



First Baptist Rutherfordton Newsletter | October 1, 2025



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 5, 2025 | 10:55 a.m.

Songs of Worship

All Creatures of Our God and King (Germany)

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love (Ghana)

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (Jamaica)

Together at the Table of the Lord

Lord, I Lay My Life Before You (Poland)

May the Love of the Lord (Singapore)

Communion

As is our practice on communion Sundays, we will also be collecting a local mission offering at the close of worship. This month, our offering will go to Out of the Ashes, a local non-profit that provides drug and alcohol addiction treatment and emergency shelter for the underserved and uninsured.

Sermon

"One in Christ"

Philippians 2:1-13

Aimee Hobbs

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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Church Family,

World Communion Sunday is Sunday! As we gather around the communion table, we'll remember that we are a part of a body of believers scattered around the world.

To help enrich our time of worship together, we'd like to fill the communion table with souvenirs/trinkets from YOUR world travels. Would you consider bringing an item to display? You can bring it to the office this week and we will arrange it on the table, or you can bring it with you on Sunday. Following worship, you're welcome to take your souvenir back home. Thank you for joining in the celebration!

Tonight at 6:15 p.m. we are continuing our "Bible Stories for Grown-Ups" conversation with a deeper look at the Parable of the Talents! If I don't see you then, I hope to see you on Sunday.

Blessings,
Aimee

THIS SUNDAY NIGHT!



 **ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC AT KIWANIS PARK**

Join us for fun, fellowship, and pizza!
Invite a friend!

 **Sunday, October 5**  **5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

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FREE!

NEW THIS YEAR - we are gathering at the Eric Wells Pavilion, the new pavilion at Kiwanis Park! You can park in the Scout Hut, Beth Miller Law Office, or the County Building parking lots.

Seating is limited so don't forget your folding chair!

DIFFERENCE MAKERS



Each Wednesday evening through September, our preschoolers and children gathered to learn more about friendship and how CBF Field Personnel leverage friendship in their work. The younger group made playdough and slime together, while talking about sharing toys and materials and how to invite others into play. The older group wrote notes and mailed them to church members, made cards to include in food bags, and shared some of the things their own families do to serve those less fortunate.

In the month of October, we will be focusing on how CBF Field Personnel incorporate spiritual care into their daily work, and how we too, can encourage others through spiritual care.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

5:30PM

CHURCHWIDE FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Oct 1: Chicken parmesan, spaghetti, green beans
Oct 8: Baked potato bar, salad

\$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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COME AND LISTEN



**Lunch.
Missions.
Bible Study.**

On Sunday, our youth gathered for lunch together, played BINGO with the residents of Hilltop Health & Rehab, and finished their "Come & Listen" series with conversation around the table with parents of young adults!

CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING:

FLU SHOTS | Laura Hodge will be available to administer flu shots THIS SUNDAY, October 5 from 9-10 a.m. and from Noon-1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Most insurance and Medicare payments will be accepted. Please bring your insurance card with you. No appointment is necessary.

HALLOWEEN CANDY COLLECTION | Halloween candy is being collected for Trick or Treating on Main. Candy can be dropped off in any of the collection boxes around the church.

THRIVING AS WE AGE | Save the date for two upcoming workshops focused on living the later part of your life the way God intended. These two special events, led by Terry Honeycutt, will explore Bible perspectives on aging, how we should age in a "health and youth" culture, and how we can grow older as a vocation. Make plans to come on Thursday, October 30, and Thursday, November 6, from 11:00-2:00 p.m. Lunch is provided.

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. 5 - Dale Heffner

Daryl Camper, John Blanton

Oct. 12 - Lori Herrick

Nell Bovender, Gayle Youngblood

WORSHIP CARE SCHEDULE

Oct. 5 - Nell Bovender, Jessica Godfrey

Oct. 12 - Laura Hodge, Violet Nyamiwa

WORSHIP READINESS SCHEDULE

Oct. 5 - Jason Hobbs

Oct. 12 - Heather Mode

MEALS ON WHEELS SCHEDULE

Oct. 3 - Dale & Dane Heffner

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 2 - Terry Honeycutt

October 3 - Randy Hawkins

October 4 - George Sanderlin, Jr.

October 4 - Kathy Tuttle

October 5 - Jeff Archer

YOKEFELLOW ITEM OF THE MONTH

Canned Meat

October Goal: 30 Cans

Collected: 0

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)

Administrative Leadership Council

Andy LaBreche - Chair (2027)

Jessica Godfrey - Secretary/Church Clerk (2026)

Faith Archer (2026)

Kurt Parker (2026)

Gayle Youngblood (2027)

Chip Bond (2027)

Laura Hodge (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 September 28, 2025
Budget Requirements: \$8,232.70
Budget Offering: \$34,399.00

YTD Budget Received as of September 28: \$467,297.00
YTD Needed as of September 30: \$437,830.20

Annual Budget: \$437,830.20

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Upcoming Schedule

October

5 - World Communion Sunday | Flu Shots Available | Churchwide Picnic at Kiwanis Park
9-14 - NC State Students on Campus
12 - Church Leadership Lunch and Orientation
14 - Women on Mission
20 - Fellowship of Christian Women
26 - Youth Halloween Party
30 - Thriving As We Age Workshop
31 - Halloween on Main | FAB

November

2 - All Saints Sunday
6 - Thriving As We Age Workshop
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

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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