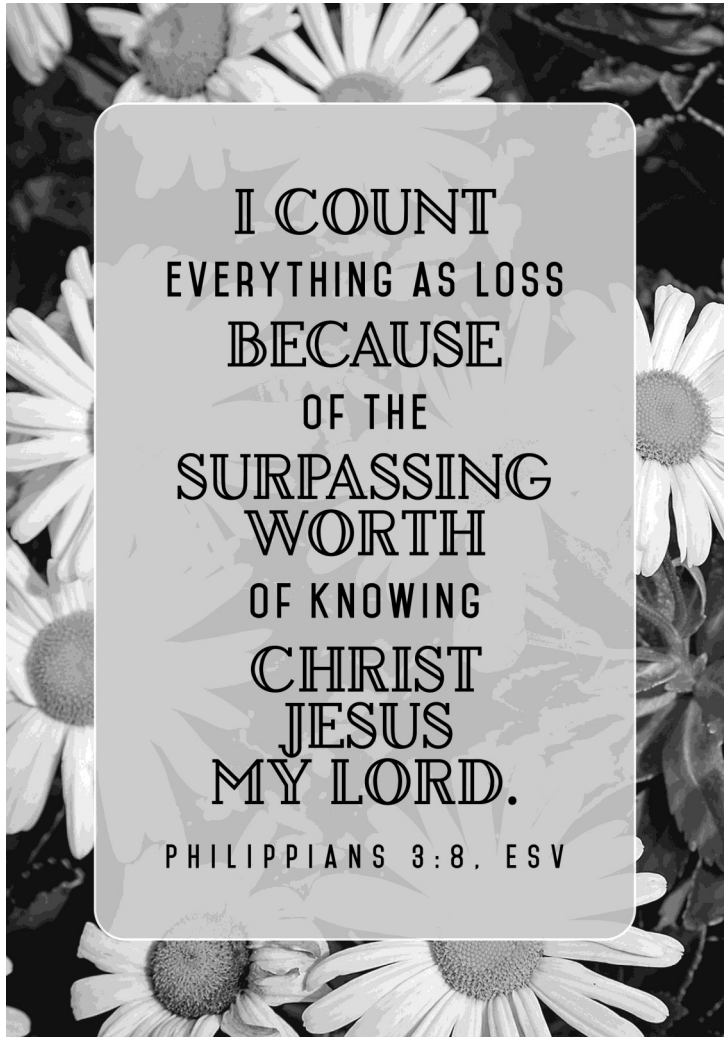


First Baptist Church

Rutherfordton, NC



November 5, 2017

NURSERY WORKERS

November 5 Sandy Smith
November 12

WEE WORSHIP

November 5 John Roberts
..... Lewis Craig
November 12

PRAYER MINISTRY

November 5 Daryl Camper
..... Martha Jones
..... Stan Clements
November 12 Henry Giles
..... Bob Smith
..... Debbie Bumgarner

JAIL MINISTRY

8:15 AM

November 5 Jones Family
November 12 Roberts Family
November 19 Hughes Family
November 26 Scruggs/Huneycut

GREETERS

November
Outreach Class

First Baptist Church
P. O. Box 839
Rutherfordton, NC 28139
828-286-9047

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, November 5

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
5:00 Mission Council/Room 205
6:00 Youth
6:00 Discipleship Training

Monday, November 6

JOY Group to Pigeon Forge

Tuesday, November 7

5:30 First Ringers Handbells

Wednesday, November 8

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



ACOLYTES

November 5 Jacob Craig
..... Jeremiah Craig
November 12 Abby Miller
..... Hannah Parker

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

November 5 Sharon Herzog
November 6 Alana Jones
..... Sammie Washburn
November 7 Rebecca Watson
..... Mayce Mattox
November 8 Ken Morgan
..... Mandy Pearce
November 9 Patty Geer
..... Travis Walker
November 10 Jacob Craig
..... Natalie Waters

USHERS FOR NOVEMBER

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

DEACON AT THE DOOR

Daryl Camper

COUNTERS FOR NOVEMBER

Ronnie Wilson
Meryl Lawrence
Martha McGinnis

COLLEGE STUDENT

Alain Colnot

6564 Quail Hollow Road
Apt. 2B
Charlotte, NC 28723
Queens University

WEDNESDAY MEAL: November 8

Menu: Baked Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, 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: _____

MISSION COUNCIL

November 5
5 PM
Room 205

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,

My life changed in a few seconds when I fell and broke my hip. Words cannot express how much I appreciate the love and concern shown me through cards, calls, visits and delicious food. Most of all I am thankful for your prayers. Please continue to remember me as I recover.

Love,
Elaine Waters

SOUP FOR YOKEFELLOW

September Soup Goal: 30
September Soup Donations: 69
October Soup Goal: 30
October Soup Donations: 70
November Soup Donations: 0

You met the October challenge with flying colors! Please continue to remember soup for the needy. **Your food contributions for the 2016—2017 church year totaled 462 which was 53 more items than the previous year!** Thank you for your generous contributions to this vital ministry!

CHURCH THANKSGIVING MEAL AND WORSHIP SERVICE

Our annual Thanksgiving meal and worship service will be on **Wednesday, November 15**. The meal will begin at 5:30 PM with the worship service after the meal. The meal involves food items the church provides and items that the congregation is asked to bring. The church will provide ham, turkey, dressing, gravy, bread and drinks. The congregation is asked to bring vegetables, salads, desserts. The fellowship shared at this meal is a special time for our church family. The worship service is a time of thanksgiving and reflection of God's blessings. Make your plans to be present for the events of November 15.

Records for October 29, 2017	
Sunday School Attendance	128
Morning Worship Attendance ..	182
Budget Requirements.....	\$8,664.00
Budget Offering	\$5,953.35
Special Offerings	\$3,509.91
Total	\$9,463.26
Budget to Date	
Required by 10-29-17 ...	\$43,320.00
Received by 10-29-17 ...	\$37,427.25
Building Fund	
Received	\$400.00
Capital Campaign	\$
To Date	\$412,675.71

FUNDRAISER LUNCH

Hello Everyone! On **November 19, 2017**, I am hosting a fundraiser lunch to help advance my eagle scout project. My project is intended to restore a graveyard near where my grandfather was buried that has not been cared for. It has multiple veterans from several wars (even from WW1) and I feel that it needs to be restored so that the people within it are properly honored and remembered. My financial goal for the fundraiser is approximately \$880—\$900. The tickets are \$8 per person, and donations are absolutely accepted! If you are interested in coming, please see me, my father, or my mother, so that they can give you a ticket. If you are unsure about whether you can come, you are more than welcome to pay at the door, but a ticket would be optimal since I want everyone to have enough food! The fundraiser will be held right here at FBCR in the fellowship hall following Sunday morning service, so after church come and enjoy a nice spaghetti lunch!

Thanks,
Isaac Hughes

CONGRATULATIONS

The First Baptist Church family celebrates with **J. Morgan Deaver and Kaylyn Clark** on their upcoming wedding November 11, at Campbell University Butler Chapel. His parents are J and Kim Deaver. No formal church shower is planned but if you want to send best wishes and/or a gift, J. Morgan's new address is 2301 Grove Blvd., Unit 133, Austin, TX 78741. J. Morgan and Kaylyn are registered at Amazon, Belk and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

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 Winter-Spree, please pick an envelope with the corresponding number matching what you'd be willing to give. If all numbers are picked, we'll raise over \$5,000! Thanks for all of your support! When turning money in, please mark that it's for the youth reserve account, attn: WinterSpree.

YOUTH SCHEDULE

Tonight, 6—7 PM (11.5): Q & A's with the FUMC youth (youth basement)

Wednesday, 6:30—7:15 PM (11/8): Final week of Tough Topics—*How do I share my faith?*

TOILET PAPER ROLLS

Thank you for all of you who have brought the empty Cottonelle toilet rolls for our Family Advent Party. If you are still saving rolls we will take them until Sunday, November 12. Each child that participates will need a total of 25 and at this point we have enough for 13 children. We may have more children attending so more rolls may be needed. They may be delivered to Beth's office.

PASTOR'S COLUMN

More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. (Philippians 3:8-11, NRSV)

When was the last time you looked at your résumé? As a formal document, our résumés list our employment history, education, skills, accomplishments, honors and awards, in addition to personal information and references of those who can verify that we are who we say we are. They are important in that they are documents that introduce us to potential employers. They are meant to be attractive in format, truthful, and full of important content.

When I look at my résumé, I am reminded of achievements, opportunities and successes. The Apostle Paul had quite an impressive résumé himself. However, he regarded his achievements *rubbish* in light of Jesus Christ. Consider, Paul was an educated Jew in the Pharisaical tradition. He took his religion seriously. He took the practice of his faith seriously. He knew the Scriptures and the teachings of many who expounded on scripture. He had the genetic pedigree. Yet, in comparison to knowing Christ, he considered them rubbish.

What's more puzzling, is even though Paul had the "righteousness of God" that's based on the faithfulness of Jesus (the better translation of that phrase above), Paul still wanted to *attain to* the resurrection of the dead. Even though Jesus' death and resurrection provided assurance that Paul too would be raised from the dead, Paul wanted to live a life so that he *deserved* the resurrection! Not because he had to, but because Paul wanted to be like Jesus in his sufferings and death.

In the midst of this commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, this Sunday, we will consider the principle that the church is "always reforming." Paul believed that he had much to achieve and room to grow based on the calling that God gave to him. The church did not "arrive" in the Reformation. The church did not "arrive" with the birth of the Baptists. The church did not "arrive" in the mid-Twentieth Century. We are always growing, learning and developing what it means to follow Christ, to embody his love, and to share his message. More than that, Paul believes that his aspirations for Christ-likeness will make life uncomfortable for him. After all, he was in prison when he wrote this letter.

Our church, our denomination, and all who confess "Jesus is Lord" are in the uncomfortable process of continuing to reform. As we do so, the worst thing we can do is become comfortable. Following Christ can be uncomfortable. It challenges us. It raises questions. It causes conflict. However, the end result is a witness to the world that points to Jesus Christ, whose death and resurrection have brought a righteousness to which our accomplishments are *rubbish*.

Grace and peace,
Tim

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
RUTHERFORDTON, NORTH CAROLINA
SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

November 5, 2017

10:55 AM

FELLOWSHIP HALL

*Reformed, Always Reforming, Re-Uniting: Sermons on the 500th
Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Greetings and Announcements Beth Heffner
Lighting the Acolyte Candles
*Hymn 7 "Worthy of Worship" JUDSON
*Invocation Daryl Camper

REMEMBER AND GIVE THANKS

Children's Message Ken West
Voluntary "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. Hayes
Melea Jones, Soloist and Alison Moore, Pianist
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 443 "Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know" HENDON
*Scripture and Prayer of Offertory 1 Timothy 6:17-18 Jada Knox
Offertory

HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

The Written Word Philippians 3:7-21 Tim Marsh
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem "O Be Joyful to God!" Purifoy
J and John Henry Deaver, Trumpet

Chorus:
O be joyful to God! Sing Jubilate Deo! (Repeat)
O be joyful, ye lands, and let your voices resound!
Sing and be glad, O be joyful to God!
Let the rivers clap their hands! Sing Jubilate Deo!
Let the sea roar! Sing Jubilate Deo!
Let the rocks cry out, and every mountain rejoice!
Let all creation now be joyful to God.

Come into His courts with thankful praise. Enter His gates with joy!
For the Lord is good and His mercy is sure.
Give thanks and bless His name! (Chorus)

We are the sheep of His pasture. Come, let us worship and bow down.
It is He who has made us, we belong to Him.
Rejoice, and come into His courts with praise!

Let the rivers clap their hands! Sing Jubilate Deo!
Let the sea roar! Sing Jubilate Deo!
Let the rocks cry out, and every mountain rejoice!
Let all creation now be joyful to God, to God!
O be joyful to God! Jubilate Deo! Joyful to God! CCLI#1858884

The Spoken Word "Always Reforming" Tim Marsh
*Hymn 496 "Footsteps of Jesus" FOOTSTEPS
*(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!
CCLI#1858884

*Postlude
*Congregation Standing
Please remember to silence your cell phones or electronic devices

JOY GROUP

The JOY Group will be traveling to the COMMA Auditorium in Morganton on **Saturday, December 9**, to see the Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church present "Elf."

Eugene the Elf sets out on a musical adventure to find his heavenly father and to discover his purpose in life. A high energy family Christmas program.

Tickets are \$7 a person but we need to order soon. I need to have names on the signup sheet **no later** than November 15.

Bus will leave the church at 2 PM and we will have dinner at Judges following the program.

Linda Harris