

# First Baptist Church

Rutherfordton, NC



September 10, 2017

## NURSERY WORKERS

September 10 ..... Jill Knox  
September 17 ..... Sandy Smith

## WEE WORSHIP

September 10 ..... Lori Herrick  
..... Lewis Craig  
September 17 ..... Claudia Waters  
..... Beth Archer

## PRAYER MINISTRY

September 10 ..... Bob Smith  
..... Glen Dale Bass  
September 17 ..... Neil Boverder  
..... Billy Honeycutt  
..... Margaret Higgins

## JAIL MINISTRY

8:15 AM

September 10 ..... Hughes Family  
September 17 ..... Kay Family  
September 24 ..... Scruggs/Huneycutt  
October 1 ..... Jones Family  
October 8 ..... Roberts Family  
October 15 ..... Hughes Family

## GREETERS

September  
Faithful Workers

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## OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

### Sunday, September 10

9:00 Prayer Ministry Team  
9:15 Deacon Prayer  
9:45 Bible Study  
10:55 Morning Worship  
11:00 Wee Worship  
4:15 Youth Handbells  
5:00 Youth Choir  
6:00 Youth  
6:00 Discipleship Training

### Monday, September 11

3:00 Women on Mission  
7:00 Properties Committee  
PM Quilters/FH

### Tuesday, September 12

3:00 WOM/Jean Pyatt's Home

### Wednesday, September 13

5:55 Children's Choirs  
6:30 Missions (Mission  
Friends, GA's, RA's)  
6:30 Bible Study and Prayer

### Friday, September 15

Meals on Wheels..... Willis/Brenda Archer

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Custodian

**George Hughes**

Grounds Maintenance



**ACOLYTES**

September 10....Mackenzie Hughes  
..... Madalyn Hughes  
September 17..... Jada Knox  
..... Lillie Beheler

**BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK**

September 11 ..... Mackie McMahan  
September 12 ..... David Freeman  
..... Linda Harris  
..... Brandon Bass  
September 13 ..... Randy Harrill  
..... Jonathan Tomerlin  
September 14 ..... Bruce Boone  
September 15 ..... Faith Archer  
..... Lori Morris

**DEACON AT THE DOOR**

Bob Smith

**USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER**

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

**GIFTS**

Richard and Pam Wolke have given a monetary gift to the Building Fund in memory of **Ken McDaniel**.

Mark Wells and Clayton and Jessica Carter have given a monetary gift to FBC in memory of **Shirley Wells**.

**WOMEN ON MISSION**

WOM will meet **September 12 at 3:00 PM** at the home of Jean Pyatt, 184 Edwards Street. Please remember to bring dues, pennies, soup, tabs, and treats for the hospital.

**DEACON ELECTION**

Deacon Election will be today 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.

Absentee ballots are available in the church office.

**HURRICANE HARVEY DISASTER RELIEF LOVE OFFERING**

We have received \$1,376 for Hurricane Harvey disaster relief efforts! Thank you for your generosity.

Please remember that Sunday, September 10, is the final opportunity to give to disaster relief efforts. Please use the envelope system and label your envelope "TEXAS." Please make your checks payable to FBC, include your name and the amount on the envelope, so that you will get proper credit for your gift.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of those recovering from Hurricane Harvey.

**MIDWEEK SERVICE OF PRAYER, WEDNESDAY NIGHTS**

**6:30 PM**

Beginning Wednesday, September 13 our Wednesday Night format will have a different flavor! When I served as pastor as Ossipee Baptist in Elon, NC, a dear lady named Edith Byerly shared that she valued Wednesday night services because they helped her through her week. In the midst of your week, Wednesday Nights provide the perfect opportunity to have a mini-Sabbath with one another, as we join together for worship and prayer. Our service will last no longer than 45-50 minutes and will begin at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall, until the Sanctuary is available. Join us as we pray together prayers handed down from centuries past as well as the opportunity to voice our own. I will lead a brief devotion as we move into a time of intercession. Please make plans to be a part of this special weekly worship experience. As you recharge for the remainder of the week, you may in fact change lives through prayer. Join us!

<b>Records for September 3, 2017</b>	
Sunday School Attendance .....	98
White Oak.....	
Restwell Rest Home .....	13
Total .....	111
Morning Worship Attendance ..	122
Budget Requirements.....	\$9,638.00
Budget Offering.....	\$11,136.25
Special Offerings .....	\$5,162.00
Total .....	\$16,298.25
<b>Budget to Date</b>	
Required by 9-3-17 .....	\$462624.00
Received by 9-3-17 .....	\$426,775.22
<b>Building Fund</b>	
Received .....	\$801.00
Capital Campaign .....	\$2,845.00
To Date .....	\$397,107.71



**JOY GORUP TRIP**  
**JARRETT HOUSE, DILLSBORO**  
**Leave church at 9:30 AM**  
**Lunch at 11:30 AM**

Meal options include Baked Ham, Country Ham, Fried Chicken, Chicken and Dumplings, Catfish, a variety of vegetables and cobblers. Cost is \$23.95 per person which includes tax and gratuity. *Please sign up by September 17.*

**SOUP FOR YOKEFELLOW**

May—August Fruit Goal: 120  
May—August Fruit Donations: 142  
September Soup Goal: 30  
September Soup Donations: 16

Congratulations on our canned fruit drive! We exceeded the goal by 22 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!

**SUNDAY EVENING DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10—24, 6 PM**

*The End of the World and the Ends of God*

This Sunday Night, September 10, begins our new church year of Discipleship Training. The session will begin with a three-week study on three topics regarding the end times:

- The Resurrection of the Body
- Restoration of Creation
- Eternity

We will focus on these texts primarily through the lens of Paul's letters, but will compare with other texts as well. Join us! Class will meet in the Welcome Center!

**THANK YOU**

Dear First Baptist,

I'm very grateful for the scholarship. It means a lot that the church remembers me while I'm away at college.

Sincerely,  
**Sarah Jones**

**PASTOR'S COLUMN**

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea-- for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. **(Mark 1:16-18, NRSV)**

This Sunday, I will begin a three-week series of sermons titled *Seen and Unseen Things: The Eternal and the Temporal in the Ministry of First Baptist Church*. On the one hand, this is a stewardship sermon series. However, it is not like ones you've heard before. While our giving, volunteering and ministering are acts of worship before God, I also like to think of our gifts as investments.

An investment is something that is worthwhile in which you will finance the enterprise with your own money, hoping to reap part of the dividend in the future. It could be the purchase of savings bonds, stocks, a 401K, a CD, or a savings account. Investors invest their money up front, hoping to gain interest or share in the profits of the enterprise.

When we give our time, our talents, and our tithes and offerings, we are making an investment. In ancient Israel, tithes and offerings supported the ministry of the Temple. They provided food for the priests. They also provided food for the poor, the widows and the aliens (Deut. 26:12). When some animals were sacrificed as burnt offerings, those present could eat the meat. When Paul ministered in Asia Minor, he implored churches he founded to give a generous gift for the Jerusalem church, which was in poverty. More than that, Jesus relied on financial gifts from his followers, along with their hospitality, to conduct his ministry in Galilee and as he journeyed to Jerusalem.

The trouble with investments is that we can lose the money we invested. Sometimes stocks fall. Companies fail. The banks interest rates on CD's and Savings Accounts can be much less than cost of living increases. Temporal investments are always a gamble. They are never guaranteed.

Peter and Andrew were faced with a difficult decision. They owned their own boats. They had families to feed. They could have done about as well as peasants could have done had they stayed with their boats. However, Jesus called them to invest in something that was guaranteed a return. "Come ye after me! And I will make you to become fishers of men!" as the King James Version reads. Jesus called Peter and Andrew from a business that would yield temporal (and temporary) returns for a vocation that would change the world.

When we invest in the ministry of the church, we are investing in a ministry that will change the lives of all who come through our doors. We are investing in a ministry that will create a community whose witness will point to Jesus Christ. When we give, we are providing the means to save souls and change lives. Thank you for your faithfulness to provide resources by which our church can join together and do the work that changes lives.

Grace and peace,  
Tim



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
RUTHERFORDTON, NORTH CAROLINA  
SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE  
September 10, 2017  
10:55 AM  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

*Seen and Unseen Things: The Eternal and the Temporal in the  
Ministry of First Baptist Church*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Greetings and Announcements Tim Marsh  
Leader: The Lord is Risen!  
**People: He is Risen indeed!**  
Presentation of Bibles for Third Graders Jane Simpson  
Lighting the Acolyte Candles  
\*Hymn 576 "I Stand Amazed in the Presence" MY SAVIOR'S LOVE  
\*Invocation Bob Smith

**REMEMBER AND GIVE THANKS**

Children's Message John Miller  
Morning Prayer/The Lord's Prayer John Miller

**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 550 "We're Marching to Zion" MARCHING TO ZION  
\*Scripture and Prayer of Offertory Genesis 28:22 Melea Jones  
Offertory.

**HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD**

The Written Word 2 Corinthians 4:13-18, Mark 1:14-20 Tim Marsh  
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

Message in Song "That Will Be Glory!" Stevens  
Beth Heffner, Soloist and Alison Moore, Pianist

The Spoken Word "Identifying Unseen Things" Tim Marsh  
\*Hymn 472 "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" LEMMEL  
*(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.)*

Church Conference

**GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE**

\*Benediction  
\*Postlude

Beth Heffner

\*Congregation Standing

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

