

Celebrating 175 Years of
Loving God
Loving Others



First Baptist Church
Rutherfordton

First Baptist Rutherfordton Newsletter | July 1, 2026



July 5, 2026 | 10:55 a.m.

Songs of Worship

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

We Walk by Faith

Sunshine in My Soul/Sunlight

One Bread, One Body

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Communion

As is our practice on communion Sundays, we will also be collecting a local mission offering at the close of worship.

Sermon

"Summer Drive-In: Soul"

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11

Aimee Hobbs

WATCH THE SERVICE HERE

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR



On Sunday in worship, three of our staff members were recognized for milestone anniversaries on our church staff! This year, Alison Moore celebrates 10 years as our Church Pianist; John Miller celebrates 10 years as our Minister of Youth; and Garry Cuthbertson celebrates 15 years as our Building Coordinator. If you were not able to be there on Sunday, I encourage you to reach out to each of them and thank them for their good work and dedication. Truly, we are blessed with wonderful staff!

On Sunday, we'll continue our summer sermon series around Finding God in the Movies with Pixar's "Soul." We'll also share communion and have a time of blessing for our children and youth that are heading off to camp on Monday morning!

Here is the list of upcoming sermon series films:

Sermon Series Upcoming Movies

July 5: Soul (PG)

July 19: Stranger Than Fiction (PG-13)

July 26: The Straight Story (G)

August 2: The Sheep Detectives (PG)

I hope to see you in worship on Sunday!

Blessings,
Aimee



Catawba Science Center
Hickory, N.C.



JUST TWO SPOTS REMAIN!

**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!**



175TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET - SAVE THE DATE!

*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 on 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!).

WELCOME TABLE | We are hosting Welcome Table on July 13. Volunteers and desserts are always needed! Can you help? Contact Nell for more information.

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

SUBMIT A PRAYER REQUEST

PRAYER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

July 5 - Jane Simpson

Daryl Camper, John Blanton

July 12 - Ben Moore

Nell Bovender, Laura Hodge

WORSHIP CARE SCHEDULE

July 5 - Dane Heffner, Mindy Miller

July 12 - Lori Herrick, Jessica Godfrey

MEALS ON WHEELS SCHEDULE

July 3 - Holiday, no delivery

July 17 - Belinda Camper, Penny Parker

July 31 - Janis Rosenbaum, Nell Bovender

USHERS FOR JULY

Todd Hodge (Coordinator), Steve Barnes, Andy

LaBreche, Bob Smith

COLLEGE STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Hayden Walker

Graduate Student at UNC Charlotte

Contact the **office** if you would like contact information for our college students

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

July 1 - Glen Dale Bass

July 1 - Henry Jones

July 2 - Gayle Youngblood

July 2 - Sheri Adams

July 4 - Bob Smith

July 6 - Darrell Bumgarner

July 6 - Carson Kay

July 6 - Dale Heffner

July 6 - Dane Heffner

YOKEFELLOW ITEM OF THE MONTH:

Canned Chicken

June Goal: 30

Collected: 34

May Collected: 37

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)

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

CLICK HERE TO GIVE

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Financial Records for June 28, 2026

Budget Offering: \$7,416.00

Weekly Budget Requirement: \$8,802.94

YTD Budget Received as of June 28, 2026: \$331,169.03

YTD Needed as of June 28, 2026: \$343,314.66

Annual Budget: \$457,753

Upcoming Schedule

July

- 1 - Senior Adult America 250 Dinner | 5:00 p.m.
- 5 - Communion Sunday
- 6-10 - Youth FUGE Camp
- 6-9 - Passport Kids Camp
- 12 - Youth and Child-Led Worship
- 13 - Welcome Table
- 16 - Children's trip to Forest City Splash Pad | 1:00 p.m.
- 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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