



First Baptist Rutherfordton Newsletter | October 29, 2025

ALL SAINTS DAY



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
November 2, 2025 | 10:55 a.m.

Songs of Worship

A Mighty Fortress is Our God
Be Still, My Soul
Near to the Heart of God
No Night There
Be Strong in the Lord

Sermon

"Lord, If You Had Been Here!"
John 11:32-44
Aimee Hobbs

WATCH THE SERVICE HERE

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

On Sunday, we were honored to have Sanjeeb and Anita Sahu join us for worship. We were unable to show a video highlighting more of their ministry with Source of Light so I hope you'll take a few minutes to watch it this week. Source of Light is one of our global mission partners doing wonderful work! **You can watch the video here.**

When watching the video, the section on Haryana is where the pastor is that our church supports.

Note: for safety reasons, the video cannot be shared on social media. Please do not share the link with others who may distribute it.

I hope you'll join us tonight for an important conversation around grief. Dinner is at 5:30 with our class, led by Jessica Godfrey, beginning at 6:15. Open Minds on Main and Children's Programming will also meet.

Blessings,
Aimee



TONIGHT! 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 29: Fried chicken, baked potatoes, salad
Nov 5: Pork Tenderloin, seasoned rice, coleslaw, roasted broccoli

\$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. 29 - Grief 101 - Led by Jessica Godfrey - Explore the myths and truths of the grief process, while learning strategies for effective coping

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

WWW.FIRSTBAPTISTRUTHERFORDTON.COM



Set Your Clocks Back



THANK YOU!

Dear First Baptist Church,

Thank you for your generous gift to Mesa Global. Because of you, lives are being transformed, and the gospel is taking root in communities around the world.

You are at the center of what God is doing through Mesa Global. Your generosity equips servant leaders, strengthens the church, and opens doors for the gospel in places where it is desperately needed. From house churches in Thailand to mentorship training in the Democratic Republic of Congo, your impact is felt in conversations, classrooms, and communities - each one a place where God's love is being shared in tangible, unexpected ways.

We often say Mesa Global is a bottom-up, everyone-in, all-around-the-table kind of organization. The table you've helped set is overflowing with workers, global training staff, Mesa Scholars - and now, people whose lives will never be the same because you said yes. Through your giving, others are being invited into training, understanding, and relationship-building that equips them to carry God's mission forward.

Thank you for saying "yes" to God's invitation and making space for others at the table. We're deeply grateful for the way you reflect Jesus' love and multiply His kingdom work across the global.

With gratitude,
Mesa Global
For the Ministry of Andy and Pam LaBreche



CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING:

WELCOME TABLE PLACEMATS | Don't forget! We need your help! Please take a placemat, color it, and return it to Nell or the church office. These placemats will be used for each guest at our next Welcome Table meal on November 10. Sunday school classes (of all ages) are encouraged to take a few minutes of your time together to color and pray for the neighbor that will be seated at each placemat.

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 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. 2 - Frank Jones
Chip Bond, Judy Bond

Nov. 9 - Belinda Camper
Scott Carpenter, Terry Honeycutt

WORSHIP CARE SCHEDULE

Nov. 2 - Nell Bovender, Shelia Cuthbertson
Nov. 9 - Bob Smith, Mindy Miller

WORSHIP READINESS SCHEDULE

Nov. 2 - Penny Parker
Nov. 9 - Heather Mode

MEALS ON WHEELS SCHEDULE

Oct. 31 - Sharon Scruggs, Camille Wheeler
Nov. 7 - Bob Smith

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

October 29 - Debbie Bumgarner
October 29 - Audrey Colnot
November 1 - Sarah Carrick-Pruett
November 1 - Luke Bryant
November 1 - Clay Bovender
November 2 - Rob McKinnon
November 2 - Evan Franklin
November 2 - John Hooper
November 2 - Elizabeth Roberts
November 4 - Paulette MacDonald

YOKEFELLOW ITEM OF THE MONTH

Canned Meat

October Goal: 30 Cans
Collected: 62

USHERS FOR November

Todd Hodge (Coordinator)
Daryl Camper, Jamie Knox, Mindy Miller

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)

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 October 26, 2025
Weekly Budget Requirement: \$8,802.94
Budget Offering: \$6,716.01

YTD Budget Received as of October 26: \$23,157.01
YTD Needed as of October 26: \$35,211.76

Annual Budget: \$457,753.00

Upcoming Schedule

October

30 - Thriving As We Age Workshop | 11 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
31 - Trick or Treat on Main | FAB

November

2 - All Saints Sunday
6 - Thriving As We Age Workshop
9 - Deacon Ordination | Communion
10 - Welcome Table
12 - Chili Cook-Off
16 - Deacons Meeting | 4:45 p.m.
17 - ALC Meeting | 6:00 p.m.
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 3-5 p.m.

15 - Welcome Table

21 - 4th Sunday of Advent

24 - Christmas Eve 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
johnfbc@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!