

First Baptist Church

Rutherfordton, NC

NURSERY WORKERS

September 3.....Amy Beheler
September 10.....Jill Knox

WEE WORSHIP

September 3.....Ashley Craig
September 10.....Cindy Allen
September 10.....Lori Herrick
September 10.....Lewis Craig

PRAYER MINISTRY

September 3.....Daryl Camper
September 3.....Jeff Archer
September 10.....Billy Honeycutt
September 10.....Bob Smith
September 10.....Glen Dale Bass

JAIL MINISTRY

8:15 AM

September 3.....Roberts Family
September 10.....Hughes Family
September 17.....Kay Family
September 24.....Scruggs/Honeycutt

GREETERS

September

Faithful Workers

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, September 3

9:00 Prayer Ministry Team

9:15 Deacon Prayer

9:45 Bible Study

10:55 Morning Worship

11:00 Wee Worship

Monday, September 4

Office Closed

Tuesday, September 5

6:30 Career Baptist Women

Wednesday, September 6

5:55 Children's Choirs

6:30 Missions (Mission

Friends, GA's, RA's)

6:30 Service of Prayer

7:30 Youth/Parent Meeting

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

James 4:8

September 3, 2017

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 Grounds Maintenance



ACOLYTES

September 3 Boone Hodge
 Aidan Ledbetter
 September 10 Mackenzie Hughes
 Madalyn Hughes

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

September 3 Richard Wolke
 September 8 Sandra Freeman
 September 9 Scott Lawrence

Funeral Food Alert
 Team #5
 Martha McGinnis
 Brenda Archer

USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Team 2: Calvin McGinnis, Daryl Camper, Scott Lawrence, Emily Kay, Vicki Hughes, Ronnie Wilson, Faith Archer, Stan Clements

DEACON AT THE DOOR

Daryl Camper

COUNTERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Jane Simpson
 Willis Archer
 Jerry Farmer

CAREER BAPTIST WOMEN

Career Baptist Women will meet Tuesday night, Sept. 5 at 6:30 PM.



Monday, September 4, 2017
 Church Office will be closed

Records for August 27, 2017

Sunday School Attendance..... 131
 White Oak.....
 Restwell Rest Home 13
 Total 144
 Morning Worship Attendance... 157
 Budget Requirements..... \$9,638.00
 Budget Offering..... \$7,418.97
 Special Offerings..... \$1,282.42
 Total \$8,701.39

Budget to Date
 Required by 8-27-17 ... \$452,986.00
 Received by 8-27-17 ... \$415,638.97

Building Fund
 Received \$110.00
 Capital Campaign \$1,100.00
 To Date \$393,461.71

CANNED FRUIT FOR YOKEFELLOW

May—August Fruit Goal: 120
 May—August Fruit Donations: 142
 September Soup Goal: 30
 September Soup Donations: 4

Congratulations on our canned fruit drive! We exceeded the goal by 6 cans! Our new item is canned soup. This is a quick and easy meal for people with few resources. Please consider donating to this worthy cause. 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 Boverder, Daryl Camper, Henry Giles and Ben Moore. Absentee ballots are available in the church office.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS: WEDNESDAYS IN AUGUST

⇒ **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!

THANK YOU

Thank you all for all the cards you sent following my recent procedure. Thank you also for the prayers. It is wonderful having a church family that is so supportive.

Belinda Camper

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION, SEPTEMBER 3

A new Sunday School year is upon us! All children and youth will report to their new Sunday School Classes on Sunday, September 3! Also, adults, please take this as an opportunity to visit a new class, join our Sunday School ministry, or re-affirm your commitment to study God's word in community! We are grateful for all teachers and participants in our Sunday School program! Sunday School begins each Sunday at 9:45 AM. Join us!

Rising Third Graders will receive their copy of the Bible in worship service on Sunday, September 10.

Preschool—Kindergarten (Room 111)

Grades 1—3 (Room 106)

Grades 4—5 (Room 105)

Youth, Grades 6—12 (Youth Basement—001)

ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 AND SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

You are invited to participate in our Annual Church Conference in preparation for the beginning of the 2017—18 Church Year. On Sunday, we will distribute copies of the proposed Church Budget and Nominating Committee Report for the 2017—18 Church Year. The Finance Committee and Nominating Committee will present these to the church on Wednesday, September 6 at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall and give you an opportunity to ask questions. On Sunday, September 10, at the conclusion of the worship service, we will vote to approve these without discussion, as well as elect deacons for the upcoming year. Thank you for your prayerful participation in this process!

SCHOOL BACKPACK PROGRAM

While we prepare to send our own children to school, don't forget to think about the many children who attend our schools in Rutherford County that need extra help with food. Our church is still the "Pop tart/ Snack Bar/ Granoia Bar" church for the Backpack program in Rutherford County. So, when you're out shopping for your own kids lunch, don't forget to pick up for the Backpack program. If there are other items that you would also like to provide, they won't turn those away and would appreciate it. The gray plastic tub in the church office is designated for you to place these items in. Thank you!

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work-- you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it. (Exodus 20:8-11, NRSV)

This Monday is Labor Day. For some, it is the official end to Summer. For others, it is the final opportunity to take a vacation before the grind of the new school year and church year begins for most. And, for others, it was another excuse to fire up the grill and have barbecue ribs and watermelon. And, for a few fashionable people, it is the last opportunity to wear white. When can you start wearing white again?

The State of Oregon was the first to recognize Labor Day as a holiday in 1887. By 1894, Labor Day was a national holiday. As the United States became a more industrialized nation, labor unions and political organizations recognized the need to protect the rights of laborers. Many were subjected to long hours, low wages and unhealthy conditions. Activists saw the need to protect workers, especially the most vulnerable among them.

God did the same thing with the Sabbath. When I talk about Sabbath, people get defensive. They begin to talk about what activities are permissible and impermissible on the Sabbath. Can I cut my lawn? Can I watch a race or ballgame? What if my job requires me to be present on Sunday?

Prior to the LORD's deliverance of His people through Moses, the Hebrews were slaves in Egypt. They worked seven days a week, mostly on the monuments we consider "Wonders of the World," such as the pyramids, the great Sphinx, and many others. Egypt's ancient treasures were built by the hands, backs and sweat of slaves. And, some of those slaves were God's people. They had little rights, little protection and little opportunity to forge their own self-determination.

When the LORD rescued his people, HE entered into a covenant with His people, and the terms of the covenant are what we know of as the Ten Commandments. God *commands* his people to take a day off from their work. God's people work to live. They do not live to work. Instead, they are called to cease their labor and return to the reason they have life, and that is because God created them and called them out of the world. They are to remember their heritage and focus on God for their destiny.

Labor Day can be a day that reminds us that we need to observe a Labor Day each week. It reminds us that we need to re-organize our lives so that we are not living to work, but working to live and to do so under God's gracious provision.

Grace and peace,

Tim

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
RUTHERFORDTON, NORTH CAROLINA
SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE
September 3, 2017
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 49

“As the Deer”

*Invocation

AS THE DEER
Daryl Camper

REMEMBER AND GIVE THANKS

Children’s Message

Beth Heffner

The Morning Prayer/Lord’s Prayer

Tim Marsh

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 409 “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

CONVERSE

*Scripture and Prayer of Offertory 1 Timothy 6:17-18

Abby Miller

Offertory “He Leadeth Me”

arr. Wilbanks

Beth Heffner, Saxophone and Alison Moore, Piano

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

“The Old Man is Dead”

Bill Cochran

The Spoken Word

Tim Marsh

“Heartburn: Inner Conflict and Peace with God”

*Hymn 490

“Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated”

HENDON

(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!

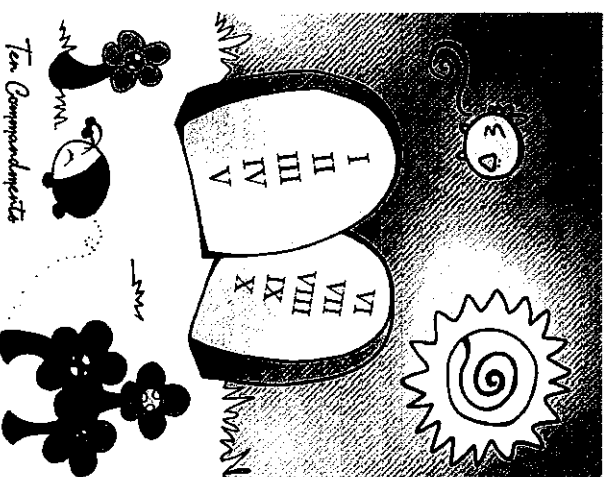
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*Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Please remember to silence your cell phones or electronic devices

**2017-2018 M & M Theme
(Music and Missions)**



Begins this Wednesday, September 6!

There will be no Wednesday evening meals until October due to the renovations.

Check the church website or the church office for detailed information on all the music and missions opportunities for our children on Wednesday evenings!