



First Baptist Rutherfordton Newsletter | July 23, 2025



WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY July 27, 2025 | 10:55 a.m.

Songs of Worship

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
Jesus Is All the World to Me
You Are My All in All
Open My Eyes, That I May See
My Tribute*

Sermon

"Hidden Figures: Tabitha"

Acts 9:32-42

Aimee Hobbs

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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

First Baptist Family,

We are still weeks out from completing our ballot of nominations for both Deacon Council and the Administrative Leadership Council but now is the time to begin praying about this process. As you do so, I want to offer up some things to consider.

As part of our year-long Thriving Churches emphasis, we explored traits of thriving churches. One of those six traits is **Cultivating Leaders**. While leadership within a church can take on various forms, the two most visible and multi-faceted ways someone can lead within our congregation is by serving as a Deacon or member of the ALC. Over the next few weeks, I invite you to join with me in discerning who among us may be relatively new to our

congregation, or has not yet served in a leadership role, but would have good gifts to offer the church by serving. ***Can we use this nomination process to cultivate some new leaders among us?***

In addition, our bylaws lay out the scope of responsibilities these two groups hold but first and foremost, it states that each member of leadership "...considered for election should value, follow and adhere to the Church Covenant stated in Article III of this Constitution."

As you read through our Church Covenant, who comes to mind as someone who embodies and represents these values?

That we will walk together in love as brothers and sisters,

That we will exercise concern and watchfulness over each other,

That we will remember each other in prayer,

That we will participate in each other's joys, and endeavor with tenderness and sympathy to bear each other's burdens and sorrow,

That we will strive earnestly for Christian fulfillment within our homes,

That we will seek through faithful example so to live that others will be drawn to our Savior and Lord,

That we will strive for moral standards that reflect the example of Christ,

That we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for worship,

That we will give regularly of our means to support a faithful ministry in our community, one that extends to the distant places of the earth,

And that through all our days we will seek to live to the glory of God.

As you begin to pray about who to nominate, please also mark your calendar with the dates for leadership election and the budget process:

Wednesday, August 27 - Budget presentation & nomination ballots available

Sunday, September 7 - Churchwide vote on budget & nomination ballots due

Sunday, September 21 - Churchwide vote on leadership (Deacon Council & ALC)

Don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, or would like more information on our voting process.

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

Blessings,
Aimee

**SCHOOL SUPPLY CONTRIBUTIONS
ARE DUE ON SUNDAY!**

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!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DOT CARNEGIE!



Let's give a "shout-out" to another Noble Nonagenarian, Dorothy Carnegie, who will be celebrating her 94th birthday on Monday, July 28! Dot began her college education at Mars Hill College, when it was a two-year college, and graduated from Queens College in Charlotte. She then taught 1st graders in Charlotte for almost forty years.

Some of us remember Dot and her mother teaching our three-year-olds with great joy in Sunday School as well as Vacation Bible School. Then Dot turned her enthusiasm to scheduling activities for our older members, the JOY Group. She had a knack for topping off the trips with the finest dining! She also spent many years enriching our church choir with her soprano voice.

In addition to the contributions to our church life, Dot has been very active with civic duties, volunteering in the Hospital Auxiliary until it was disbanded and often providing meals for close neighbors or others in need.

Dot, we wish you could share your energy with us, but we'll just wish you a very happy birthday!

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, PATSY JONES!



Noble Nonagenarian Patsy Jones will be celebrating her 91st birthday on Tuesday, July 29th. Patsy and her late husband, Bob, were blessed with two children, Alan and Alana, who have been reunited with their father in God's loving arms.

Patsy studied sociology at UNC Greensboro and then accepted a position in the Department of Social Services. However, she later found her true calling in serving children as a teacher's assistant for Rutherfordton Elementary School, a position she held for twenty years, working with special education students.

Patsy personifies a genteel lady who has always been very gracious and kind to everyone, blessing us with her beautiful smile. She now resides at Holly Springs Senior Citizens

Home.

Happy 91st birthday from all of us, Patsy!

Implosion, Explosion & Chain Reaction Camp



Puppies



Volcanos



Marble Mazes



Icees



Tye-Dye



Lemon-candies



Hot Air Balloons



Fizz



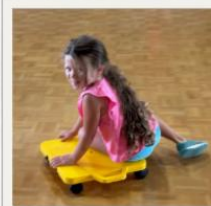
Puff Paint



Exploding Bags



Lava Lamps



Scoters

Travelers' Camp

Kids' Summer Camp | Ages 4 years - completed 4th grade

4-7
AUGUST
9 am - Noon

FEE
\$50
REGISTER

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CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING:

YOUTH SCAVENGER HUNT - RESCHEDULED | The youth scavenger hunt has been rescheduled for August 3 immediately following worship! Youth wanting to attend need to let John know and plan to bring money for lunch at Mi Pubs and ice cream at Main Street Coffee and Ice Cream.

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**.

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 27 - Judy Bond

Chip Bond, Pam Newton

August 3 - Beth Archer

Mike Stephenson, Gayle Youngblood

NURSERY SCHEDULE

July 27 - Dane Heffner, Mindy Miller

August 3 - Hannah Onyango, Nell Bovender

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

July 23 - Pat Bennett

July 24 - Thomas Harrill

July 24 - Kerri Beasley

July 27 - Ben Jones

July 28 - Dorothy Carnegie

July 28 - Jessica McGinnis Enloe

July 28 - Madison Roberts

July 29 - Pat Jones

July 29 - Jack Clements

MEALS ON WHEELS SCHEDULE

August 1 - Nell Bovender & Susie Kernodle

August 15 - Mike & Susan Martin

August 29 - Gayle Youngblood &
Meryl Lawrence

July 30 - Winston Marsh

YOKEFELLOW ITEM OF THE MONTH

Saltines

USHERS FOR JULY

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

July Goal: 30 Boxes

Collected: 20

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)

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

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FINANCIAL UPDATE

OFFERING Records for July 20, 2025
Budget Requirements: \$8,232.70
Budget Offering: \$4,516.00

YTD Received as of July 20: \$374,957.52
YTD Needed as of July 31: \$356,750.00
Annual Budget: \$437,828.20

Upcoming Schedule

July

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 - Communion Sunday | Deacons Meeting 4:45 p.m.
3 - Youth Lunch and Photo Scavenger Hunt | Noon
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.
27 - Budget Presentation and Discussion | 6 p.m.

September

1 - Church Office Closed for Labor Day
3 - Mid-Week Dinner & Gatherings Kick-Off | 5:30 p.m.
5 - FAB
7 - Communion Sunday | Special Called Business Meeting (Budget Vote) & Leadership Nominations Due
7 - Illuminate (Youth Group) Kicks-Off | 4 - 7 p.m.
8 - Welcome Table
9 - Women on Mission
15 - ALC Meeting | 6 p.m.
21 - Special Called Business Meeting (Leadership Vote)

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