

First Baptist Church

Rutherfordton, NC



“If you then, though you are evil,
know how to give good gifts to
your children, how much more will
your Father in heaven give the
Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Luke 11:13

October 8, 2017

NURSERY WORKERS

October 8 Belinda Camper
October 15 Laura Hodge

WEE WORSHIP

October 8 Janet Hughes
..... Debbie McKinnon
October 15 Joanne Beasley
..... Penny Parker

PRAYER MINISTRY

October 8 Willis Archer
..... Lori Herrick
..... Amy Revis
October 15 Frank Jones
..... Jeff Archer
..... Gayle Youngblood

JAIL MINISTRY

8:15 AM
October 8 Roberts Family
October 15 Hughes Family
October 22 Kay Family
October 29 Scruggs/Huneycut
November 5 Jones Family

GREETERS

October
Truth Seekers

First Baptist Church
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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, October 8

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, October 9

5:30 Welcome Table
PM Quilters

Tuesday, October 10

3:00 WOM/Jane Cline's
5:30 First Ringers Handbells

Wednesday, October 11

5:15 Flu Shots/Room 201
5:30 Prepared Meal
5:55 Children's Choirs
6:30 Missions (Mission
Friends, GA's, RA's)
6:30 Bible Study and Prayer
7:30 Sanctuary Choir

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Custodian

George Hughes

Grounds Maintenance



IN MEMORIAM

Annie Green Wilkins

October 18, 1926-September 28, 2017

The love and concern of the church family is extended to her daughter, Carole Herndon and her sons, Clyde, Bill and Dan and her grandchildren, Emily, Erin, Ben and Merri.

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

- October 9.....Lisa McMahan
- October 12..... Kevin Fountain
- Jill Knox
- October 13..... Brenda Wilson
- Lee Tomerlin
- Alison Moore
- October 14.....Brenda Archer
-Emma Malan
-Jim Ruppe

USHERS FOR OCTOBER

Team 3: Henry Giles, J. T. Waters, Bud Grissom, Isaac Hughes, Susie Kernodle, Tim Bovender, Jim Herzog, Mark McMahan

DEACON AT THE DOOR

Willis Archer

COLLEGE STUDENT

Jesse McMahan

38 Westside Drive, Apt. 101
Cullowhee, NC 28723

Western Carolina University

ACOLYTES

- October 8.....Boone Hodge
- Aidan Ledbetter
- October 15..... Mackenzie Hughes
-Madalyn Hughes

Records for October 1, 2017	
Sunday School Attendance.....	117
White Oak.....	
Restwell Rest Home	13
Total	130
Morning Worship Attendance ..	175
Budget Requirements.....	\$8,664.00
Budget Offering.....	\$11,173.00
Special Offerings	\$12,574.00
Total	\$23,747.00
Budget to Date	
Required by 10-1-17	\$8,664.00
Received by 10-1-17	\$11,173.00
Building Fund	
Received	\$151.00
Capital Campaign	\$10,026.00
To Date	\$411,837.71

WEDNESDAY MEAL: October 11

Menu: Sandwiches (Ham and Turkey), Baked Beans, Potato Chips, Dessert
Cost: Adult \$5.00 (6th Grade and up)
 Children \$3.00 (5th Grade and under)
 Maximum per family: \$16
Time: 5:30-6:30 PM

Names: _____

WOMEN ON MISSION

WOM will meet **October 10 at 2 PM** at the home of Jane Cline, 201 Westbrook Drive, Rutherfordton. Don't forget dues, pennies, tabs, soup and treats for hospital. Hostesses are Jane Cline and Jane Ford.

BENEFIT YARD SALE

During the Hilltop Festival on October 7, I will be holding a yard sale in front of the church to benefit the victims of the hurricanes that recently devastated our nation. 100 percent of the proceeds will go to helping those who lost all they had. We have literally hundreds of items such as books, educational toys, teaching supplies, games, clothing, costumes, and a lot more! Many brand new items. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated if you feel generous, and feel free to stop by to do some early Christmas shopping!

Melea Jones

SOUP FOR YOKEFELLOW

September Soup Goal: 30
 September Soup Donations: 69
 October Soup Goal: 30
 October Soup Donations: 2

We are challenged to be as generous in October as we were in September. Please continue to remember soup for the needy. **Continue to check cans for dents.** Thank you for this vital ministry!

WELCOME TABLE

Our next meal dates are **Mondays, October 9 and October 23.** Prayerfully consider where you might help. Watch for sign-up sheets. Questions: Nell Bovender or Billy Honeycutt.

LOVE OFFERING FOR PUERTO RICO

Please consider celebrating World Communion Sunday by making a gift to be used for disaster-relief efforts in Puerto Rico. The nation has experienced catastrophic devastation, leaving the nation without power and infrastructure. Efforts to help the people of Puerto Rico are underway, but resources and prayers are needed for this unprecedented natural disaster. Please use the envelope system and label your envelope "Puerto Rico" and include your name and amount of the offering. Thank you for demonstrating your generosity for Puerto Rico.

CHURCH PICNIC

October 15, 3:00—7:00 PM

Meal at 5:00

Boy Scout Camp

The Deacons sponsor this picnic and prepare the food as a tribute to all the individuals and families of the church. There is no cost. There will be hot dogs, hamburgers, vegetables, homemade desserts, etc.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The First Baptist Church family celebrates with Ellen Kirkpatrick and Andy Soto on their upcoming marriage October 14 in Chattanooga. Her parents are Drs. Scott and Jane Kirkpatrick. No formal church shower is planned, but if you want to send best wishes and/or a gift, the Kirkpatricks' new home address is 40 Romney Place, Savannah, GA 31406. Ellen and Andy are registered at Amazon, REI and Bed, Bath & Beyond.



NUMBERED ENVELOPES FUNDRAISER

On the bulletin board in the hallway leaving/entering the Fellowship Hall (outside the church office), you will see 100 numbered envelopes. If you'd be willing to contribute to this youth fundraiser to help offset the cost of WinterSpree, please pick an envelope with the corresponding number matching what you'd be willing to give. When turning money in, please mark that it's for the youth reserve account, attn: WinterSpree.

TODAY: Deposits for WinterSpree (\$50.00) and Passport (\$75.00) are due!

Tonight (10/8): Q & A's with the FUMC youth (they're joining us in the basement)

Wednesday (10/11): Tough Topics Series Week 1, "Can I Trust the Bible?"

FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE AT FBCR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15 AND WEDNESDAYS, OCTOBER 11 & 25

Laura Hodge and Medicine Box of Rutherfordton will be offering Flu Shots this October, providing you with convenient opportunities to receive your vaccination. Laura will offer the standard flu shot, high dose (recommended flu shots for those 65 and older), and the quadrivalent flu vaccine. Without insurance, the standard shot is \$30, while others may be higher. Blue Cross Blue Shield and Medicare are accepted. Please bring your card with you.

Shots will be available on Sunday, October 15, 9:15—9:45, and after worship until 12:30 in Room 201. Shots will also be available on Wednesdays, October 11 & 25, 5:15—6:30 PM, also in Room 201. Please come and take advantage of these opportunities to prevent flu this winter!

PASTOR'S COLUMN

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. (1 John 1:8-10, NRSV)

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. (Ephesians 2:1-2, NRSV)

Fifty-nine people died. Another five hundred-plus wounded. Monday, we awakened to the largest mass-shooting in United States history. A lone gunman, armed with multiple automatic weapons, opened fire on a crowd of people in Las Vegas, who gathered for a country music concert. What we do know is this – Stephen Paddock carefully planned to carry out this attack on Las Vegas, at that particular time and location. For over a week, he smuggled multiple fire arms into his 32nd floor hotel room, overlooking the eventual crime scene. More than that, he placed cameras so that he could monitor the police's progress. What we do not know is why. Why would a 64-year-old, retired millionaire, who frequented Las Vegas to gamble, intend to kill so many people?

While we may never discover Paddock's motive, many are asking what could have been done to save people's lives. Many are trying to explain the situation. And, as a Christian, this is what is so frustrating about Sin and Evil, is that they are elusive of an explanation. Douglas Campbell, who teaches New Testament at Duke Divinity School, and is one of the top scholars of the Apostle Paul in the world today, spoke about Evil and Sin while teaching Paul's theology. He said that if we can *explain* it, then it ceased to be evil. Evil affords no explanation. It is illusive. It cannot be grasped.

We often hear two explanations of Sin. One narrative of sin is that we are all born morally neutral. We have an innate understanding of right and wrong and we have to make correct choices. However, we fail to make the correct choice in every situation. Therefore, we need a savior who will spare us the penalty of sin. And, the solution to the problem going forward is to be continually reminded of our responsibility of making good choices.

The other narrative of sin is that we are all born into sin. Biologically and psychologically, we are impacted by our environment, genetics, biological and psychological makeup that we cannot always help the choices that we make. Did we have everything that we needed to succeed in childhood? Are we at a disadvantage due to circumstances beyond our control – where we are born, who our parents are, the quality of schools, health care, nationality or gender? Therefore, we need a savior who teaches us how to live and create fair and just societal structure.

Both narratives have merit. On the one hand, we have all *chosen* to sin. We are responsible for our actions. We need a savior who will save us from the penalty of our sin. On the other hand, we are born into Sin. Our environment is flawed. Our flesh is flawed. Many of the systems in our world are flawed. And, many in our world are the victims of these flawed systems. In a way, we didn't choose sin, but it chose us instead.

But neither are adequate explanations, I suppose. When something like Las Vegas happens, it defies explanation. Both narratives are helpful, but they do not give us the whole picture. We cannot always explain our actions. We are not always aware of how our environment, our temperaments, or our culture affects our lives. We need God more than we realize, both individually and corporately. While legislations may need passing, while mental healthcare must become a priority, we also know that people need Jesus in their lives, for forgiveness of sins and to follow as an exemplar. More than that, we long for the day when death will be no more.

Grace and peace,
Tim

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
RUTHERFORDTON, NORTH CAROLINA
SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE
October 8, 2017
10:55 AM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Sermon Series: Difference Makers

CALL TO WORSHIP

Greetings and Announcements

Beth Heffner

Leader: The Lord is Risen!

People: He is Risen indeed!

Lighting the Acolyte Candles

*Hymn 340 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

DIADEM

*Invocation

Willis Archer

DEACON ORDINATION

Candidate Testimony

Terry Honeycutt

Charge to Candidate

Beth Heffner

Prayer

John Miller

Laying on of Hands+

Presentation of Certificate

J Deaver

REMEMBER AND GIVE THANKS

Children's Message

Tim Marsh

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 404 "I Need Thee Every Hour"

NEED

*Scripture and Prayer of Offertory Leviticus 27:30

Luke Archer

Offertory

HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

The Written Word Luke 11:1-13

Tim Marsh

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem "Our Father"

Hayes

The Spoken Word "The Difference *This Prayer* Makes"

Tim Marsh

*Hymn 412

"Sweet Hour of Prayer"

SWEET HOUR

(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****

+The Laying on of Hands will begin with the ministerial staff and active deacons. Following them, we invite all others who desire to participate.

GIFTS

The following have given monetary gifts to FBC in memory of **Annie Wilkins**: Leslie and Margaret Higgins, Darrell and Deborah Bumgarner, Dot Carnegie, Jane Ford and Wayne and Linda Harris.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Have you considered joining the Sunday morning Prayer Ministry at FBC? From 9 to 9:15 each Sunday morning, a small group assembles to share concerns, celebrations and prayers for our church family, our community and/or our world. Please contact Nell Bovender, 429-9129, or nbovender@yahoo.com if you want to know more.

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all of the cards, calls, prayers and support I received during my surgery and recovery.

I would also like to thank one of the best doctors that I know, Dr. Chip Bond.

Harry Waters