



First Baptist Rutherfordton Newsletter | April 22, 2026

STRONGER TOGETHER SERVICE THIS SUNDAY



Meet us at R.S. Central High School on Sunday, April 26 at 11:00 a.m.
for a multi-denominational morning of worship!

We will not have worship service at First Baptist Church this coming Sunday 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.

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](mailto:penny.parker@rhpwnc.org) to let her know to expect you.

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



FBC-Rutherfordton
Youth Ministry

YOUTH MISSIONS PROJECT: PACKING HYGIENE BAGS FOR STUDENTS IN ESWATINI



This past Sunday, Chip and Judy Bond shared with our students about their ongoing mission work in Eswatini. Our group was able to help by packing hygiene bags to send to students in the region.

SENIOR ADULT GATHERING AT STRAWBERRY HILL



CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING:

WEDNESDAY NIGHT GATHERINGS | See you tonight for mid-week gatherings! On the menu is chicken sandwiches, fries, broccoli salad, and fruit. (\$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.

Next week, Pastor Ps Manoj & his wife Priya from Rays of Hope in Navi Mumbai, India will be joining us for dinner and then at 6:15 p.m., will share more about their work at Rays of Hope Ministries.

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.](#)

CALLING ALL GRADUATES! | If you have a graduate from high school, college, graduate school, or any other academic program this year, we want to recognize you! **Email John Miller** with your info by May 22 so we can include you.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE | Scholarships are available for community college/tech students, 4-year undergraduate students, and those studying for the ministry. Applicants must be a member of First Baptist Church Rutherfordton for at least one year to qualify. **Email Beth Heffner** to receive a scholarship packet or for more information. Applications must be returned via mail or email (attention Beth) by Tuesday, May 19.

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 26 - Lori Herrick
Mike Stephenson, John Blanton
May 3 - Frank Jones
Nell Bovender, Daryl Camper

WORSHIP CARE SCHEDULE

April 26 - No Care (Stronger Together)
May 5 - Nell Bovender, Shelia Cuthbertson

MEALS ON WHEELS SCHEDULE

May 1 - Mike & Susan Martin

USHERS FOR APRIL

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

COLLEGE STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Jackson Knox

Jackson is finishing his Junior year at
UNC Chapel Hill

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

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

April 22 - Brenda Potts
April 23 - Shawn Ledbetter
April 25 - Debbie McKinnon
April 26 - Luke Jones
April 26 - Chad Norville
April 27 - Abby Miller
April 29 - Susie Kernodle
April 29 - Easton Schultz

YOKEFELLOW ITEM OF THE MONTH:

Pork & Beans

April Goal: 30

Collected: 26

March Collected: 48

SPINDALE ELEMENTARY WEEKEND BACKPACK COLLECTION

Items needed:

Breakfast Bars & Snack Bars

April Collected: 7

March Collected: 23 boxes

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)

FINANCIAL UPDATE

You can give online through our website! Click "Giving" at the top of our website, or click the button below.

[CLICK HERE TO GIVE](#)

Financial Records for April 12, 2026
Budget Offering: \$9,036.61
Weekly Budget Requirement: \$8,802.94

YTD Budget Received as of April 12: \$250,032.36
YTD Needed as of April 12: \$246,482.00

Annual Budget: \$457,753.00

Upcoming Schedule

April

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
20 - Last Open Minds on Main
22 - Last Day of School (RCS) | Family Movie Night/Duck Dash at Kiwanis Park
24 - Pentecost Sunday
31 - Graduate Sunday

June

1 - Welcome Table
5 - Family Ice Cream and Playdate at Kiwanis Park
7 - Youth Pool Party
8 - Welcome Table
10 - Children's trip to Thermal City Gold Mine
14 - Youth/Children Water Olympics | 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
17-19 - CBF Annual Gathering (Jacksonville, Florida)
25 - Children's trip to Catawba Science Museum
29 - Welcome Table

July

4 - America 250 Event at Kiwanis Park
6-10 - Youth FUGE Camp
6-9 - Passport Kids Camp
12 - Youth and Children Led Worship
13 - Welcome Table
16 - Children's trip to Forest City Splash Pad
19 - Youth trip to Chimney Rock
25 - Children's trip to Skates & Stuff in Forest City

August

3-6 Children's Advocacy Camp
3 - Welcome Table
9 - Blessing of the Backpacks
11 - First Day of School (RCS)

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