

Celebrating 175 Years of
Loving God
Loving Others



First Baptist Church
Rutherfordton

First Baptist Rutherfordton Newsletter | April 8, 2026



April 12, 2026 | 10:55 a.m.

Songs of Worship

He Lives

I Stand Amazed in the Presence

We Serve the Prince of Peace

Wana Baraka

Christ, You Call Us All to Service

Sermon

"The Road to Greatness"

Mark 9:30-50

Andy LaBreche

[WATCH THE SERVICE HERE](#)

MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER



Maundy Thursday 2026
Garden Reflections

Over 60 of our church family gathered on Maundy Thursday for dinner and worship. We followed the disciples into the Garden of Gethsemane and took time to reflect on our own faith. A collection was taken up for Global Missions.

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF PETER



Approximately 40 people walked through the Good Friday Stations of Peter. The doors were open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for individuals and families to walk through on their own. At 5:30, a group of 11 walked through the stations together. The activities brought us to the point where Peter denied Christ, and we were able to pause and consider how much like Peter we ourselves are.

STRONGER TOGETHER SERVICE ON APRIL 26

Free Event
Multi-denominational
Community Worship Service

SAVE THE DATE

8th

STRONGER WORSHIP SERVICE TOGETHER

Sunday, April 26th, 2026
11AM
RS Central High School
641 US-221, Rutherfordon, NC 28139

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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!

SENIOR ADULT PIZZA FELLOWSHIP



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.

CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING:

WEDNESDAY NIGHT GATHERINGS | We will not meet tonight (April 8) due to Spring Break. Join us when we resume on April 15!

LIFELINE SCREENING | Life Line Screening will be on campus on Tuesday, April 14th. They provide stroke and cardiovascular disease screenings. The cost is \$129. You can schedule an appointment by calling 800-324-9458 or visit www.llsa.social/habc. Use the code HABC001.

SENIOR ADULT TRIP TO STRAWBERRY HILL | Make plans to join us on Thursday, April 16, for breakfast at Strawberry Hill! 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. Please sign up by Sunday, April 12.

WELCOME TABLE | We are hosting Welcome Table on April 13 and 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 12 - Beth Archer

Terry Honeycutt

April 19 - Dale Heffner

Mike Scruggs, Gayle Youngblood

WORSHIP CARE SCHEDULE

April 12 - Bob Smith, Rachel Tompkins

April 19 - Laura Hodge, Violet Nyamiwa

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

Peter Moore

Senior at Gardner-Webb

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

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

April 8 - Phillip Chapman

April 8 - Jolie Kelly

April 9 - Matthew Bond

April 9 - Linda Camper

April 9 - Mort Rathbone

April 10 - Robin Lattimore

April 11 - Lola Barnes

April 12 - Kurt Parker

YOKEFELLOW ITEM

OF THE MONTH:

Pork & Beans

April Goal: 30

Collected: 4

March Collected: 48

SPINDALE ELEMENTARY WEEKEND

BACKPACK COLLECTION

Items needed:

Breakfast Bars & Snack Bars

April Collected: 0

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.

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Financial Records for April 4, 2026
Budget Offering: \$7020.00
Weekly Budget Requirement: \$8,802.94

YTD Budget Received as of March 29: \$235,842.75
YTD Needed as of March 29: \$237,679.00

Annual Budget: \$457,753

**Gifts were given in memory of Wayne Harris,
to the Van Fund by:**

The Herricks
Darrel & Debbie Bumgarner
Jane Simpson
The Faithful Workers
Mark & Kathy Tuttle

Upcoming Schedule

April

8 - No Mid-Week Gatherings (Spring Break)
13 - Welcome Table
14 - Lifeline Screening
16 - Senior Adult trip to Strawberry Hill | 8:30 a.m.
20 - Welcome Table
25 - Day of Caring | 8:00 a.m.
26 - Stronger Together Service (No Worship Service at FBCR) | Deacons Meeting
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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