



Butner, NC

***“REACH,  
TEACH,  
PREPARE,  
SEND”***

**Sunday, January 18, 2026**

**11:00 a.m.**

**Worship Service**

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# Order of Service

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<b>Welcome &amp; Announcements</b>	Allison Medlin
<b>Prayer of Invocation</b>	Blaine Britt
<b>Prelude</b>	Evelyn Davis
<i>"The Name Jesus Medley"</i>	
<b>Hymn of Praise</b>	Congregation
<i>"Lord, I Need You"</i>	Christy Nockels; Daniel Carson; Jesse Reeves; Kristian Stanfill; Matt Maher
<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Dr. Jeff Beckett
<b>Offertory Hymn. No. 334</b>	Congregation
<i>"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine"</i>	ASSURANCE
<b>Offertory Prayer</b>	Eloise Bailey
<b>Offertory</b>	Evelyn Davis
<i>"Living for Jesus"</i>	
<b>Doxology, No. 253</b>	Congregation
<i>"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"</i>	OLD 100 <sup>TH</sup> (altered)
<b>Choral Anthem</b>	Adult Choir
<i>"Trust and Obey"</i>	arr. Larry Shackley
<b>Message</b>	Dr. Jeff Beckett
<i>"Blood of the Martyrs: The Stoning of Stephen"</i>	
<i>Acts 6-7</i>	
<b>Hymn of Invitation, No. 411</b>	Congregation
<i>"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"</i>	TRUST IN JESUS
<b>Benediction</b>	Dr. Jeff Beckett



*The flowers in the Sanctuary today are placed to the Glory of God and in appreciation to the Church Family of FBC Butner for all your support given by Cecily McDowell.*



## Sermon Notes

Intro: In the long passage today, we will see the first martyr of the church era that we know of... a deacon named Stephen... and we will also meet the one who appears to have orchestrated his execution, Saul (who will become the Apostle Paul). The manner in which Stephen lived, and the power with which he died cries out to all the faithful followers of Jesus with a haunting challenge to prioritize Gospel over comfort; and Jesus over tradition... things which we often fear putting into practice.... Even in the relative safety of Christianity in the West.

### **1. Stephen's life is a powerful testimony to a living God... and Stephen used every moment to point to his Savior!**

A. He became the dynamic force God would use to set the global mission movement into action!

Note: He was one of the few that we know of that held a "church office." But that did not define him... the commission to spread the Gospel did that...

B. The enemy will stop at nothing to halt the progress of the Gospel... which is why Jesus urged us to be constantly prepared and prayerful.

### **2. When Stephen was called on to explain his faith and actions... he was ready... are we? {This fellow never stops speaking against this holy place and against the law. <sup>14</sup> For we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and change the customs Moses handed down to us.}**

A. Stephen shared a crucial Christian doctrine we all should understand... He began with Abraham and demonstrated that all of history including the patriarchs, covenants and even the Temple, were pointing to and leading to God's Redeemer, salvation in Christ. (The reason Stephen answered in this fashion was due to the specific accusations against him.)

B. Stephen accused them of placing their hopes in buildings and traditions instead of the living God... vv. 48-50

### **3. Stephen died like he lived... full of confidence, grace, and power**

A. The manner of Stephen's death had a tremendous impact on the church and the faith in general. We too are called to present our bodies as "living sacrifices" in Romans 12... but do we?

## **Sermon Notes Continued**

B. God provided Stephen sufficient grace to stand firm and overcome... and He will do the same for you.

### **Application points to consider...**

-God is always maneuvering forward the glory and greatness of His Son.... Are you praying/preparing to meet God's activity with faith and Gospel, wherever He begins to work in your life?

-Are you ready for the battle that will ensue, when you begin to advance on the gates of hell?

-Do we sometimes settle for peripheral institutional tasks as cover to avoid our primary Kingdom task?

## **Announcements**

### **February Newsletter**

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

### **Praise Pals**

Praise Pals will be on **Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>** from 11am until noon in the gym. We will have a Bible story and lots of fun that is geared specifically for our preschoolers. Realm sign up will be up soon.

### **Mischief Night**

Mischief Night will be on **Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>** from 5pm until 8pm in the Family Life Center. There will be games, dinner, snack, movie time and lots of fun learning about Jesus. Realm sign up will be up soon.

### **Soup and Salad Fundraiser**

The Children & Youth Soup & Salad Fundraiser will be on **Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>** immediately following Morning Worship Service. Please join us for lunch and fellowship while supporting our children and youth as they raise funds for camp/mission trips this summer. Realm signups will be up soon.

### **Senior Adult Luncheon**

The Senior Adult Luncheon will be on **Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 10:30am in the Family Life Center. The main meal will be provided. Please bring your favorite dessert.

### **Baptist on Mission Rally**

Baptist on Mission Rally Region 4 will be on **Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>** here at First Baptist Church Butner in the Family Life Center beginning at 5:45pm. This Rally is to promote disaster response

training and show our attendees the love of Jesus while helping people that has had a disaster in their life and community. Dinner will be provided. Be on the lookout for Realm signup soon.

### **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 baby gifts registry link is to the right.



### **Pastor Search Committee**

The Pastor Search Committee will hold a follow-up to the Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, Jan 20 at 5:45 pm in the FLC. We will have further discussion on topics from the meeting. If there are potential improvements we can make as a church, let's work on them before the next pastor arrives. Topics that have presented obstacles in the pastoral search:

1. Church identity, including dual alignment (SBC and CBF NC)  
Who are we as a church? What is our vision? Who are the leaders of our church? Who do we go to for answers? What does the Bible say?
2. Constitutional changes
  - a. Monthly business meetings - Recommend Quarterly business meetings, maybe after church on Sunday
  - b. Committee-led church – condense committees? Move to Elder-led?
  - c. Article III (purposes) (E) less than 2-year employment restriction on constitution changes for Pastor or Assoc. Pastor
3. Budget - Pastors want to see this. Suggest tithe to the general fund and not designated funds. Trust the church to put money where it needs to go. Only have a few designated accounts for special items.

Additional topics brought to the Town Hall Meeting:

- a. Define who we are and know the direction of the church
- b. The HR committee to review the Senior Pastor job description
- c. Why must the Event form be signed by the pastor and the moderator?
- d. Need to focus on Outreach and Facility Use for Outreach
- e. Start Small Groups
- f. Look at voting age in the Constitution
- g. Committees' vs Teams



**Hospital/Health Concerns:**

Brenda Ellis  
Fran Strickland  
Allan Kempinski  
Doug Skinner  
Dennis Lester  
John Evers

**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 18**

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (Nursery-Adult)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 3:00 p.m. Heart Sisters Planning Meeting (FLC)
- 6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study (FLC)

### **Tuesday, January 20**

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting and Bible Study (Ends at 11 a.m.)
- 5:45 p.m. Town Hall Follow up meeting (FLC)

### **Wednesday, January 21**

- 5:45 p.m. Fellowship Meal: Spaghetti, Salad, Bread & Dessert (Heart Sisters)
- 6:30 p.m. Younger Children's Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Older Children's Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

### **Thursday, January 22**

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

### **Sunday, January 25**

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



<b>Children's Helpers</b>		
<b>Location:</b>	<b>January 18</b>	<b>January 25</b>
Nursery	Cecily McDowell & Mandy Davis	Kyla Dickerson
Pre-K Church	Liz Davis	Meghan & Matt Harrison
Children's Church	TBA	Brenda Tuck & Stefanie Kempinski

<b>Deacon Assignments</b>		
	<b>January 18</b>	<b>January 25</b>
Deacon of the Week Main Door	Eloise Bailey	Mary Daniel
Sunday School Door	Mary Daniel	Jimmy Walker

### **Attendance For Last Sunday**

Sunday School  
Members in class – 62  
Members On-Line – 1  
Worship Service – 143

### **Financial Report**

**Receipts for Jan 2026**  
**available 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Feb**

**Jan 2026**  
**General Budget Needs**  
**\$34,548.48**

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