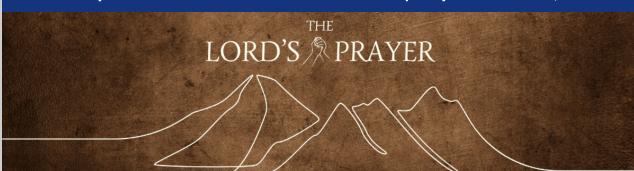


First Baptist Rutherfordton Newsletter | September 10, 2025



## WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY September 14, 2025 | 10:55 a.m.

## **Songs of Worship**

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart Heal Me, Hands of Jesus Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive Father, Forgive Us My Faith Looks Up to Thee

#### Sermon

"As We Forgive" Matthew 18:21-35 Aimee Hobbs

WATCH THE SERVICE HERE

#### A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

First Baptist Family,

If you haven't made Wednesday nights part of the rhythm of your week, I hope you'll consider doing so this year! There is something beautiful about the church pausing mid-week for fellowship, a shared meal, lifting up prayer concerns, and engaging in conversation about our faith. If you aren't sure you can commit the entire time, just join us for dinner! It's delicious - and cheaper than McDonalds! I love seeing you, and so does your church family.

Beginning tonight, the Bible study in the Fellowship Hall will be centered around "Bible Stories for Grown-Ups." If you were raised attending church each week, you likely heard a version of some of those classic "Sunday school stories" like Noah's Ark. We all grew up assuming we knew that story well... but do we? Let's unpack them together! Our stories will

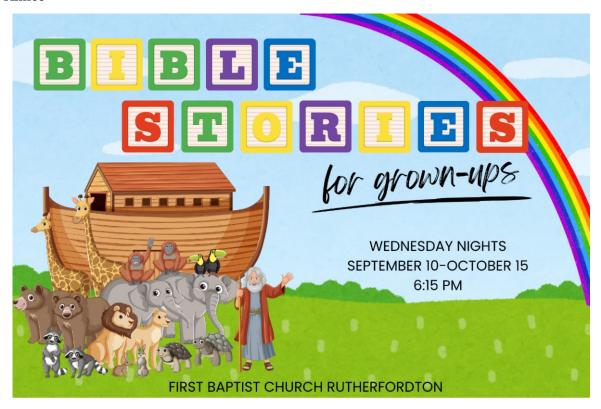
be:

September 10 - The Story of Noah September 17 - The Binding of Isaac September 24 - The Story of Jonah October 1 - The Parable of the Talents October 8 - Looking for Zacchaeus October 15 - Healing the Man Who Was Blind

Open Minds on Main, which is facilitated by John Miller, also begins meeting tonight! This is a judgement-free space for conversation around faith. It meets at Main St Coffee and Ice Cream at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome!

Tonight's dinner is being prepared by Beth Heffner and the menu is brisket, hashbrown casserole, corn, and cheddar biscuits. You won't want to miss it!

I hope to see you tonight, or on Sunday! Aimee





# Starts back this Wed!



6:30 - 7:15pm Main St Coffee & Ice Cream

#### SENIOR ADULT TRIP ON SEPTEMBER 22



Senior adults, you're invited to lunch at Calvert's Kitchen in Columbus! We'll ride together on the bus, leaving the church at 10:45 a.m. Our lunch reservation is for 11:30 a.m.

A sign-up sheet and menu is in the Welcome Center. Everyone will pay for their own meal. Please RSVP by September 21.

## **MEET OUR INTERIM ORGANIST!**



Pam McNeil will join us beginning Sunday, October 5 and will play in worship weekly through the month of December.

She comes to us from Tryon United Methodist Church, where she was the Organist/Music Director. Pam has a master's degree in music education and for quite some time was a music schoolteacher. She is active in the Tryon community, playing for the town's community theater and their community choir.

Let's all give Pam a warm welcome as she joins us in worship!

## THANK YOU, CHURCH FAMILY

Dear First Baptist Family,

It is with grateful hearts that we extend our thanks for the cards, texts, messages, meals, and prayers. We are deeply blessed to be part of this congregation that cares and loves so well in times of need.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MARTHA WILKINS!



Congratulations and happy birthday to Martha Wilkins, one of our oldest Noble Nonagenarians. She will be celebrating her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on Wednesday, September 17. Martha began her college education at Mars Hill College where she received her two-year degree and then went on to pursue a BS in Medical Technology from Wake Forest University.

Even though she later earned teacher certification in secondary science from East Carolina University, Martha decided working in hospital labs was her forte. Her career included working in the Rutherford Hospital lab for ten years, the Shelby Hospital lab for almost twenty years, and finally for Lab Corp in Charlotte. If you ask Martha about her career, she will tell you that her biggest joy in life was working in labs identifying diseases in blood. We salute

you, Martha, for your invaluable work and wish you a most happy birthday!





#### LOVE SENDING NOTES?



Merri Nanney is the sister of Jackie Wallace, and she is under hospice care for stage 4 cancer. You may recognize her - she has visited a couple of times! Merri loves receiving cards and would love to receive more. Would you drop her a note of encouragement? You can mail it to:

Resorts at Beaufort Merri Nanney, Room D33 11 Todd Drive Beaufort, SC 29902

Thank you!

#### **CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING:**

**UPCOMING BUSINESS MEETING** | Following worship on Sunday, September 21, we will gather for a special called business meeting for the purpose of voting on leadership. If you are unable to attend, a ballot can be emailed upon request (contact Donna at **donna@fbcrutherfordton.org**).

**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 Thursday, October 30 and Thursday, November 6 from 11:00-2:00 p.m. Lunch is provided.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** | Rutherfordton Presbyterian Church will be hosting a Blood Drive on Friday, September 26 from Noon-5:00 p.m. in their Fellowship Hall.

YOKEFELLOW FOOD PANTRY | For September and 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** | With school starting back, we are once again 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

**Sept. 14** - Jane Simpson John Roberts, Joe Hughes **Sept. 21** - Debbie Bumgarner Jeff Archer, Charlotte Epley

#### **NURSERY SCHEDULE**

**Sept. 14** - Lori Herrick, Dane Heffner **Sept. 21** - Bob Smith, Rachel Tompkins

#### WORSHIP READINESS SCHEDULE

**Sept. 14** - Penny Parker **Sept. 21** - Will Tompkins

#### MEALS ON WHEELS SCHEDULE

Sept. 19 - Craig & Barbara Sappenfield

#### **USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER**

Todd Hodge (Coordinator) Jeff Archer, Bud Grissom, Don Ledbetter, Susan Martin

#### BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

September 11 - Mackie McMahan September 12 - David Finnan September 12 - Linda Harris September 13 - Randy Harrill September 14 - Bruce Boone September 14 - Erin Tompkins September 15 - Faith Archer September 17 - Martha Wilkins September 17 - Tammy Daniel September 17 - Joey Buchanan September 17 - Aimee Hobbs

#### YOKEFELLOW ITEM OF THE MONTH

**Canned Meat** 

**September Goal:** 30 Cans Collected: 0

**August Collected**: 82 Cans Thank you!

SPINDALE ELEMENTARY WEEKEND BACKPACK COLLECTION Items needed:

Breakfast Bars, Snack Bars

### 2024-2025 Church Leadership

#### **Deacon Council**

Lori Herrick - Chair (2026)
Debbie Bumgarner - Vice-Chair (2026)
Scott Carpenter - Secretary (2025)
Judy Bond (2025)
Terry Honeycutt (2025)
Dale Heffner (2026)
Jane Simpson (2027)
Beth Archer (2027)

Frank Jones (2027)

### **Administrative Leadership Council**

Mike Martin - Chair (2025)
Andy LaBreche - Vice-Chair (2027)
Jessica Godfrey - Secretary/Church Clerk (2026)
Henry Giles (2025)
Claudia Waters (2025)
Steve Barnes (2025)
Faith Archer (2026)
Kurt Parker (2026)
Chip Bond (2027)
Gayle Youngblood (2027)

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 August 31, 2025 Budget Requirements: \$8,232.70 Budget Offering: \$8,090.00

Financial Records for September 7, 2025 Budget Requirements: \$8,232.70 Budget Offering: \$5,070.00

YTD Budget Received as of August 31: \$389,676.21 YTD Needed as of August 31: \$392,425.00

YTD Budget Received as of September 7: \$396,468.21 YTD Needed as of September 30: \$437,830.20

Annual Budget: \$437,830.20

A gift has been given to Welcome Table in loving memory of Nancy Simmons by Jane Simpson.

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## **Upcoming Schedule**

#### September

- 15 ALC Meeting | 6 p.m.
- 21 Special Called Business Meeting | Deacon End of Year Dinner
- 22 Senior Adult Lunch (off site)
- 23 Adult Handbell Rehearsals resume
- 26 Red Cross Blood Drive at Rutherfordton Presbyterian Church | 12 5 p.m.

#### October

- 5 World Communion Sunday | Churchwide Picnic at Kiwanis Park
- 12 Church Leadership Lunch and Orientation
- 14 Women on Mission | 3 p.m.
- 20 Fellowship of Christian Women | 2 p.m.
- 26 Youth Halloween Party

- 30 Thriving As We Age Workshop
- 31 Halloween on Main St | FAB

#### **November**

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

#### **December**

- 7 2nd Sunday of Advent | Youth Christmas Party | Adult Choir Christmas Joint 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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