

## Express Way

At the first of this year, as my time of service as interim pastor at First Baptist High Point (NC) was drawing to a close, it never occurred to me to think that God had anything else in mind for me than to move on to another interim. After all, that is what I had been doing for the last 14 years. Why would I expect things to be any different in 2025? And, in fact, on the Sunday after the Friday I told Greg Kelley that I would give the RDBC Search Committee an answer on Monday, I received a phone call inviting me to serve as interim pastor in a church where I had recently preached.

“See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare,” says God in the book of Isaiah (42:9). How many times in your life’s journey could those words apply? This is one of those times for me—and for us together. We are new to each other, and we are beginning a new chapter in the life of RDBC. And I am confident that our journey together with Christ will lead us to other persons and other things that are new to us.

I hope that in the coming weeks and months you will join me in embracing the proclamation of “new things” in Isaiah and the wisdom of Dag Hammarskjöld, the former Secretary-General of the United Nations, who said, “For all that has been, thanks. For all that will be, yes.”

- Jeff



God of Wisdom, we thank you for all the gifts you have given us throughout this school year. We praise you for giving us life, for saving us on Christ, and for choosing us to be your people.

As we come to the end of this school year, we voice our gratitude for the good things you have done in us, and we praise you for all who have shared in the work of this school.

We ask you to bless them in your love and give them refreshment and peace. We praise you, God, through Jesus Christy, Our Lord, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

## Worship Schedule

### May 4

Psalm: Psalm 30  
Gospel: John 21:1-19  
Sermon: “*Finding the Risen Lord*”

### May 11

Psalm: Psalm 23  
Gospel: John 10:22-30  
Sermon: “*The Household of God*”

### May 18

Psalm: Psalm 148  
Gospel: John 13:31-35  
Sermon: “*The Third Ordinance*”

### May 25

Psalm: Psalm 67  
Gospel: John 14:23-29  
Sermon: “*Keeping the Main Point the Main Point*”

### Greeter

Mike Cole

### Offering Counters

Billy Galloway & Debbie Kelley  
& Mason Zeigler

### Ushers

Greg Kelley & Adam Kelley

### Worship Leaders

May 4 Geri Martin  
May 11 Erica & Lily Zeigler  
May 18 Whit Breazeale  
May 25 Marisa Bardwell



May 10	Mark Bolden
May 10	Jimmie Smith
May 15	Geri Martin
May 17	Carolyn Wade
May 21	Martha Holliday
May 21	Chris Wall
May 24	Georgia Wall

### Graduate Recognition

On Sunday May 25 at 10:00 a.m.  
We will recognize this year’s graduates for their educational achievements.



RDBC will volunteer at the town’s Issaqueena Festival May 17th *Contact Erica Zeigler if you can assist.*



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DEBBIE KELLEY, MINISTER OF MUSIC



**Our New Pastor!** April 6, 2025  
Ridgeland Drive Baptist Church voted unanimously to call Dr. Jeff Rogers as our new pastor. Installation Service will be held May 18th at 10:00 a.m. with a fellowship following. Come join us as we welcome Jeff!

## Mission Emphasis for May Shoebox collections

Thank you for providing items for our Christmas Shoeboxes last year. We packed 40 shoeboxes! This year our goal is 45 shoeboxes. We will start collecting items this month. We will also collect regular size (no boots boxes, please) shoeboxes. Please see item collection schedule below:

May– girls items      June- boys items  
July- school supplies      August- personal items

List of appropriate items are available each month at the church. You may also want to check out the website:

[www.samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-go-es-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/](http://www.samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-go-es-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/)

Shipping cost for each box is \$10. Envelopes will be available at the church for your use.



Sunday May 25 @ 10:00 a.m.



# May 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>REGULAR SCHEDULE</b> 9:00 am, Sunday School 10:00 am, Worship			<b>REGULAR SCHEDULE</b> 11:00 am, W.A.T.T. 6:00 pm, Snack Supper 6:30 pm, CC&A 6:30 pm, Youth		<b>REGULAR SCHEDULE</b> 11:00 am, RDDB Delivers Meals on Wheels	
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
 <b>Choir Practice 11:15 a.m.</b>	 <b>Deacons Meeting</b>  <b>5:00 pm</b> <b>Deacons Meeting</b>		<b>JOIN US</b> <i>for</i> <b>LUNCH</b> <b>Aunt Sue's @</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b>			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<b>HAPPY</b> <i>Mother's Day</i>						<b>Issaqueena Festival</b> <b>Main Street</b> <b>Six Mile</b>
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
 <b>10:00 a.m.</b> <b>Installation Service</b> <b>for Dr. Jeff Rogers</b>		<b>June newsletter information due today!</b>				
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<b>10:00 a.m. Children's Presentation &amp; Graduate Recognition</b> <b>5:00 p.m. Choir Practice</b>						

### Looking Ahead

- June 1 Quarterly Business Meeting
- June 8 Pentecost
- June TBD Shelter Fellowship
- June 15 Father's Day
- July TBD Independence Day Cook-out Fellowship



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 A welcoming family of faith,  
 With Jesus our example,  
 Discipleship our goal,  
 And love our action.*