

MIDWEEK GATHERINGS

Wednesday evening programming returns this Wednesday, April 15. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m., and the menu is a Salad Bar with all the fixings. (\$8 per adult, \$5/child, \$20 family max). Following dinner, children's programming, Open Minds on Main, and a study on "How has your faith changed?" Join us!

SENIOR ADULT TRIP TO STRAWBERRY HILL

Make plans to join us THIS Thursday, April 16. We will leave the church at 8:30 a.m. Following breakfast, we will walk across the road to shop at their fresh produce stand. Bring money to cover your meal and any produce you want to purchase. The deadline to sign up is TODAY.

WELCOME TABLE

We will be hosting "Welcome Table" tomorrow, April 13, and Monday, April 20. Volunteers and desserts are always welcome. Reach out to Nell Bovender for more information.

STRONGER TOGETHER SERVICE

The spring Stronger Together service has been rescheduled for Sunday, April 26, at 11:00 a.m. **We will not have a worship service at First Baptist Church that morning**, though Sunday school classes are welcome to meet at 9:45 a.m. before coming to the high school for the Stronger Together service.

DAY OF CARING

Rutherford Housing Partnership is proud to partner with MDCC (Multi-Denominational Coalition of Clergy) for our fourth **Stronger Together Day of Caring on April 25, beginning at 8 a.m.** Email Penny Parker for more information or to let her know to expect you that morning.

LIFELINE SCREENING

Life Line Screening will be on campus on **Tuesday, April 14th**. They provide stroke and cardiovascular disease screenings. The cost is \$129. Contact Donna if you would like an \$85 gift certificate (two available). You can schedule an appointment by calling 800-324-9458 or visiting www.lisa.social/habc. Use the code HABC001.

WAYS TO GIVE

We offer a safe and online giving option. You can access online giving under the "Giving" tab on our website or by scanning the QR code.



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The Road to Greatness

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PRELUDE *I Love Thee* arr. Davis
Alex Tapp

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST Patia Mode
Annaleigh Boyce

CALL TO WORSHIP Beth Heffner

*HYMN 622 *He Lives* ACKLEY

A STORY FOR ALL PEOPLE Donna Sand
All children are invited to come forward

*HYMN 576 *I Stand Amazed in the Presence* MY SAVIOR'S LOVE

PASTORAL PRAYER John Miller

*HYMN 659 *We Serve the Prince of Peace* KUNMING LAKE
Stanza One: Beth Heffner, Solo; Stanzas 2-4: Congregation

THIS MOMENT IN HISTORY Meryl Lawrence

CHORAL ANTHEM *Wana Baraka* arr. Eernisse
The Kids Praise Choir; Hannah Parker, Solo; Chuck Godfrey, Djembe
This song is sung in honor of our friends, the Nyamiwa Family.
English Translation: Those who pray have blessings. Jesus himself said so.
Hallelujah! Jesus himself said so.

SERMON "The Road to Greatness" Andy LaBreche
Mark 9:30-50

OFFERTORY
Offertory Moment Donna Sand
Offertory Meditation
"And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance,
so that by always having enough of everything, you may share
abundantly in every good work."
2 Corinthians 9:8
Offertory Music Alison Moore

*Doxology 706 OLD 100TH, alt

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving Beth Archer

*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP John Miller

*INVITATION HYMN 649 *Christ, You Call Us All to Service* IN BABILONE

*BENEDICTION John Miller

*CLOSING HYMN 649 *Christ, You Call Us All to Service* IN BABILONE
(Stanza 3)

*POSTLUDE *Postlude on St. Denio* arr. Williamson
Alex Tapp

*Please stand if you are able
Remember to silence your cell phones or electronic devices

WELCOME VISITORS!

We hope that you will find comfort, joy, a sense of home, and the leading of the Holy Spirit as you worship with us this morning. We would love to have a record of your attendance with us today. If you are visiting for the first time or have never filled out a visitor card, we invite you to take one from the pew rack and fill it out. Please place it on the pew as you leave.

WORSHIP CARE & CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Worship Care is available for children aged 3 and under. Our greeters can assist you with more information and getting to the nursery.

Following A Story for All People, children up to 2nd grade are invited to walk with us to Children's Worship. Following the service, parents should pick their children up in the Children's Classroom.

Worship Bags are available at the entrances for children in 5th grade and under.

The Kids Praise Choir

Annaleigh Boyce Elsie Creswell Patia Mode
Trinity Campbell Ella Godfrey Erin Tompkins