



First Baptist Rutherfordton Newsletter | October 22, 2025



WORSHIP ON SUNDAY October 26, 2025 | 10:55 a.m.

Songs of Worship

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
O God Beyond All Praising
Contemplation on Pleading Savior
We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer
I Will Live My Thanks
They'll Know We Are Christians*

Sermon

"Grace, Gratitude, and Gifts"
1 Thessalonians 5:12-24
Aimee Hobbs

[WATCH THE SERVICE HERE](#)

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Church Family,

Tonight begins our series on Death, Dying, and the Afterlife. See the schedule below and make plans to join us!

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.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

5:30PM

CHURCHWIDE FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Oct 22: Chicken pie, slaw, green beans, biscuits
Oct 29: Fried chicken, baked potatoes, salad

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

6:15PM

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

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

"DEATH, DYING, AND THE AFTERLIFE"

Oct. 22 - How Can We Find Meaning in Suffering? Led by Chuck Godfrey

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!

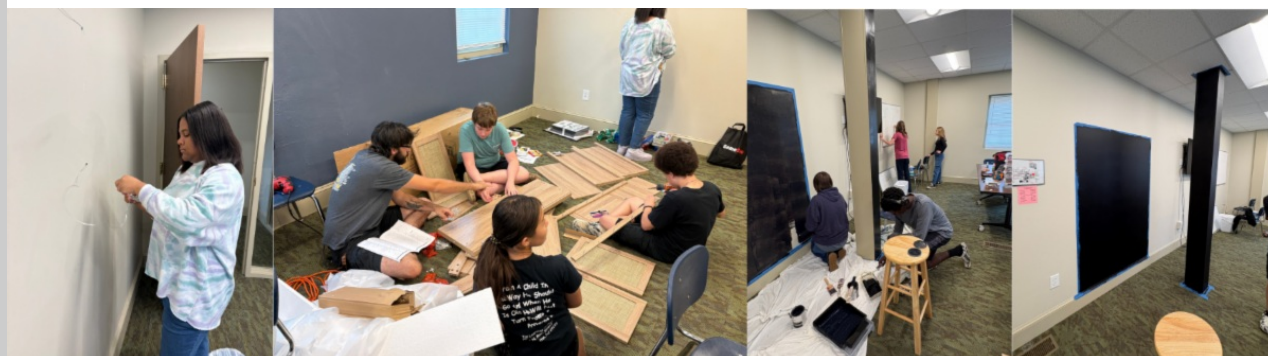
Dear First Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for your generous donation to Mosaic Hope. Because of your generosity, we'll continue the important work of serving children in foster care - right here in our small town. We could not do this work without you. We are grateful for your support!

Working Together,
Mosaic Hope

YOUTH MINISTRY MISSION PROJECT

On Sunday afternoon, our youth painted, built furniture, and redecorated a classroom for our children's ministry! Afterwards, they gathered for dinner and Bible study. They can't wait for the children, parents, and children's ministry volunteers to see it tonight!



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.





DEACON *ordination*

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

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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:

NEXT WELCOME TABLE | For our next meal (November 10), we want to decorate each table with homemade placemats from children, youth and, yes, adults. Sheets to color and markers and crayons will be in Sunday school classes beginning Sunday. Take a few minutes during your gathering time to color, and as you decorate, say a prayer for the person who will sit at that place, a prayer for blessings as they enter the holiday season.

Welcome Table meals are open to all. On November 10, we're serving chicken pie, green beans and desserts. Join us -- or help us serve -- and we can always use desserts. Questions? Call Nell, 828-429-9129.

LIFE LINE SCREENING | We will 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 HABC001
- 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. 26 - Jane Simpson
Joe Hughes
Nov. 2 - Frank Jones
Chip Bond, Judy Bond

WORSHIP CARE SCHEDULE

Oct. 26 - Dane Heffner, Rachel Tompkins
Nov. 2 - Nell Bovender, Shelia Cuthbertson

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

October 22 - Melanie Huneycutt
October 22 - Jamey Waters
October 23 - Brandon Potts
October 25 - Mendy Barnes Lloyd
October 26 - Ellen Kirkpatrick
October 26 - Carole Roper
October 26 - Chad McGinnis

WORSHIP READINESS SCHEDULE

Oct. 26 - Will Tompkins

Nov. 2 - Penny Parker

MEALS ON WHEELS SCHEDULE

Oct. 31 - Sharon Scruggs, Camille Wheeler

USHERS FOR October

Todd Hodge (Coordinator)

Steve Barnes, Andy LaBreche, Bob Smith

October 26 - Janet Hughes

October 26 - Dee Harrington

October 26 - Doug Dickens

October 28 - Donna Hughes

October 28 - Mike Scruggs

October 29 - Debbie Bumgarner

October 29 - Audrey Colnot

YOKEFELLOW ITEM OF THE MONTH

Canned Meat

October Goal: 30 Cans

Collected: 58

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.

Financial Records for October 19, 2025

Weekly Budget Requirement: \$8,802.94

Budget Offering: \$7,083.00

YTD Budget Received as of October 19: \$16,441.00

YTD Needed as of October 19: \$26,408.82

Annual Budget: \$457,753.00

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Upcoming Schedule

October

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
12 - Chili Cook-Off
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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