



First Baptist Rutherfordton Newsletter | June 24, 2026



June 28, 2026 | 10:55 a.m.

Songs of Worship

Majesty

We Are Travelers on a Journey

Who is My Mother, Who is My Brother

He Hideth My Soul

Let Your Heart Be Broken

The Bond of Love

Sermon

"Summer Drive-In: Lars and the Real Girl"

Romans 13:8-10, 15:1-6

Aimee Hobbs

WATCH THE SERVICE HERE

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Last week, I had the honor of representing our congregation at the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly in Jacksonville, Florida. This annual gathering is 3 days of worship, business sessions, workshops, meals, and more.

This year, in the business portion of the gathering, I was confirmed as Chair-Elect of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Nominating Committee. This committee selects all members of the governance bodies along with the Moderator. I also had the joy of leading in worship by



reading scripture (pictured). It's always a delight to have our church name highlighted, and to have opportunities to tell the story of the good work happening here at 246 North Main Street.

CBF General Assembly moves locations each year and is open for all who are interested in connecting with our broader Baptist family.

Next year, the gathering will be in Dallas, Texas and word on the street is that it'll be back in North Carolina in 2028. I would love to have more of you attend in future years if your schedule allowed.

This Sunday, we're continuing our sermon series around Finding God in the Movies with "Lars and the Real Girl." This film is a moving story of radical love and acceptance within a community.

Here is the list of upcoming sermon series films:

Sermon Series Upcoming Movies

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)

I hope to see you in worship on Sunday!

Blessings,
Aimee





175TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET - SAVE THE DATE!

Join us for an evening of remembering and celebrating!



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
RUTHERFORDTON

175TH
Anniversary
BANQUET

SATURDAY  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 June 29 and July 13. Volunteers and desserts are always needed! Can you help? Contact Nell for more information.

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



[CURRENT PRAYER LIST](#)

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PRAYER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

June 28 - Lori Herrick

Jeff Archer

July 5 - Jane Simpson

Daryl Camper, John Blanton

WORSHIP CARE SCHEDULE

June 28 - Penny Parker, Will Tompkins

July 5 - Dane Heffner, Mindy Miller

MEALS ON WHEELS SCHEDULE

July 3 - Holiday, no delivery

July 17 - Belinda Camper, Penny Parker

July 31 - Janis Rosenbaum, Nell Bovender

USHERS FOR JUNE

Todd Hodge (Coordinator),

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

June 25 - Kayleigh Bond

June 26 - Sawyer Tompkins

June 26 - Patia Mode

June 27 - Jeffrey Parker

June 27 - Andy LaBreche

June 29 - Grace McKinnon

June 29 - Pennie Peplinski

July 1 - Glen Dale Bass

July 1 - Henry Jones

YOKEFELLOW ITEM OF THE MONTH:

Canned Chicken

June Goal: 30

Collected: 25

COLLEGE STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Grier Hodge

Graduate Student at Appalachian State University

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

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)

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below.

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FINANCIAL UPDATE

Financial Records for June 21, 2026
Budget Offering: \$5,715.37
Weekly Budget Requirement: \$8,802.94

YTD Budget Received as of June 21, 2026: \$323,753.03
YTD Needed as of June 21, 2026: \$334,511.72

Annual Budget: \$457,753

A donation was made in loving memory of Willis Archer by
Camille Wheeler and Jane Ford.

A donation to the van fund was made in loving memory of Wayne
Harris by Camille Wheeler.

Upcoming Schedule

June

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.
29 - Welcome Table

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.

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