

Butner, NC

***“REACH,
TEACH,
PREPARE,
SEND”***

**Sunday, January 11, 2026
11:00 a.m.
Worship Service**

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Order of Service

January 11, 2026

Prelude

Evelyn Davis

"Serve the Lord Medley"

Welcome & Announcements

Deborah Ferrell

Prayer of Invocation

Blaine Britt

Hymn of Praise

"10,000 Reasons"

Congregation

BLESS THE LORD

Morning Prayer

Dr. Jeff Beckett

Offertory Hymn. No. 483

"Footsteps of Jesus"

Congregation

FOOTSTEPS

Offertory Prayer

Brenda Ellis

Offertory

Evelyn Davis

"Make Me a Blessing"

Doxology, No. 253

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Congregation

OLD 100TH (altered)

Choral Anthem

"A Heart for You with Change My Heart O God"

Adult Choir

arr. Marty Parks

Message

Dr. Jeff Beckett

"The Magnificent Seven"

Acts 6:1-7

Hymn of Invitation, No. 486

"Lord, Here Am I"

Congregation

BECK

Benediction

Dr. Jeff Beckett



Sermon Notes

Intro... In the early days of the explosive growth in the Jerusalem Church, they began to run into a few challenges. Today we examine one of the challenges they faced, and we analyze the manner in which they met the challenge, which looks like a beautiful pattern any New Testament church should be proud to imitate. **THEY FOUND A WAY TO MOVE FORWARD THAT 1) GLORIFIED GOD; 2) MET DEEP SPIRITUAL AND PRACTICAL NEED; AND 3) PUSHED FORWARD THE PRIMARY KINGDOM MISSION!** Too often, churches today get stuck, focused more on glorifying systems and people, meeting selfish needs, and pushing personal agendas. Our short text is a great “How to do church-101” study for the day.

1. How is it possible that the Jerusalem Church was growing so rapidly and steadily?
 - a. They lacked all the key elements we seem to focus on- yet grew anyway (they had no facility, no peace with the authorities, no clearly defined singular pastoral leader, yet they were thriving... why?)
 - b. It seems they had determined that Jesus’ Great Commission was more than a suggestion... it was their marching orders... for every member.
 - i. So, the church knew how to “leave the building” in fact they had no building
 - ii. The members chose spreading the Gospel as primary over every other pursuit.
2. When a problem arose in the church... how did it get resolved?
 - a. The problem... some were missing out on the blessings of community
 - b. The strategy... the God called spiritual leaders (apostles) offered a spiritually driven solution... find spiritually mature “table waiters” diakonia to address the issue
 - c. The response... the church at large followed the leadership and the rest as they say is history.
3. What happened in the aftermath of this first internal challenge in the new church?
 - a. What did not happen... no committees, constitutions, bureaucracies or separated power silos were formed... and the main thing continued to be the main thing.
 - b. “So, the Word of God spread. The number of disciples

Sermon Notes Continued

increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.”

- c. For the next several months the story of the church is driven by the evangelistic actions of two of the new deacons (Philip and Stephen).

Applications for us today

1. When we are submitted to the Spirit and the Word in the church, even in our practical processes God is at work doing amazing things.
2. No matter what role or job you have around the church you really always only have one main job... “go and make disciples...” “You will be my witnesses...”

Announcements

Save the Date

Jan 11th: Church Council Meeting at 3pm (FLC)

Women’s Bible Study at 6pm (FLC)

Jan 13th: Ruth Helms Prayer Group Meeting at 10am (FH)

Deacons Meeting at 6pm (FH)

Jan 14th: Business/Town Hall Meeting at 6:15pm (Sanctuary)

Jan 15th: Men’s Bible Study (FH)

Jan 16th: Youth Lock-In at 7pm with pick up on the 17th at 8am (FLC)

Town Hall Meeting

Town Hall Meeting will be on Wednesday, January 14th at 6:15pm Sanctuary. We encourage all to be in prayer for this meeting and make this date a priority on your calendar.

PURPOSE: Share challenges Pastor Search Committee has encountered. **CHILDCARE:** Will be provided so all may attend.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: *please notify the moderator by Mon, Jan. 12 of any urgent business matter required for this meeting.*

Submit any topics you would like to discuss by Monday, Jan. 12th to PSC or church office.

2026 Church Directories

2026 Church Directories will be available towards the end of January. I need to have all the information from committees for the 2026 Church Directory turned into me no later than **Monday, January 16th**. Thank you!

Winter Jam

We will be going to Winter Jam on **Saturday, February 14th** at the Greensboro Coliseum. The cost will be \$25 for youth (cost covers ticket and meal). The cost for adults will be \$35 for the ticket, and adults will cover their own meal. We will eat an early dinner at a Japanese Steakhouse before going to the concert. If paying online, please select "Youth-D" as the fund to give to. We will leave around 2:30pm and return around 12:00am. Please register by **TODAY** if you would like to attend. Lineup: Chris Tomlin, Matthew West, Katy Nichole, Hulvey, Disciple, Emerson Day, Newsong, Jeremy Rosado, Heath Brothers, Cliff Preston, & speaker: Zane Black.

February Newsletter

All information for the February Newsletter needs to be turned into Leslie no later than **Friday, January 23rd**. Thank you!

Children and Youth Medical Forms

It is time to update Medical and General Release Forms that would be used in the event of a medical emergency while on a children or youth activity/trip with the church. Forms can be found online, or you can get a physical copy from Blaine.

Youth Camp

The youth will be going to MissionFuge at Carson-Newman University on June 15-19, 2026. A \$50 deposit will be due **TODAY**. If you give online, please give to "Children & Youth Camp-D". Please sign up in Realm or contact Blaine if you would like to attend.

Children's Camp

CentriKid Camp is a week-long camp for children that have completed 2nd-6th grades that provides children a wonderful worship and learning experience. We will be going to Garder Webb again this year. Camp will be June 22-26. A deposit of \$50 per person will be due by **January 15th**.

Baby Shower

We will have the baby shower on March 1 from 2 to 4 pm in the FLC. The parents are Austin and Cassidy Bailey. Due date is April 12th. Baby's name is Maisyn Kate. The registry link:



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AND KEEP YOU;
THE LORD MAKE HIS
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AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU;
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FACE TOWARD YOU
AND GIVE YOU PEACE."

NUM. 6:24-26

Hospital/Health Concerns:

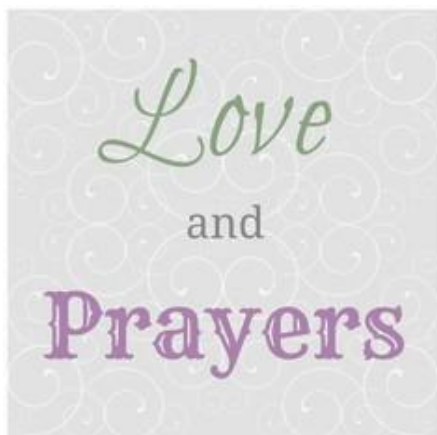
Fran Strickland
John Evers
Allan Kempinski
Doug Skinner
Dennis Lester

Homebound:

Joy Hicks
Paulette Duke
JoAnne Fields
Hazel Andrews
Jack Parrish
Goldie Woodlief
Frances Blackley
Mary Ellen Forsythe

Nursing/Retirement/Rehab:

Maxine Rogers-Byrd,
Eno Pointe



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 11

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (Nursery-Adult)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 3:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting (FLC)
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Girls Bible Study (Teal's House)
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Boy's Bible Study (Gym)
- 6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study (FLC)

Tuesday, January 13

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting and Bible Study (Ends at 11 a.m.)
- 10:00 a.m. Ruth Helms Prayer Meeting (FH)
- 6:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting (FH)

Wednesday, January 14

- 5:45 p.m. Fellowship Meal: Covered Dish
- 6:15 p.m. Children Care
- 6:15 p.m. Business/Town Hall Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, January 15

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (FH)

Friday, January 16

- 7:00 p.m. Youth Lock-In (FLC) Pick up on the 17th at 8am

Sunday, January 18

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (Nursery-Adult)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study (FLC)



GOD BLESS
HAVE A GREAT WEEK
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Children's Helpers		
Location:	January 11	January 18
Nursery	Meghan & Matt Harrison	Cecily McDowell & Mandy Davis
Pre-K Church	Deborah & Tracy Ferrell	Liz Davis
Children's Church	Cecily McDowell & Lisa Clark	TBA

Deacon Assignments		
	January 11	January 18
Deacon of the Week Main Door	Brenda Ellis	Eloise Bailey
Sunday School Door	Eloise Bailey	TBA

Attendance For Last Sunday

Sunday School
Members in class – 68
Members On-Line – 3
Worship Service – 139

Financial Report

Receipts for Jan 2026
available 1st Sunday of Feb

Jan 2026
General Budget Needs
\$34,548.48

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