

Celebrating 175 Years of
Loving God
Loving Others



First Baptist Church
Rutherfordton

First Baptist Rutherfordton Newsletter | June 3, 2026



June 7, 2026 | 10:55 a.m.

Songs of Worship

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Redeemed

I Love the Lord

Glory Time

Softly and Tenderly

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: Babette's Feast"

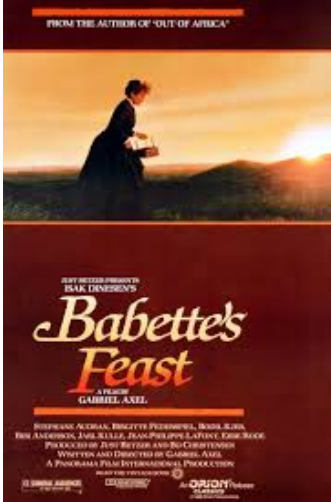
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Aimee Hobbs

WATCH THE SERVICE HERE

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

On Sunday, we will launch our summer sermon series - Summer Drive-In: Finding God in the Movies. This week's movie is a beautiful story of grace and the abundant blessings that have been freely extended to us by God. Through this moving film, we'll look at the Parable of the Lost Son and then lead into sharing communion together.



Babette's Feast may be unfamiliar, but if you have the opportunity I would encourage you to watch it this week. It's streaming on HBO Max or can be rented on platforms like Apple and Amazon. This film, which is often described as a metaphor for the Eucharist, is rich in spiritual themes and will linger long after the credits roll.

Each Sunday this summer, we'll use a movie to illustrate God's story in scripture. Why movies? Because stories have power, and few things capture the power of story better than a good movie. One quick glance through the Gospels reminds us how many times Jesus used parables (stories) to help people better understand the grace and hope of God.

While the sermons do not require you to know anything about the movie, it may enrich your interaction with the scripture if you have watched the movie in advance. Here are some of the upcoming films:

- June 7: Babette's Feast (G)
- 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)

I look forward to our time together on Sunday!
Aimee

OUR NEW VAN IS HERE!

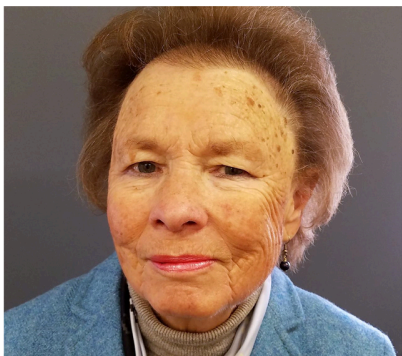


It's here!

With grateful hearts, we are excited to show off the new church van! Thank you to everyone who contributed to make this dream possible through contributions and prayers.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LIB PAGE!



Happy birthday to one of our Noble Nonagenarians, Elizabeth “Lib” Page, who will be celebrating her birthday on Wednesday, June 10. Lib is now living in Salisbury, NC where she enjoys visits from her son, daughter, three grandchildren, and other family members.

Lib graduated from Wake Forest University and enjoyed teaching in the adult education department at ICC. Lib also shared her faith and warm personality while teaching children in Sunday School at FBCR. Lib’s love of music was displayed by her longtime membership in both the adult choir and First

Ringers Handbell Choir.

We lovingly send you our sincere birthday wishes, Lib!

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

The First Baptist General Scholarship is awarded to any college student at any college or university, and the monies for this scholarship come from our church budget.

On Sunday in worship, the following students were awarded scholarships for 2026:

2026 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

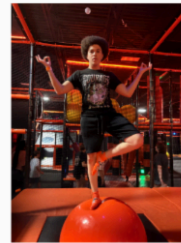
Luke Archer
Boone Hodge
Jackson Knox
Jada Knox
Hannah Onyango

GRADUATE SUNDAY 2026





BIG AIR TRAMPOLINE PARK



FBC-Rutherfordton
Youth Ministry

THANK YOU, FIRST BAPTIST

Dear First Baptist Church,

Thank you for advancing the ministry of Mesa Global through your financial contributions. We are grateful for your support which enables our global workers and partners to make Christ known in over 50 nations. We focus on equipping leaders for the ministries of the church, believing that the church is God's main instrument for bringing the good news of Christ to the world.

Sincerely in Christ,
Dr. John G. Bernard
President
Mesa Global

CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING:

SENIOR ADULT TRIP TO THE BEACON | Senior adults are invited to lunch at The Beacon (in Spartanburg) on Thursday, June 18. We'll meet at the church at Noon to travel together. Sign-up in the Welcome Center or contact Beth in the church office.

YOUTH POOL PARTY THIS SUNDAY | The youth pool party is this Sunday from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the home of Kurt and Penny Parker. Questions? Contact John in the church office.

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.**

ICE CREAM AND PLAY | Families are invited to join us at Kiwanis Park on Friday, June 5, at 6pm to make ice cream sundaes and play. Questions or want more information? Reach out to **Donna**.

GEM MINING AT THERMAL CITY | Children and their adult companions are invited to ride the new church van on our first summer field trip to the gem mine on Wednesday, June 10. We will leave the church at 10 a.m. and return around noon. Register by contacting **Donna** or by signing up in the Welcome Center. We are limited to 12 seats in the van. Families can also follow us to the mine!

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

June 7 - Penny Parker
Terry Honeycutt

June 14 - Dale Heffner
Andy & Pam LaBreche

WORSHIP CARE SCHEDULE

June 7 - Laura Hodge, Violet Nyamiwa
June 14 - Nell Bovender, Susan Martin

MEALS ON WHEELS SCHEDULE

June 5 - Gayle Youngblood &
Meryl Lawrence

June 19 - Sharon Scruggs &
Camille Wheeler

USHERS FOR JUNE

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

June 3 - Meryl Lawrence

June 3 - Karen Whittman

June 4 - Laura Carpenter

June 4 - Todd Hodge

June 6 - Susan Outen

June 7 - Mark Cline

June 7 - Violet Peplinski

June 10 - Lib Page

June 10 - J.T. Waters

**YOKEFELLOW ITEM
OF THE MONTH:
Canned Chicken**

June Goal: 30

Todd Hodge (Coordinator),
Jeff Archer, Bud Grissom, Don Ledbetter, Susan
Martin

Collected: 0

May Collected: 32

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

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

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GIVE**

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Financial Records for May 31, 2026
Budget Offering: \$6,569.00
Weekly Budget Requirement: \$8,802.94

YTD Budget Received as of May 31, 2026: \$311,453.66
YTD Needed as of May 31, 2026: \$308,102.90

Annual Budget: \$457,753

Upcoming Schedule

June

5 - Family Ice Cream and Playdate at Kiwanis Park | 6:00 p.m.
7 - Youth Pool Party | 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
8 - Welcome Table
10 - Children's trip to Thermal City Gold Mine | 10:00 a.m. - Noon
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
26 - Duck Dash and Movie in the Park | 7:00 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
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
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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