



Butner, NC

***“REACH,
TEACH,
PREPARE,
SEND”***

**Sunday, February 8, 2026
11:00 a.m.
Worship Service**

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Order of Service

February 8, 2026

Welcome & Announcements	Deborah Ferrell
Prayer of Invocation	Blaine Britt
Baptism of Raegan Woodward	
Prelude	Evelyn Davis
	<i>“God’s Love Medley”</i>
Hymn of Praise, No. 277	Congregation
<i>“Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated”</i>	HENDON
Morning Prayer	Dr. Jeff Beckett
Offertory Hymn	Congregation
<i>“Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me”</i>	Jonny Robinson; Michael Farren; Rich Thompson
Offertory Prayer	Esper Wilkins
Offertory	Evelyn Davis
	<i>“Great Is the Lord”</i>
	<i>“How Majestic Is Your Name”</i>
Doxology, No. 253	Congregation
<i>“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”</i>	OLD 100 TH (altered)
Choral Anthem	Adult Choir
<i>“Hymn of Heaven”</i>	arr. Russell Mauldin
Message	Dr. Jeff Beckett
	<i>“Chariots of Fire”</i>
	<i>Acts 8:26-38</i>
Hymn of Invitation, No. 144	Congregation
<i>“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”</i>	HAMBURG
Benediction	Dr. Jeff Beckett



The flowers in the Sanctuary today are placed in honor of our Sunday school teachers given by Paul & Allison Medlin.



Sermon Notes

Intro... Has God ever asked you to take on what seemed like an unreasonable task? If obedient, you may find that God is going to use you to ignite a spiritual awakening!

1. God constantly asks things of His children that they do not understand... things that seem unreasonable, or impractical at first glance (Abraham's entire life is an example of this, but also Noah, Gideon, Job, David, Hosea in his marriage to Gomer, and dozens more... we are foolish if we think God will never do this to us).
 - A. God's command to Philip was not capricious... Philip needed to head into the desert to keep a critical divine appointment.
 - B. God gave Philip just enough info to keep him moving, but no more than he needed so long as he was obedient.
 - C. God does nothing without purpose, whether we see it initially or not is where faith emerges.
2. Can you identify some of God's purposes behind the journey He currently has you (your church) on?
 - A. God uses times of challenge to identify who is "true."
 - B. God places His best treasures in hard-to-reach places.
 - C. God's very best treasure is Jesus... He has no shyness about disrupting our comfort or habits or traditions to extend the knowledge and reach of the Gospel, because it is the great story of Jesus!
3. God can do amazing things with a willing servant who is riding a chariot of fire!
 - He can handle your schedule, multiply your time and put you in the middle of a divine appointment
 - He can give you the strength to catch a chariot on foot, or speak with wisdom to the powerful, or endure failure, or explain the depth of His wisdom to a stranger.
 - He can start a continent-wide fire with your little spark (The Ethiopian convert is often credited with taking the Christian movement into North Africa and Ethiopia whereby the way, Ethiopia would go on in 333 A.D. to become the second national area to declare Christianity as it's official religion.)

Announcements

Save the Date

Feb 8th: Soup & Salad Fundraiser at 12pm (FLC)

Feb 10th: Ruth Helms Prayer Group meeting at 10am (FH)
Deacons meeting at 6pm (FH)

Feb 11th: Business Meeting at 6:30pm (FLC)

Feb 12th: Men's Bible Study at 8am (FH)
Senior Adult Luncheon at 10:30am (FLC)

Feb 13th: Heart Sisters delivering Baskets of Love

Feb 14th: Heart Sisters delivering Baskets of Love
Winter Jam (Bus)

Feb 15th: Dennis Lester's Celebration of Life Visitation (FLC) at
1:30pm and Service (Sanctuary) at 3pm
Women's Bible Study at 6pm (FLC)

Heck Jones Offering

Week of prayers will be on **February 9th through 15th**. Your gift to the Heck-Jones Offering directly empowers WMU NC and all its associates to faithfully fulfill our mission: Challenging, preparing and equipping Christian believers to be radically involved in the fulfillment of the Great Commission. Our goal this year is **\$750**.

Baptist on Mission Rally

The NC Baptist on Mission Region 4 Rally will be held here at First Baptist Church Butner on **Tuesday, February 17th** in the Family Life Center. We will have a catered meal at 5:45pm with a program beginning at 6:50pm until 8:30pm. Please register in Realm by **Friday, February 13th** if you plan to attend!
Thank you!



2026 Disciple-Making Conference

The 2026 Disciple Making Conference is on **Tuesday, February 24th** at Hickory Grove Baptist Church (Mallard Creek Campus), 13200 Mallard Creek Rd, Charlotte, NC 28262. If you are interested, please contact the church office or sign up on Realm. Breakout sessions at the Conference are designed to equip church leaders for the real ministry challenges they face. On Feb. 24, North Carolina Baptists will have the opportunity to choose from a wide range of gospel-centered sessions that offer practical tools, biblical clarity and encouragement for disciple-making in today's culture.

Baby Shower

We will have the baby shower on **Sunday, March 1st** 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.



Thank you

Once again, I gained strength from your support during my recent scary medical episode. It is so good to know that our Christian friends were praying for me when I could not utter a prayer. My anxiety level lessened when I felt God's protective hand through the congregation's and medical team's prayers as we waited the ambulance. I am thankful to be a member of a church who cares and shows it in many ways of love and kindness. Thank you each and every one!

Sincerely, Brenda Ellis

Sermon Notes

Faith



Now faith is confidence in
what we hope for and assurance
about what we do not see.

- Hebrews 11:1

Hospital/Health Concerns:

Nancy & Robert Rogers
Fran Strickland
Allan Kempinski
Pete Lang
Jake Abbott
Doug Skinner

Sympathy:

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

Love
and
Prayers



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, February 8

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (Nursery-Adult)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 12:00 p.m. Soup & Salad Fundraiser (FLC)
- 6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study (FLC)

Tuesday, February 10

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

Wednesday, February 11

- 5:45 p.m. Fellowship Meal: Covered Dish
- 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. Business Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

Thursday, February 12

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (FH)
- 10:30 a.m. Senior Adult Luncheon (FLC)

Friday, February 13

Heart Sisters delivering Baskets of Love

Saturday, February 14

- Heart Sisters delivering Baskets of Love
- 12:00 p.m. Set up for Mission Rally (FLC)
- 2:00 p.m. Winter Jam (Bus)

Sunday, February 15

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (Nursery-Adult)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 1:30 p.m. Visitation for family of Dennis Lester (FLC)
- 3:00 p.m. Dennis Lester's Celebration of Life (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study (FLC)

Have a blessed week!!

Children's Helpers		
Location:	February 8	February 15
Nursery	Meghan & Matt Harrison	Cecily McDowell & Mandy Davis
Pre-K Church	Deborah & Tracy Ferrell	Liz Davis
Children's Church	Cecily McDowell & Lisa Clark	Stacy Ayscue

Deacon Assignments		
	February 8	February 15
Deacon of the Week Main Door	Esper Wilkins	Tommy Faircloth
Sunday School Door	Tommy Faircloth	Deborah Ferrell

Attendance For Last Sunday

Sunday School
Members in class – 0
Members On-Line – 0
Worship Service – 0

Winter Weather

Financial Report **General Budget Needs**

Jan 2026
\$35,691.20

General Budget Received **Jan 2026** **\$26,077.19**

Note: Designated Received
\$2,771.11

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