

Butner, NC





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

**Sunday, May 3, 2026  
11:00 a.m.  
Worship Service**

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**Order of Service**  
**May 3, 2026**

<b>Welcome, Announcements, &amp; Invocation</b>	Blaine Britt
<b>Prelude</b> <i>“Sing Jesus Medley”</i>	Evelyn Davis
<b>Hymn of Praise</b> <i>“10,000 Reasons”</i>	Congregation BLESS THE LORD
<b>Morning Prayer</b>	Dr. Jeff Beckett
<b>Offertory Hymn, No. 277</b> <i>“Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated”</i>	Congregation HENDON
<b>Offertory Prayer</b>	Deborah Ferrell
<b>Offertory</b> <i>“We Shall Behold Him”</i>	Evelyn Davis
<b>Doxology, No. 253</b> <i>“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”</i>	Congregation OLD 100 <sup>TH</sup> (altered)
<b>Choral Anthem</b> <i>“The Great Divide”</i>	Adult Choir arr. Russell Mauldin
<b>Message</b> <i>“The Jerusalem Council”</i> <i>Acts 15</i>	Dr. Jeff Beckett
<b>Hymn of Invitation, No. 210</b> <i>“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”</i>	Congregation TRUST IN JESUS
<b>Benediction</b>	Dr. Jeff Beckett

   
*The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given by David & Stacy Ayscue.*  
 

## Service Notes

**Introduction:** Acts 15 records a Church “business” meeting, though not really one you are likely to have experienced. The Jerusalem Church elders felt a heavy responsibility to guard and protect the Gospel movement that began in Jerusalem, and Chapter 15 is their attempt to do so. After receiving complaints about the “freedom” of the new Gentile converts, and the actions of Paul and Barnabas, from a segment of their church, they convened a council to figure it all out. Let’s see together what was so important about this “Council” that it deserves an entire chapter of Acts and our attention today...

1. We all have a back story, preferences and passions... and if not careful these are used by the enemy to defeat the advance of the Gospel... but only if we allow it to happen.

**The problem-**Can people be Christian without also being Jewish?

**The evidence presented-** Biblically and Spiritually the truth is presented that salvation thru Christ’s grace and not the keeping of the law was always God’s plan for both Jew and Gentile.

**The process at work-** An Elder-led, Scripture informed, Spirit attested lesson...

- a) Know the Word... follow the Word... live the Word and you do well.
  - b) See the works of God and the movement of the Spirit and lean into it.
  - c) Submit your personal pride and your church habits traditions and teachings to the instructions from heaven even if they make you uneasy on earth.
2. The Church Council’s process and results show the wisdom and maturity growing faith should produce in our attitudes and actions.
    - a) The concerns of the converted Pharisees were addressed Biblically not culturally or politically
    - b) The advice to the converted Gentiles for restraint is a model for us as we refuse to allow our liberty to be a stumbling block for the Gospel advance to others.

### Sermon Notes Continued

3. The church's mission did not get derailed by this dispute... how is that even possible?
  - a) The value of God ordained leaders and Biblical processes is to hold all accountable and keep the mission primary... without this vision the people perish
  - b) The determination to close the fist to compromise, but open the hand to grace kept the main thing the main thing, and the next two decades of the Jerusalem church find it as a sending & supporting body... (In fact, a key leader, Silas, will become a crucial part of future mission journeys)

### Announcements

#### National Day of Prayer

The 2026 National Day of Prayer event in Butner, NC, is scheduled for **Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**, from 12pm to 2pm at the Gazebo Park performance stage. Hosted by the Butner Church Council, the community gathering invites local churches and residents for a time of prayer and reflection.

#### Mother's Day Breakfast

On **Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**, the Baptist Men will be preparing a breakfast in honor of Mother's Day. Please be sure to register in Realm no later than **Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** if you plan to attend. Please register all guests that will be joining you for breakfast when you register yourself.

#### FRBA Women's Conference

Flat River Baptist Association will have a Women's Missionary Conference on **Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>** with a dinner starting at 6:30pm located at Brassfield Baptist Church in Creedmoor. All women are invited to attend. We want this to be a time of fellowship, networking, and praising the Lord. The mission project for this Conference is to collect gift cards to Amazon, Walmart, and Food Lion so that Mother Love INC. can purchase what is needed. If you plan to attend, please fill out the registration form **no later than Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** so that the host church can prepare the meal. You can get the registration forms from Leslie at the Church office.

### Graduation Breakfast

Graduation Breakfast will be **Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>** at 8:30am in the FLC. If you plan to attend, please register yourself and your guests in Realm no later than **Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**.

### Graduate Recognition

Our Graduate Recognition Service will be held on **Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>** during our Morning Worship. Blaine needs the following information: 1) Graduates full name 2) school of graduation 3) college they will be attending or future plans if not attending college. He will also need 30 pictures ranging from birth to the present. Please include a cap and gown picture or senior portrait. You can send digitally or we can scan pictures for you. This information and all pictures are needed no later than **Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**.

### VBS 2026 Illumination Station

VBS will be **July 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>**. There will be classes for all ages, and we need lots of volunteers! The signup is available in Realm to volunteer. If you have questions about how you can help serve, please contact Cecily. This will be a fun theme with a great message! We hope to see you all there!



### Butner Church Council Food Pantry Needs

Canned no salt added vegetables, mac & cheese, muffin or biscuit mix (such as Jiffy or Martha White, but any kind will do). Anything in the above and more would be greatly appreciated. May you be blessed by the mercy you extend to others, and may it come back to you in your own time of great need. ***Special Needed Items:*** Toilet paper, sanitary items, diapers (any size) and baby wipes.

**CCM Toy Ministry:** Items for Christmas Stockings:

**May** – Boys boxers size 10/12

**Central Regional Hospital:** In continuous need of used magazines.

- ❖ Collection bins for all mission needs are labeled and are in the office hallway unless otherwise noted.

**The Lord Himself goes before  
you and will be with you;  
He will never leave you nor  
forsake you. Do not be afraid;  
do not be discouraged.**

**Deuteronomy 31:8**

**Hospital/Health Concerns:**

Chris Emory  
Jimmy Walker  
Fran Strickland  
Vicki Wynne  
Lynda James

**Homebound:**

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

**Nursing/Retirement/Rehab:**

Hazel Andrews, Terra Bella  
Hillsborough  
Maxine Rogers-Byrd,  
Eno Pointe

***Remembering you  
in prayer...  
keeping you close  
in thought.***



## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Sunday, May 3

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (Nursery-Adult)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Bible Study & Outing for ice cream (YH)

### Monday, May 4

- 6:30 p.m. Heart Sisters Meeting (FLC)

### Tuesday, May 5

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting and Bible Study (Ends at 11 a.m.)

### Wednesday, May 6

- 5:45 p.m. Fellowship Meal: Chicken & rice casserole, green beans, rolls & strawberry shortcake (Dickerson Team)
- 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, May 7

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (FH)
- 12:00 p.m. National Day of Prayer (Gazebo Park)

### Sunday, May 10 – *Mother's Day*

- 8:30 a.m. Mother's Day Breakfast (FLC)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School (Nursery-Adult)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service



<b>Children's Helpers</b>		
<b>Location:</b>	<b>May 3</b>	<b>May 10</b>
Nursery	Whitney Harris	Meghan & Matt Harrison
Pre-K Church	Cecily McDowell	Deborah & Tracy Ferrell
Children's Church	Stacy Ayscue	TBD

<b>Deacon Assignments</b>		
	<b>May 3</b>	<b>May 10</b>
Deacon of the Week Main Door	Deborah Ferrell	Deborah Ferrell
Sunday School Door	Vicki Wynne	Stefanie Kempinski

**Attendance For Last Sunday**

Sunday School  
 Members in class – 54  
 Members On-Line – 4  
 Worship Service – 110

**Financial Report**

**Receipts for April 2026  
 available 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of May**

**April 2026  
 General Budget Needs  
 \$35,691.20**

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 for Giving**

