

Celebrating 175 Years of
Loving God
Loving Others



First Baptist Church
Rutherfordton

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June 14, 2026 | 10:55 a.m.

Songs of Worship

As the Deer

We All Are One in Mission

Father Forgive Us

Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire

They'll Know We Are Christians

Sermon

"Summer Drive-In: A Man Called Ove "

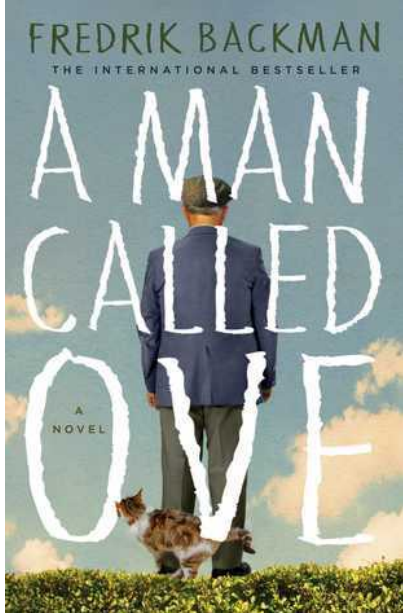
Matthew 5:43-48; John 13:34-35

Beth Heffner

WATCH THE SERVICE HERE

A NOTE FROM OUR MINISTER OF MUSIC AND SENIOR ADULTS

This Sunday we will continue our summer sermon series – Summer Drive-In: Finding God in the Movies – with the movie, A Man Called Ove. The movie is an adaptation of a book with the same title and written by Fredrik Backman. This Swedish film became a highly acclaimed film adaptation and like last week's sermon-based movie, Babette's Feast, it has closed captioning. Many of you have probably watched the American adaptation of the film and book, A Man Called Otto, with Tom Hanks in the leading role and with the setting of the movie in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. If you would like to see the film A Man Called Ove in its entirety before you hear the message, it's available on both Netflix and Amazon Prime. Several



of you may prefer reading the book instead. *Disclaimer: The movie has some mild bad language and deals with suicide.*

What does the movie have to do with theological truths? What can we glean as Christians from this movie? We can learn how we as Christians need to look beyond the outer appearance and behavior of someone and love them anyway. We'll be using Matthew 5:43-48 and John 13:34-35 as our scripture.

Our pastor, Aimee, will be out of town to attend the CBF National General Assembly in Jacksonville, Florida this weekend so let's pray for her and come together in worship this Sunday!

Beth Heffner

Here are some of the upcoming films:

June 14: A Man Named Ove (PG-13)

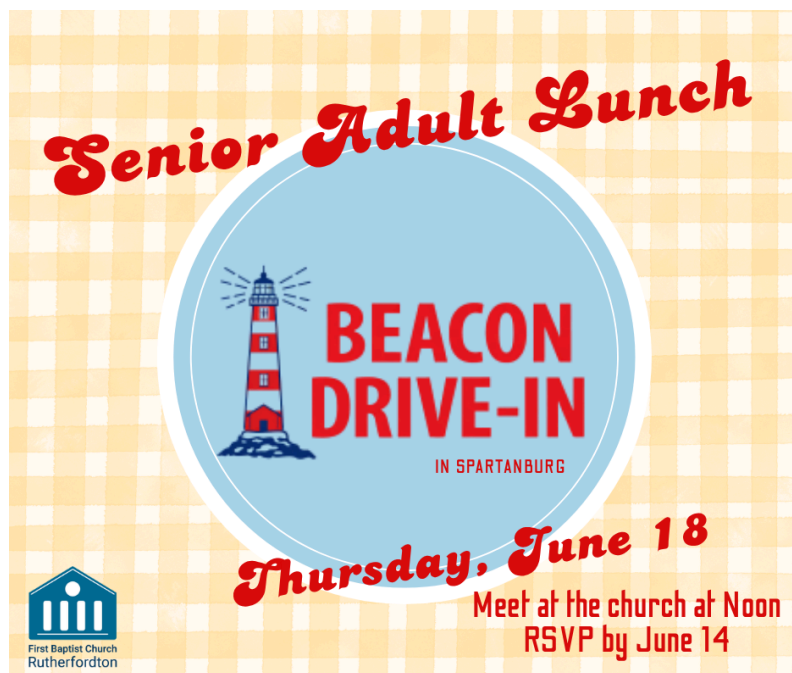
June 21: Up (PG)

June 28: Lars and the Real Girl (PG-13)

July 5: Soul (PG)

July 19: Stranger Than Fiction (PG-13)

July 26: The Straight Story (G)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, V.O. CLINE!

Let's give a shout-out to Dr. V.O. Cline, a Noble Nonagenarian who will be celebrating his 94th birthday on Friday, June 12th! V.O. and his late wife, Jane, have a daughter and twin sons, four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.



After serving in the U.S. Army as a lieutenant, V.O. graduated from N.C. State University and the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine. He then established the Rutherford Veterinary Hospital where he often made our pets feel better and at times even saved their lives during his practice of almost fifty years.

We thank V.O. for the times he served FBCR as a deacon and the committee work he did through the years since joining in 1958. Happy birthday to our pet whisperer, V.O. Cline!



Last week, after a fantastic semester talking about the book "*Better Ways to Read the Bible*," our group from Open Minds on Main decided to celebrate by having a meal together. Special thank you to Main St Market for catering our meal!





THANK YOU, FIRST BAPTIST

Dear First Baptist Church,

We are so thankful for your financial gift to continue to help families get back in their home from Hurricane Helene. We will continue to do work in Rutherford County for a long time. May God bless you, the people who gave, and also the church for the vision!

Jay Baughum
Baptists on Mission

CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING:

SUMMER ADVOCACY CAMP FOR KIDS | This summer, children in rising 3rd-6th grade are invited to an opportunity to learn how to be an advocate in 4 areas: affordable housing and homelessness; hunger and food insecurity; creation care; and disabilities. Camp is August 3-6, from 9am-3pm, and \$30/camper. Space is limited! **Register here.**

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



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PRAYER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

June 14 - Dale Heffner

Andy & Pam LaBreche

June 21 - Beth Archer

Gayle Youngblood, Mike Stephenson

WORSHIP CARE SCHEDULE

June 14 - Nell Bovender, Susan Martin

June 21 - Laura Hodge, Belinda Camper

MEALS ON WHEELS SCHEDULE

June 19 - Sharon Scruggs &

Camille Wheeler

USHERS FOR JUNE

Todd Hodge (Coordinator),

Jeff Archer, Bud Grissom, Don Ledbetter, Susan Martin

COLLEGE STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Jesse Kline

Freshman at Isothermal Community College

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

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

June 10 - Lib Page

June 10 - J.T. Waters

June 12 - V.O. Cline

June 12 - JoAnn Calimer

June 12 - Hannah Onyango

June 13 - Frank Jones

June 13 - Lydia McMahan

June 13 - Casey Creswell

June 14 - Jackie Wallace

June 15 - Phillip Archer

June 15 - Evan Revis

June 15 - Makenzie Carson

June 15 - Becca Bond

June 16 - Bill Morris

June 16 - Kim Melton

June 16 - Bentley Bryant

June 16 - Misty Chapman

YOKEFELLOW ITEM

OF THE MONTH:

Canned Chicken

June Goal: 30

Collected: 16

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)

Administrative Leadership Council

Andy LaBreche - Chair (2027)

Chip Bond - Vice-Chair (2027)

Jessica Godfrey - Secretary/Church Clerk (2026)

Faith Archer (2026)

Jane Simpson (2027)
Frank Jones (2027)
Ben Moore (2028)
Penny Parker (2028)
Belinda Camper (2028)

Kurt Parker (2026)
Gayle Youngblood (2027)
Laura Hodge (2028)
Carolyn Keever (2028)
Mike Stephenson (2028)

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FINANCIAL UPDATE

Financial Records for June 7, 2026
Budget Offering: \$4,138.00
Weekly Budget Requirement: \$8,802.94

Local Missions Offering (received June 7): \$2,483

YTD Budget Received as of June 7, 2026: \$313,404.66
YTD Needed as of June 7, 2026: \$316,905.18

Annual Budget: \$457,753

Upcoming Schedule

June

14 - Youth/Children Water Olympics | 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
17-19 - CBF Annual Gathering (Jacksonville, Florida)
18 - Senior Adult trip to The Beacon | Noon
25 - Children's trip to Catawba Science Museum | 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
26 - Duck Dash and Movie in the Park | 7:00 p.m.
28 - Deacons Meeting | 4:45 p.m.
29 - Welcome Table

July

1 - Senior Adult Dinner | 5:00 p.m.
4 - America 250 Event at Kiwanis Park
6-10 - Youth FUGE Camp
6-9 - Passport Kids Camp
12 - Youth and Children Led Worship
13 - Welcome Table
16 - Children's trip to Forest City Splash Pad | 1:00 p.m.
19 - Youth trip to Chimney Rock
25 - Children's trip to Skates & Stuff in Forest City

August

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.

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