

Celebrating 175 Years of
Loving God
Loving Others



First Baptist Church
Rutherfordton

First Baptist Rutherfordton Newsletter | March 18, 2026



Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 22, 2026 | 10:55 a.m.

Songs of Worship

All Creatures Of Our God and King
Forgive our Sins as We Forgive
Love Your Neighbor and Forgive
One Song in Praise
Let Truth and Mercy Find Here

Sermon

"Teach Me"
Matthew 18:15-22
Aimee Hobbs

[WATCH THE SERVICE HERE](#)

Community Lenten Services

Join us each Wednesday of Lent for a short service and simple (free) lunch. All services begin at Noon; no RSVP necessary.

Feb 25

Location: Advent Lutheran Church, Spindale

Speaker: Lance Smith, pastor of First Presbyterian Forest City

March 4

Location: Rutherfordton Presbyterian

Speaker: C. Pierson Shaw, pastor of Advent Lutheran Church

March 11

Location: First United Methodist Rutherfordton

Speaker: Stencil Quarels, pastor of Union Grove Missionary

March 18

Location: First Baptist Church Rutherfordton

Speaker: Henry Kerns, pastor of Gold Hill Missionary Baptist

March 25

Location: New Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Spindale

Speaker: Larry Gregg, pastor of First Baptist Church Spindale

Hosted by the Rutherford Ministerial Alliance

CHURCHWIDE BIRTHDAY PARTY & TALENT SHOW



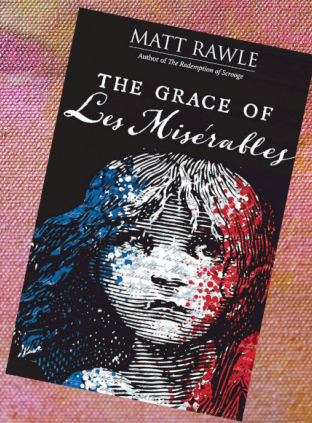
Thank you to
Cathy Smith, Jr.
Dana Smith - 2019
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THE GRACE OF
Les Misérables
LENTEN STUDY

Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m.
February 25 - March 25



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Join us tonight for dinner! On the menu is Sloppy Joes, Corn on the Cob, Tater Tots (\$8/adult, \$5 children, \$20 family max).

5:30 p.m. Dinner

6:00 p.m. Children's Programming - Difference Makers and Children's Choirs

6:15 p.m. The Grace of Les Misérables Lenten Study (meets in the conference room)

6:30 p.m. Open Minds on Main (meets at Main Street Coffee and Ice Cream)

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

THIS SATURDAY MORNING!

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

10:00 A.M.

MEET AT BILLY'S SWING!



WEAR YOUR CHURCH T-SHIRT!

EASTER

EGG HUNT 2026

MARCH 28 | 11 A.M.

COLLECTING EGGS & FILLERS UNTIL MARCH 22



Easter SCHEDULE

March 28 11:00 a.m.	EASTER EGG HUNT
March 29 10:55 a.m.	PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP
April 2 5:30 p.m.	MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER & COMMUNION
April 3 All Day/5:00 p.m.	GOOD FRIDAY INTERACTIVE STATIONS OF PETER
April 5 7:00 a.m.	EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE & BREAKFAST RUTHERFORDTON CEMETERY/ST. FRANCIS EPISCOPAL
April 5 10:55 a.m.	EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

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Maundy Thursday

Dinner and Communion

THURSDAY, APRIL 2 | 5:30 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

AN OFFERING FOR CBF GLOBAL
MISSIONS WILL BE COLLECTED



RSVP



GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF PETER

APRIL 3

SELF-GUIDED STATIONS FROM
9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.
GROUP EXPERIENCE
5:30 P.M.

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Interested in placing an Easter Lily in honor or memory of someone?

Plants are \$18/each and can be ordered by returning an order form & payment to the church office by Sunday, March 29.

The lilies will be displayed on Easter Sunday along with a list of names in the order of worship.

CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING:

CHURCH T-SHIRTS | Church t-shirts have been restocked in both colors! Shirts are \$15 and come in youth and adult sizes. We hope you'll reach for yours when running errands, traveling, or volunteering alongside fellow church members. Matter of fact, we'll wear ours on Saturday morning!

SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING | We will hold a special called business meeting on Wednesday, March 25 at 6:15 p.m. in the Conference Room to vote on the purchase of a new church van and the hiring of a new church organist.

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 pork & beans. Cans can be either the small or regular size. 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.

SPINDALE ELEMENTARY BACKPACK COLLECTING | During the school year, we collect breakfast items for Spindale Elementary's Backpack Program. Individuals or groups can drop off items such as breakfast bars and Pop-Tarts in the church office or at the Sanctuary doors. We deliver them to the school on a monthly basis.

PRAAYER 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

Mar. 22 -Debbie Bumgarner
Nell Bovender, Jeff Archer
Mar. 29 - Penny Ann Parker
Chip Bond, Judy Bond

WORSHIP CARE SCHEDULE

Mar. 22 - Dane Heffner, Mindy Miller
Mar. 29 - Jessica Godfrey,

MEALS ON WHEELS SCHEDULE

Mar. 20 - Griggs & Debbie McKinnon

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

Mar. 19 - Macie Beheler
Mar. 20 - Barbara Aiken
Mar. 20 - Robbie Daniel
Mar. 21 - Tom Permenter
Mar. 23 - Britt Potts
Mar. 24 - Starr Camper
Mar. 25 - John Roberts

YOKEFELLOW ITEM OF THE MONTH:

Pork & Beans

USHERS FOR MARCH

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

March Goal: 30

Collected: 41

February Collected: 45

SPINDALE ELEMENTARY WEEKEND BACKPACK COLLECTION

Items needed:

Breakfast Bars & Snack Bars

March Collected: 10

February Collected: 19 boxes

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 Kever (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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FINANCIAL UPDATE

Financial Records for March 15, 2026

Budget Offering: \$8,730.08

Weekly Budget Requirement: \$8,802.94

YTD Budget Received as of March 15: \$217,930.05

YTD Needed as of March 15: \$211, 270.56

Annual Budget: \$457,753

Upcoming Schedule

March

18 - Lenten Noonday Service (hosted at First Baptist)

19 - Senior Adult Pizza Party | Noon

19/20 - CBF North Carolina Annual Gathering | Hayes Barton Baptist Church, Raleigh

21 - Greatest American Clean-up in Rutherfordton | 10:00 a.m.

22 - Youth Trip to Top Golf | Deacons Meeting 4:45 p.m.

25 - Lenten Noonday Service

28 - Easter Egg Hunt | 11:00 a.m.

29 - Palm Sunday | Youth Worship Event

April

- 1 - No Mid-Week Gatherings (Holy Week)
- 2 - Maundy Thursday dinner | 5:30 p.m.
- 3 - Good Friday Stations of Peter
- 5 - Easter Sunday
- 6 - Church Campus Closed (Easter Monday)
- 8 - No Mid-Week Gatherings (Spring Break)
- 13 - Welcome Table
- 14 - Lifeline Screening
- 16 - Senior Adult trip to Strawberry Hill
- 20 - Welcome Table
- 25 - Day of Caring
- 26 - Stronger Together Service (No Worship Service at FBCR) | 11:00 a.m.
- 27 - ALC Meeting | 6:00 p.m.

May

- 14 - CBF Foothills Regional Gathering at FBC Shelby
- 17 - Children's Choir Musical in Worship
- 22 - Last Day of School (RCS)
- 24 - Pentecost Sunday
- 31 - Graduate Sunday

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