

Celebrating 175 Years of  
Loving God  
Loving Others



First Baptist Church  
Rutherfordton

First Baptist Rutherfordton Newsletter | April 15, 2026

# A CHANGE OF PLANS

*Acts 9:1-20*

April 19, 2026 | 10:55 a.m.

## Songs of Worship

*Glorious is Thy Name  
Be Strong in the Lord  
Jesus is Lord of All  
Assurance  
I Surrender All*

## Sermon

"A Change of Plans"  
Acts 9:1-20  
Aimee Hobbs

[WATCH THE SERVICE HERE](#)

**STRONGER TOGETHER SERVICE ON APRIL 26**



The spring Stronger Together service has been rescheduled for Sunday, April 26 at 11:00 a.m. **We will not have 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. Make plans to meet us at R.S. Central for a multi-denominational morning of worship!

# Stronger Together DAY OF CARING



## FROM WORSHIP TO WORK

JOIN US FOR A REWARDING DAY OF RESTORING HOMES FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS IN NEED. WHETHER YOU'RE SKILLED OR JUST WILLING TO LEND A HAND, THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU TO MAKE A MEANINGFUL IMPACT IN OUR COMMUNITY!

**JOIN US!**

8:00 AM - Until  
APRIL 25, 2026  
799 ACADEMY ST. SPINDALE, NC 28160  
info@rhpwnc.org - 828.248.3431 ext 105

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**, a day

dedicated to serving our neighbors and making a lasting impact right here in our community.

This special collaboration brings volunteers together to help restore homes, provide hope, and show what can happen when we unite for a greater purpose.

Want to get involved? We would love to have you join us! Whether you're skilled, unskilled, or simply someone with a heart to serve, there's a place for you.

**Please email Penny Parker to let her know to expect you.**

Together, we are stronger. Together, we can make a difference.

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## A WORD OF THANKS

To My Church Family,

You will never know how much your gestures of kindness, and especially your prayers, have meant to me. I am blessed to feel all your love and support. I will always cherish this. I am so grateful to be a part of such a caring and compassionate church family.

I know God is with me, and as in Isaiah 60:20, "My Lord will be my everlasting light and my days of sorrow will end."

Love,  
Linda Harris

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## CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING:

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT GATHERINGS** | Mid-week gatherings resume tonight! On the menu is a full salad bar (cost is \$8.00/adult, \$5.00/child, with a family max of \$20). Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. followed by a study on "How Has Your Faith Changed?" at 6:15 p.m. in the conference room or Open Minds on Main at 6:30 p.m. (meets at Main Street Ice Cream and Coffee). Children's programming begins at 6:00 p.m.

**CBF REGIONAL GATHERING** | On Thursday, May 14, gather with CBFNC coordinators and friends for a Regional Gathering at First Baptist Church of Shelby. The gathering will consist of a morning workshop session followed by a fellowship lunch. The morning workshop will be an interactive shared learning experience designed to help congregations thrive.

All are invited to attend – members of local congregations, congregational leaders, ministry staff, divinity students, chaplains and anyone interested in connecting with colleagues, friends, and fellow Cooperative Baptists.

Cost is \$15 per person, with an early bird rate of \$10. (Registration ends on Monday, May 11 and the early bird rate ends on Wednesday, May 6.) [Register here.](#)

**WELCOME TABLE** | We are hosting Welcome Table on April 20. Volunteers and desserts are always welcome! Reach out to Nell Bovender for more information.

**CHURCH T-SHIRTS** | Church t-shirts have been restocked in both colors! Shirts are \$15 and come in youth and adult sizes. We hope you'll reach for yours when running errands, traveling, or volunteering alongside fellow church members.

**175 ANNIVERSARY ART PROJECT** | As part of our 175th anniversary celebration, you are invited to participate in a canvas art project! Pick up a blank canvas, paint a memory of First Baptist, and add your artwork to our anniversary wall. Pick up a blank canvas, along with instructions, in the church office.

**BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM** | Did you know the Outreach Class is available to attend via Zoom each Sunday? The class meets at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday. Simply [CLICK HERE](#) and enter the password **138147** to join via Zoom. No app download is needed; **reach out if you need help logging in.**

**YOKEFELLOW FOOD PANTRY** | This month, we are collecting pork & beans. Cans can be either the small or regular size. Contributions can be left in the church office or near the Sanctuary doors. We hope that you can add a can or two to your weekly grocery shopping to help our neighbors in need.

**SPINDALE ELEMENTARY BACKPACK COLLECTING** | During the school year, we collect breakfast items for Spindale Elementary's Backpack Program. Individuals or groups can drop off items such as breakfast bars and Pop-Tarts in the church office or at the Sanctuary doors. We deliver them to the school on a monthly basis.

**PRAYER UPDATES BY EMAIL** | If you'd like to receive prayer request updates throughout the week, in addition to the prayer list found in the weekly newsletter, request to be added to our new prayer distribution email list! Just **click here and add your name and preferred email address.** You can also join by calling or **emailing** the church office.

# FIRST BAPTIST PRAYS

## WEEKLY PRAYER LIST



[CURRENT PRAYER LIST](#)

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### PRAYER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**April 19** - Dale Heffner  
Mike Scruggs, Gayle Youngblood  
**April 26** - Lori Herrick  
Mike Stephenson, John Blanton

### WORSHIP CARE SCHEDULE

**April 19** - Laura Hodge, Violet Nyamiwa  
**April 26** - No Care (Stronger Together)

### MEALS ON WHEELS SCHEDULE

**April 17** - Nell Bovender & Susie Kernodle  
**May 1** - Mike & Susan Martin

### USHERS FOR APRIL

Todd Hodge (Coordinator), Steve Barnes, Andy LaBreche, Bob Smith

### COLLEGE STUDENT OF THE WEEK

**Boone Hodge**

Boone is finishing his Sophomore year at Appalachian State

### BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

April 16 - Martha Jones  
April 16 - Melea Jone  
April 16 - Priscilla McBrayer  
April 17 - Bill Marsh  
April 19 - Emily Kay  
April 20 - Chip Bond  
April 20 - Sophie Bryant  
April 20 - Jamie Camper  
April 21 - Robbie Permenter  
April 22 - Brenda Potts

### YOKEFELLOW ITEM OF THE MONTH:

Pork & Beans

April Goal: 30  
Collected: 22

March Collected: 48

### SPINDALE ELEMENTARY WEEKEND BACKPACK COLLECTION

**Items needed:**

Contact the office if you would like mailing information  
for this student.

Breakfast Bars & Snack Bars  
April Collected: 4

March Collected: 23 boxes

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## 2025-2026 Church Leadership

### Deacon Council

Debbie Bumgarner - Chair (2026)  
Lori Herrick - Vice-Chair (2026)  
Beth Archer - Secretary (2027)  
Dale Heffner (2026)  
Jane Simpson (2027)  
Frank Jones (2027)  
Ben Moore (2028)  
Penny Parker (2028)  
Belinda Camper (2028)

### Administrative Leadership Council

Andy LaBreche - Chair (2027)  
Chip Bond - Vice-Chair (2027)  
Jessica Godfrey - Secretary/Church Clerk (2026)  
Faith Archer (2026)  
Kurt Parker (2026)  
Gayle Youngblood (2027)  
Laura Hodge (2028)  
Carolyn Keever (2028)  
Mike Stephenson (2028)

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"Giving" at the top of our  
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## FINANCIAL UPDATE

Financial Records for April 12, 2026  
Budget Offering: \$4,760.00  
Weekly Budget Requirement: \$8,802.94

YTD Budget Received as of April 12: \$240,602.75  
YTD Needed as of April 12: \$246,482.00

Annual Budget: \$457,753.00

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## Upcoming Schedule

### April

16 - Senior Adult trip to Strawberry Hill | 8:30 a.m.  
20 - Welcome Table  
20 - Fellowship of Christian Women | 1:00 p.m. - meeting location changed to church  
25 - Day of Caring | 8:00 a.m.  
26 - Stronger Together Service (No Worship Service at FBCR) | Deacons Meeting 4:45 p.m.  
27 - ALC Meeting | 6:00 p.m.

### May

3 - Communion Sunday  
13 - Last Mid-Week Gathering  
14 - CBF Foothills Regional Gathering at FBC Shelby  
17 - Children's Choir Musical in Worship  
22 - Last Day of School (RCS)  
24 - Pentecost Sunday  
31 - Graduate Sunday

### June

1 - Welcome Table  
7 - Youth Pool Party

8 - Welcome Table

14 - Water Olympics | 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

17-19 - CBF Annual Gathering (Jacksonville, Florida)

29 - Welcome Table

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