



### MEALS ON WHEELS

Volunteers are needed to assist with this ministry, which delivers hot lunches in Rutherfordton to shut-ins. Our church participates by delivering meals 2 to 3 times a month. Deliveries take about an hour and you would serve 2 to 3 times each year. If you would like to volunteer or hear more about this opportunity, contact Lynn Blanton.

### POINSETTIA ORDERS

Order forms are now available if you would like to place a poinsettia in the Sanctuary in memory or in honor of someone, this Christmas season. Cost is \$20. Deadline to order is November 23.

### ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

Printed Advent devotionals for children/families and youth/adults will be available for pick-up beginning Wednesday, November 19. If you prefer a digital version of the youth/adult devotional, it can be emailed to you each morning. Email [office@fbcrutherfordton.org](mailto:office@fbcrutherfordton.org) to be added to the digital list.

### HANGING OF THE GREEN

Mark your calendar for our annual Hanging of the Green Service on Sunday, November 30 at 6 p.m.

### 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 to the right.



### FIRST BAPTIST RUTHERFORDTON

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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**November 16, 2025 10:55 AM**

Prelude		Pam McNeil
Bringing in the Light of Christ		Elsie Creswell
Call to Worship		Donna Sand
The Singing Congregation		
*Hymn 319	"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"	LOBE DEN HERREN
A Story for All People		Donna Sand
	<i>All children are invited to come forward</i>	
The Singing Congregation		
*Hymn 671	"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"	BEACH SPRING
Reading from the Psalms	Psalms 100	Joe Hughes
Pastoral Prayer		John Miller
The Singing Congregation		
*Hymn 378	"We Gather Here in Grateful Praise"	TRURO
Anthem	"Canticle of Thanksgiving"	Wood
The Spoken Word	"Gratitude and Abundance"	Aimee Hobbs
	Luke 7:36-50	
Offertory		
Offertory Moment		Laura Hodge
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.	
Offertory Prayer		Debbie Bumgarner
Invitation to Discipleship		Aimee Hobbs
The Confessing Congregation		
*Hymn 665	"Because I Have Been Given Much"	SEMINARY
*Benediction		Aimee Hobbs

*Departing Song		
*Hymn 665	"Because I Have Been Given Much" (Last Stanza)	SEMINARY
*Postlude		Pam McNeil

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\*Congregation Standing  
 \*\*Please 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. 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 ages 3 years and under. Our greeters can assist you with more information and getting to the nursery.

Children's Worship and Worship Readiness is available for children ages 3 years through 5th grade. Following the "Story for All People," one of our volunteers will walk with the children to the downstairs classrooms.

All children can be picked up in the children's area following worship.

**COMMUNITY PARTNER HIGHLIGHT | OFFERTORY MOMENT**

Since 1995, Rutherford Housing Partnership (RHP) has been working to ensure that families in Rutherford County can live in decent and safe housing. Projects include installing new roofs, grab bars, and wheelchair ramps. In 2022 alone, they completed 115 projects. Find out more on their website [www.RutherfordHousingPartnership.org](http://www.RutherfordHousingPartnership.org).

**IN RECOGNITION OF THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED**

We thank God for our veterans. Their service to our country is a reflection of the courage and sacrifice that allows us to worship freely. We pray for peace for those who have served and for their families.

David Aiken	Willis Archer	Eddie Bennett
Chip Bond	John Bullion	V.O. Cline
Marcel Colnot	Casey Creswell	Jerry Eaves
Bud Grissom	Rion MacDonald	Mike Martin
Calvin McGinnis	Mort Rathbone	Mike Scruggs
Bob Smith	Mark Tuttle	