

The Church Gathers for Worship
August 9, 2026 at 9:35 AM
Order of Worship

The Prelude..... Musicians
The Prayer For Mercy.....Dea. Wade Garrett
Dea. Eric Robinson

Praise & Adoration:
The Call to Worship..... Dr. Matrisa Bennett
The Invocation..... Dr. Matrisa Bennett
The Prayer Response “The Lord’s Prayer”
The Hymn of Praise.....” *Yield Not to Temptation*”..... Choir/Congregation
The Scripture in Response.....James 2: 1-13..... Dr. Matrisa Bennett
The Greetings Dr. Matrisa Bennett
The Musical SelectionAngels of Hope Choir

Thanksgiving
The Offertory Prayer & Period of Giving Pastor Simmons
The Pastoral Reflections..... Pastor Simmons

Hearing from God
The Musical SelectionAngels of Hope Choir
The Spoken Word.....“ *Lord Help Me To Show Mercy*”.....Pastor Simmons
The Call to Discipleship..... Pastor Simmons
The Hymn of Invitation “*Sweet Hour of Prayer*”
The Call to Prayer Dr. Reginald A. Logan Jr.
The Hymn of Benediction “*I Need You To Survive*”
The Benediction Pastor Simmons

HYMN OF INVITATION

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

Verse 1

*Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!*

Verse 2

*Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! thy wings shall my petition bear
to him whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since he bids me seek his face, believe his word, and trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my every care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!*

RFBC 2026 Revival and Lecture Series
August 17-19, 2026
Guest Speaker, Dr. Blakely N. Scott, Pastor
First Nazareth Baptist Church, Columbia, SC
Lecture Series - 6:30 PM
Revival - 7:30 PM
Revival Theme:2026 “Love More - Give More”
Philippians 1:9-11

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDER!
Don’t forget to sign the Attendance Card located on the clipboard on your pew.

Homecoming and Revival Information
Join us for RFBC Homecoming Sunday, August 16, 2026 at 9:35 AM.
Stay for RFBC’s Homecoming Dinner starting at 11:00 AM. Please register via The RFBC App or the Sign-up sheet outside Admin. Asst. office or call the administrative office to reserve your space by August 10, 2026. We invite personalities to bring their favorite desert to be served with dinner to please sign up, as well. We look forward to seeing you there.

Join us for the Revival Lecture Series Monday – Wednesday, August 17-19, 2026 at 6:30 PM.		
Monday, August 17, 2026	Agape Hospice Care	Ms. Michelle Rose Kendall Associates, Dea. Charles Furgerson Sullivan Brothers Mortuary, Dea. Maurice Sullivan
Tuesday, August 18, 2026	Insurance/Funeral Home	Attorney Vern McGough
Wednesday, August 19, 2026	Legal Concerns	

RFBC Adopt-A-Highway will meet Saturday, August 15, 2026 at 9:00 AM in the Reedy Fork Parking lot in front of Administrator office.

🌺 Join Us as We Celebrate Our Fabulous First Lady! 🌺

All ladies are invited to celebrate the birthday of our wonderful First Lady, **Sis. Angela Simmons**, on **Saturday, August 22, 2026, at 12:00 p.m.** Please join the Deacon Wives for an afternoon of lunch, laughter, and fellowship as we celebrate the love, Sis. Simmons faithfully shares with our church family. We will gather at **Arizona Handcraft Fare in Simpsonville. Reservations are required.** A sign-up sheet is located by the Administrative Office. The registration deadline is **today, August 9.** If you have any questions, please contact **Devonne Young at 864-313-5810.**

💖 **Sunday September 20th is Women's Day! We ask all women and girls to wear a shade of lavender or purple. Please join us in making this Women's Day a vibrant memorable celebration! 💖**

To Pastor Simmons, Associate Ministers, Deacons, Deacons' wives, Bro. Mikus Nelson, Bro. Jarrin Jenkins and RFBC church family: The Earl family would like to thank you for all your support, love, and prayers during our time of bereavement in the passing of our Dad. Thank you for all the calls/texts, cards, gifts, food, and flowers given. We love you and are grateful for you! Please continue to keep our family in your prayers as we navigate through this new season. Blessings, Lawanda Tate

Now Hiring: Accompanist Musician
Reedy Fork Baptist Church is seeking a dedicated musician to provide high-quality accompaniment for services, choirs, and special events. Applicants must have at least 3 years of experience and be highly proficient in playing the piano, keyboard, and organ. The schedule requires availability on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, as well as Saturday and Sunday mornings. To apply, please search "Accompanist Musician - Simpsonville, SC 29680" on Indeed.com.

Now Hiring: After School Initiative Bus Driver
Reedy Fork Center for Community Development is hiring a part-time After School Bus Driver (Mon-Fri, 1:00p - 3:30p). This \$17/hour role requires a clean driving record, a background check, and a commitment to child safety. To apply, please search "Bus Driver: After School Initiative- Simpsonville, SC 29680" on Indeed.com.

RFBC will host The Golden Strip 5th Sunday Fellowship on Sunday, August 30, 2026 at 5:00 PM. Dr. Vadry Freeman will be the Guest Spaker. Poplar Spring, Reedy Fork, Old Shady Oak, Old Pilgrim and Rock Creek will provide choirs.

RFBC WEEK AT A GLANCE: AUGUST 9 TH , 2026 – AUGUST 15 TH , 2026		
TIME	MINISTRY	LOCATION
SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH		
6:33 AM Intercessory Prayer Line	Lisa Bowie	267-807-9605, 769-622
9:30 AM	Sunday Morning Worship	FLC.RFBC App, & Facebook Livestream
MONDAY, AUGUST 10 TH		
6:33 AM Intercessory Prayer Line	Pastor Simmons	267-807-9605, 769-622
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Church Office Hours	
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Janice Alford – Grief Counseling	Community Office
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11 TH		
6:33 AM Intercessory Prayer Line	Delores Hill	267-807-9605, 769-622
7:00 AM – 7:00 PM	Republican US Senate Special Primary Election	Choir Room
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Church Office Hours	
6:30 PM	Mass Choir (Homecoming) Rehearsal	Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12 TH		
6:33 AM Intercessory Prayer Line	Caroline Neely	267-807-9605, 769-622
9:00 AM	Set-Up FLC	FLC
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Church Office Hours	Administrative Building
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13 TH		
6:33 AM Intercessory Prayer Line	Jessica Whittenberg	267-807-9605, 769-622
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Church Office Hours	Administrative Building
6:30 PM	Mass Choir (Homecoming) Rehearsal	Sanctuary
FRIDAY, AUGUST 14 TH (OFFICE CLOSED)		
6:33 AM Intercessory Prayer Line	Ja'Mikal/Miranda Harris	267-807-9605, 769-622
SATURDAY, AUGUST 15 TH		
6:33 AM Intercessory Prayer Line	James/Matrisa Bennett	267-807-9605, 769-622
HOSPITAL/CONVALESCENT CENTER		
SIS. MARY DENNIS SIS. MARY GARRETT SIS. WINNIE TUBBS	N.H.C. MAULDIN, 850 E. BUTLER RD. GREENVILLE, SC 29607 WINDSOR HOUSE, 1931 PELHAM RD. GREENVILLE, SC 29615 BROOKSTONE TERRACE CHANTICLEER, 355 BERKMAN LN GREENVILLE SC	

PRAY FOR SICK AND SHUT IN			
Bobby Chapman Brittany Copeland Ray Dennis Lonnie Epps Dorlee Evans Mary Evans Barbara Harris	Joe G. Hawthorne Tamica Hawthorne Wayne Henderson David Lewers Sr. Willie R. Lewers Jennifer McKinney	Mattie McKinney Aimee Nava Elizabeth Robertson Melvina Robertson Connie Robinson Kenneth Robinson	Michael Robinson Vanessa Robinson Joyce Shockley Maude Stevens Albert Sweeney Jessie Thomason



If you or a member of your family are sick, in the hospital or has passed away, please notify the church ASAP.
(864-243-3495 Ext. 0 – Admin Asst. or Ext. 1 – Pastor Simmons).

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: If you find yourself in raging waters, deep waters, do not fear.

Congregation: Look and trust for your rescue is near.

Leader: Christ comes for us in sunshine and in the dead of night.
Welcome the presence of Christ.

Congregation: We welcome you, O Christ! Blessed be your name!

Leader: Christ reaches out to us in the stillness of peace and in the rage of the storm.

Congregation: Nothing overwhelms our Savior. Nothing overcomes Him,

All: *Our hope and trust are in you! Blessed be your name!*

THE SCRIPTURE IN RESPONSE: JAMES 2:1-13(V.13) (NIV)

Leader: 1My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism.

Congregation: **2** Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in.

Leader: 3 If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, “Here’s a good seat for you,” but say to the poor man, “You stand there” or “Sit on the floor by my feet,”

Congregation: 4 have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

Leader: 5 Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him?

Congregation: **6** But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court?

Leader: 7 Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong?

Congregation: 8 If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself,"[a] you are doing right.

Leader: 9 But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers.

Congregation: **10** For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking **all** of it.

Leader: 11 For he who said, “You shall not commit adultery,”[b] also said, “You shall not murder.”[c] If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker.

Congregation: 12 Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom,

All: *13 because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.*

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9:35 AM In-Person Worship



Enter to Worship Depart to Serve

“Lord Help Me To Show Mercy”

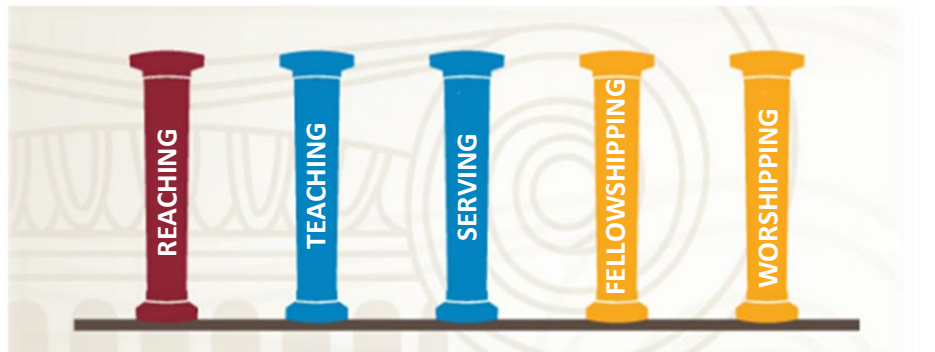
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vs.¹³ because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

Our Mission

This church seeks to glorify God by **Reaching** people for Christ; providing **Teaching** opportunities for them to grow in Christ.

Ministering to the needs of the congregation, community, and the world;
devoted to enjoying **Fellowship** of one another, and continually
Worshipping together.



Our Vision

“Reaching The Unchurched For Christ”

Come walk with us; we will do thee good!