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First Baptist Church
Rutherfordton

First Baptist Rutherfordton Newsletter | May 13, 2026



May 17, 2026 | 10:55 a.m.

Songs of Worship

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing
Children Are a Gift from Heaven
Faith of Our Fathers*

Children's Musical

Faith Hall of Fame
Presented by the Kids Praise Choir

*Welcome, Everyone!
By Faith
God Was in Complete Control
Baby Moses
To the Promise Land We Go!
An Attitude of Assurance
God Will Make a Way*

WATCH THE SERVICE HERE

LAST MID-WEEK GATHERING TONIGHT!

Tonight is the last mid-week gathering until the fall. Come for burgers and hot dogs, followed by prayer time and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.

See you tonight!

DUCK DASH AND MOVIE IN THE PARK

All are invited to join in the fun at Kiwanis Park on Friday, May 22! Ducks will be pre-purchased so please sign- up in the Welcome Center by May 17 to let us know you are coming. Bring your blanket or chair and stay to watch *The Wild Robot* following the race.



May 22nd, 7 p.m.

Full Church Event Join us for the 2026 Duck Dash at Kiwanis Park followed by a Movie in the Park

Let us know you are coming and we will pick up a duck for you! Sign up in the Welcome Center or contact Donna.

PARENT/CHILD DEDICATION



On Sunday, we celebrated the dedication of Paisley Elaine Chapman, daughter of Phillip and Misty Chapman and granddaughter of Susie and the late Mike Kernodle.

YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMER SCHEDULE

2026 SUMMER SCHEDULE



FBC-Rutherfordton
Youth Ministry



June 7th (Sun), 5-7pm
Pool Party @ the Parkers

Dinner provided!



June 14th (Sun), 5-7pm
Water Olympics Day

Our youth will lead this event for children from the community at FBCR.



July 6-10 (Mon-Fri)
Centrifuge

Held at Southern Wesleyan University. We will meet to pack up the vans on Monday at 10:30am. We will return Friday around lunchtime or shortly after.

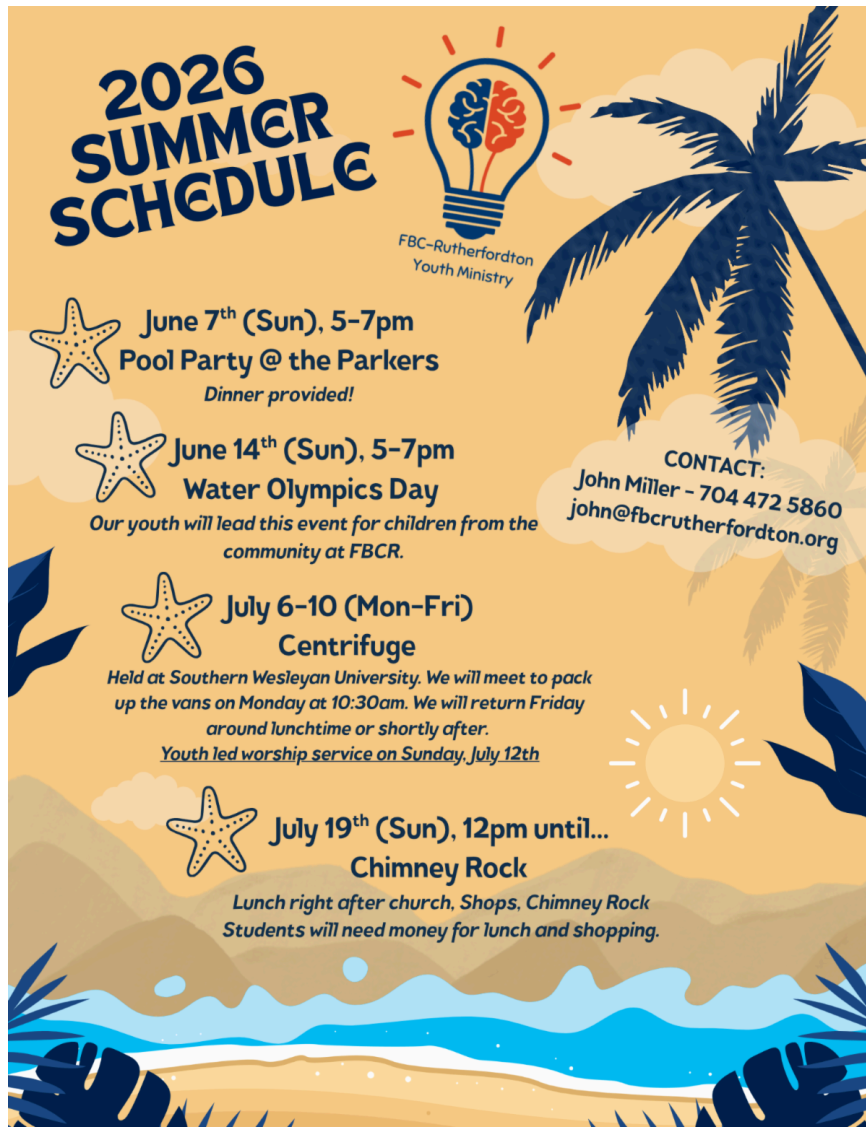
Youth led worship service on Sunday, July 12th



July 19th (Sun), 12pm until...
Chimney Rock

*Lunch right after church. Shops, Chimney Rock
Students will need money for lunch and shopping.*

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SUMMER ADVOCACY CAMP

We are always teaching our children the ways of advocacy - be a friend; show love; share.

This summer, children will have an opportunity to learn how to be an advocate in four areas:

- Affordable Housing and Homelessness
- Hunger and Food Insecurity
- Creation Care
- Disabilities

AUGUST 3-6
9AM-3PM
RISING 3RD-6TH GRADE
\$30



Register Here!



CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING:

CALLING ALL GRADUATES! | If you have a graduate from high school, college, graduate school, or any other academic program this year, we want to recognize you! **Email John Miller** with your info by May 22 so we can include you.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE | Scholarships are available for community college/tech students, 4-year undergraduate students, and those studying for the ministry. Applicants must be a member of First Baptist Church Rutherfordton for at least one year to qualify. **Email Beth Heffner** to receive a scholarship packet or for more information. Applications must be returned via mail or email (attention Beth) by Tuesday, May 19.

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.

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

May 17 - Belinda Camper
Laura Hodge, Joe Hughes
May 24 - Ben Moore
Chip & Judy Bond

WORSHIP CARE SCHEDULE

May 17 - Mindy Miller, Laura Hodge
May 24 - Ben Moore
Chip & Judy Bond

MEALS ON WHEELS SCHEDULE

May 15 - Mike & Susan Martin
May 29 - No delivery

USHERS FOR MAY

Todd Hodge (Coordinator), Daryl Camper,
Jamie Knox, Mindy Miller

COLLEGE STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Nate Sand

Nate is finishing his freshman year at
Elizabeth City State University.

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

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

May 13 - Sarah Daniel Jackson
May 14 - Jason Miles
May 15 - J.t. McClain
May 17 - Deborah Clements
May 17 - Donna Sand
May 18 - Carolyn Bradley
May 18 - Daryl Camper
May 18 - Charlotte Lattimore
May 19 - Gwyn Costner
May 19 - Alain Colnot

YOKEFELLOW ITEM OF THE MONTH:

Canned Chicken

May Goal: 30
Collected: 17

April Collected: 37

SPINDALE ELEMENTARY WEEKEND BACKPACK COLLECTION

Thank you your support this school year!
We will begin collecting for the 2026-2027
school year in July.

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)

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)

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

[CLICK HERE TO GIVE](#)

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Financial Records for May 10, 2026
Budget Offering: \$5,620.00
Weekly Budget Requirement: \$8,802.94
YTD Budget Received as of May 10, 2026: \$288,492.86
YTD Needed as of May 10, 2026: \$281,6594.08

Annual Budget: \$457,753

Upcoming Schedule

May

- 13 - Last Mid-Week Gathering
- 14 - CBF Foothills Regional Gathering at FBC Shelby | Senior Adult Lunch
- 17 - Children's Choir Musical in Worship
- 22 - Last Day of School (RCS) | Family Movie Night/Duck Dash at Kiwanis Park
- 24 - Pentecost Sunday
- 25 - Memorial Day (church campus closed)
- 31 - Graduate Sunday | Deacons Meeting

June

- 1 - Welcome Table | ALC Meeting
- 5 - Family Ice Cream and Playdate at Kiwanis Park
- 7 - Youth Pool Party
- 8 - Welcome Table
- 10 - Children's trip to Thermal City Gold Mine
- 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
- 25 - Children's trip to Catawba Science Museum
- 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)

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