



First Baptist Rutherfordton Newsletter | September 24, 2025

THE
LORD'S PRAYER

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY
September 28, 2025 | 10:55 a.m.

Songs of Worship

When Morning Gilds the Skies
I Need Thee Every Hour
Jesus Shall Reign
The Lord's Prayer
Crown Him with Many Crowns

Sermon

"The Kingdom and the Power and the Glory"
1 Chronicles 29:10-13
Aimee Hobbs

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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

Church Family,

First, let me thank you for the thoughtfulness and discernment you gave our budget and leadership nomination process. Some weeks back, I encouraged you to consider how we can use this process to cultivate new leaders and I was overjoyed to see so many "new" names put forward! While some of those new names weren't yet eligible or willing, it was heartwarming to see them named. There is no shortage of good people here, and our ballots proved that! As someone whose role includes wanting everyone to have a place at the table, it's always hard to see good people not selected for leadership - especially when presented with as wonderful of a slate as we had this year. I'm deeply grateful to those of you who were willing to be nominated. You can find the full list of elected leaders below.

This also means that some of our leaders are rotating off. Many thanks to *Steve Barnes, Judy Bond, Scott Carpenter, Henry Giles, Terry Honeycutt, Mike Martin, and Claudia Waters* for your hard work, dedication, and leadership! We are grateful for each of you!

World Communion Sunday is less than two weeks away! On Sunday, October 5 we will gather around the communion table to remember that we are part of a body of believers who are scattered around the world. And while each culture celebrates communion differently, we all affirm Jesus is Lord.

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 in advance and we will arrange it on the table, or you can bring it with you on October 5. Following worship that morning, 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 Jonah! If I don't see you then, I hope to see you on Sunday when we wrap up our Lord's Prayer sermon series.

Blessings,
Aimee

CHURCH LEADERSHIP ELECTION UPDATE

At the church conference on Sunday, September 21, the following were elected to church leadership roles:

Deacon Council

Belinda Camper (2025-2028)

Ben Moore (2025-2028)

Penny Parker (2025-2028)

Administrative Leadership Council

Laura Hodge (2025-2028)

Carolyn Keever (2025-2028)

Mike Stephenson (2025-2028)

Moderator

Chip Bond

Treasurer

Daryl Camper

END OF YEAR STEWARDSHIP

First Baptist Family,

I wanted to take a moment to remind you that our church year runs from October 1 to September 30, which means we will transition to our newly elected church leaders and our recently approved budget after this Sunday.

In Aimee's Star Words sermon last December, she reminded us that the new year is a time to pause and reflect on the past year, as well as on our goals and plans for the year ahead. I'd like to think the new church year offers a similar opportunity for both our church leadership and our congregation.

As I outlined in our budget meeting last month, our church has grown in many ways over the

past year—both in our numbers and in our relationships with Christ, with each other, and with our community. Our Finance Subcommittee of the ALC (Henry Giles, Gayle Youngblood, and me, along with church Treasurer Daryl Camper) identified the need for increased funds to support this continued growth. We've seen an increase in our expenses this year and anticipate the same for next year.

As we approach this last Sunday of the church year, I encourage you to pause and reflect on what you can offer to our church—both in this final week and in the year to come. Whether it be monetary gifts, volunteering your time, sharing your talents, praying for our church leadership, or offering in other ways, every contribution is deeply appreciated.

Thank you for the many ways you have supported our church throughout this year!

Faith Archer
Finance Chair, ALC Subcommittee

A vibrant green and yellow poster for the Annual Church Picnic at Kiwanis Park. The top half features a large photo of a man, a young girl, and a woman sharing food. A circular inset shows a group of people sitting around a picnic table. In the bottom right corner, there are three stacked pizza boxes. The text is bold and clear, with a 'FREE!' badge. The church logo is in the top left corner.

 **First Baptist Church**
Rutherfordton

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 camping chair!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

5:30PM

CHURCHWIDE FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Sept 24: Tacos, corn casserole, black bean salsa
Oct 1: Chicken parmesan, spaghetti, green beans

\$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



Our youth ministry is in the midst of "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 current college students in our congregation were invited to come and share. They also had the most students in the youth basement since before COVID!

SENIOR ADULT LUNCH OUT





YOUTH LUNCH
at Mi Pueblito
**MISSION
WORK**
Come & Listen Series, wk. 3
Sunday, September 28
12 - 5



CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING:

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

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.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE | Rutherfordton Presbyterian Church will be hosting a Blood Drive on Friday, September 26, from noon to 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. 28 - Beth Archer
Mike Stephenson

Oct. 5 - Dale Heffner
Daryl Camper, John Blanton

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Sept. 28 - Shelia Cuthbertson,
Mindy Miller

Oct. 5 - Nell Bovender, Jessica Godfrey

WORSHIP READINESS SCHEDULE

Sept. 28 - Heather Mode
Oct. 5 - Chuck Godfrey

MEALS ON WHEELS SCHEDULE

Oct. 3 - Dale & Dane Heffner
Oct. 18 - Janis Rosenbaum
Oct. 31 - Sharon Scruggs, Camille Wheeler

USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER

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

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

September 24 - Davis Stephenson
September 25 - Shelia Cuthbertson
September 27 - James E. Jones
September 28 - Matthew Finnan
September 28 - Hannah Parker
September 30 - Peggy Gregg

YOKEFELLOW ITEM OF THE MONTH

Canned Meat

September Goal: 30 Cans
Collected: 12

SPINDALE ELEMENTARY WEEKEND BACKPACK COLLECTION

Items needed:
Breakfast Bars & Snack Bars

2025-2026 Church Leadership

Deacon Council

Lori Herrick - Chair (2026)

Administrative Leadership Council

Mike Martin - Chair (2025)

Debbie Bumgarner - Vice-Chair (2026)

Scott Carpenter - Secretary (2025)

Judy Bond (2025)

Terry Honeycutt (2025)

Dale Heffner (2026)

Beth Archer (2027)

Frank Jones (2027)

Jane Simpson (2027)

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)

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the button below.

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FINANCIAL UPDATE

Financial Records for September 21, 2025

Budget Requirements: \$8,232.70

Budget Offering: \$11,362.00

YTD Budget Received as of September 21: \$432,898.00

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

Annual Budget: \$437,830.20

Sunday is the last Sunday for giving to our 2024-2025
budget!

Upcoming Schedule

September

26 - Red Cross Blood Drive at Rutherfordton Presbyterian Church | Noon - 5:00 p.m.

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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