



## First Baptist Rutherfordton Newsletter | July 30, 2025



### WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY August 3, 2025 | 10:55 a.m.

#### Songs of Worship

*We Will Give You Praise Unending  
We Will Glorify  
Lead Me, Guide Me  
At the Cross  
You Are My All in All  
Let Us Break Bread Together  
Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross  
Blest Be the Tie*

#### Communion

*As is our practice on communion Sundays, we will also be collecting a local mission offering at the close of worship. Please read the note below to see how this offering will be different this month.*

#### Sermon

*"Hidden Figures: Shiphrah & Puah"  
Exodus 1:8-22  
Aimee Hobbs*

[WATCH THE SERVICE HERE](#)

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### A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Church Family,

On Communion Sundays, we give you an opportunity to contribute to our "local missions"

fund. This fund is used to provide bags of food and hygiene items for our neighbors, as well as help with immediate needs of those in our community. Thanks to your continued generosity, our fund is in a good place.

This Sunday, instead of collecting contributions to our fund, we want to extend the scope of our impact by giving the local missions offering directly to one of our local mission partners. This month, our partner is **Blue Ridge Hope**. Blue Ridge Hope is a local non-profit that provides mental health services to those in our area on a sliding scale. Over the last year, the need for affordable counseling has increased dramatically and they work to secure grants and private donations to offset the cost for those without the ability to pay. Along with mental health services, Blue Ridge Hope also provides an after school program for middle school and high school students in our community. In addition to being one of our neighbors and mission partners, a couple of our church members work for Blue Ridge Hope!

At the close of worship, our deacons will collect the local missions offering at the doors like we typically do but instead, all those offerings will be sent directly to Blue Ridge Hope. If you prefer to contribute by check, you may still make it out to First Baptist Church as we will send one check to Blue Ridge Hope.

Thank you for your continued generosity in not only supporting the ministry and mission of First Baptist Church but also our local missions ministry.

On Sunday, we will finish our summer sermon series with the story of Shiprah & Puah - two courageous conspirators! If you are in town, I hope you'll join us for worship!

Blessings,  
Aimee

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## NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 10!

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.**

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## CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING:

**SENIOR ADULTS EAT OUT IN RUTHERFORDTON** | On Thursday, August 14 at 11:30

a.m. the Senior Adults will meet at The Parcel Exchange for lunch! This restaurant is one of our newest restaurants in downtown Rutherfordton. If you haven't eaten there yet, now is your chance to try this great new restaurant! It has great food and a wonderful atmosphere. Cost will be what you order and entrees average between \$15-\$25. A sign-up sheet is located in the Welcome Center and the deadline to sign up is Tuesday, August 12. Let's support our local economy and have a great time together!

**YOUTH SCAVENGER HUNT THIS SUNDAY** | The youth will gather after church on Sunday for lunch followed by a scavenger hunt! Those wanting to attend need to let John know and bring money for lunch at Mi Pubs and ice cream at Main Street Coffee and Ice Cream.

**UPCOMING BUSINESS MEETINGS** | It's almost time to vote on our 2025-2026 budget and leadership. Mark your calendar for the following meetings; online ballots will also be made available if you are unable to attend:

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)

**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 - which is next week!** We would love to have you join us for this outreach ministry one day or all 4 days!

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

**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

**August 3** - Beth Archer

Mike Stephenson, Gayle Youngblood

**August 10** - Dale Heffner

### BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

July 30 - Winston Marsh

July 31 - Berry Freeman

August 1 - Julie McGinnis

Daryl Camper, John Blanton

### **NURSERY SCHEDULE**

**August 3** - Hannah Onyango, Nell Bovender

**August 10** - Lori Herrick,  
Chuck/Jessica Godfrey

### **MEALS ON WHEELS SCHEDULE**

**August 15** - Mike & Susan Martin

**August 29** - Gayle Youngblood &  
Meryl Lawrence

### **USHERS FOR AUGUST**

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

August 1 - Time Smith

August 1 - Amy Revis

August 1 - Alan Marshall

August 4 - Griggs McKinnon

August 4 - Lauren Sappenfield Mills

August 4 - Ellie Tompkins

August 5 - Nate LaBreche

August 6 - Peter Moore

### **YOKEFELLOW ITEM OF THE MONTH**

Saltines

**July Goal:** 30 Boxes

Collected: 30

## **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 27, 2025  
Budget Requirements: \$8,232.70  
Budget Offering: \$9,032.92

YTD Received as of July 20: \$384,423.69  
YTD Needed as of July 31: \$356,750.00  
Annual Budget: \$437,828.20

## **Upcoming Schedule**

### **August**

2 - Community Back 2 School Bash in Forest City  
3 - Communion Sunday | Youth Lunch/Event | Deacons Meeting  
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) | 11:30 a.m.  
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 | Illuminate (Youth Group) Kicks-Off  
8 - Welcome Table  
9 - Women on Mission 3 p.m. | Adult Handbell Rehearsals resume  
15 - ALC Meeting | 6 p.m.  
21 - Special Called Business Meeting

## October

5 - Churchwide Picnic at Kiwanis Park

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