

First Baptist Church

Rutherfordton, NC



November 12, 2017

NURSERY WORKERS

November 12 Laura Hodge
..... Jennifer Roberts
November 19 Marie Graeper
..... Lynn Blanton

WEE WORSHIP

November 12 Joanne Beasley
..... Penny Parker
November 19 Debbie McKinnon
..... John Roberts

PRAYER MINISTRY

November 12 Scott Carpenter
..... Bob Smith
..... Debbie Bumgarner
November 19 Henry Giles
..... Glen Dale Bass
..... Jerry Farmer

JAIL MINISTRY

8:15 AM

November 12 Roberts Family
November 19 Hughes Family
November 26 Scruggs/Huneycutt

GREETERS

November
Outreach Class

First Baptist Church
P. O. Box 839
Rutherfordton, NC 28139
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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, November 12

9:00 Prayer Ministry Team
9:15 Deacon Prayer
9:45 Bible Study
10:55 Morning Worship
11:00 Wee Worship
5:00 Youth Choir
6:00 Youth
6:00 Discipleship Training
Monday, November 13
PM Quilters/FH

Tuesday, November 14

3:00 Women on Mission
5:30 First Ringers Handbells
7:00 Finance Committee

Wednesday, November 15

5:30 Thanksgiving Meal
5:55 Children's Choirs
6:30 Thanksgiving Service
7:30 Sanctuary Choir

Friday, November 17

Meals on Wheels Willis/Brenda
Archer

Saturday, November 18

Children's Advent Party

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Custodian

George Hughes

Grounds Maintenance



ACOLYTES

November 12Abby Miller
.....Hannah Parker
November 19 Aidan Ledbetter
..... Lillian Beheler

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

November 12 Alexander Jones
November 15 Hayden Walker
November 16John Clements
November 17 Stan Clements
..... J Deaver
.....Lindsey Harrill
.....Kelsey Smith
November 18Eric Finnan



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

Scott Carpenter

COLLEGE STUDENT

Sonia Colnot

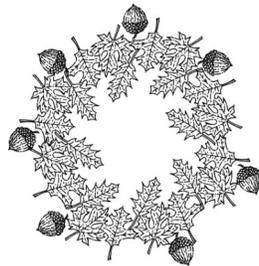
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Records for November 5, 2017

Sunday School Attendance 124
Morning Worship Attendance .. 132
Budget Requirements..... \$8,664.00
Budget Offering \$12,298.00
Special Offerings \$666.00
Total \$12,964.00

Budget to Date

Required by 11-5-17 \$51,984.00
Received by 11-5-17 \$49,725.25

Building Fund

Received \$101.00
Capital Campaign \$
To Date \$412,77671

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.

SOUP FOR YOKEFELLOW

September—October Soup Goal: 60

September—October Soup Donations: 139

November Soup Goal: 30

November Soup Donations: 5

You met the September and October goals with flying colors! Please continue to remember soup for the needy. Thank you for your generous contributions to this vital ministry!

POINSETTIAS

Beginning with the Hanging-of-the-Greens Service on Sunday evening, December 3, poinsettias will be used in the Sanctuary for the Christmas season. The poinsettias will remain in the Sanctuary throughout the month of December and will probably not be useful after that time.

If you would like to place a poinsettia in memory of or in honor of someone, would you please fill out the form below and return it to the Church Office with a check for \$16.00 (payable to First Baptist Church) by **Wednesday, November 22**. The Decorations Committee will purchase the poinsettias and arrange them. A list of names will be published in the bulletin during the Christmas season.

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Placed by _____

Please return to Church Office with **\$16.00** by **November 22**.



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

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

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 WinterSpree, 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 MINISTRY SCHEDULE

11/12 (today); 3:30—4:30 PM—BINGO at White Oak Manor

No handbells today. Choir WILL continue as scheduled after BINGO.

11/15 (Wednesday): Churchwide Service (youth encouraged to attend with family)

PASTOR'S COLUMN

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more." (Matthew 2:16-18, NRSV)

The Psalmist declared, “I was glad when they said unto me, ‘Let us go into the house of the LORD.’” On Sunday, gladness turned to tears. Laughter morphed into morning. And, twenty-six people who woke up to worship, and possibly enjoy lunch and a lazy afternoon, never came home.

It seems that we've grown accustomed to mass shootings. They can be frightening. When I was twelve, I was at Legion Field in Birmingham, Alabama for a high school football game. During the fourth quarter of the game, someone opened fire in the stands, and thousands of people began to run all at once. Five people were injured. No one was killed. The very next week my father (the city school's athletic director at the time) had metal detectors installed at each high school stadium in the city. Even with security, it was not the last shooting that I witnessed at a Birmingham High School football game.

So many thoughts have gone through my mind since Sunday. First, I understand that mental health has been a topic of conversation. A recent study cited in the *New York Times* has shown that only four percent of gun deaths have come at the hands of those diagnosed with a mental illness. I think it is important to say with clarity that the overwhelming majority of people who suffer from any form of mental illness are not violent. We have worked so hard to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness. We do not need to add a stigma of violence to mental illness.

Second, I realize that there are many questions that need answering on a national as well as on a local level. For some, stricter gun laws are the answer. What does an average citizen need with automatic and semi-automatic weapons? That's a valid point. However, the attacker in Virginia Tech massacre used handguns. Why are we opposed to background checks? Why are we opposed to waiting lists? While no one desires to violate the Second Amendment, it is possible that limiting access to automatic and semi-automatic weapons, background checks, and other safety measures could help the problem of gun violence. At the same time, people who desire to kill will find ways to do it. So, we need to have the conversations about gun violence. But we also need to have conversations about the kind of world we live in and what people can and will do when they follow a path of hatred, immerse themselves in violence, and believe that they will have no eternal accountability for the choices they make.

Finally, what does the massacre in Texas say about God? The problem of evil is an almost intractable problem. How can an all-loving and all-powerful God allow something like this to happen in our world? When people die at church, in worship, we wonder where God happens to be. Why does God not intervene? It's natural to raise such questions. They are not mere intellectual exercises. They are questions we raise with our whole being – our head, heart and soul. When the parents of their children, who were Herod's victims, refused to be consoled, it was out of grief and anguish. We feel that for these twenty-six who died in such a horrific manner. Where is God? While I have no easy answers, I remember that the whole point of the Bible is that death *never* has the final word.

Grace and peace,
Tim

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
RUTHERFORDTON, NORTH CAROLINA
SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE
November 12, 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 John Miller
Leader: The Lord is Risen!
People: He is Risen indeed!
Lighting the Acolyte Candles
*Hymn 33 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” CWM RHONDDA
*Invocation Scott Carpenter

REMEMBER AND GIVE THANKS

Children’s Message Tim Marsh
Voluntary
Morning Prayer/The Lord’s Prayer Beth Heffner
**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 246 “The Church’s One Foundation” AURELIA
*Scripture and Prayer of Offertory Mark 16:15 Abby Miller
Offertory

HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

The Written Word John 17:1-5; 20-26 Tim Marsh
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem “Your Church to All” Purifoy
*(This music was purchased in memory of Apyrl Hamrick by the
Sanctuary Choir. Apyrl’s disabilities didn’t keep her from singing
for her Lord. She was an inspiration to us all.)*

Chorus:

As Your church we come together, Lord, within these walls today.
Move us toward complete communion as one family, we pray.
Help us learn to see each person whom we meet beyond these walls
as our sister or our brother. May we be Your church to all.

May we kneel before the strangers whom we meet beyond these walls.
May they see reflected in us Christ who came to serve us all.
He who was Himself rejected, cared for those the world had scorned;
Fed their bodies, healed their spirits, comforted the ones who mourned.
Living lives of invitation may we never turn aside other peoples,
other nations. May we bridge and not divide.
Give us eyes to see within them, Christ, our Brother and our Friend;
Not to look on them as other, never shun or condescend. (Chorus)

The Spoken Word “Together Again” CCLI#1858884 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!
CCLI#1858884

*Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Please remember to silence your cell phones or electronic devices.

FAMILY ADVENT PARTY
Saturday, November 18, 2017
10:00 AM—12:00 Noon

For children and their families to learn about Advent, have fun with games, crafts, a snack, and go home with meaningful activities to do together as a family during the Advent season. Today is the deadline to sign up for this event! Sign up sheet is in the hallway near the office or you can contact Beth by email, text, phone, or verbal reply.