

First Baptist Church

Rutherfordton, NC



... we have been approved
by God to be entrusted with
the message of the gospel ...

1 Thessalonians 2:4, NRSV

November 26, 2017

NURSERY WORKERS

November 26 Belinda Camper
Bob Smith
December 3 Amy Beheler
Sandy Smith

WEE WORSHIP

November 26 Kim Deaver
Angie Malan
December 3 Amy Revis
Cindy Allen

PRAYER MINISTRY

November 26 Joe Hughes
Ronnie Wilson
Brenda Wilson
December 3 Nell Bovender
Terry Honeycutt
Mike Stephenson

JAIL MINISTRY

8:15 AM

November 26 Scruggs/Huneycutt
December 3 Jones Family
December 10 Roberts Family

GREETERS

November
Outreach Class

First Baptist Church
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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, November 26	Wednesday, November 29
9:00 Prayer Ministry Team	5:30 Prepared Meal
9:15 Deacon Prayer	5:55 Children's Choirs
9:45 Bible Study	6:30 Missions (Mission Friends, GA's, RA's)
10:55 Morning Worship	6:30 Bible Study and Prayer
11:00 Wee Worship	7:30 Sanctuary Choir
Decorate Sanctuary for Christmas	Friday, December 1
Tuesday, November 28	Meals on Wheels..... Billy Honeycutt
5:30 1st Ringers Handbells	

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Custodian

George Hughes

Grounds Maintenance



ACOLYTES

November 26Natalie Marsh
.....Melanie Huneycutt
December 3..... Jacob Craig
..... Jeremiah Craig

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

November 26 Ron Giles
..... Julie DiSparti
November 27Joe Hughes
November 28 Carmel Price
November 29 Vicki Hughes
December 2..... George Hughes

COLLEGE STUDENT

John Henry Deaver

167 Beechtree Circle

Rutherfordton

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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

Joe Hughes

WELCOME TABLE

We will be providing Welcome Table meals **Mondays, December 4 and 11.** We always need desserts and volunteers. Prayerfully consider how you might join this rewarding ministry. Sign-up sheets are in the Welcome Center. Questions? See Nell Bovender or Billy Honeycutt.

Records for November 19, 2017

Sunday School Attendance 119
Morning Worship Attendance .. 190
Budget Requirements..... \$8,664.00
Budget Offering \$6,160.17
Special Offerings \$1,618.00
Total \$7,778.17

Budget to Date

Required by 11-19-17 ... \$69,312.00
Received by 11-19-17... \$65,983.52

Building Fund

Received \$1.00
Capital Campaign \$970.00
To Date \$414,123.71

PASTOR’S COLUMN

God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. (Ephesians 1:20-23, NRSV)

According to the Liturgical Calendar this Sunday is Christ the King Sunday. It is the final Sunday of the Christian Year. At First Baptist, we don’t observe the entire church calendar. But we do celebrate the seasons of Advent, Lent, Easter and Pentecost Sunday. The Christian Year of the Liturgical Calendar is a devotional device that tells the story of Jesus in a fifty-two week period of time. It begins with the First Sunday of Advent, which is four Sundays prior to Christmas Day. Depending on the year, it is either the first Sunday in December (as it is this year) or the final Sunday in November (like it was last year). Christ the King Sunday ends the calendar year. It is always the Sunday prior to the first Sunday in Advent – either the third or fourth Sunday in November.

While I’ve known of Christ the King Sunday, I did not realize until today that it is a fairly recent addition to the church calendar. I assumed it was celebrated each year for a long time. However, the Catholic Church added Christ the King Sunday to the church calendar in 1925. They did so in response to the persecution of Christians in Mexico. At the time, the Mexican government proclaimed that their government was to be the only authority in the lives of the people of Mexico. This particular Sunday celebration reminded Christians across the world that Jesus is the world’s true King whether national governments recognized Jesus’ Lordship or not.

Paul’s letter to the Ephesians reminds Gentile Christians that no governmental authority supersedes the reign of Christ. Paul consoles them by declaring that Jesus is above every authority and every name. It was at the name of Caesar that Roman citizens were to bow and confess his Lordship. Instead, Christians confess the Lordship of Jesus, whose reign is for the benefit of God’s own people.

This Sunday we welcome Pastor Sanjeeb Sahu of the Aradhana Bible Fellowship in New Delhi, India, to our church. Four years ago, his wife, Anita, was with us. During our time of worship this Sunday, Pastor Sanjeeb will share with us an update on their ministry. Like others who have come to our church in recent weeks from other nations, Pastor Sanjeeb serves the Lord at the risk of his life and family. Pastor Sanjeeb has helped to start over three hundred churches and/or ministries in India. He personally trains and disciples their pastors, as there is no formal opportunity for pastoral training. All of this is done so at great risk.

Therefore, on Christ the King Sunday, may we remember that many of our brothers and sisters in Christ preach, worship, gather, and live the Christian life in lands that are unfriendly to the gospel. That is why it is necessary that in *any* geo-political state that followers of Christ remember that Jesus is our Lord, our allegiance and our hope.

Grace and peace,
Tim

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/christ-the-king-sunday-2017-preaching-notes>

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
RUTHERFORDTON, NORTH CAROLINA
SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE**

**November 26, 2017
10:55 AM**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Greetings and Announcements Tim Marsh

Leader: The Lord is Risen!

People: He is Risen indeed!

Lighting the Acolyte Candles

*Hymn 52 "O Worship the King" LYONS

*Invocation Joe Hughes

REMEMBER AND GIVE THANKS

Children's Message Beth Heffner

Voluntary "I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness" Dvořák

Kailey Malan, 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 479 "O, Zion Haste" TIDINGS

*Scripture and Prayer of Offertory Philippians 4:18-19 Lillie Beheler

Offertory

HEAR AND RESPOND TO THE WORD

Anthem "Who Will Go For Me?" Larson

Who will go and tell the world that Jesus is the way?

Who will brave the dark of night to bring the light of day?

All around are captive hearts that yearn to be free.

God is calling His children, "Who will go for Me?"

I will go and tell the world that Jesus is the way.

I will brave the dark of night to bring the light of day.

There are those who do not know God's holy Word is true.

"I can hear You calling, Lord, and I will go for You."

Who will share God's love at home or in a foreign land?

Who will share His hope with those who need a helping hand?

Who will share the joyful news with those who need to know?

Jesus died for the world! "My children, who will go?"

I will share God's love at home or in a foreign land.

I will share His hope with those who need a helping hand.

Jesus lives! Proclaim the news so all the world may know.

"I can hear You calling."

"Lord, I can hear You calling. And I will gladly go."

If by a still, small voice God calls to paths that I do not know,

I'll answer, dear Lord, with my hand in Yours,

"I'll go where You want me to go."

"Lord, I can hear You calling, and I will go for You." CCLI#1858884

The Spoken Word Sanjeeb Sahu

*Hymn 510 "Lord, Here Am I" BECK

(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

SOUP FOR YOKEFELLOW

September—October Soup Goal: 60

September—October Soup Donations: 139

November Soup Goal: 30

November Soup Donations: 31

You've now met the November soup goal! Please continue to remember soup for the needy. Thank you for your generous contributions to this vital ministry!

WEDNESDAY MEAL: November 29

Menu: Baked Potato, Toppings, Salad, 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: _____