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Loving God
Loving Others



First Baptist Church
Rutherfordton

First Baptist Rutherfordton Newsletter | July 15, 2026



July 19, 2026 | 10:55 a.m.

Songs of Worship

Blessed Be the Name

In Christ Alone

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Strength is Perfect

Take My Life, Lead Me, Lord

Sermon

Summer Drive-in:

Finding God in the Movies

Stranger Than Fiction

Ephesians 2:10

Aimee Hobbs

WATCH THE SERVICE HERE

A NOTE FROM DONNA SAND

Dear Church Family,

I am writing to share with you that I will be leaving my position as Children's Minister and Administrator at First Baptist. My last day as a staff member will be July 31.

Each of you has a special place in my heart. I have been beyond blessed by this incredible church family, and I hope to continue as a member of the church.

Many of you are aware of the challenges I have faced in my personal life over the past two years, and I know that God placed me at First Baptist because of people like you. The support and love that you have poured into me and my family have been unmatched. My decision to seek other employment is simply a financial decision based on the need to better provide for Nate and me over the next few years.

Pastor Aimee and the Administrative Leadership Team will be working diligently to fill the position as soon as possible.

With much love and gratitude,
Donna

PASSPORTkids July 2026



Let's Go! Vamos!

It was an incredible week of learning, loving, and fun at PassportKids!

Our group of 5 girls and 2 chaperones spent 4 days at the Montreat Conference Center for PassportKids Camp. There we learned more about preparing for going into the world and serving for God. We want to express our great thanks to everyone who supported us through encouragement, prayers, and financially. This was a first time experience for 4 of our campers and it was definitely a highlight for all them!

FUGE CAMP



What a week - 17 students, 5 chaperones. Not a lot of sleep...but lots of fun.
More than anything, our students were challenged to reflect on their faith formation. They responded with some of the most meaningful conversations I've ever had. So much healing and growth took place last week; it's impossible to measure.

Thank you, FBCR, as always, for your prayer and support. - John

Let's Celebrate
Dot Carnegie's **95th** Birthday

Saturday, August 1
2-4 p.m.

First Baptist Church Rutherfordton
Fellowship Hall

RSVP TO
OFFICE@FBCRUTHERFORDTON.ORG

Please, no gifts. Birthday cards are appreciated.

SUMMER ADVOCACY CAMP

We are always teaching our children the ways of advocacy - be a friend; show love; share.

This summer, children will have an opportunity to learn how to be an advocate in four areas:

- Affordable Housing and Homelessness
- Hunger and Food Insecurity
- Creation Care
- Disabilities

AUGUST 3-6
9AM-3PM
RISING 3RD-6TH GRADE
\$30



Register Here!



TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

*Join us for an evening of
remembering and celebrating!*



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
RUTHERFORDTON

175TH *Anniversary* BANQUET

SATURDAY

SEPT.
26

5:30 P.M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP HALL
246 N. Main St.
Rutherfordton, NC

GET TICKETS HERE
\$10 SUGGESTED DONATION
CHILD CARE (INCLUDING
CHILDREN'S DINNER) PROVIDED
WITH RESERVATION



CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING:

OWLS FAITH NIGHT - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED | Stronger Together will have a sponsored table at the Owls Faith Night THIS SATURDAY, July 18. Our congregation is providing giveaway bags + volunteers for the table. Volunteers serve 1 hour blocks, from 4:00 p.m. to the end of the game. Contact Beth Archer if you can help volunteer for an hour (or more!).

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 **canned chicken**. 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.

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

July 19 - Belinda Camper

Charlotte Epley, Scott Carpenter

July 26 - Debbie Bumgarner

Chip & Judy Bond

WORSHIP CARE SCHEDULE

July 19 - Bob Smith, Rachel Tompkins

July 26 - Laura Hodge, Violet Nyamiwa

MEALS ON WHEELS SCHEDULE

July 17 - Belinda Camper, Penny Parker

July 31 - Janis Rosenbaum, Nell Bovender

USHERS FOR JULY

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

COLLEGE STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Will return in August

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

July 15 - Seth Parton

July 16 - April Wharton

July 17 - Terry Fountain, Sr.

July 17 - Judy Bond

July 17 - John Mellody

July 18 - Brian Keever

July 18 - Sandra Duncan

July 19 - Barbara Sappenfield

July 20 - Clyde Wilkins

July 20 - Matt Rees

July 22 - Don Simmons

YOKEFELLOW ITEM OF THE MONTH:

Canned Chicken

July Goal: 30

Collected: 12

June Collected: 35

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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through our website! Click
"Giving" at the top of our
website, or click the button
below.

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FINANCIAL UPDATE

Financial Records for July 12, 2026
Budget Offering: \$4,110
Weekly Budget Requirement: \$8,802.94

Local Missions Offering: \$1,364

YTD Budget Received as of July 12, 2026: \$338,479.03
YTD Needed as of June 28, 2026: \$360,921

Annual Budget: \$457,753

Upcoming Schedule

July

18 - Faith Night at the Owls Game
19 - Youth trip to Chimney Rock
25 - Children's trip to Skates & Stuff in Forest City

August

1 - Dot Carnegie's Birthday Party | 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
3-6 Children's Advocacy Camp
3 - Welcome Table | ALC Meeting
9 - Blessing of the Backpacks
11 - First Day of School (RCS)
19 - 2026-2027 Budget Presentation
26 - Churchwide Back to School Event | 5:30 p.m.

September

7 - Church Closed - Labor Day
8 - Women on Mission
9 - Wednesday Night Programming returns
11 - Lifeline Screening | 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
14 - Welcome Table
21 - Fellowship of Christian Women
26 - Anniversary Banquet | 5:30 p.m.
27 - 175th Anniversary Celebration Worship Service | 10:55 a.m.
27 - Stronger Together Service | 3:00 p.m.

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