



Upcoming events

AUGUST 2026

SAT
AUG 1

Dot Carnegie's 95th Birthday Celebration

2:00 PM- 4:00 PM

RSVP to Office@FBCRutherfordton.org

M-TH
AUG 3

Advocacy Camp

9:00 AM- 3:00 PM

3rd - 6th grades. Sign up with the link in the newsletter or Contact Aimee.

SUN
AUG 9

Blessing of the Backpacks

10:55 AM

Students & Teachers are invited to bring their school bags with them.

WED
AUG 26

Churchwide Back to School Event

5:00 PM

Join the Senior Adults in celebrating the new school year.

WAYS TO GIVE

We offer a safe, online giving option. You can access online giving under the "Giving" tab on our website or by scanning the QR code.



Celebrating 175 Years of
Loving God
Loving Others

First Baptist Church
Rutherfordton



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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH RUTHERFORDTON
July 26, 2026

PRELUDE	Alex Tapp
BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST	Elsie Creswell
CALL TO WORSHIP	Donna Sand
*HYMN 354	<i>Praise Him! Praise Him!</i> JOYFUL SONG
A STORY FOR ALL PEOPLE	Donna Sand
	<i>All children are invited to come forward.</i>
*HYMN 570	<i>'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus</i> TRUST IN JESUS
READING FROM THE PSALMS	Gayle Youngblood
	Psalm 103:8-13
	The Word of God, for the people of God
	<i>Thanks be to God</i>
PASTORAL PRAYER	Beth Heffner
THIS MOMENT IN HISTORY	Frank Jones
*HYMN 641	<i>Higher Ground</i> HIGHER GROUND
MESSAGE IN SONG	<i>Come, Let Us Worship</i> arr. Anderson/Wagner
	Jane Simpson, Handbell Solo; Alison Moore, Piano
SERMON	“Summer Drive-In: The Straight Story” Aimee Hobbs
	Matthew 18:21-35
OFFERTORY	
Offertory Moment	Debbie Bumgarner
Offertory Meditation	
	“Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly
	or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”
	2 Corinthians 9:7

Offertory Music	Alison Moore
*Doxology 706	OLD 100TH, alt
	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
	Praise Him, all creatures here below;
	Praise Him, above ye heavenly host;
	Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
*Prayer of Thanksgiving	Debbie Bumgarner
*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP	Aimee Hobbs
*INVITATION HYMN 496	<i>Footsteps of Jesus</i> FOOTSTEPS
*BENEDICTION	Aimee Hobbs
*CLOSING HYMN 496	<i>Footsteps of Jesus</i> FOOTSTEPS
	(Stanza 4)
*POSTLUDE	Alex Tapp
	*Please stand if you are able
	Remember to silence your cell phones or electronic devices

WELCOME VISITORS!

We hope that you will find comfort, joy, a sense of home, and the leading of the Holy Spirit as you worship with us this morning. We would love to have a record of your attendance with us today. If you are visiting for the first time or have never filled out a visitor card, we invite you to take one from the pew rack and fill it out. Please place it on the pew as you leave.

WORSHIP CARE & CHILDREN’S WORSHIP

Worship Care is available for children in second grade and under, either for the full service or following “A Story for All People.” Our greeters can assist you with more information and getting to the nursery. Following the service, parents should pick their children up in the Children’s Classroom.

Worship Bags are available in the Sanctuary entrances for children in 5th grade and under.