First Baptist Church
Rutherfordton, NC

Sunday, June 2, 2019

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, June 2
9:00 AM Prayer Ministry Team
9:30 AM Deacon Prayer
9:45 AM Bible Study
10:55 AM Morning Worship
4:00 PM YMCA Open House

Monday, June 3
10:30 AM Staff Meeting
5:00 PM Welcome Table

Wednesday, June 4
6:00 PM Adult Prayer Meeting
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir

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LOVE
THE LORD
WITH ALL
YOUR HEART
and with all your strength
Deuteronomy 6:5

Your God
with all your soul
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ACOLYTES
June Acolyte Leader: Vicki Hughes
July Acolyte Leader: Rebecca Marsh

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK
June 3.................Meryl Lawrence
.................Karen Lawing Whittman
June 4.................Melba Bridges
.................Laura Carpenter
.................Todd Hodge
June 6.................Bob Jones
.................Susan Smith
June 7.................Mark Cline

DEACON AT THE DOOR
Mike Scruggs

THANK YOU
Dear Church Family,
Thank you all so much for the prayers, cards, texts, love and concern during the recent loss of my precious brother, Chris, and my recent surgery. I’m so blessed to be apart of such a loving church family. Much Love, Tammy Daniel

SANCTUARY CHOIR
Sanctuary Choir will have a rehearsal this week at 7:00 PM!

Funeral Food Alert
Team #3
Pat Morgan
Barbara Aiken

USHERS FOR JUNE
Team 2: Calvin McGinnis, Daryl Camper, Stan Clements, Scott Lawrence, Emily Kay, Vicki Hughes, Ronnie Wilson

NEW YOKEFELLOW REQUEST—CANNED MEAT
May Goal: 30 May Total: 38
June Goal: 30 June Total: 2
With your generous help, we reached and exceeded our May goal! Please continue donating canned meat—tuna, salmon, chicken, Spam, etc. Thank you for caring for others!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES!
Sarah Daniel—Appalachian State University
Bachelor of Science in Psychology

John Henry Deaver—Isothermal Community College
Associate Degree

Bailey Graeper—Catawba College
Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Finance and Minor in Business Administration

Scott Herrick—Western Carolina University
Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering Technology

Sarah Jones—NC State University
Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences and Minor in Genetics

Charlotte Lattimore—Isothermal Community College
Associate Degree

Jesse McMahan—John A. Gupton College
Associate of Arts in Funeral Service

Hannah Rees—UNC-Asheville
Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Psychology

Paige Sappenfield—Lenior-Rhyne University
Master of Science in Occupational Therapy

Sammie Washburn—NC State University
Bachelor of Science in Sports Management

WELCOME TABLE
Our turn is up again to cook and help out with Welcome Table. Our assigned Mondays this month are June 3 and June 10. Sign up sheets are available in the Welcome Center. Thank you for your volunteer ministry in fighting hunger in Rutherford County!
*WAIVER FORMS*
>Parents, please remember to turn in necessary waiver forms for the summer. Students attending M-Fuge will need to turn in a Fuge release form, and children attending South Mountain will need to turn in a South Mountain release form.

*FAMILY NIGHTS DURING THE SUMMER*
>Our first family night is June 21st (Friday), starting at 6:30pm in the fellowship hall. We’ll be watching Ralph Wrecks the Internet on the big drop-down screen. Free popcorn and drinks provided. This is a perfect opportunity to connect with our community and for you to invite others to join!

*FAMILY SUMMER CALENDAR (Youth AND Children)*
>Everything we have planned this summer can be found on one combined calendar, located in the Welcome Center (as well as our church website). Please pick up a copy and use to help you stay updated.

**PASTOR’S COLUMN**

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:14-17, NIV)

This Sunday is the Sunday in which we recognize our High School graduates and offer a blessing for their vocational pursuits and this transition into a new phase of life. Each year, we present students with gifts, one of which is the Bible. While most high school graduates have a copy of the Bible, we provide the gift of the Bible as a reminder of the role it plays in our lives. Here are three tips from a previous article I wrote that I hope we all remember when reading scripture:

First, let me begin with the most important thing that I believe about the Bible. The Bible is divinely inspired. Many works are inspired by the Spirit to reveal Jesus to the world — songs, movies, sermons, books, even conversations. Yet, the Bible is different. It takes timely volumes and preserves their timeless message for generations to come. It takes letters from Paul to specific churches with specific questions and preserves them to speak to all churches at all times and in every place. Moreover, it captures mission and message of Jesus Christ — the message that brings salvation — and preserves it for generations to come. We believe, like Paul, in the scripture above, that the goal of scripture is salvation in Jesus Christ.

Second, we must read the Bible for ourselves, both critically and devotionally. We must read the Bible closely and carefully, studying its message with numerous resources as we re-learn the gospel and present it to each generation. We must weigh the fruits of our study against Jesus. We must be cautious of interpretations that lead us away from Jesus. We must support those who give their lives to technical study of the scripture, carefully considering the fruits of their labor. We must use resources available to bring us to the best meanings of scripture. Sadly, we must be aware that there are those who use the Bible to mislead, to justify sin, and to maintain their power. We must use Bible-critically to guard against the misuse of the Bible, as well as to embrace its proper use. The Bible is the most scrutinized work in the world. Therefore, it can handle our scrutiny. It can handle our questions. And, it can provide answers.

At the same time, we must also read scripture, listening for God to speak in our lives through the words spoken to those first generations of Christ-followers. Thus, we must immerse ourselves in scripture regularly, as God desires to mold and shape our lives.

Finally, we must trust the results of our careful study, as well as our devotional reading. While there are some questions that may never be answered regarding various details about the Bible, the Bible accurately reveals Jesus Christ, the message of salvation, and the ethical means by which we live. So, we must trust that, when God speaks, that word changes our life and thus changes the world. When God’s Word is absorbed, we have a choice. We can ignore it. We can argue with its seemingly impossible demands to follow Jesus, to be led by the Spirit, and to love like God loves. Or, we may embrace the challenge to reveal Jesus to a broken world. We may embrace the challenge to allow the Spirit to shape us into the character of Jesus, and in turn shape the world. And, we may crucify our natural ways of dealing with people, and love like God loves, anybody and everybody.

The Bible remains important today, even as an ancient book written in a certain context. Its message and meaning still changes lives, and will do so this side of eternity.

Grace and peace,

Tim
**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**RUTHERFORDTON, NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE**  
**June 2, 2019**  
**10:55 AM**

**GRADUATE AND SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION SERVICE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Greetings and Announcements

Leader: The Lord is Risen!

**People: He is Risen indeed!**

Call to Worship

“Alleluia”

First Baptist Youth Choir

*Hymn 49

“As The Deer”

*Invocation

Mike Scruggs

**REMIND AND GIVE THANKS**

Children’s Message

Tim Marsh

Voluntary

The Morning Prayer/Lord’s Prayer

Taylor Gilbert

*Hymn of Offertory 670

“Take My Gifts and Let Me Love You”

MADILL

*Scripture and Prayer of Offertory

Genesis 14:19-20

Boone Hodge

Offertory

**HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD**

Scholarship Presentation

Scholarship Committee

Graduation Recognition

Church Staff

High School Graduates:

Jacob Knox (RSC), Timothy Marshall (RSC) and (ICC),

Mayce Mattox (RSC), J.T. Waters (RSC)

The Written Word

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

John Miller

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

“O Praise the Name (Anastasis)” arr. Williamson

First Baptist Youth Choir

I cast my mind to Calvary, where Jesus bled and died for me.

I see His wounds, His hands, His feet; My Savior on that cursed tree.

His body bound and drenched in tears,

They laid Him down in Joseph’s tomb;

The entrance sealed by heavy stone, Messiah still and all alone.

Chorus:

O praise the name of the Lord our God.

O praise His name forevermore.

For endless days we will sing Your praise, O Lord, O Lord our God.

Then on the third, at break of dawn, the Son of heaven rose again.

O trampled death, where is your sting?

The angels roar for Christ the King! (Chorus)

He shall return in robes of white;

The blazing sun shall pierce the night.

And I will rise among the saints, my gaze transfixed on Jesus face.

(Chorus)

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The Spoken Word

“What Are You Known For?”

John Miller

*Hymn 497

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

ASSAM

(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 (#362)

“I Love You, Lord”

1LOVE YOU, LORD

I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship You, O my soul, rejoice!

Take joy, my King, in what You hear:

May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

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*Graduate Recessional

*Postlude

**Congregation Standing**

**Please remember to silence your cell phones or electronic devices**

2018-2019 FIRST BAPTIST YOUTH CHOIR

Luke Archer  
Melea Jones  
Kailey Malan

Grier Hodge  
Darby Lambert  
Peter Moore

Addison Lane

Director: Beth Heffner; Accompanist: Alison Moore

PENTECOST SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY MORNING!
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The following are the list of scholarships that our church provides for members of First Baptist, Rutherfordton who apply and meet requirements:

1. **The First Baptist General Scholarship** is awarded to any college student at any college or university. The monies for this scholarship come from our church budget.

2. **The John Watson Scholarship** is for students who attend a technical school or a Community College. John Watson, a former member, was the son of Bob and Rebecca Watson. This scholarship was started by his aunt, Pam Robinson-Newton, and receives continuing support from family members and friends.

3. **The Christian Education Scholarship** is for students preparing for church-related vocations at one of the 7 Baptist colleges or universities in NC.

4. **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.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

**The First Baptist General Scholarship**
- Faith Archer
- Corine Barnes
- Sarah Daniel
- John Henry Deaver
- Taylor Gilbert
- Isaac Hughes
- Jacob Knox
- Charlotte Lattimore
- Evan Revis
- Lauren Revis

**The John Watson Scholarship**
- Jonathan Barnes

**The Christian Education Scholarship**
- Lewis Craig