



First Baptist Rutherfordton Newsletter | September 3, 2025

THE
LORD'S PRAYER

WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY
September 7, 2025 | 10:55 a.m.

Songs of Worship

How Great Is Our God
Break Thou the Bread of Life
Halle, Halle
I Worship You, Almighty God
Daily Bread
All the Way My Savior Leads Me
Blest Be the Tie

Communion

As is our practice on communion Sundays, we will also be collecting a local mission offering at the close of worship.

Sermon

"Our Daily Bread"
John 6:30-35
Aimee Hobbs

WATCH THE SERVICE HERE

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

First Baptist Family,

The next few weeks are important ones in the life of our church! Some weeks ago, you were invited to begin a period of discernment as we collectively nominate and elect new leadership for our church - especially as it relates to cultivating new leadership, and seeking those within

our community that embody the traits found in **our church covenant**. I hope that you've had some names in mind and that you had the opportunity to share with those individuals why you think they would be a wonderful leader for our congregation. Often, we are hesitant to serve until someone else names the gifts they see in us!

On Sunday, following the close of worship, we will have a special called business meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to 1) vote on the proposed 2025-2026 budget (**found here**) and 2) return the nomination ballots. If you are unable to attend, you may request an online ballot for the budget vote and/or an online nomination ballot by emailing **Donna Sand**.

Next week, we will share our official slate of nominations for ALC and Deacons. We'll gather again on Sunday, September 21 following the close of worship to elect leadership from that slate of nominees. An online option will be available for that vote, too.

September also brings the end of our fiscal year. Expenses, especially by way of utilities, have been higher than anticipated and our giving dipped a bit over the summer. We are hopeful to cross the finish line by meeting budget this year. I invite you to join with us in financially supporting our ministry and mission, if you aren't already. Or, if you are already faithfully giving and are able, consider giving above and beyond this month to ensure we finish the year well. We have been able to do good work together this year - and have much to be proud of! Thank you for your continued support of our shared mission.

Tonight we kick-off our Wednesday night gatherings and I've missed seeing you mid-week! I hope you'll plan to join us for dinner at 5:30 (fried chicken) and our church meeting at 6:15. You'll have the opportunity to hear from our pastoral staff and lay leadership on all the good things that has happened since we met in May.

Blessings,
Aimee

TONIGHT!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

Begins September 3!

5:30PM

CHURCHWIDE FELLOWSHIP DINNER

6:15PM

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

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

"BIBLE STORIES FOR GROWN-UPS" *Begins Sept 10 - Church Meeting is Sept 3

Revisiting familiar childhood Bible stories like Noah's Ark & Zacchaeus

6:30PM

OPEN MINDS ON MAIN *Begins Sept 10 - Church Meeting is Sept 3

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

Church Meeting

Wednesday, September 3rd

6:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
RUTHERFORDTON

BEGINNING NEXT WEEK!

BIBLE

STORIES

for grown-ups



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
SEPTEMBER 10-OCTOBER 15
6:15 PM

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH RUTHERFORDTON



Pizza & drinks provided for
students AND
parents/guardians after
the meeting!



YOUTH & PARENT MEETING

*This Sunday
4pm*



THANK YOU, CHURCH FAMILY

Dear First Baptist Church Family,

We thank you for all your prayers, support, love, and kind words in the passing of our mother, Gerry. We continue to covet your prayers as we try to navigate life now that she is gone. Please remember to stop and smell the flowers.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.
The Roberts Family



CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING:

UPCOMING BUSINESS MEETINGS | Mark your calendar for the following meetings:

THIS Sunday, September 7 - Churchwide vote on budget & nomination ballots due
Sunday, September 21 - Churchwide vote on leadership (Deacon Council & ALC)

If you are unable to attend, ballots and nomination forms can be emailed upon request (contact Donna at donna@fbcRutherfordton.org).

WELCOME TABLE ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 | We are hosting Welcome Table on Monday, September 8! Volunteers and desserts are needed. If you have help, contact Nell Bovender (828-429-9129) for more details.

DESSERTS NEEDED ON WEDNESDAYS | Can you provide a dessert for Wednesday night meals? Jane Simpson has created a rotation and would love to include you! If you can supply a store-bought or homemade dessert once or twice a month (enough to feed 20-25 people), please call or text Jane Simpson (828-429-4843). Additionally, we need pre-packaged Little Debbie-type cakes that can be added as needed. Desserts should be clearly marked for "Wednesday Night Meal" and dropped off before 5 p.m. on Tuesday or Wednesday of the week assigned.

WORSHIP READINESS CLASS BEGINS SUNDAY! | Children in 2nd through 5th grade are invited to join a worship readiness class beginning September 7. We will be exploring the various elements of a worship service, what goes into planning a service, and special seasons that we include throughout the year. Our goal is to help children develop a deeper understanding of worship, the sanctuary, and the traditions of the Baptist church. At various times, they will attend the service as a group and other times will be learning from a classroom setting. If you are interested in learning more, **contact Donna**.

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 leave them in the Welcome Center collection box. We will 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

September 7 - Scott Carpenter

Mike Scruggs, Jeff Archer

September 14 - Jane Simpson

John Roberts, Joe Hughes

NURSERY SCHEDULE

September 7 - Beth Archer, Belinda

Camper

September 14 - Lori Herrick, Dane Heffner

WORSHIP READINESS SCHEDULE

September 7 - Jason Hobbs

September 14 - Penny Parker

MEALS ON WHEELS SCHEDULE

September 5 - Griggs & Debbie McKinnon

September 19 - Craig & Barbara

Sappenfield

USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Todd Hodge (Coordinator)

Jeff Archer, Bud Grissom, Don Ledbetter,

Susan Martin

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

September 3 - Jack Wallace

September 5 - Skyler Keyes

September 9 - Scott Lawrence

YOKEFELLOW ITEM OF THE MONTH

Canned Meat

September Goal: 30 Cans

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)

Administrative Leadership Council

Mike Martin - Chair (2025)

Andy LaBreche - Vice-Chair (2027)

Jessica Godfrey - Secretary/Church Clerk (2026)

Henry Giles (2025)

Claudia Waters (2025)

Dale Heffner (2026)
Jane Simpson (2027)
Beth Archer (2027)
Frank Jones (2027)

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
will be shared in next week's newsletter

A gift has been given to the Music Reserve Fund in loving memory of Sandy Smith by Jane Ford.

A gift was made anonymously to the Scholarship Fund and Local Missions fund.

A gift was given to the Youth Reserve and Music Reserve by Scott and Jolie Kelly.

Upcoming Schedule

September

3 - Wednesday Nights Resume | 5:30 p.m.

7 - Communion Sunday | Promotion Sunday | Special Called Business Meeting | Illuminate (Youth Group) Resumes | Youth Parent Meeting | Worship Readiness Class Begins

8 - Welcome Table

9 - Women on Mission 3 p.m.

10 - Open Minds on Main resumes

15 - ALC Meeting | 6 p.m.

21 - Special Called Business Meeting | Deacon End of Year Dinner

23 - Adult Handbell Rehearsals resume

October

5 - 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

31 - Halloween on Main St | FAB

November

10 - Welcome Table

19 - Churchwide Thanksgiving Dinner

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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