



First Baptist Rutherfordton Newsletter | January 21, 2026

January 25, 2026 | 10:55 a.m.

In anticipation of the weekend winter storm, the Stronger Together Service has been rescheduled to February 8th at 11 a.m.

We will make a decision on Sunday's Worship Service and Sunday school classes as we get closer to the weekend. Be sure to check your email for updates as they arise.

JOIN US FOR THE STRONGER TOGETHER SERVICE at R.S. Central High School on February 8th.

We will gather with other congregations in our community for a multi-denominational community worship service. Sunday school classes are welcome to meet beforehand, but we will not have worship in our sanctuary that morning. Children and Youth Sunday School classes are not meeting, but the preschool room will be open for care for parents in Sunday school.

Multi-denominational
Community Worship Service

Free Event

8th STRONGER WORSHIP SERVICE TOGETHER

RESCHEDULED to Sunday, February 8th | 11 a.m.

RS Central High School
641 US-221, Rutherfordton, NC 28139

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<https://www.facebook.com/MDCCRC>



Invest in a child... *Camp Fundraisers*

The 3rd - 5th graders are headed to overnight camp this summer and we need your help! Camp cost is \$428 per student/chaperone.

Wednesday, February 11th

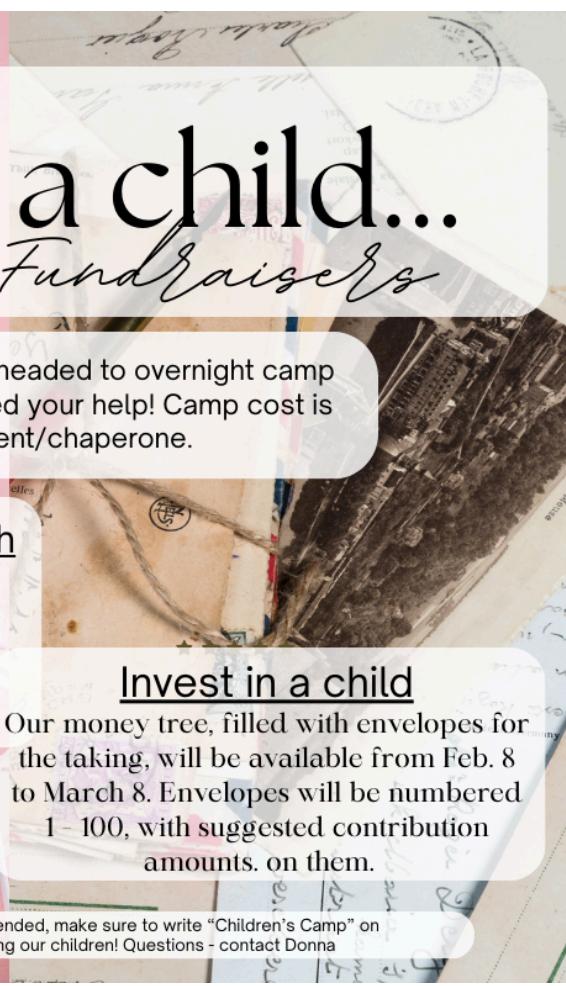
Candy Grams, made by the children, will be available for purchase, by donation, from 5 - 6:15 p.m. and 7 - 7:30



To ensure that all contributions are applied as intended, make sure to write "Children's Camp" on envelopes/checks. Thank you for supporting our children! Questions - contact Donna

Invest in a child

Our money tree, filled with envelopes for the taking, will be available from Feb. 8 to March 8. Envelopes will be numbered 1 - 100, with suggested contribution amounts. on them.



Our children in 3rd - 5th grade are headed to Montreat Conference Center on July 6th - 9th for a three nights. Camp is expensive, and we need the support of our church family. If you can help, even the smallest contribution will make it easier for the families.

Be sure to mark all contributions "Children's Camp" so that it goes to the correct account, or hand contributions directly to Donna to be deposited.

THANK YOU!

TONIGHT!

portraits of faith

A STUDY OF CHARACTERS IN THE BIBLE



JANUARY 21-FEBRUARY 4 | WEDNESDAYS AT 6:15 P.M.
WWW.FIRSTBAPTISTRUTHERFORDTON.COM



TUESDAY, JANUARY 27 | NOON

SENIOR ADULTS LUNCH PIZZA GAMES, FELLOWSHIP

Sign-up in the Welcome Center
or Contact Beth
by January 21

FIRST BAPTIST RUTHERFORDTON
246 N. MAIN ST.

CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING:

WEDNESDAY EVENING GATHERING | Dinner tonight is at 5:30 p.m., and the menu is baked ham, macaroni & cheese, grape salad, green beans, and yeast rolls (\$8/adult, \$5/child, \$20/family max). If you need multiple meals "to go" please reach out to **Donna** prior to the meal so that we are able to plan accordingly.

Following dinner, we'll have a brief special called business meeting followed by Portraits of Faith and Open Minds on Main. Children's programming will also meet. We would love to have you join us!

SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING | At 6:15 p.m. tonight, we will have a special called business meeting to vote on the hiring of Pam McNeill as our church organist. Pam has been serving as our interim organist.

YOKEFELLOW FOOD PANTRY | We are collecting pork & beans for January, February and March. 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.

FIRST BAPTIST PRAYS

WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

[CURRENT PRAYER LIST](#)[SUBMIT A PRAYER REQUEST](#)

PRAYER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Jan. 25 - Penny Ann Parker
Andy LaBreche, Pam LaBreche
Feb. 1 - Beth Archer
Mike Stephenson, Daryl Camper

WORSHIP CARE SCHEDULE

Jan. 25 - Nell Bovender, Shelia Cuthbertson
Feb. 1 - Dane Heffner, _____

MEALS ON WHEELS SCHEDULE

Jan. 30 - Ken & Jackie Willard

USHERS FOR JANUARY

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

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

Jan. 21 - Jessica Godfrey
Jan. 23 - Alex LaBreche
Jan. 24 - Todd Robbins
Jan. 25 - Randy Dillingham
Jan. 25 - Francis Nyamiwa
Jan. 25 - Emma Rees
Jan. 26 - Andrew Bong
Jan. 27 - Harper Mills
Jan. 28 - Nolan Newton

YOKEFELLOW ITEM OF THE MONTH

Pork & Beans
January Goal: 30
Collected: 36

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)

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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GIVE**

Financial Records for January 18, 2026
Weekly Budget Requirement: \$8,802.94
Budget Offering: \$9,885.00

YTD Budget Received as of January 18: \$142,038.37
YTD Needed as of January 18: \$140,847.04

Annual Budget: \$457,753

Local Missions Offering on January 11, 2026: \$1,397.00

Upcoming Schedule

January

- 21 - Special Called Business Meeting | 6:15 p.m.
- 25 - Deacons Meeting | 4:45 p.m.
- 26 - Administrative Leadership Council Meeting | 6:00 p.m.

February

- 2 - Welcome Table
- 8 - Stronger Together Service 11:00 a.m. | Youth Ministry Super Bowl Party
- 9 - Welcome Table
- 11 - Church Meeting 6:15 p.m. | Children's Valentine Fundraiser 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- 18 - Ash Wednesday Service | 6:30 p.m.
- 22 - First Sunday of Lent
- 25 - The Grace of Les Miserable Lenten study begins | 6:15 p.m.

March

- 1 - Youth Lunch and Mission Project | Noon
- 14 - Church Birthday Party and Talent Show | 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- 19/20 - CBF North Carolina Annual Gathering | Hayes Barton Baptist Church, Raleigh
- 22 - Youth Trip to Top Golf
- 29 - Palm Sunday

April

- 1 - No Activities (Holy Week)
- 2 - Maundy Thursday dinner
- 3 - Good Friday Stations of the Cross
- 5 - Easter Sunday
- 13 - Welcome Table
- 20 - Welcome Table
- 25 - Day of Caring

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Pam McNeill - Organist

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