



First Baptist Rutherfordton Newsletter | November 12, 2025



Worship this Sunday
November 16, 2025 | 10:55 a.m.

Songs of Worship

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Give Thanks

We Gather Here in Grateful Praise
Canticle of Thanksgiving
Because I Have Been Given Much

Sermon

"Gratitude and Abundance"
Luke 7:36-50
Aimee Hobbs

WATCH THE SERVICE HERE

DEACON ORDINATION SUNDAY



TONIGHT!

Our chili cook-off is tonight at 5:30 p.m. and you won't want to miss it!

Following dinner in the Fellowship Hall, we will finish our Death, Dying, and the Afterlife series with a panel discussion around some of the questions you have submitted. Just some of the questions you'll hear explored include the use of pain medication during the dying process (from a medical and an ethical perspective), how a terminally ill person may help their family with the mourning process, if there is some spiritual benefit to suffering, and unpacking more about what the afterlife will be like (will we recognize our family?).

Our panel, facilitated by Terry Honeycutt, consists of Penny Parker, Chuck Godfrey, Don Ledbetter, and Jessica Godfrey.

Open Minds on Main and Children's Programming will also meet at the regular time.

WELCOME TOMPKINS FAMILY!



Will and Rachel Tompkins joined our church by transfer of letter on Sunday, November 2!

Rachel is a nurse, and Will works for Rutherford County Transit. They have 4 children; Jonah, Erin, Sawyer, and Ellie.

Rachel's favorite scripture is Psalm 121: "I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord watches over you— the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all harm— he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore."

Will's favorite verse is Romans 6:1-4: "What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

When asked what makes their heart sing, they both said time with their family. They especially love family dance parties, movie nights, and trips to Great Wolf Lodge!

CHURCHWIDE *Thanksgiving Dinner*

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

5:30PM

BRING A SIDE, SALAD, OR DESSERT
TURKEY, MASHED POTATOES, DRESSING, AND ROLLS
PROVIDED BY THE CHURCH



WWW.FIRSTBAPTISTRUTHERFORDTON.COM



ADVENT 2025 DEVOTIONALS

Printed Advent devotionals for children/families and youth/adults will be available for pick-up beginning **Wednesday, November 19**. If you prefer a digital version emailed to you, the youth/adult devotional can be emailed to you each morning!

To receive a daily emailed devotional beginning November 30, please sign-up at the button below:

SIGN-UP FOR ADVENT DEVOTIONALS HERE



Beginning Sunday evening, November 30, poinsettias will be used in the Sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas season. If you would like to place a poinsettia in memory or in honor of someone, **please fill out the attached form** or pick up a printed form in the church office.

Cost is \$20 and can be made by cash, check, or through the **donate button** on the church's website.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WINNIE ELLIOTT!



Winnie Elliott is a first-time Noble Nonagenarian as she turns 90 on Tuesday, November 18. A native of Concord, NC, she attended Western High School in Baltimore, MD, a prestigious all-girls school. After working 34 years in Charlotte for Southern Bell in the engineering department, she married Edgar Elliott, whom she had known in elementary school.

The couple then moved to Rutherford County, joined First Baptist, and enjoyed their 17 years of marriage together before his passing. Once asked by a young nephew at what age she thought she would die, she replied, "Oh, I don't know, maybe 73." Well, Winnie, you have greatly surpassed that mark!"

Happy birthday, Winnie, and welcome to the Nonagenarian Club!



FRIENDSGIVING WITH RUTHERFORDTON PRESBYTERIAN



This past Sunday, our youth group partnered with Rutherfordton Presbyterian Church to pack boxes for Navy veterans in Japan! They got to hear from some vets and enjoy a delicious meal together.



THANK YOU

Dear Friends,

On behalf of Gardner-Webb University, I want to express my sincere gratitude for your generous gift to the School of Divinity. Your support makes a real difference, allowing GWU to remain a place where Christian compassion and academic excellence come together to transform lives.

Your generosity fuels opportunities for scholarships, hands-on learning, cutting-edge equipment, the arts, athletics, and Christian service - each one shaping the future of our students and the impact they will make in the world. Simply put, your gift matters. Because of donors like you, our students, faculty, and staff are encouraged, empowered, and inspired to reach new heights.

Thank you for being a valued part of the GWU community and for helping us fulfill our mission of serving God and humanity through higher education. I am truly grateful for you!

With sincere appreciation,
Karen Bruce
Interim VP for Advancement



CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING:

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE | The Rutherford Ministerial Alliance is hosting the annual Thanksgiving Community Service on **Sunday, November 23 at 4:00 p.m.** (NOTE TIME CHANGE). This year, it will be held in the Fellowship Hall of Rutherfordton Presbyterian Church.

PRISON MINISTRY WORSHIP SERVICE | On Thursday, November 20 at 6pm, you are invited to attend the Prison Ministry Worship Service hosted by our church. The service will take place at the Rutherford Correctional Center on Ledbetter Road in Spindale. Register by contacting Joe Hughes or **Donna Sand** by November 16; there are no other requirements to attend this service.

Interested in learning more about the Prison Ministry and how you can get involved? There will be a Blue Card Training on December 9th. Location details will be forthcoming.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS DECORATING | We're in need of Christmas elves to help decorate our church and grounds for the Advent/Christmas season on Sunday, November 23 following the service. Please come for fun and work as we begin to transform our building into a place that shows the celebration of the season. If you can help, please let **Beth Heffner** know. Thank you!

MEALS ON WHEELS | Volunteers are needed to assist with this ministry, which delivers hot lunches in Rutherfordton, to shut-ins. Our church participates by delivering meals 2 to 3 times a month. Deliveries take about an hour and you would do it 2 to 3 times each year. If you would like to volunteer or hear more about this opportunity, please contact Lynn Blanton.

LIFE LINE SCREENING | We will be hosting Life Line Screening on our campus on Friday, November 21. Life Line Screening offers safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are not typically a part of a routine physical. To register for a screening:

- Call toll-free: 1-800-324-9458 promo code HABCO01
- Online: [LLSA.SOCIAL/HABC](https://llsa.social/habc)
- Text: the word "circle" to 216-279-1607

YOKEFELLOW FOOD PANTRY | For November, we will continue to collect canned meat. Any size can is helpful! Single-serve cans are given to those experiencing homelessness and larger cans are given to families. Contributions can be left in the church office or near the Sanctuary doors.

SPINDALE ELEMENTARY BACKPACK COLLECTING | During the school year, we are collecting 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.

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

Nov. 16 - Debbie Bumgarner

Andy & Pam LaBreche

Nov. 23 - Penny Parker

Mike Scruggs, Jeff Archer

WORSHIP CARE SCHEDULE

Nov. 16 - Lori Herrick, Jessica Godfrey

Nov. 23 - Laura Hodge, Violet Nyamiwa

WORSHIP READINESS SCHEDULE

Nov. 16 - Chuck Godfrey

MEALS ON WHEELS SCHEDULE

Nov. 21 - Marcel & Ruth Colnot

USHERS FOR NOVEMBER

Todd Hodge (Coordinator)

Daryl Camper, Jamie Knox, Mindy Miller

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

Nov. 12 - Alexander Jones

Nov. 15 - Hayden Walker

Nov. 16 - John Clements

Nov. 17 - Stan Clements

Nov. 17 - Lindsey Sebold

Nov. 17 - Kelsey Long

Nov. 17 - Miranda Jones

Nov. 17 - Eric Finnan

Nov. 17 - Winnie Elliot

Nov. 17 - Heather Mode

Nov. 17 - Ben Morris

YOKEFELLOW ITEM OF THE MONTH

Canned Meat

November Goal: 30

Collected: 12

October Collected:

62 Cans

SPINDALE ELEMENTARY WEEKEND BACKPACK COLLECTION

Items needed:

Breakfast Bars & Snack Bars

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)

FINANCIAL UPDATE

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

Financial Records for November 9, 2025
Weekly Budget Requirement: \$8,802.94
Budget Offering: \$5372.00

YTD Budget Received as of November 9: \$39,807.01
YTD Needed as of October 26: \$52,817.64

Annual Budget: \$457,753.00

[CLICK HERE TO
GIVE](#)

Upcoming Schedule

November

12 - Chili Cook-Off
16 - Deacons Meeting | 4:45 p.m.
17 - ALC Meeting | 6 p.m.
18 - Fellowship of Christian Women (off site)
19 - Churchwide Thanksgiving Dinner | 5:30 p.m.
20 - Prison Ministry Worship Service | 6 p.m.
21 - Lifeline Screening | 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
23 - Advent Decorating | Community Thanksgiving Service 4 p.m. | Poinsettia Orders Due
26 - No Wednesday Night Activities (Thanksgiving)
27-28 - Church Office Closed
30 - 1st Sunday of Advent | Hanging of the Green Service 6 p.m.

December

6 - Children's Christmas Party 3 p.m. | Christmas Parade 5 p.m.
7 - 2nd Sunday of Advent | Youth Christmas Party | Adult Choir Joint Christmas Concert
8 - Welcome Table
9 - Women on Mission
14 - 3rd Sunday of Advent | Churchwide Christmas Party 3-5 p.m.
15 - Welcome Table | Fellowship of Christian Women (off-site)
21 - 4th Sunday of Advent
24 - Christmas Eve Service
25-26 - Church Office Closed

January

1 - Church Office Closed
4 - Epiphany Sunday (Star Words)

11 - Youth Fundraising Lunch | 12 p.m.
13 - Women on Mission
19 - Church Office Closed
25 - Stronger Together Service

Rev. Aimee Hobbs - Senior Pastor
704-534-3267
aimee@fbcrutherfordton.org

Rev. Beth Heffner - Minister of Music &
Senior Adults
828-980-2761
beth@fbcrutherfordton.org

Rev. John Miller - Minister of Youth
704-472-5860
johnfbcr@gmail.com

Donna Sand - Minister of Children &
Administration
704-953-2453
donna@fbcrutherfordton.org

Alison Moore - Pianist

Garry Cuthbertson - Facilities
Coordinator
garry@fbcrutherfordton.org

Debbie Ford - Financial Secretary
finance@fbcrutherfordton.org



**246 N Main Street
Rutherfordton, NC 28139**

**office@fbcrutherfordton.org
www.firstbaptistrutherfordton.com
(828) 286-9047**

First Baptist Rutherfordton | 246 N Main St | Rutherfordton, NC 28139 US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)



Try email marketing for free today!