



First Baptist Rutherfordton Newsletter | July 16, 2025



WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY July 20, 2025 | 10:55 a.m.

Songs of Worship

God, Our Father, We Adore Thee
He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought
Victory in Jesus
Two Wooden Beams
Lord, Here Am I
We Go in Peace

Sermon

"Hidden Figures: Jehoiada"
2 Kings 11
Aimee Hobbs

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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

First Baptist Family,

While summer is often a time for slowing down, things have been in full swing here at 246 N Main Street! As I am writing this, I can hear the echoes of small voices throughout the building as our 2nd of 3 summer day camps for children is taking place. Our youth returned from camp on Friday, helped lead us in worship on Sunday, and hosted Welcome Table on Monday! And, our senior adults will be gathering tomorrow for a shared meal and fun in our Fellowship Hall. Even during a "slower" season, there are many opportunities for you to engage in community with others.

There are a few things I want to update you on or invite you to participate in:

1. Behind the scenes, **we have made some changes in our staff responsibilities.** If you were able to attend our May Church Meeting, you heard from Mike Martin what some of our preliminary changes were upon the departure of Tina Bean. Since that meeting, the personnel subcommittee of the ALC (comprised of Claudia Waters - chair, Jessica Godfrey, and Chip Bond along with ALC Chair Mike Martin and Chair-elect Andy LaBreche) met to finalize those changes.

Garry Cuthbertson is now our Facilities Coordinator. He will continue his custodial responsibilities but will also now be the official point of contact for building and grounds repairs and needs. Coordinating repairmen, obtaining quotes, and keeping the ALC updated on property needs are things he was already helping with so this was a natural expansion of his scope of responsibilities.

Donna Sand will continue serving in her capacity as Minister of Children but will now also be responsible for some of the ministry support and administrative office work. Moving forward, she will maintain our church calendar, coordinate room requests and rentals, oversee mailings, order literature and supplies, maintain volunteer lists, etc.

If you haven't met **Debbie Ford**, our new financial secretary, I hope you have the opportunity soon. She is in the office 6-8 hours a week to record contributions, process checks and payroll, update financial records, and work alongside the ALC on financial matters of the church.

I remain grateful for our wonderful staff and all the gifts they bring our congregation!

2. You may recall that we applied for a Sacred Places grant in hopes to have not just financial assistance but also building expertise coming alongside us in the structural repairs that need to be done to our building. **Unfortunately, we were not invited to continue in the process this year.** As mentioned in our business meeting, the grant application is competitive and this year they had 319 applications. We do intend to apply again next year. The program director offers the opportunity to share feedback on applications and I have already reached out to her for suggestions and changes we should make before applying again.

While disappointing, I am hopeful that in the near future we are selected as one of their grant recipients. Thank you for your support in applying, and especially a big word of thanks to Nell Bovender for the time she spent writing the proposal.

3. On communion Sundays, we collect an offering for "Local Missions" with the intention of using those funds to help meet immediate needs in our community. Some of those funds are used on an ongoing basis to provide bags of food to distribute to neighbors who stop by the church office during the week. In addition to the food, we plan to also begin offering a bag of hygiene items. If you are interested in helping put together a "first batch" of those bags, I would love to have you join me! With a few hands at work, it should not take long. **If you want to help, plan to join me in the Fellowship Hall next Tuesday morning (July 22) at 10am.**

I pray you that you are having a wonderful week, and I look forward to being with you in worship on Sunday!

Blessings,
Aimee

**OUR YOUTH GROUP HELPED HOST
WELCOME TABLE THIS WEEK!**



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.

YOUTH CAMP 2025



Senior Summertime Social

THURSDAY, JULY 17
5:00 - 7:00 PM

Come for a great time as we enjoy many things that
summertime brings... but indoors!



We are collecting

SCHOOL SUPPLY CONTRIBUTIONS

These items will be distributed at a county-wide event on Saturday, August 2 at POPS Forest City

ITEMS NEEDED

pencils, pens
loose leaf paper, folders, binders
highlighters, crayons, glue
notebooks, erasers, rulers
scissors, composition books
colored pencils, pencil sharpeners

Bring your donations by July 27!



CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING:

RUTHERFORD COUNTY BACK 2 SCHOOL EVENT | In addition to collecting school supplies (see graphic above), the Back 2 School event also needs volunteers! Volunteers are needed to pack backpacks on August 1, set up and tear down on August 1 & 2, and help serve families during the event on August 2. Can you help? Call 828-375-9315 to sign-up or learn more!

CAN YOU HELP? | Many hands make light work is a definite truth. We who serve the youngest of our congregation need help to lighten our load and ask that you consider ways that you can help.

1. We need just 2 more volunteers to complete our **Sunday Morning Worship Care Team**. Each volunteer on the team will serve the children one Sunday from 10:50 - 12:00, every other month. Of course, when we are down team members, the time becomes more frequent.
2. Help is also needed for the remaining week of **Summer Camp**. We would love to have you join us for this outreach ministry one day or all 4 days!
3. **The Wednesday morning play group** needs adult help this summer. The play group will meet 2 more Wednesdays this summer from 9 - 1. We would love to have you join us!

For more information on any of these opportunities, reach out to **Donna**.

SUMMER MUSIC CAMP: MUSICAL INSTRUMENT FAMILIES | An introduction to instruments you've always been curious about! We are collaborating with Wild Roots Fine Arts, Symphony of Rutherford County, Rutherfordton Presbyterian Church, and First Presbyterian Forest City in hosting a summer music camp for ages 5 to adult! Camp is July 28-31 at First Presbyterian Forest City. **For more information or to register, visit [here](#)!**

YOKEFELLOW DONATIONS NEEDED | Yokefellow, one of our mission partners, is always in need of shelf-stable food items to distribute to our community. This month, they are asking for saltine crackers. If you can help, drop the donation by the church office and we'll deliver it to Yokefellow at the end of the month.

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

July 20 - Frank Jones
Jeff Archer, Daryl Camper
July 27 - Judy Bond
Chip Bond, Pam Newton

NURSERY SCHEDULE

July 20 - Bob Smith, Will/Rachel Tompkins
July 27 - Dane Heffner, Mindy Miller

MEALS ON WHEELS SCHEDULE

July 18 - Belinda Camper & Penny Parker
August 1 - Nell Bovender & Susie Kernodle

USHERS FOR JULY

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

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

July 16 - Jane Cline
July 17 - Terry Fountain, Sr.
July 17 - Judy Bond
July 17 - John Mellody
July 18 - Brian Keever
July 19 - Barbara Sappenfield
July 20 - Clyde Wilkins
July 20 - Matt Rees
July 22 - Don Simmons
July 23 - Pat Bennett

YOKEFELLOW ITEM OF THE MONTH

Saltines

July Goal: 30 Boxes
Collected: 11

**June Final: 36 of
30 boxes of Saltines**

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)

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

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FINANCIAL UPDATE

OFFERING Records for July 13, 2025
Budget Requirements: \$8,232.70
Budget Offering: \$3,843.00

YTD Received as of July 13: \$402,954.23
YTD Needed as of July 13: \$356,750.00
Annual Budget: \$428,100.00

An anonymous donation was made to the Scholarship Fund in memory of Jerry Farmer.

Upcoming Schedule

July

14-17 - Children's Ministry Science Day Camp | 9 a.m. to Noon
17 - Senior Summertime Social | 5 p.m.
21 - ALC Meeting | 6 p.m.
22 - Hygiene Kit Assembly | 10 a.m.
23 - Kid's Play Group | 9 a.m.
27 - Youth Lunch and Photo Scavenger Hunt | Noon
28-31 - Summer Music Camp (offsite)
30 - Kid's Play Group | 9 a.m.

August

2 - Community Back 2 School Bash in Forest City
3 - Deacons Meeting | 4:45 p.m.
4-7 - Children's Ministry Travelers Day Camp | 9 a.m. to Noon
10 - Blessing of the Backpacks & Children's Bible Presentation
11 - Welcome Table
12 - Women on Mission | 3 p.m.
14 - Senior Adult Lunch (offsite)
18 - Fellowship of Christian Women | 2 p.m.
18 - ALC Meeting | 6 p.m.
19 - Life Line Screening Day | 9 a.m.

September

1 - Church Office Closed for Labor Day
3 - Mid-Week Dinner & Gatherings Kick-Off | 5:30 p.m.
5 - FAB
7 - Illuminate (Youth Group) Kicks-Off | 4 - 7 p.m.
8 - Welcome Table
15 - ALC Meeting | 6 p.m.

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