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Loving God
Loving Others



First Baptist Church
Rutherfordton

First Baptist Rutherfordton Newsletter | April 29, 2026

Come and Rest



Matthew 11:28-30

May 3, 2026 | 10:55 a.m.

Songs of Worship

Glorify Thy Name

The Lily of the Valley

Blessed Quietness

Be Still

Be Still My Soul

Communion

As is our practice on communion Sundays, we will also be collecting a local mission offering at the close of worship.

Sermon

"Come and Rest"

Matthew 11:28-30

Aimee Hobbs

[WATCH THE SERVICE HERE](#)

DAY OF CARING



APRIL 25, 2026

Saturday's Day of Caring was a huge success!

Homes Served: 6

Repairs Completed: 6

Individuals Impacted: 11

Total Volunteers Served: 46

Total Volunteer Labor Value: \$9,374.84

This is amazing!

MIDWEEK GATHERINGS ARE TONIGHT!



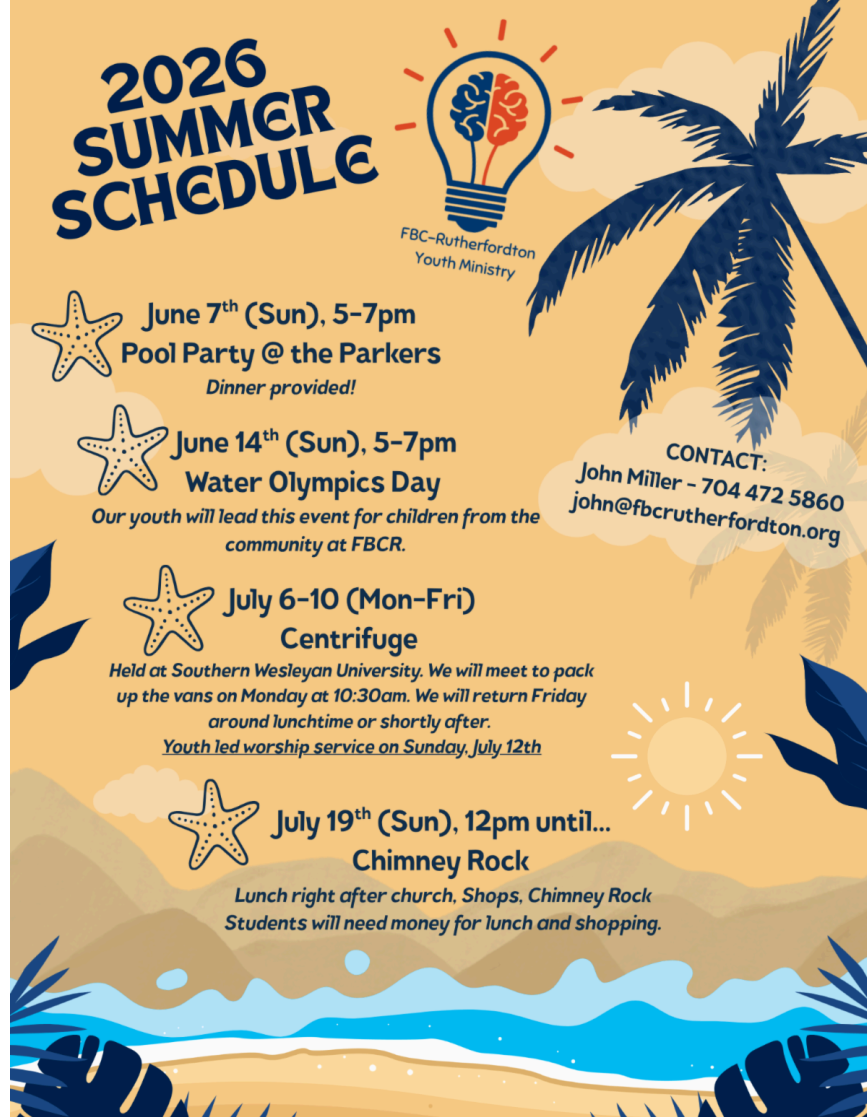
Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. and tonight's menu is roast pork with apricot gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit, and dessert prepared by Calvin McGinnis (\$8.00/adult, \$5.00/child, with a family max of \$20).

Following dinner, we'll hear from Pastor Ps Manoj & his wife Priya from Rays of Hope in Navi Mumbai, India. Pastor Manoj grew up living in poverty in western India, and was miraculously called by God to serve Him as a young adult. After attending bible college, he was passionate about practically applying his knowledge by serving the world. In 1995, he witnessed a sight sadly common – young children looking for food in the garbage bin – and was motivated to pray about becoming part of the solution. About 10 years later, with \$18 dollars to his name, he and his wife opened Ashlaya, the House of Hope, and started caring for 2 orphans. Currently, he and his wife, along with several volunteers, care for nearly 80 orphans. They also help to provide for the needs of children in the nearby red-light district.

Open Minds on Main meets at 6:30 p.m. at Main Street Ice Cream and Coffee, and Children's Programming begins at 6:00 p.m.

See you tonight!

YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMER SCHEDULE



CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING:

MAY SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP | Senior adults are invited to lunch and a presentation by a representative from the Alzheimer's Association on Thursday, May 14 at Noon. Sign-up in the Welcome Center by May 10.

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 **canned chicken**. 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

May 3 - Frank Jones

Nell Bovender, Daryl Camper

May 10 - Jane Simpson

Charlotte Epley

WORSHIP CARE SCHEDULE

May 3 - Nell Bovender, Shelia Cuthbertson

May 10 - Dane Heffner, _____

MEALS ON WHEELS SCHEDULE

May 3 - Gayle Youngblood &
Meryl Lawrence

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

April 29 - Susie Kernodle

April 29 - Easton Schultz

April 30 - Jay McKinnon

April 30 - George Marsh

April 30 - Johnathan Craig

April 30 - Marcia Mellody

April 30 - Maggie Keever

May 3 - Karen Jones

May 4 - Betty Thompson

**YOKEFELLOW ITEM
OF THE MONTH:**

May 15 - Mike & Susan Martin
May 29 - Marcel & Ruth Colnot

Canned Chicken

USHERS FOR MAY

Todd Hodge (Coordinator), Daryl Camper,
Jamie Knox, Mindy Miller

May Goal: 30
Collected: --

April Collected: 37

COLLEGE STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Jada Knox

Jada is finishing her sophomore year at
Gardner Webb University

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

SPINDALE ELEMENTARY WEEKEND BACKPACK COLLECTION

Thank you your support this school year!
We will begin collecting for the 2026-2027
school year in July.

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 Kever (2028)
Mike Stephenson (2028)

FINANCIAL UPDATE

No deposit made due to Stronger Together service.

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

**CLICK HERE TO
GIVE**

A gift has been given in loving memory of Willis Archer by the
Parker Family.

A gift has been given in loving memory of Jane Cline by the
Parker Family.

A gift has been given to the van fund in loving memory of Wayne
Harris by Linda Harris and Family, Kay Hollifield, Doris Hardin,
Jane Ford, John & Lynn Blanton, the Herrick Family, Darrell &
Debbie Bumgarner, Jane Simpson, The Faithful Workers Class,
and Mark & Kathy Tuttle.

Upcoming Schedule

May

3 - Communion Sunday

6 - Last Open Minds on Main

13 - Last Mid-Week Gathering

14 - CBF Foothills Regional Gathering at FBC Shelby | Senior Adult Lunch

17 - Children's Choir Musical in Worship
22 - Last Day of School (RCS) | Family Movie Night/Duck Dash at Kiwanis Park
24 - Pentecost Sunday
31 - Graduate Sunday | Deacons Meeting

June

1 - Welcome Table | ALC Meeting
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)
18 - Senior Adult trip to The Beacon
25 - Children's trip to Catawba Science Museum
29 - Welcome Table

July

1 - Senior Adult Dinner | 5:00 p.m.
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)
26 - Churchwide Back to School Event | 5:30 p.m.

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