

First Baptist Church

Rutherfordton, NC

Humble
yourselves
before
the Lord,
and he will
lift you up.



James 4:10

August 13, 2017

NURSERY WORKERS

August 13 Marie Graeper
August 20 Lynn Blanton

WEE WORSHIP

August 13 Debbie McKinnon
..... Penny Parker
August 20 Kim Deaver
..... Amy Revis

PRAYER MINISTRY

August 13 Mike Scruggs
..... Stan Clements
August 20 Jane simpson
..... Kim Deaver
..... Lib Page

JAIL MINISTRY

8:15 AM

August 13 Kay Family
August 20 Scruggs/Huneycutt
August 27 Jones Family
September 3 Roberts Family
September 10 Hughes Family
September 17 Kay Family

GREETERS

August
Logos Class

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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, August 13
9:00 Prayer Ministry Team
9:15 Deacon Prayer
9:45 Bible Study
10:55 Morning Worship
11:00 Wee Worship

Monday, August 14
PM Quilters

Wednesday, August 16
6:00 Bible Study and Prayer

Friday, August 18
Meals on Wheels....Darrell/Debbie Bumgarner

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Custodian

George Hughes

Grounds Maintenance



ACOLYTES

August 13..... Jeremiah Craig
.....Abby Miller
August 20..... Boone Hodge
..... Aidan Ledbetter

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

August 15..... Terry Allen
August 16..... Seth Jones
..... Keri Lynn Morris
August 17..... Sharon Lorber
August 18..... Dan Wilkins
August 19..... Kevin Grissom
..... Chuck Norville
..... Tyler Graeper

DEACON AT THE DOOR

Mike Scruggs

USHERS FOR AUGUST

Team 1: George Hughes, Todd Hodge, Jamie Knox, Rusty Washburn, Bruce Bone, Griggs McKinnon, John Henry Deaver

WELCOME TABLE

Monday, August 21 will be our next time at Welcome Table. Look for sign-ups in the vestibule. We always need desserts and volunteers. It's a truly rewarding time of fellowship for us all. Prayerfully consider how you might plug into this vital ministry of our church. Questions? Nell Bovender or Billy Honeycutt.

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN

FCW will have a dinner meeting **Monday, August 21 at 6 PM** at First Wesleyan Church in Forest City.

Records for August 6, 2017	
Sunday School Attendance	134
White Oak	
Restwell Rest Home	13
Total	147
Morning Worship Attendance ..	157
Budget Requirements.....	\$9,638.00
Budget Offering	\$9,649.00
Special Offerings	\$526.00
Total	\$10,175.00
Budget to Date	
Required by 8-6-17	\$424,072.00
Received by 8-6-17	\$393,596.45
Building Fund	
Received	\$451.00
Capital Campaign	\$25.00
To Date	\$392,069.71

Linville Picnic and Ball Game

Thursday, August 24

Bus will leave at 10 AM

Business meeting at 12 and lunch will be at 12:30. Meat, bread, and drinks will be provided. Sign up for side dishes in the hallway outside the Fellowship Hall.

CANNED FRUIT FOR YOKEFELLOW

May—July Goal: 90

May—July Donations: 96

August Goal: 30

August Donations: 6

Our May—July goal has been surpassed by 6 cans! Aren't we proud? Please continue to add several cans to your cart as you shop. Fruit is a special rare treat for many people, but please check the cans for dents before purchasing them. This will be our last month for canned fruit. Thank you!

KEEP THOSE CHECKS COMING BUT...

The Counting Committees are asking for your help. In order to receive proper credit for your donations, please take time to put your check in a church envelope which is marked with your name, designation, and amount. The office manager does not have access to the checks because they go directly into the bank after being counted. If there is no envelope, the Counting Committee has to fill out one for you or you do not receive credit. Envelopes are available in the Fellowship Hall on the table near the sound crew. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS: WEDNESDAYS IN AUGUST

- ⇒ **August 16:** Extreme Game Night (Soaked Theme-wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty)
- ⇒ **August 23:** 6th Grade Orientation!
We invite all youth and parents to participate to make this a memorable night. All rising 6th graders and their families are invited to come to this special service in the youth basement from 6:00—6:45 PM
- ⇒ **August 30:** No Youth Activities

RS CENTRAL OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

Our church will be working concessions for three games this fall during RS Central football games. This is an excellent opportunity to represent Jesus and FBCR to our community! If you'd be able to help out, please sign up in the hallway leading to the office. Thanks!

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
RUTHERFORDTON, NORTH CAROLINA
August 13, 2017
10:55 AM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Sermon Series—*Too Hot to Handle: Hot Topics in the Book of James*
CALL TO WORSHIP

Greetings and Announcements John Miller
Leader: The Lord is Risen!
People: He is Risen indeed!
Lighting the Acolyte Candles
*Hymn 323 “How Great Thou Art” O STORE GUD
*Invocation Mike Scruggs

REMEMBER AND GIVE THANKS

Children’s Message Beth Heffner
Morning Prayer/The Lord’s Prayer Beth Heffner
*Hymn of Offertory 641 “Higher Ground” HIGHER GROUND
*Scripture and Prayer of Offertory Deuteronomy 12:5-6 Chris Prough
Offertory

HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

The Written Word James 4:1-12 Tim Marsh
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
Message in Song “Giving In” Moore
Ben Moore, Soloist
The Spoken Word Tim Marsh
“Heartburn: Inner Conflict and Peace with God”
*Hymn 494 “Take My Life, Lead Me Lord” SURRENDER
(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 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
There is no nursery offered this morning.

PASTOR’S COLUMN

“I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place for myself as a house of sacrifice. When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people, if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place. For now I have chosen and consecrated this house so that my name may be there forever; my eyes and my heart will be there for all time.” (2 Chronicles 7:12-16, NRSV)

Many of you are familiar with the Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir. Maybe you are not familiar with the story of the church. Jim Cymbala felt called to serve what he found to be a dying church in the Middle of Brooklyn. Through outreach efforts to the community and efforts of revival within the congregation (not a week-long service like we are used to, but intentional efforts on the part of the congregation’s leadership) the Brooklyn Tabernacle became a thriving, multi-generational, multi-ethnic congregation that featured people from all walks of life across socio-economic boundaries.

Cymbala did not begin with that vision in mind. He simply began with a vision about prayer. He returned from a vacation in Florida and addressed his congregation:

I really feel that I have heard from God about the future of our church. While I was away, I was calling out to God to help us...understand what he wants most from us. [The answer] is not fancy or profound or spectacular. But I want to say to you today with all the seriousness I can muster: From this day on, the prayer meeting will be the barometer of our church. What happens on Tuesday night will be the gauge by which we will judge success or failure because that will be the measure by which God blesses us. (Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire, p. 27)

Cymbala went on to remind his church that God promises nothing for those who do not call upon him. For those who do, with audacity, persistence and faith, he promises to give his Spirit in return (Luke 11:13). “This is the engine that will drive our church,” Cymbala said. In the course of the service, a visiting minister stood up and proclaimed, “You can tell how popular a church is by who comes on Sunday Morning. You can tell how popular the pastor is by who comes on Sunday Night. But you can tell how popular Jesus is by who comes to the prayer meeting.”

Beginning Wednesday Night, September 13 at 6:30 PM, our Wednesday Night will have a different flavor. It will be a Service of Prayer, with a more formal, yet intimate flavor than our current Wednesday Night programming for adults (children and youth programs will remain the same). It will be a service of worship. It will be a time when we gather to share our concerns, as we have done. But it will also be a time when things that are not God’s concerns will become our concerns.

In next week’s column, I will share more, but I want you to know that this is part of the fruits of my Doctor of Ministry program. During the course of the program, I have been making individual and corporate prayer under the guidance of the Lord’s Prayer the focus of my research. I am looking forward to sharing those fruits with you.

Grace and peace,
Tim