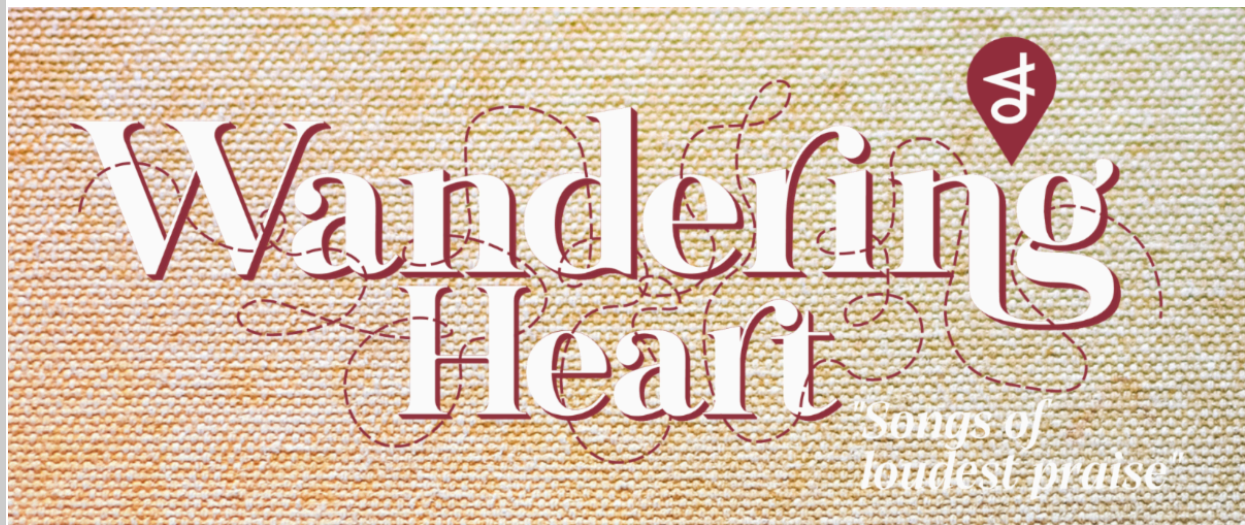


Celebrating 175 Years of
Loving God
Loving Others



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Rutherfordton

First Baptist Rutherfordton Newsletter | March 25, 2026



Palm Sunday
March 29, 2026 | 10:55 a.m.

Songs of Worship

Hosanna! Loud Hosanna!
All Glory, Laud, and Honor
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna!
Ah, Holy Jesus
Blessed Is He
With Waving Palms and Shouts of Praise

Sermon

"Songs of the Loudest Praise"
John 12:12-16
Aimee Hobbs

[WATCH THE SERVICE HERE](#)

THIS SATURDAY MORNING!



Maundy Thursday

Dinner and Communion

THURSDAY, APRIL 2 | 5:30 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

AN OFFERING FOR CBF GLOBAL MISSIONS WILL BE COLLECTED



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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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T.D. Williams



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

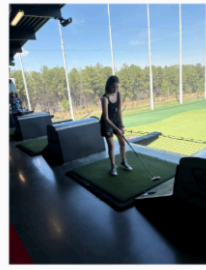
Plants are \$18/each and can be ordered by returning an order form & payment to the church office by Sunday, March 29.

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

YOUTH TRIP TO TOP GOLF




**TOP
GOLF**



**3
22
26**

JOIN US TONIGHT!

open minds on main



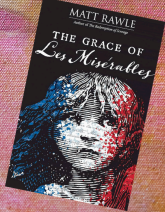
WEDNESDAYS
Main St. Coffee & Ice Cream
in Rutherfordton
6:30 - 7:15pm

better ways to read the bible
Transforming a Weapon of Hate into a Tool of Healing
Presented by Sarah Henry | zach w. lambert

This semester, we'll explore healthier approaches to Scripture, emphasizing its role as a guide to mirroring the person of Jesus rather than as a weapon against others. Join us!

THE GRACE OF
Les Miserables
LENTEN STUDY

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



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Join us tonight for dinner and mid-week gatherings! On the menu is Spaghetti Bake, Salad, Italian Bread (\$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. Special Called Business Meeting followed by The Grace of Les Miserables 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

RUTHERFORDTON COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP MORNING



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.

SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING | We will hold a special called business meeting tonight 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. 29 - Penny Ann Parker
Chip Bond, Judy Bond

WORSHIP CARE SCHEDULE

Mar. 29 - Jessica Godfrey, Belinda Camper
April 5 - Penny Parker, Will Tompkins

MEALS ON WHEELS SCHEDULE

Mar. 20 - Griggs & Debbie McKinnon
April 17 - Nell Bovender & Susie Kernodle

USHERS FOR MARCH

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

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

Mar. 25 - John Roberts
Mar. 27 - Steven Barnes
Mar. 27 - Megan Bond
Mar. 28 - Willis Archer
Mar. 29 - Claudia Waters
Mar. 30 - Belinda Camper
Mar. 30 - Steven Schultz

YOKEFELLOW ITEM OF THE MONTH:

Pork & Beans

March Goal: 30
Collected: 43

COLLEGE STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Luke Archer
Sophomore at UNC Asheville

Contact the office if you would like mailing information for this student.

February Collected: 45

SPINDALE ELEMENTARY WEEKEND BACKPACK COLLECTION

Items needed:

Breakfast Bars & Snack Bars
March Collected: 14

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 Keever (2028)
Mike Stephenson (2028)

You can give online 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 22, 2026
Budget Offering: \$4,224.20
Weekly Budget Requirement: \$8,802.94

YTD Budget Received as of March 22: \$222,154.25
YTD Needed as of March 15: \$220,074

Annual Budget: \$457,753

Upcoming Schedule

March

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 | 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (self guided), 5:30 p.m. (group experience)
5 - Easter Sunday | 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service, 10:55 a.m. Service in the Sanctuary
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) | Deacons Meeting
27 - ALC Meeting | 6:00 p.m.

May

13 - Last Mid-Week Gathering
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

June

1 - Welcome Table
7 - Youth Pool Party
8 - Welcome Table
14 - Water Olympics | 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
17-19 - CBF Annual Gathering (Jacksonville, Florida)
29 - Welcome Table

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