



First Baptist Rutherfordton Newsletter | August 13, 2025

THE  
LORD'S PRAYER

**WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY**  
**August 17, 2025 | 10:55 a.m.**

**Songs of Worship**

*Praise Him! Praise Him!*

*Amazing Grace*

*The Lord's Prayer*

*Kwa Yote Aliyotenda Sitaacha Kumsifu*

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

**Sermon**

"This, Then, Is How You Should Pray"

Matthew 6:1-9

Aimee Hobbs

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**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUMMER RECAP**



This summer, our Children's Ministry scheduled three weeklong summer camps and eight Wednesday morning playgroups. Unfortunately, due to low volunteer numbers, we had no choice but to cancel the third camp scheduled for the summer. But this does not detract from the amazing success we had with the other events!

Each camp brought 25+ children to our campus. On Wednesday mornings, we had 6 to 12 children. We had friends inviting friends and neighbors to the point that we had an overabundance of children. We had children who knew us from previous events, and grandchildren/nieces from church members. We had the children from our church family and from other churches. We also had some children who are not associated with any church but whose families we have developed relationships with.

Relationship is the reason that we do camp and play groups the way we do. Jesus is the model for being in the community, teaching, learning, and sharing with the people. We want to follow His example. We look for what interests our community and develop it into activities where the adults and children can practice Christian love. Yes, we shared many Bible stories and scripture, but more than that, we put into action what Christ taught.

Having to cancel the last week of camp was a difficult decision. There were many lost opportunities to share the love of Christ. But first and foremost, we have to have the safety of the children and volunteers at the forefront. This means that we need YOU if we are going to continue offering events like these to the community. We need people who are committed to raising our children in Christian love. Please consider helping. One hour, one Sunday, once a quarter is helpful. One day for an event is wonderful.

Reach out to find out how you can get involved.

*Donna*

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FBC-Rutherfordton  
Youth Ministry

**Bring  
Your  
Own  
Money**

*Dinner this Sunday*  
**5:00PM**



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

*Begins September 3!*

**5:30PM**

**CHURCHWIDE FELLOWSHIP DINNER**

**6:15PM**

### **CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES**

Difference Makers (Choir & Bible study) for ages 3 - 5th grade

### **"BIBLE STORIES FOR GROWN-UPS"** *\*Begins Sept 10 - Church Meeting is Sept 3*

Revisiting familiar childhood Bible stories like Noah's Ark, Jesus and Zacchaeus, and the parable of the talents

**6:30PM**

### **OPEN MINDS ON MAIN**

An opportunity for those in our community to gather for dialogue around faith and life  
This group meets at Main St Coffee and Ice Cream

**7:30PM**

**ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL**

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## CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING:

**UPCOMING BUSINESS MEETINGS** | It's almost time to vote on our 2025-2026 budget and leadership. Mark your calendar for the following meetings; online ballots will also be made available if you are unable to attend:

Wednesday, August 27 - Budget presentation & nomination ballots available (6:00 p.m.)

Sunday, September 7 - Churchwide vote on budget & nomination ballots due

Sunday, September 21 - Churchwide vote on leadership (Deacon Council & ALC)

**WORSHIP READINESS CLASS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 7** | Children in 2nd through 5th grade are invited to join a worship readiness class beginning September 7. We will be exploring the various elements of a worship service, what goes into planning a service, and special seasons that we include throughout the year. Our goal is to help children develop a deeper understanding of worship, the sanctuary, and the traditions of the Baptist church. At various times, they will attend the service as a group and other times will be learning from a classroom setting. If you are interested in learning more, **contact Donna**.

**YOKEFELLOW CANNED MEAT** | For the month of August, Yokefellow has asked that we change to collecting canned meats. If you have already purchased saltines, do bring them, and we will get them to Yokefellow, where they will be used! Yokefellow extended their gratitude

to our congregation for our continued support and said that we are one of the most consistently giving congregations.

**SPINDALE ELEMENTARY BACKPACK COLLECTING** | With school starting back, we are once again collecting 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 leave them in the Welcome Center collection box. We will 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.

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# FIRST BAPTIST PRAYS

## WEEKLY PRAYER LIST



CURRENT PRAYER  
LIST

SUBMIT A PRAYER REQUEST

### PRAYER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**August 17** - Lori Herrick  
Nell Bovender, Charlotte Epley  
**August 24** - Frank Jones  
Laura Hodge, Joe Hughes

### NURSERY SCHEDULE

**August 17** - Lori Herrick, The Godfreys  
**August 24** - Jason Hobbs, Penny Parker

### MEALS ON WHEELS SCHEDULE

**August 15** - Mike & Susan Martin  
**August 29** - Gayle Youngblood &  
Meryl Lawrence

### USHERS FOR AUGUST

Todd Hodge (Coordinator),  
Boone Hodge, Steve Barnes, Andy LeBreche,  
Bob Smith

### BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

August 13 - Camille Wheeler  
August 16 - Seth Jones  
August 16 - Keri Lynn Morris  
August 18 - Dan Wilkens  
August 19 - Chuck Norville  
August 19 - Tyler Graeper  
August 20 - Calvin McGinnis

### YOKEFELLOW ITEM OF THE MONTH

Canned Meat

**August Goal:** 30 Cans  
Collected: 19

**Thank you for helping reach  
the goal for July!**  
Collected: 32

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## 2024-2025 Church Leadership

### Deacon Council

Lori Herrick - Chair (2026)  
Debbie Bumgarner - Vice-Chair (2026)  
Scott Carpenter - Secretary (2025)

### Administrative Leadership Council

Mike Martin - Chair (2025)  
Andy LaBreche - Vice-Chair (2027)  
Jessica Godfrey - Secretary/Church Clerk (2026)



Judy Bond (2025)  
Terry Honeycutt (2025)  
Dale Heffner (2026)  
Jane Simpson (2027)  
Beth Archer (2027)  
Frank Jones (2027)

Henry Giles (2025)  
Claudia Waters (2025)  
Steve Barnes (2025)  
Faith Archer (2026)  
Kurt Parker (2026)  
Chip Bond (2027)  
Gayle Youngblood (2027)

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## FINANCIAL UPDATE

OFFERING Records for August 10, 2025  
Budget Requirements: \$8,232.70  
Budget Offering: \$7,415.00

YTD Received as of August 10: \$392,688.69  
YTD Needed as of August 31: \$392,425.00  
Annual Budget: \$428,100.00

A gift has been given to the Music Reserve Fund in loving memory of Sandy Smith by Rion & Paulette MacDonald.

A gift has been given to the Joy Group in loving memory of Jerry Farmer by Jane Ford.

A gift has been given in loving memory of Gerry Roberts by Pam Robinson-Newton.

## Upcoming Schedule

### August

14 - Senior Adult Lunch (offsite) | 11:30 a.m.  
18 - Fellowship of Christian Women | 2 p.m.  
18 - ALC Meeting | 6 p.m.  
19 - Life Line Screening Day | 9 a.m.  
27 - Budget Presentation and Discussion | 6 p.m.

### September

1 - Church Office Closed for Labor Day  
3 - Wednesday Nights Resume | 5:30 p.m.  
7 - Communion Sunday | Promotion Sunday | Special Called Business Meeting | Illuminate (Youth Group) Resumes | Worship Readiness Class Begins  
8 - Welcome Table  
9 - Women on Mission 3 p.m. | Adult Handbell Rehearsals resume  
10 - Open Minds on Main resumes  
15 - ALC Meeting | 6 p.m.  
21 - Special Called Business Meeting

### October

5 - Churchwide Picnic at Kiwanis Park  
12 - Church Leadership Lunch and Orientation  
14 - Women on Mission | 3 p.m.  
20 - Fellowship of Christian Women | 2 p.m.  
26 - Youth Halloween Party  
31 - Halloween on Main St | FAB

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