/30, 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 18th** (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 to receive GENERAL CHURCH announcements

*Text “fbryouth” to 95577 for YOUTH MINISTRY announcements

*Text “fbcchildren” to 95577 for CHILDREN’S MINISTRY announcements

PASTOR’S COLUMN

So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. When they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them; and the women said, "Is this Naomi?" She said to them, "Call me no longer Naomi, call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt bitterly with me. I went away full, but the LORD has brought me back empty; why call me Naomi when the LORD has dealt harshly with me, and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?" (Ruth 1:19-21, NRSV)

During the sermon this past Sunday, and during this Sunday’s Children’s message, I have and will share the emotions associated with grief. If there is anything consistent about grief, then it is the fact that it hurts. It hurts to lose. It hurts to watch others hurt. It hurts to experience loss.

We live in a culture that attempts to spare ourselves pain. We hope to spare others pain. We don’t want our children’s sports teams to experience loss. We don’t want our students to experience failure. We don’t want to take risks, because the fear of failure is greater than the reward of success.

Yet, all that is good in life comes with the prospect that there might be great pain if we lose what we’ve gained. More than that, we fail to love as we should, because the greater our love the greater our pain will be when it ends. A philosopher once said that love and death are twins. Maybe that is not quite accurate, for I believe we only truly live when we learn to love consistently and passionately. At the same time, we risk great pain.

Naomi is derived from a Hebrew word meaning *joy*. Can you imagine the joy she felt when she married, when she raised her sons Mahlon and Chilion, and when they married Orpah and Ruth? I imagine, like any wife and mother, she was proud. She poured her life into her family. Then, she lost everything. She lost her husband. She lost her sons. She lost one daughter-in-law, and returned to her land with Ruth. She didn’t hold back her disappointment. “Call me Mara,” she said. *Mara* is from a Hebrew word which means *bitter*. Her grief left her in perpetual pain.

When people experience loss, it may affect them in different ways. Some take longer than others, even years, to recover from their pain. It can alter them mentally, physically and emotionally. Naomi was *bitter*, because she felt that God had revoked his blessing.

To minister to those who are hurting, we must allow them to express their pain, to speak from their heart, and to go through their pain. That’s the only way to come out on the other side. We must go through it. While Naomi’s heartbreak altered her life permanently, she kept going. Soon, her daughter-in-law, Ruth, met a *redeemer*. She met Boaz. And, through Boaz, Ruth became the great-grandmother of King David. Naomi, became his great-great grandmother. Maybe, looking back, from an eternal perspective, it was worth the risk of pain, as that pain changed her people’s lives forever.

Grace and peace,
Tim

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
RUTHERFORDTON, NORTH CAROLINA
SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE
May 27, 2018
10:55 AM

CALL TO WORSHIP

Greetings and Announcements Taylor Gilbert

Leader: The Lord is Risen!

People: He is Risen indeed!

Lighting the Acolyte Candles

*Hymn 49 "As the Deer"

AS THE DEER

*Invocation

John Blanton

REMEMBER AND GIVE THANKS

Children's Message Tim Marsh

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 288 ELLESDIE

"Lord, Your Church on Earth is Seeking"

*Scripture and Prayer of Offertory 1 Peter 4:10 Luke Archer

Offertory

HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

The Written Word Job 2:11-14, 3:20-25 Taylor Gilbert

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem "We Are the Hands of Christ" Raney

No voice to speak his kindness, no eyes to see the pain;

No heartbeat of compassion, no empathy remains.

How will they hear the message that Jesus is alive?

How can they know the truth unless it's through our lives?

Chorus:

Christ has no hands except your own

To reach the world and make him known.

His love can change humanity by your touch alone.

Christ has no hands except your own.

No truth to scatter darkness, no candle in the night;

No warm illumination, no justice, no right.

When will we recognize? Open our blinded eyes.

We are the lighthouse to shine his light! (Chorus)

Touching the desperate, feeling their pain;

Reaching the hopeless in Jesus' name, in Jesus' name. (Chorus)

No voice, no eyes, no hands except our own.

We are the hands of Christ, the hands of Christ. CCLI#1858884

The Spoken Word "The Ministry of Presence" Tim Marsh

*Hymn 583 "Jesus Paid It All" ALL TO CHRIST

(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

Special Birthday Greetings

to

Wesley Hamrick

Henderson Care

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May 29