

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.

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@fbcrutherfordton.org). Come for dinner that night to sample and vote for your favorite!

DEACON ORDINATION

In our worship service on Sunday, November 9 we will ordain Penny Parker and Belinda Camper as new deacons. Make plans to attend this special time of worship and blessing.

UPCOMING WEDNESDAY EVENING MENU

10/29 - Fried chicken, baked potatoes, salad

11/5 - Baked ziti, Italian bread, 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 26, 2025 10:55 AM
Grateful Sermon Series

Prelude	“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” First Ringers Handbell Choir	arr. Eithun
This music was purchased in memory of Sandy Boone Smith. Sandy was a former member of the First Ringers Handbell Choir and a fine musician.		
Bringing in the Light of Christ		Patia Mode
Call to Worship		Beth Heffner
The Singing Congregation		
*Hymn 366	“O God Beyond All Praising”	THAXTED, alt.
A Story for All People		Donna Sand
	<i>All children are invited to come forward</i>	
Message in Song	“Contemplation on Pleading Savior” First Ringers Handbell Choir	arr. Meyer
Pastoral Prayer		John Miller
The Singing Congregation		
*Hymn 356	“We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer”	KREMSER
Mission Moment	Source of Light International	Sanjeeb & Anita Sahu
Anthem	“I Will Live My Thanks” Sanctuary Choir with Kim Hollifield, Flute Alison Moore, Piano and Pam McNeil, Organ	Martin/Schram
I will live my thanks, O Lord; I will show my gratitude. In every day, in every way, I will live my thanks to you I will share your gifts of love in all I say and do. With songs of praise and acts of grace, I will live my thanks to you. I will live my thanks, O Lord, with my willing hands and feet. In every day, in every way, I will spread your joy and peace, I will share your gifts of love in all I say and do. With songs of praise and acts of grace, I will live my thanks to you. You have blessed me that I may be a blessing, Filled my heart that love might overflow. You have given that I might give to others; You have touched me that I might be an instrument of hope. CCLI#1858884		
The Spoken Word	“Grace, Gratitude, and Gifts” 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24	Aimee Hobbs
Offertory		
Offertory Moment		Judy Bond

Offertory Meditation

“Now as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge,
in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you – so we want you to excel
also in this generous undertaking.”
2 Corinthians 8:7

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.

Offertory Prayer

Jane Simpson

Invitation to Discipleship

Aimee Hobbs

The Confessing Congregation

*Hymn 272

“They’ll Know We Are Christians”

ST. BRENDAN’S

*Benediction

Aimee Hobbs

*Departing Song

*Hymn 272

“They’ll Know We Are Christians” (Refrain)

ST. BRENDAN’S

*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.

COMMUNITY PARTNER HIGHLIGHT | OFFERTORY MOMENT

Source of Light Ministries International exists to bring people of every nation, language, and ethnicity into mature relationship with Jesus Christ and into fellowship with a local church family. They do this through developing Bible study materials that are doctrinally sound and culturally relevant.