

First Baptist Church

Rutherfordton, NC



*Come near to
God & he
will
come
near
to you.*

James 4:8

August 27, 2017

NURSERY WORKERS

August 27 Belinda Camper
September 3 Amy Beheler

WEE WORSHIP

August 27 Nell Bovender
..... Angie Malan
September 3 Ashley Craig
..... Cindy Allen

PRAYER MINISTRY

August 27 Chip Bond
..... Amy Revis
September 3 Daryl Camper
..... Jeff Archer
..... Billy Honeycutt

JAIL MINISTRY

8:15 AM

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 27
9:00 Prayer Ministry Team
9:15 Deacon Prayer
9:45 Bible Study
10:55 Morning Worship
11:00 Wee Worship
Wednesday, August 30
6:00 Bible Study and Prayer
Friday, September 1
Meals on Wheels.....Pam/Nolan Newton

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Custodian

George Hughes

Grounds Maintenance



IN MEMORIAM

Kenneth Herschel McDaniel

June 13, 1928—August 18, 2017

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The love and concern of the church family is extended to his daughters, Janet Byerly and Jewell Parker and to his son, Ken McDaniel.

ACOLYTES

August 27.....Mackenzie Hughes

.....Madalyn Hughes

September 3..... Boone Hodge

..... Aidan Ledbetter

USHERS FOR AUGUST

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

DEACON AT THE DOOR

Chip Bond

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

August 27..... B. J. Davis

August 28..... Chad Eaves

..... Amanda Bennett

..... Becky Boone

August 30.....Adam Beasley

.....Marianne Beasley

September 1Roy Chandler

..... Billy Honeycutt

CANNED FRUIT FOR YOKEFELLOW

May—July Goal: 90

May—July Donations: 96

August Goal: 30

August Donations: 25

We only need 5 more cans to meet our goal! Will you please help us finish a successful canned fruit drive? Thank you!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FALL SCHEDULE, BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 6

Our Fall programs begin Wednesday, September 6. Children’s choirs will meet at 5:55, while Adults will meet for our Service of Prayer at 6:30. Children’s Missions and Wednesday Night Youth will also meet at 6:30. We will not resume Wednesday Night meals until the sanctuary is available for us. We are planning for October 4, but we are not certain at this point. Please make plans to join us for these special opportunities of worship and spiritual growth!

DEACON ELECTIONS FOR 2017—18, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Deacon Election for this church will be Sunday, September 10 at the conclusion of our morning worship service. All adults who have been members for at least two years are eligible for three-year terms, except those currently serving or rotating off the deacon council. Each member may nominate up to five members. If you are considering nominating someone, please make sure that you have their permission to do so. Thank you for your faithfulness!

The current deacons who are rotating off are: Chip Bond, Jerry Farmer, Lori Herrick, Mike Scruggs and Bob Smith. The remaining deacons are: Beth Archer, Mike Stephenson, J Deaver, Frank Jones, Jane Simpson, Willis Archer, Nell Bovender, Daryl Camper, Henry Giles and Ben Moore.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS: WEDNESDAYS IN AUGUST

⇒ **August 30:** No Youth Activities

⇒ **September 6: Youth/Parent Meeting**

7:30 PM in the Youth Basement, immediately after adult/youth/children’s classes

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!

Records for August 20, 2017

Sunday School Attendance..... 128

White Oak.....

Restwell Rest Home 13

Total 141

Morning Worship Attendance .. 155

Budget Requirements..... \$9,638.00

Budget Offering..... \$11,267.00

Special Offerings \$481.00

Total \$11,748.00

Budget to Date

Required by 8-20-17 ... \$443,348.00

Received by 8-20-17 ... \$408,220.00

Building Fund

Received \$31.00

Capital Campaign \$

To Date \$392,251.71

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
RUTHERFORDTON, NORTH CAROLINA
August 27, 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 Tim Marsh

Leader: The Lord is Risen!

People: He is Risen indeed!

Lighting the Acolyte Candles

*Hymn 627 “Victory in Jesus” HARTFORD

*Invocation Chip Bond

REMEMBER AND GIVE THANKS

Children’s Message John Miller

Morning Prayer/The Lord’s Prayer John Miller

*Hymn of Offertory 570 “’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” TRUST IN JESUS

*Scripture and Prayer of Offertory Mark 12:41-42, 44 Johnathan Craig

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 “Just a Little Talk With Jesus” Derricks

Quartet: Debbie Bumgarner, Kim Deaver, Frank Jones and Joey Buchanan

The Spoken Word “Fuel for the Fire: Intercessory Prayer” Tim Marsh

*Hymn 278 “We Are Travelers on a Journey” BEACH SPRING

(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****

PASTOR’S COLUMN

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, “He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.” (2 Corinthians 9:6-9, NRSV)

Dear Church Family,

As the 2017-18 church year rapidly approaches, our Finance Committee has been diligently preparing a responsible church budget for the upcoming year. For the 2016-17 Church Year, our church adopted a budget of roughly \$501,000. It was a challenging budget, based on projections of growth and the faithfulness of our congregation over the years. However, if you have been following our financial reports, you will notice that we are behind budget. For instance, at the conclusion of July our budget needs for the year are \$417,650 and we’ve received \$383,947 for a deficit of over \$33,000 for the year. We have cut expenses as best we can this year, but our expenses for the year at the end of July are \$409,184 for a deficit of \$26,000. Therefore, based on projections for the end of this year, the Finance Committee and the Deacons are recommending a budget of no more than \$450,000, which is a ten percent decrease from last year.

First, let me say this, we are a blessed congregation! And, I personally want to express my appreciation for your faithfulness to give as an act of worship and to support the ministries of our congregation. We have many generous people at First Baptist – both in the past and present – who have helped provide the resources we need to do ministry in a way that reflects your vision and God’s plan for faithful ministry. Thus, our deficit has not been due to a lack of faithfulness on the part of our membership. Rather, over the past few years we’ve lost many faithful members who are now with the Lord or who have relocated for new job opportunities or retirement.

However, the projected ten percent reduction in our budget has caught the attention of our leadership, and we are working proactively to be both fiscally responsible and faithful to the ministries that are important to First Baptist. Thus, the budget presented this Sunday will reflect concerns and priorities for next year based on end-of-year projections for 2016-17. More than that, our leadership is working together to prayerfully plan long-term strategies to help our church get the most out of our money. Part of stewardship is that we are wise with what we receive in a given year. Please be in prayer for our upcoming church year. Please be in prayer that God will continue to provide everything that we need to be the church He has called us to be and do the ministry He has called us to do. Second, please pray about your contributions and how you may help us to close the gap on our deficit at the end of this year (September 30) and how you may contribute to a successful 2017-18 year. Lastly, we need good attitudes. This deficit can be used for good (Romans 8:28)! What can a reduction teach us about what’s important to our congregation, how we use our resources and what God is calling us to be and do in the 2017-18 church year?

But most of all, as Paul wrote to the Corinthians, give cheerfully! You are making a difference! God is using what we give for his glory and the good of our church, community and world!

Grace and peace,
Tim