

LENTEN NOONDAY SERVICES

This week's Lenten service and lunch are on Wednesday, at noon, at our church. The speaker is Henry Kerns, pastor of Gold Hill Missionary Baptist. March 25th is our final Lenten Service for the season.

SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING

We will hold a special called business meeting on Wednesday, March 25 at 6:15 p.m. in the Conference Room to vote on the purchase of a new church van.

SENIOR ADULT PIZZA PARTY

Our senior adults are invited to a pizza gathering on Thursday, March 19, at noon in the Fellowship Hall. This is an informal gathering where we can enjoy each other's company and pizza from a local restaurant. You can sign up at the Welcome Center. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, March 15.

RUTHERFORDTON COMMUNITY WORKDAY

We will be joining others in our community for the Greatest American Clean-up on Saturday, March 21, at 10:00 a.m. We'll be "adopting" the greenway and creek on our property stretching to Kiwanis Park. Trash bags, gloves, and some pickers will be provided. Bring a picker if you have one. We will meet at Billy's Swing. All ages welcome! Wear your church t-shirt and come lend a hand!

EASTER EGG HUNT

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, March 28, at 11:00 a.m., and we need eggs and fillers! Can you help? We'll be collecting donations until March 22nd. They can be dropped off in the Welcome Center or Children's Area.

EASTER LILIES

If you would like to place an Easter lily in memory of in honor of someone, please fill out the form located in the vestibules and return it to the church office along with payment of \$18/plant by Sunday, March 29.

MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER

Our Maundy Thursday dinner will be Thursday, April 2, at 5:30 p.m. The meal is free, but an offering for CBF Global Mission will be collected. If your family plans to attend, RSVP by March 29th by emailing office@fbcrutherfordton.org

MIDWEEK GATHERINGS

Join us on Wednesday evening for dinner and mid-week gatherings. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m., and the menu is sloppy joes, corn on the cob, tater tots (\$8 per adult, \$5/child, \$20 family max). Following dinner, children's programming, Open Minds on Main, and a Lenten study on the Grace of Les Misérables will meet. Join us!

WAYS TO GIVE

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



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Wandering
Heart *"I'm fixed upon it"*

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

PRELUDE Pam McNeil

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST Erin Tompkins

CALL TO WORSHIP Donna Sand

*HYMN 323 *How Great Thou Art* O STORE GUD

A STORY FOR ALL PEOPLE Donna Sand
All children are invited to come forward

*HYMN 178 *How Deep the Father's Love for Us* TOWNEND

READING FROM THE PSALMS Elsie Creswell
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God

PASTORAL PRAYER John Miller

*HYMN (Insert) *The Way* RATHBUN

THIS MOMENT IN HISTORY Lori Herrick

CHORAL ANTHEM *All Hail King Jesus* arr. Cahoon
Sanctuary Choir; Alison Moore, Piano; John Miller, Guitar

SERMON "I'm Fixed Upon It" Aimee Hobbs
Matthew 16:21-23

OFFERTORY Offertory Moment Beth Heffner
Offertory Meditation

"So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly, I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you."
Matthew 6:2-4

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 Belinda Camper

*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Aimee Hobbs

*INVITATION HYMN 583 *Jesus Paid it All* ALL TO CHRIST

*BENEDICTION Aimee Hobbs

*CLOSING HYMN 583 *Jesus Paid it All* ALL TO CHRIST
(Refrain)

*POSTLUDE Pam McNeil

*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 aged 3 and under. Our greeters can assist you with more information and getting to the nursery.

Following A Story for All People, children up to 2nd grade are invited to walk with us to Children's Worship. 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.