



First Baptist Rutherfordton Newsletter | October 15, 2025



WORSHIP ON SUNDAY October 19, 2025 | 10:55 a.m.

Songs of Worship

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
I Will Sing of My Redeemer
I Thank You, Lord
Enter His Gates with Songs of Thanksgiving
The Love of Jesus Call Us
Christians, Let Us Go and Serve Him

Sermon

"Table Ethics"
John 6:1-15
Aimee Hobbs

[WATCH THE SERVICE HERE](#)

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Church Family,

In a worship service some time ago, you were invited to write down something about faith that you wondered about. A question you've always carried. In reading through the anonymous questions and wonderings, there was a common theme - death, dying, and the afterlife.

The questions ranged from "is there really a heaven?" to "will I recognize my loved ones there?" to "why do young children die of cancer?" All good questions, and while I'm not sure any of us will fully know the answer, these are the kinds of conversations church

folks can, and should, explore together! Beginning next Wednesday, October 22, we're going to talk about some of these hard things.

October 22 - How Can We Find Meaning in Suffering?

Led by Chuck Godfrey

A conversation about the ways people, and Christians in particular, respond to suffering and attempt to make meaning when bad things happen. We will consider what is and is not helpful when things are at their most difficult.

October 29 - Grief 101

Led by Jessica Godfrey

We'll explore myths and truths of the grief process while learning strategies for effective coping.

November 5 - Theology of Death and Dying

Led by Don Ledbetter

What does scripture actually say about death, dying, and the afterlife?

November 12 - Panel Discussion

Facilitated by Terry Honeycutt

With a panel of experts that can speak from all aspects of death (medical, theological, and grief), you'll have the opportunity to anonymously submit questions for them to answer and have dialogue about.

My hope is that this series will create a space for us to all consider the hard questions that come with being people of faith living in an often heartbreaking world.

Tonight we will finish our "Bible Stories for Grown-Ups" study with a look at the story of healing the man who was blind. If I don't see you tonight, I hope to see you Sunday!

Blessings,
Aimee

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

5:30PM

CHURCHWIDE FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Oct 15: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, corn
Oct 22: Chicken pie, slaw, green beans, biscuits

\$8/adult, \$5/child, \$20 family max

6:15PM

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Difference Makers (Choir & Bible study) for ages 3 - 5th grade

"BIBLE STORIES FOR GROWN-UPS"

Revisiting familiar childhood Bible stories like Noah's Ark, Zacchaeus, and the parable of the talents

6:30PM

OPEN MINDS ON MAIN

An opportunity for our community to gather for dialogue around faith and life - this group meets at Main St Coffee and Ice Cream

7:30PM

ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

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Thank You!

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your recent contribution to Baptist Women in Ministry of North Carolina. Your church is making a kingdom difference by supporting women in our state who are called to serve God and neighbor in the work and vocation of ministry.

Your faithful and generous support allows us to continue to engage, encourage and empower women of all ages to listen for God's call and follow where God leads. We are so grateful for your partnership in this holy work!

May God bless you and keep you as your family of faith serves God's people in your community.

All love,
Rev. Leslie M. Park, Executive Director
Baptist Women in Ministry of North Carolina

An illustration of an olive branch with green leaves and small olives, framing the text on the right side of the flyer.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS | OCTOBER 22-NOVEMBER 12

Death, Dying, and the Afterlife

In this 4 week class, we'll explore
how to find meaning in suffering,
understanding grief, the theology of
death, and finish with a panel
conversation

DINNER 5:30-6:00PM
CLASS 6:15-7:15PM

A photograph of the First Baptist Church building, a large red brick structure with white columns and a pediment, set against a sunset sky.

DEACON
ordination

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9 @ 10:55 A.M.

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November 12, 2025

CHILI COOK-OFF

COOKS NEEDED - CONTACT DONNA

We need volunteers to make a crock of their favorite chili recipe:
beef, vegetarian, chicken, hot, spicy, sweet...

Come to dinner on Wednesday, 11/12, 5:30-6 p.m.
to sample and vote for your favorite.



THRIVING AS WE AGE

Rev. Terry Honeycutt will lead us through two workshops focused on living the later part of your life the way God intended:

October 30: Biblical perspectives on aging and how we should age in a "health and youth" culture

November 6: How can we grow older as a vocation and how we should end our life well

**Free! Lunch is provided
RSVP by October 26**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH RUTHERFORDTON | ROOM 205

**OCTOBER 30 &
NOVEMBER 6
11AM-2PM**



CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING:

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 October, 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

Oct. 19 - Ben Moore
Laura Hodge, Pam Newton
Oct. 26 - Jane Simpson
Joe Hughes

WORSHIP CARE SCHEDULE

Oct. 19 - Beth/Faith Archer, Belinda
Camper
Oct. 26 - Dane Heffner, Rachel Tompkins

WORSHIP READINESS SCHEDULE

Oct. 19 - Chuck Godfrey & Will Tompkins
Oct. 26 - Will Tompkins

MEALS ON WHEELS SCHEDULE

Oct. 18 - Janis Rosenbaum
Oct. 31 - Sharon Scruggs, Camille Wheeler

USHERS FOR October

Todd Hodge (Coordinator)
Steve Barnes, Andy LaBreche, Bob Smith

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

October 15 - Beth Archer
October 18 - Jacob Knox
October 18 - Emily Moose
October 19 - Ben Beasley
October 19 - Harrison Hobbs
October 21 - Laura Hodge
October 22 - Jamey Waters
October 22 - Melanie Huneycutt

YOKEFELLOW ITEM OF THE MONTH

Canned Meat

October Goal: 30 Cans
Collected: 32

September Collected: 49

SPINDALE ELEMENTARY WEEKEND BACKPACK COLLECTION

Items needed:
Breakfast Bars & Snack Bars

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)

FINANCIAL UPDATE

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 Records for October 12, 2025
Weekly Budget Requirement: \$8,802.94
Budget Offering: \$4,028.00

YTD Budget Received as of October 12: \$9,388.00
YTD Needed as of October 12: \$17,605.88

Annual Budget: \$457,753.00

A gift was given to the music reserve in memory of
Martha Wilkins by Debbie Bumgarner.

Upcoming Schedule

October

20 - Fellowship of Christian Women (offsite)
26 - Youth Halloween Party
30 - Thriving As We Age Workshop
31 - Trick or Treat on Main | FAB

November

2 - All Saints Sunday
6 - Thriving As We Age Workshop
9 - Deacon Ordination
10 - Welcome Table
19 - Churchwide Thanksgiving Dinner
21 - Lifeline Screening | 9 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
23 - Community Thanksgiving Service | 7:00 p.m.
26 - No Wednesday Night Activities (Thanksgiving)
30 - 1st Sunday of Advent | Hanging of the Green Service 6 p.m.

December

6 - Children's Christmas Party 3-5 p.m. | Christmas Parade 5 p.m.
7 - 2nd Sunday of Advent | Youth Christmas Party | Adult Choir Joint Christmas Concert
8 - Welcome Table
14 - 3rd Sunday of Advent | Churchwide Christmas Party
15 - Welcome Table
21 - 4th Sunday of Advent
24 - Christmas Eve Service

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