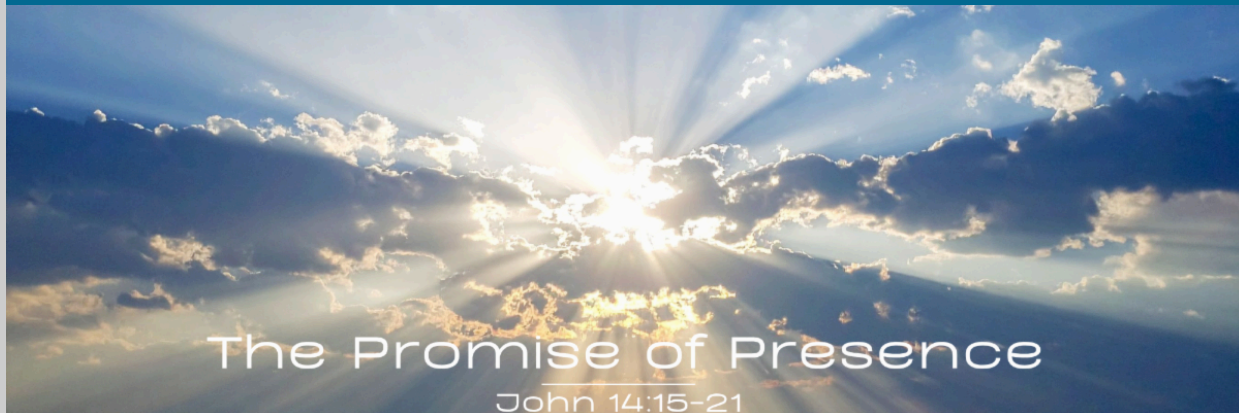


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The Promise of Presence

John 14:15-21

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

Songs of Worship

Gather Us In - First Ringers

For the Beauty of the Earth

My Lord is Near Me All the Time

Amen! - First Ringers

Forevermore (Psalm 145)

I Need Thee Every Hour

O Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life

Parent - Child Dedication

Paisley Elaine Chapman

Daughter of Phillip and Misty Chapman

Sermon

"The Promise of Presence"

John 14:15-21

Aimee Hobbs

[WATCH THE SERVICE HERE](#)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, CAROLYN BRADLEY!

We celebrate and honor our oldest church member, Carolyn Bradley, who will be having her 96th birthday on Monday, May 18. Carolyn and her late husband, Calvin, regularly attended



FBCR until the pandemic changed our world.

After graduating from Winthrop College, Carolyn taught Home Economics in Clover, S.C., and later was a home economist for Duke Power in Spartanburg, S.C. Carolyn's family consists of daughter Emily Kay and one son, four granddaughters, and a great-granddaughter. For several years, Carolyn made a special monthly contribution to our church when she skillfully "led the discussion," as she referred to it, for the Ruth S.S. class.

We wish you the happiest of birthdays, Carolyn, and may God continue to bestow His blessings on you!

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.

Faith Hall of Fame

Children's Choir Musical
Sunday, May 17 | 10:55 a.m.

YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMER SCHEDULE

2026 SUMMER SCHEDULE



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:

MIDWEEK GATHERINGS | Join us tonight for dinner, fellowship, and small groups! Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. and the menu is chicken pie (\$8/adult, \$5/child, \$20 family max). Following dinner, children's programming, Open Minds on Main, and Bible study will meet. See you tonight!

MAY SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP | Senior adults are invited to lunch and a presentation by a representative from the Alzheimer's Association on Thursday, May 14 at Noon. Sign-up in the Welcome Center by May 10.

CBF REGIONAL GATHERING | On Thursday, May 14, gather with CBFNC coordinators and friends for a Regional Gathering at First Baptist Church of Shelby. The gathering will consist of a morning workshop session followed by a fellowship lunch. The morning workshop will be an interactive shared learning experience designed to help congregations thrive.

All are invited to attend – members of local congregations, congregational leaders, ministry staff, divinity students, chaplains and anyone interested in connecting with colleagues, friends, and fellow Cooperative Baptists.

Cost is \$15 per person, with an early bird rate of \$10. (Registration ends on Monday, May 11 and the early bird rate ends TODAY.) [Register here.](#)

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 10 - Jane Simpson

Charlotte Epley

May 17 - Belinda Camper

Chip & Judy Bond

WORSHIP CARE SCHEDULE

May 10 - Dane Heffner, Bob Smith/Laura Hodge

May 17 - Mindy Miller, Laura Hodge

MEALS ON WHEELS SCHEDULE

May 15 - Mike & Susan Martin

USHERS FOR MAY

Todd Hodge (Coordinator), Daryl Camper,

Jamie Knox, Mindy Miller

COLLEGE STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Hannah Onyango

Hannah is finishing her sophomore year at

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

May 6 - Sherri Washburn

May 6 - Lora Godfrey

May 7 - William Castro

May 8 - Jesse McMahan

May 8 - Marc Tuttle

May 11 - Molly Mattox

May 12 - Dick Rosenbaum

May 13 - Sarah Daniel Jackson

YOKEFELLOW ITEM OF THE MONTH:

Canned Chicken

May Goal: 30

Collected: 5

April Collected: 37

SPINDALE ELEMENTARY WEEKEND BACKPACK COLLECTION

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

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)
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 3, 2026
Budget Offering: \$32,830.50
Weekly Budget Requirement: \$8,802.94

YTD Budget Received as of May 3, 2026: \$282,872.86
YTD Needed as of May 3, 2026: \$272,891.14

Annual Budget: \$457,753

A gift has been given in loving memory of Willis Archer by Steve & Lola Barnes, Patty Geer, Lori & Alan Herrick, and Jane Simpson.

A gift has been given in loving memory of Jane Cline by the Faithful Workers Class, Steve & Lola Barnes, Lori & Alan Herrick, and Jane Simpson.

A gift has been given to the Van Fund in loving memory of Wayne Harris by Mike & Sharon Scruggs.

Upcoming Schedule

May

6 - Last Open Minds on Main
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)
- 26 - Churchwide Back to School Event | 5:30 p.m.

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