

## OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Homecoming Sunday, April 25

Sunday School (adults in the Fellowship Hall)	10:00 am
Radio Broadcast on G-104 FM	10:45 am
Morning Worship In Person and also available on Facebook and Church Website (fbcrock.org)	11:00 am

Wednesday, April 28

Prayer Service in the sanctuary	6:30 pm
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(Worship Bags are available in the sanctuary for children)



The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are placed in loving memory of Mrs. Mae Yates on her birthday, April 24th. They were placed by her family: Carol and Vann Day, Denny and Kay Yates, Josh and Katie Yates, and Cameron Yates.

Dear Church, Our family cannot begin to express how much it meant to us the meal that was provided, the beautiful flower arrangement and your kindness. The support that the church staff provided was very much needed and appreciated. Our mom is smiling down from heaven. She was our glue and will be so missed. Keep us in your prayers as we try to navigate life without her. Love, The Putnams and The Mills.

### The Beginning of First Baptist Church of Rockingham

On April 13, 1879 Rev. Frank Jordan began a "Meeting of Days" in Rockingham in the old brick courthouse (that burned in the 1888 fire). During this revival, on Thursday, April 24, 1879, Rev. Frank Jordan, assisted by Rev. John Monroe, proceeded with the organization of the Rockingham church. Rev. Jordan gave the sermon that night, and then the group organized into a congregation.

### SERVING THIS MORNING

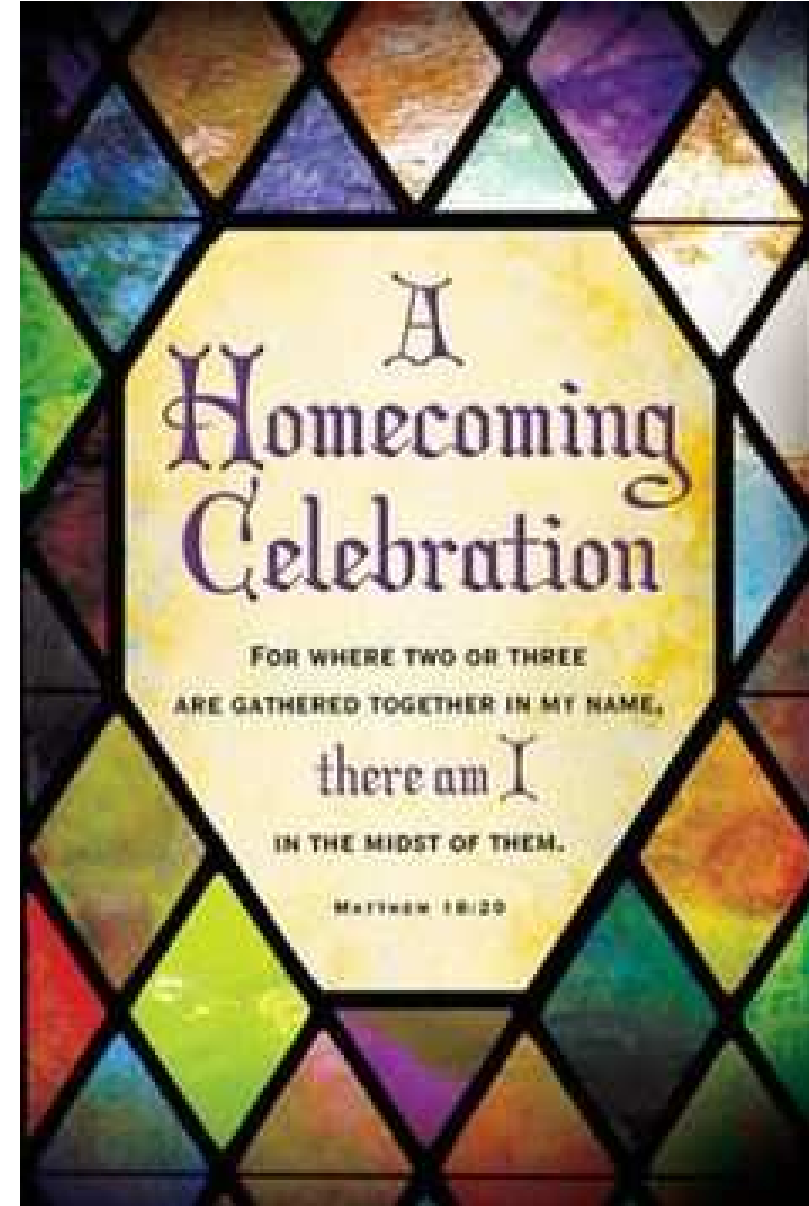
Nursery: N/A  
2s and 3's: Angela Cockerton  
Children's Church: N/A  
Security: N/A  
Greeters: N/A  
Audio/Visual: Kenny Melvin/Charlie Melvin/  
Alex Cockerton

### Church Staff

Rev. Jack Lee, Senior Pastor  
Carly McKay, Choir Director  
John Thompson, Admin/Finance Assistant  
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## **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Rockingham, North Carolina**



**Homecoming Sunday, April 25, 2021**

**To Know Christ and Make Him Known**

# First Baptist Church

Sunday, April 25, 2021

## WORSHIP THROUGH PRAISE

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Mr. Jason Coen

Hymn 359

*This Is the Day (2x)*

Garrett

Children's Moment

Mrs. Carly McKay

(Children ages 2 through 4 may leave for Extended Session)

Hymn 572

*I Love to Tell the Story*

Hankey/Fischer

Scripture Reading

John 10:22-30/Revelation 7:13-17

Mrs. Linda Byrd

## WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Hymn 177

*There's Something About That Name*

William & Gloria Gather

Offertory Prayer

Mrs. Bonnie Barnes

Offertory

Doxology (Hymn 253)

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Thomas Ken

(Children ages 5 through 5th grade may leave for Children's Church)

## WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER AND PROCLAMATION

Church History and introduction of Rev. Stevenson

Mr. Coen

Special Music

*Who You Are to Me*

(Piano: Crystal Coen / Vocals: Crystal Coen/Carly McKay)

Sermon

"Life As It Really Is"

Rev. Richard Stevenson

Psalm 23

## WORSHIP THROUGH RESPONSE

Hymn 333

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

Hoffman/Showalter

Benediction

Rev. Jack Lee

Postlude

## WE ARE CHARGED TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER

\* A special thank you is extended to Crystal Coen for serving as the accompanist today.

\* A special thank you is extended to Chris Kempen for providing the instrument track for the special music today.

## Rev. Robert Richard Stevenson

Rev. Richard Stevenson was the Minister of Education at First Baptist Church in Rockingham, NC from October 3, 1993 to April 30, 2000. Previously he served as the Associate Pastor at First Baptist Church in Moweaqua, Illinois. While at the church in Rockingham he worked with developing Sunday School and Discipleship ministries and also worked with the youth of the church. During the long interim period between the senior pastorates of Dr. Bill Leathers and Rev. David Jordan he worked alongside Minister of Music Don Bearfield to provide continuity with not only church administration but also pastoral care for the congregation. He still thinks administration comes from the Latin meaning "admit - it's misery!", but he developed a life long passion for pastoral care and in 2000 entered the United States Army as a Chaplain.

While in the Army, Richard served as the Chaplain for 1-377 Field Artillery Regiment (AASLT) at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina; 47th Combat Support Hospital at Ft. Lewis, Washington; the Eastern Region of Cadet Command at Ft. Knox, Kentucky; Natick Soldiers Systems Center at Natick, Massachusetts; 902nd Military Intelligence Group at Ft. Meade, Maryland; Dwight David Eisenhower Army Medical Center at Ft. Gordon, Georgia; and William Beaumont Army Medical Center at Ft. Bliss, Texas. He deployed twice in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and once in support of Operation Task Force Warrior. He completed a residency for Clinical Pastoral Education at Brooke Army Medical Center at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas and is also a graduate of the US Army Command and General Staff College Intermediate Level Education Course; Chaplain Officer Basic Course; Chaplain Captain Career Course; and Chaplain Brigade Functional Course. He received six Meritorious Service Medals, two Army Commendation Medals and two Army Achievement Medals.

Richard holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Union University in Jackson, Tennessee and a Master of Divinity in Christian Education degree from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. Since he retired from the Army in May, 2020 he has made his home in Murfreesboro, Tennessee where he patiently awaits a return to the glory days of Big Orange football.