

Celebrating 175 Years of
Loving God
Loving Others



First Baptist Church
Rutherfordton

First Baptist Rutherfordton Newsletter | May 20, 2026



May 24, 2026 | 10:55 a.m.
Pentecost Sunday

Songs of Worship

*Let Every Christian Pray
On Pentecost They Gathered
Breathe on Me
God Breathe
Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

Sermon

"One Spirit, One People, One Calling"
1 Corinthians 12:3B-13
Aimee Hobbs

Sunday is Pentecost, which we often refer to as the birthday of the church! Pentecost is an important holiday in the Christian faith because it marks the moment when the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles and empowered them to spread the message of Jesus Christ to the world. **You are encouraged to WEAR RED** to symbolize "tongues of fire" or the spreading of the good news of the Holy Spirit and Jesus' resurrection.

[WATCH THE SERVICE HERE](#)

DUCK DASH AND MOVIE IN THE PARK

All are invited to join in the fun at Kiwanis Park this Friday! Prior to the *Duck Dash*, you can look for one of the golden ducks hidden around the park. At 7 p.m., ducks will be released down the creek.

Bring your blanket or chair and stay to watch *The Wild Robot* following the race.



Full Church Event

May 22nd, 7 p.m.

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.

SENIOR ADULT LUNCH & LEARN



**"FAITH HALL OF FAME"
PRESENTED BY THE KIDS PRAISE CHOIR**



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 **FRIDAY** so we can include you.

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 24 - Ben Moore
Chip & Judy Bond

May 31 - Debbie Bumgarner
Amy Revis, Scott Carpenter

WORSHIP CARE SCHEDULE

May 24 - Penny Parker, Will Tompkins
May 31 - Bob Smith, Rachel Tompkins

MEALS ON WHEELS SCHEDULE

May 29 - No delivery
June 5 - Gayle Youngblood &
Meryl Lawrence

USHERS FOR MAY

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

GRADUATING STUDENTS

To be recognized on 5/31/26

Skylar Keyes
(Trinity Christian School)

Landon Proctor
(REACH H.S.)

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

May 21 - Mills Higgins
May 21 - Lori Norville
May 25 - Mike Stephenson
May 25 - Kelly Brame

YOKEFELLOW ITEM OF THE MONTH:

Canned Chicken

May Goal: 30
Collected: 27

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.

Jesse Kline
(REACH H.S.)

Peter Moore
(Gardner-Webb University)

Hayden Walker
(UNC Charlotte)

Alain Colnot

Melea Jones
(Emerson College)

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

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.

**CLICK HERE TO
GIVE**

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Financial Records for May 17, 2026
Budget Offering: \$5,623.00
Weekly Budget Requirement: \$8,802.94

YTD Budget Received as of May 17, 2026: \$294,115.86
YTD Needed as of May 17, 2026: \$290,497.02

Annual Budget: \$457,753

A donation was made in loving memory of Willis Archer by Nell
& Tim Bovender, Griggs & Debbie McKinnon, The Faithful
Workers Class, and Carole Roper

A donation was made in loving memory of Jane Cline by Brenda
Archer, Linda Harris, and Nell & Tim Bovender

A donation to the van fund was made in loving memory of Wayne
Harris by Brenda Archer and Nell & Tim Bovender

Upcoming Schedule

May

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)

26 - Churchwide Back to School Event | 5:30 p.m.

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