

DEATH, DYING, AND THE AFTERLIFE

Join us for a special 4 week class as we explore how to find meaning in suffering, navigating and understanding grief, what scripture really says about death and the afterlife, and a panel conversation with experts from all aspects of death, dying, and the afterlife. View the class schedule in this week's newsletter for more details. Wednesdays from 6:15-7:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall beginning Wednesday, October 22.

TRICK OR TREAT ON MAIN

On Halloween, Main Street will be filled with families and trick or treaters! Our Deacons will be handing out free hot dogs & candy. Can you donate a bag of candy? Drop it in one of the boxes around the church.

THRIVING AS WE AGE

Don't miss 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. Sign-up by calling the church office or the sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center.

CHURCHWIDE CHILI COOK-OFF

Fall = Chili! Dust off the crockpot and make plans to pull out your best chili recipe for our churchwide chili cook-off on Wednesday, November 12 at 5:30 p.m. Can you bring a crockpot of chili? We're looking for chili of all types. Sign-up by emailing Donna (donna@fbrutherfordton.org). Come for dinner that night to sample and vote for your favorite!

JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

We would love to have you join in on Wednesday evenings for dinner, fellowship and study. Dinner is served from 5:30 - 6:00 followed by two options for study;
6:15 - 7:15 Death, Dying, and the Afterlife (meets in the Fellowship Hall)
6:30 - 7:15 Open Minds on Main (meets at Main St. Ice Cream & Coffee)
Children, aged 3 - 5th grade, are invited to Difference Makers and Kid's Choir.

10/22 - Chicken pie, slaw, green beans, biscuits

10/29 - Fried chicken, baked potatoes, salad

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.



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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
October 19, 2025 10:55 AM
Grateful Sermon Series

Prelude		Pam McNeil
Bringing in the Light of Christ		Elsie Creswell
Call to Worship		John Miller
The Singing Congregation		
*Hymn 340	"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"	DIADEM
A Story for All People		Lori Herrick
	<i>All children are invited to come forward</i>	
The Singing Congregation		
*Hymn 580	"I Will Sing of My Redeemer"	MY REDEEMER
Old Testament Reading	Exodus 16:2-15	Charlotte Epley
Pastoral Prayer		John Miller
The Singing Congregation		
*Hymn 374	"I Thank You, Lord"	GRATUS
Anthem	"Enter His Gates with Songs of Thanksgiving"	Clatterbuck
	Sanctuary Choir, Alison Moore, Piano and Pam McNeil, Organ	
Chorus:		
	Enter His gates with songs of thanksgiving;	
	Enter His courts with tributes of praise.	
	Give to God blessing and honor;	
	He is our Maker, the Ancient of Days.	
	Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you people;	
	Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.	
	Serve Him with gladness, come before Him with singing.	
	Know He is God, our creator is He!	
	We are His people, and the sheep of His pastures,	
	It is He who has made us, and not ourselves.	
	Alleluia...	CCLI#1858884
The Spoken Word	"Table Ethics"	Aimee Hobbs
	John 6:1-15	

Offertory

Offertory Moment Hannah Parker

Offertory Meditation

"But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act – they will be blessed in their doing."

James 1:22-25

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		Ben Moore
Invitation to Discipleship		Aimee Hobbs
The Confessing Congregation		
*Hymn 484	"The Love of Jesus Call Us"	ANGEL'S STORY
*Benediction		Aimee Hobbs
*Departing Song		
*Hymn 514	"Christians, Let Us Go and Serve Him"	HOLY MANNA
*Postlude		Pam McNeil

*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. 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.

Children's Worship and Worship Readiness is available for children aged 3 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT | OFFERTORY MOMENT

Our group just wrapped up a series called "Come & Listen," where they had a chance to learn life lessons from different groups from within FBCR (senior adults, college students, and parents). We also had a chance to play BINGO at Hilltop Health & Rehab with the residents. We are starting a new series this evening called "Who Do You Say I Am?" where students will learn more about their identities in Christ.