



First Baptist Rutherfordton Newsletter | September 17, 2025

THE
LORD'S PRAYER

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY
September 21, 2025 | 10:55 a.m.

Songs of Worship

To God Be the Glory
Heavenly Sunlight
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
The Lord's Prayer
He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought

Sermon

"Lead Us Not Into Temptation"
Luke 4:1-13
Aimee Hobbs

WATCH THE SERVICE HERE

BUSINESS MEETING REMINDER

Don't forget that this Sunday following worship, we'll gather for a special called business meeting to elect leadership for 2025-2028. If you are a church member and did not receive the email of nominees last week, you can download it below.

Ballots will be distributed at the meeting or, if you are not able to attend in person, you may request an online ballot **by emailing Donna Sand in the church office.**

Online ballots must be completed by tomorrow (Thursday, September 18).

DOWNLOAD LIST OF NOMINEES

SENIOR ADULT TRIP NEXT WEEK



Senior adults, you're invited to lunch at Calvert's Kitchen in Columbus on Monday, September 22! 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 SUNDAY!

THANK YOU!

First Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for the generous gift to Blue Ridge Hope. We are so grateful for community partners like you, who help us achieve our mission of providing mental health care coverage regardless of one's ability to pay. We are grateful and we recognize all the good work you are doing.

Peace,
Travis Smith
Executive Director, Blue Ridge Hope

COME & LISTEN



Our youth ministry recently launched "Come & Listen," an opportunity for teenagers to gather around the table with a select group of church members for a shared meal, games, conversation, and to answer questions. On Sunday, three senior adults in our congregation were invited to come and share!

CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING:

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. 21 - Debbie Bumgarner
Jeff Archer, Charlotte Epley

Sept. 28 - Beth Archer
Mike Stephenson

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Sept. 21 - Bob Smith, Rachel Tompkins
Sept. 28 - Shelia Cutherbertson,

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

September 17 - Martha Wilkins
September 17 - Tammy Daniel
September 17 - Joey Buchanan
September 17 - Aimee Hobbs
September 18 - Wells Allen
September 19 - Bobby Potts
September 19 - Isaac Hughes
September 19 - Wayne Harris

Mindy Miller

WORSHIP READINESS SCHEDULE

Sept. 21 - Will Tompkins

Sept. 28 - Heather Mode

MEALS ON WHEELS SCHEDULE

Sept. 19 - Craig & Barbara Sappenfield

USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Todd Hodge (Coordinator)

Jeff Archer, Bud Grissom, Don Ledbetter,

Susan Martin

September 20 - Bucky Wharton

September 21 - John Henry Deaver

September 22 - David Bond

September 22 - Nell Bovender

September 22 - Marcel Colnot

September 23 - Shirley Lattimore

September 23 - Bellamy Clements

September 24 - Davis Stephenson

YOKEFELLOW ITEM OF THE MONTH

Canned Meat

September Goal: 30 Cans

Collected: 6

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 September 14, 2025

Budget Requirements: \$8,232.70

Budget Offering: \$24,571.00

YTD Budget Received as of September 14: \$421,536.21

YTD Needed as of September 30: \$437,830.20

Annual Budget: \$437,830.20

A gift has been given in loving memory of Nancy Simmons by Willis & Brenda Archer, Darrell & Debbie Bumgarner, Alan & Lori Herrick, and Steve Barnes.

Upcoming Schedule

September

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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