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Loving Others



First Baptist Church
Rutherfordton

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May 31, 2026 | 10:55 a.m.

Songs of Worship

Shout to the Lord

He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought

Step By Step

I Know the Plans

Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated

Sermon

"Finding Your Voice"

Esther 4:14-16

John Miller

[WATCH THE SERVICE HERE](#)

2026 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Skyler Keyes graduated from Trinity Christian School. In the fall, she plans to attend Isothermal Community College.



Landen Proctor graduated from REACH High School. In the fall, he plans to attend Georgia State University.



Jesse Kline graduated from REACH High School. In the fall, she plans to attend Isothermal Community College.

SUMMER SERMON SERIES BEGINS JUNE 7

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. With that in mind, this summer we're using movies - arguably one of the strongest storytelling mediums of our time - to illustrate God's story in scripture.

Some of the movies will be familiar favorites and others may be new! 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.

GOD in the **MOVIES**

Summer Sermon Series

JUNE 7-AUGUST 2
10:55 A.M.

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If the hot (rainy?) days of summer have you itching for a movie night, consider watching one of our upcoming movies! All the movies selected are available on various streaming platforms if you are a subscriber, or may be available to borrow from the library or rent online.

JUNE MOVIES

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)

PENTECOST 2026





Upcoming events

JUNE 2026

FRI
JUNE 5

Ice Cream Party & Play in the Park

6:00 PM

Kiwanis Park, Rutherfordton

All families are invited to join in with Children's Ministry

SUN
JUNE 7

Youth Pool Party

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Contact John for more information

WED
JUNE 10

Children's Trip - Gem Mining at Thermal City

10:00 AM - Noon

Limited to 12 participants (or meet us there!) Contact Donna.

SUN
JUNE 14

Joint Children & Youth Water Olympics

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Meet us on the back lawn of the church!

THURS
JUNE 18

Senior Adult Trip to The Beacon in Spartanburg

12:00 PM

Sign up in the Welcome Center. Contact Beth.

THURS
JUNE 25

Children's Trip to Catawba Science Museum

10:00 AM - 5:30 PM

Limited to 12 participants. Pre-registration required. Contact Donna.

CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING:

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](#)

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PRAYER MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 31 - Debbie Bumgarner
Amy Revis, Scott Carpenter
June 7 - Penny Parker
Terry Honeycutt

WORSHIP CARE SCHEDULE

May 31 - Bob Smith, Rachel Tompkins
June 7 - Laura Hodge, Violet Nyamiwa

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

COLLEGE STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Skyler Keyes
Freshman at Isothermal Community College

Contact the **office** if you would like contact information for our college students

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

May 27 - Malcolm Watson
May 28 - Doug Owens
May 29 - Wesley Hamrick
June 1 - Lori Herrick
June 1 - Rion MacDonald
June 1 - Keven McCammon
June 3 - Meryl Lawrence
June 3 - Karen Whittman

YOKEFELLOW ITEM OF THE MONTH:

Canned Chicken

May Goal: 30

Collected: 32

April Collected: 37

SPINDALE ELEMENTARY WEEKEND BACKPACK COLLECTION

Thank you for 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)

Administrative Leadership Council

Andy LaBreche - Chair (2027)

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)

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 May 24, 2026
Budget Offering: \$10,768.80
Weekly Budget Requirement: \$8,802.94

YTD Budget Received as of May 24, 2026: \$304,884.66
YTD Needed as of May 24, 2026: \$299,299.96

Annual Budget: \$457,753

A donation was made in loving memory of Jane Cline by Griggs & Debbie McKinnon.

A donation was made to the Scholarship Fund in memory of Jane Cline and Willis Archer.

A donation to the van fund was made in loving memory of Wayne Harris by Griggs & Debbie McKinnon

Upcoming Schedule

May

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
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)

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

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