



## First Baptist Rutherfordton Newsletter | August 6, 2025

A special time of prayer for  
children, youth, and teachers  
returning to school

### **Blessing of the Backpacks**

CHILDREN & YOUTH ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING THEIR BACKPACK!

**Sunday, August 10 • 10:55 a.m.**



## **BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY August 10, 2025 | 10:55 a.m.**

### **Songs of Worship**

*We Praise You with Our Minds, O Lord  
He Keeps Me Singing  
Higher Ground  
Sanctuary  
Will You Come and Follow Me*

### **Presentation of Bibles**

### **Sermon**

"Let Your Salt Shine"  
Matthew 5:13-16  
Aimee Hobbs

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## **LOCAL MISSION OFFERING UPDATE**

On Sunday, we collected our local mission offering as we typically do on Communion Sundays. You may recall in last week's newsletter that we are giving 100% of the money received on Sunday to one of our local mission partners: Blue Ridge Hope. Blue Ridge Hope does local mission work in our community by providing mental health services. Thanks to your

generosity, we are sending them a check for \$3,342. THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

At the close of worship, I shared that in addition to our food bags, we have also added hygiene kits and feminine hygiene kits for neighbors that stop by the church for needed resources. You are welcome to pick up some of those kits to keep in your car! They are well suited to hand to someone you may pass along the way. The kits are in quart sized Ziplock bags on the cart outside the church office. Feel free to stop by and take a few! Those kits, along with the food bags, are provided through the Local Missions offerings you have been so generous in giving.

I hope to see you Sunday!

Blessings,  
Aimee







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## CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING:

**VOLUNTEERS AND DESSERTS NEEDED FOR WELCOME TABLE** | We are hosting Welcome Table again on Monday, August 11th! Hands and feet are needed to prepare, serve, and clean up the meal + and talk with the guests while they eat. If you can't make it Monday, consider making or purchasing a dessert that can be dropped off at First Baptist this weekend or Monday.

**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

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

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

**YOKEFELLOW ITEM CHANGE** | 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.

**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 10** - Dale Heffner  
Daryl Camper, John Blanton  
**August 17** - Lori Herrick  
Nell Bovender, Charlotte Epley

### NURSERY SCHEDULE

**August 10** - Beth Archer, Belinda Camper  
**August 17** - Lori Herrick, The Godfreys

### 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 6 - Peter Moore  
August 7 - Sharon Reece  
August 7 - Michael Martin  
August 7 - Todd Beheler  
August 8 - Mindy Miller  
August 8 - Charles Moose  
August 8 - Charlotte Epley  
August 8 - Grayson Schultz  
August 9 - Ella Godfrey  
August 9 - Finn Jones  
August 11 - Wes Camper  
August 11 - Bob Giles  
August 11 - Joey Revis  
August 12 - Linda Marsh  
August 12 - Kristin Heffner  
August 13 - Camille Wheeler

### YOKEFELLOW ITEM OF THE MONTH

Canned Meat

**August Goal:** 30 Cans  
Collected: 0

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

### 2024-2025 Church Leadership

#### Deacon Council

Lori Herrick - Chair (2026)  
Debbie Bumgarner - Vice-Chair (2026)  
Scott Carpenter - Secretary (2025)  
Judy Bond (2025)  
Terry Honeycutt (2025)  
Dale Heffner (2026)  
Jane Simpson (2027)  
Beth Archer (2027)  
Frank Jones (2027)

#### Administrative Leadership Council

Mike Martin - Chair (2025)  
Andy LaBreche - Vice-Chair (2027)  
Jessica Godfrey - Secretary/Church Clerk (2026)  
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 3, 2025  
Budget Requirements: \$8,232.70  
Budget Offering: \$8,054.60

YTD Received as of August 3: \$384,423.69  
YTD Needed as of August 31: \$392,425.00  
Annual Budget: \$428,100.00

## Upcoming Schedule

### August

10 - Blessing of the Backpacks & Children's Bible Presentation  
11 - Welcome Table  
12 - Women on Mission | 3 p.m.  
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 - Mid-Week Dinner & Gatherings Kick-Off | 5:30 p.m.  
7 - Communion Sunday | Special Called Business Meeting | Illuminate (Youth Group) Kicks-Off  
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

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