



First Baptist Rutherfordton Newsletter | December 31, 2025



EPIPHANY SUNDAY
January 4, 2026 | 10:55 a.m.

Songs of Worship

Sing We Now of Christmas

We Three Kings

Great God, We Sing Your Guiding Hand

Saw You Never in the Twilight

As With Gladness Men of Old

We Three Kings

Sermon

"Star of Wonder"

Matthew 2:1-12

Aimee Hobbs

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CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING:

STRONGER TOGETHER SERVICE JANUARY 25 | Join us at RS Central High School for the Stronger Together Community Service on Sunday, January 25. We will gather with other congregations in our community for a multi-denominational community worship service. The service is at 11:00 a.m. Sunday school classes are welcome to meet beforehand, but we will not have worship in our sanctuary that morning.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS WILL RETURN JANUARY 7 | Start your new year off by carving out Wednesday evenings for mid-week gatherings with your church family. Next Wednesday, dinner is at 5:30 p.m. and the menu is meatloaf, mashed potatoes, and green beans. (\$8/adult, \$5/child, \$20/family

max). Following dinner, children's programming, Open Minds on Main, and a study on Prayers in the Bible will meet. We would love to have you join us!

YOUTH FUNDRAISER JANUARY 11 | Plan to stay following the service on Sunday, January 11, for the Youth Fundraiser. We will share a meal of spaghetti while supporting our youth in their endeavors to attend camp this summer.

YOKEFELLOW FOOD PANTRY | Beginning this Sunday, 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 are 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 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.



[CURRENT PRAYER LIST](#)

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PRAYER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Jan. 4 - Ben Moore
Amy Revis, Scott Carpenter
Jan. 11 - Belinda Camper
Chip Bond, Judy Bond

WORSHIP CARE SCHEDULE

Jan. 4 - Bob Smith, Rachel Tompkins
Jan. 11 - Laura Hodge, Violet Nyamiwa

MEALS ON WHEELS SCHEDULE

Jan. 2 - Wayne & Linda Harris
Jan. 16 - Gayle Youngblood & Meryl Lawrence
Jan. 30 - Ken & Jackie Willard

USHERS FOR JANUARY

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

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

Dec. 31 - Amy Camper
Dec. 31 - Marie Graeper
Jan. 1 - Chad Bond
Jan. 2 - A.J. Heffner
Jan. 2 - Nate Sand
Jan. 3 - Aiden Ledbetter
Jan. 7 - Bob Keever

YOKEFELLOW ITEM OF THE MONTH

Pork & Beans
January Goal: 30
Collected: 4

December Collected: 36

SPINDALE ELEMENTARY WEEKEND BACKPACK COLLECTION

Items needed:
Breakfast Bars & Snack Bars

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)

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FINANCIAL UPDATE

Financial Records for December 28, 2025

Weekly Budget Requirement: \$8,802.94

Budget Offering: \$9,049.50

YTD Budget Received as of December 28: \$120,007.56

YTD Needed as of December 28: \$114,438.22

Annual Budget: \$457,753

Upcoming Schedule

January

- 1 - Church Office Closed for New Year's
- 4 - Epiphany Sunday (Star Words)
- 11 - Communion Sunday | Youth Fundraiser Lunch
- 13 - Women on Mission
- 19 - Church Office Closed (MLK holiday) | Fellowship of Christian Women (off site)
- 25 - Stronger Together Service | Deacons Meeting 4:45 p.m.
- 26 - Administrative Leadership Council Meeting | 6:00 p.m.

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