

THE BAPTIST INFORMER

NEWS OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FOUR OAKS

May 2017

Mission Statement

The family of First Baptist Four Oaks believes in God through Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

To fulfill the Great Commission, we will love, serve, learn, and fellowship together.

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Preschool: 963-2013

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Mother with a Mission

Catherine Booth, wife of Salvation Army founder William Booth, was said to have read the Bible through eight times before age 12. In 1855, she married William, a Methodist minister, keeping the wedding simple so more money could go toward ministry.

Breaking with tradition, Catherine became active in the church, speaking in meetings and giving public testimony. While raising eight children, she raised funds for her work, which included helping alcoholics get their lives on track.

Upon her death, this "Mother of the Salvation Army" received high praise from her husband. "To me she has been made of God, never-failing sympathy, reliable wisdom and unvarnished truth," said William Booth. "In short, all that is noble and good; and consequently a tower of strength, a mine of wealth, and an everflowing fountain of comfort and joy."

Memorial Day reflection

*We who are left, how shall we look again
Happily on the sun or feel the rain
Without remembering how they who went
Ungrudgingly and spent
Their lives for us loved, too, the sun and rain?
—Wilfred Wilson Gibson*

The Ascension challenge

Ever wonder what it might have been like to be a disciple when Jesus ascended into heaven? He gave them the monumental task of making disciples of all the world. Plus, they'd have to do it without relying on Jesus' physical presence, as they had until then. Were the disciples overwhelmed, uncertain, afraid?

Maybe, yet they went on to spread the gospel throughout the world nonetheless. They rose to the challenge because they fixed their gaze above as they watched Jesus disappear into the clouds.

When we follow that example, offering ourselves as willing servants and keeping our eyes trained on Jesus instead of our circumstances, there's no limit to what God can accomplish through us.

Worship in May

May 7, 2017
4th Sunday of Easter
May 14, 2017
Mother's Day/Baby Dedication
May 21, 2017
RA Recognition
May 28, 2017
Ascension Sunday/Memorial Day Weekend

Wednesdays in May

6:00 PM Dinner Served-Suggested cost:
\$4.00 per meal
4-10 years old-\$2.00
3 years old and under-Free
6:30 PM Prayer Meeting
Children/Youth Choirs
7:00 PM Discipleship Training
(See Schedule Below)
8:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Discipleship Training Schedule for May

May 3: RA's/GA's/Acteens/David's Dudes/Adults
Theme: TBA
May 10: RA's/GA's (BALL GAME)
May 17: Children/Youth/Adults
Theme: TBA
May 24: Children/Youth/Adults
Theme: TBA
May 31: HYMN SING (All groups)

Coronation Services

Sunday, May 7th at 7:00 PM

The WMU is needing help with food items for the reception that will follow the Coronation Services. We are also asking that parents of the children who are in the Coronation to help by bringing one food item to the reception.

The sign-up sheet is on the WMU Bulletin Board. Thank you!

Baby Dedication– Sunday, May 14th

If anyone would like for their child or grandchild to be included in the Baby Dedication Service, please contact Dianne Heritage at 919-631-9004.

Royal Ambassador Recognition Sunday

Sunday, May 21st

11:00 AM

Have your son bring his RA Vest

Last scheduled meeting is Wednesday, May 10th

Little's Little Youth Word

Who can believe it is already May? Wow, this year is already flying by. I want to start this month by thanking the entire church for their great support during our Cardboard City event. It was a tremendous success, and it would not have been without your generous support and prayers during this event. It may have been cold but the youth did a great job with their talents and earning food for the evening.

So again, thank you church!

Wednesday nights in May will be a little different for our youth, and I am very excited about what is in store. Each Wednesday night there will be a special guest who will come and give their testimony and share their story of faith with the youth. Each person has their own story and each story is special in God's eyes. I am praying that as the youth hear these stories they will be able to reflect on their story and journey with God.

On May 20th the youth are sponsoring a church wide trip to the NC Zoo in Asheboro. It is going to be a great day. The theme of the day will be creation and being able to see God's creatures and how we can interact with creation. Price will be \$10 per person.

June will also be very busy for the youth. From June 14-17th we will be attending JoCo Project. It is when youth from all over Johnston County gather together for worship and fellowship at night. During the day however, we are split into groups and go out into our own county doing mission work and helping our neighbors. It is a great way to see that we do not have to go far away to see a need. Also from June 25-30 will be Vacation Bible School.

July 14th will be our annual lock-in and then on August 25th we will have our annual Parent/Youth kick-off. One final reminder: please don't forget that the youth item to be collected all year long is school supplies, so please be bringing those in!

Thank you again church for your generous support and prayers for our youth. It means a lot to them. Your support does not go unnoticed. I ask that you continue to pray for each of our youth and for the various activities we have, that in some way it can be a witness not only to them, but that they can be a witness to the world.

Dates to Remember:

May 20 - Church trip to NC Zoo

June 14-17 - JOCO Project

June 25-30 - Vacation Bible School

July 14 - Lock-In

August 25 - Parent/Youth Kick-off Event

Churchwide Missions for MAY and WMU-FO News

WMU Mission: “...is to inform and inspire the Christian Woman to influence her world for Christ.”

Events for WMU Mission Groups in MAY 2017:

Agape Mission Group will meet on May 2nd at 10:30 AM in the FH with Ann Durham.

Lib Canaday Circle will not meet again until September.

Dorothy Parker Circle will not meet again until September.

Missions for Christ Mission Group will meet on May 2nd at 6:00 PM in the FH with Gloria Lick.

The **Johnston Community College Campus Ministry** on Wednesdays started again in January. Each week this ministry needs at least \$75 towards purchasing food and drinks for the weekly Bible study. (Attendance last fall averaged 39 in the Wednesday meetings). They are also requesting two volunteers each week to help with serving. If you are able to help with this, please let Kelton Hinton or Tonya Grice know. The JBA-WMU supplied items for exam kits to be distributed to students during exam week at JCC.

The **SECU Hospice House in Smithfield** is requesting that area church groups make meals for those individuals who have a family member staying in Hospice. The coordinator of this project is asking for desserts on Wednesday nights and a lunch on Saturday or dinner on Sunday nights. This would entail **15 individually wrapped desserts on Wednesday** and **Saturdays/Sundays** would require **15 lunches or dinner plated items wrapped**. A schedule for the **2017 year** will be sent out by the church office. Anyone or group interested in working on this project contact Laura Rogers for a sign up date or Wanda Johnson at Hospice in Smithfield with your selected date and menu item.

Coronation Services, Sunday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m. – A reception following the Coronation service will be in the Fellowship Hall. The WMU-FO Ladies groups will help provide refreshments. This year we are asking parents of those children who are in the Coronation help by donating 1 food item for our reception. A sign up sheet will be posted on the WMU bulletin board. WMU facilitators will be contacted for items their group can provide.

The 2017 Freda Parks Creech “Woman of the Year” award will be announced during the coronation.

JBA-WMU Annual Spring Meeting is Saturday, **May 20** at Pine Level Baptist Church. The theme is **“Shining like Stars.”** Registration is at 8:30 a.m. and program begins at 9:00 a.m. Guest speaker for this meeting is Dr. David West from Kenly. He will deliver a sermon using his talents with a chalk drawing. WMU ladies are asked to share ideas from their church mission projects. Refreshments will be served during the morning break. Door prizes will be announced. Make plans to attend on May 20 and help represent our WMU-FO.

Carolina Women of WMU-NC is offering a **Retreat on October 6-7, 2017 at Fort Caswell, Baptist Assembly, Oak Island, NC.** Some of those on the program are: Phyllis Foy, NC missionary; Renea Henderson, Kimberly Sowell, author from Lancaster, SC and founder of Kingdom Heart Ministries, Sandy Wisdom-Martin, and new national Executive Director for WMU and the **CrossWalk** for entertainment. Cost is \$90 and includes lodging, meals and program fee. You can register at: www.wmunc.org/carolinawomen2017. This is open for all WMU members.

WMU-NC Red Box Inmate Christmas Ministry due on November 2. This year the item for collection is **toothbrush – adult size.** The toothbrush must be in the **original wrapper** and be **individually wrapped.** WMU-NC is saying “no exceptions on items collected this year.” The JBA-WMU has a goal of 1700 toothbrushes to collect. This is a good time to begin collecting during spring/summer sales. A WMU Red collection box will be in the Genesis classroom.

Camp Mundo Vista is having a fundraiser. They are in the process of replacing the old beds with some bunk beds and some single beds in each cabin. They are challenging each association/church to help fund at least one bed each. To donate you can send a check to **WMU-NC** and send to: **P.O. Box 18309, Raleigh, N.C. 27619-8309.** Camp Mundo Vista is owned and operated by WMU-NC.

**Samaritan's Purse—Operation Christmas Child
Item for MAY: Hair Brushes and Chap Stick**

Preschool News

So much has been going on at preschool that I don't know where to start. Children's Sunday was WONDERFUL! I am so proud of our kids and so happy to be working with these teachers. The kids were adorable and fun and the teachers made everything seem so smooth. Thank you for sharing that day with us! A BIG thank you for helping with all of our fundraisers. We love our new stage risers and can use them anytime we want instead of borrowing and having to get a truck to pick them up. This has been a couple of years in the making and we are overjoyed!

This month we will have our Cap and Gown pictures, go to the Strawberry Farm, celebrate Cinco De Mayo, and practice for Graduation on June 4th. Our end of the year party will once again be at Smithfield Aquatics with a Pancake and Pajama breakfast, followed by playing in the splash park. Our graduating class will also take a field trip to FOES to eat lunch and take a tour of a kindergarten classroom.

We only have ONE opening in our 4 year old class for next year and our other classes are filling up fast! We have classes for 4 year olds, 3 year olds, 2 year olds and even a Mon's Morning Out Program for children as young as 1 year old. If you know someone who may be interested, please pass our information to them.

Carol Adams
919-963-2013
919-300-9301 (cell)

Relay for Life Bake Sale

Sunday, May 14th (Mother's Day)

Items may be purchased any time during the morning in the library.

**2017 Relay for Life of Johnston County-June 2, 2017
Smithfield-Selma High School**

Event Schedule

6:00 PM	Opening Ceremony	8:00 PM	Kid's Walk
7:00 PM	Survivor Walk	9:00 PM	Luminary Ceremony
	12:30 AM	Closing Ceremony	

**Mark Your Calendar!
Vacation Bible School
June 25th-30th**

MAY 2017

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

*Designates each week

	1	2	3	4	5	6
	7:00 PM Sound/Video Meeting 7:00 PM Long Range Planning Comm. – Cancelled	10:30 AM Agape Mission Group meets in the FH with Ann Durham 6:00 PM Missions for Christ Mission Group meets in the FH with Gloria Lick	*6:00 PM Fellowship Meal *6:30 PM Prayer Meeting Ch./Youth Choirs 7:00 PM RA's/GA's/ Acteens/David's Dudes/Adults Theme: TBA *8:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	*12:00-2:00 PM Food Pantry open at church		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
*10:00 AM Sunday School *11:00 AM Worship 5:30 PM Deacon Board meets 7:00 PM Coronation Services	7:00 PM Building & Grounds Comm. meets		7:00 PM RA's/GA's- BALL GAME			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Relay for Life Bake Sale 11:00 AM Baby Dedication during Worship Happy Mother's Day!		7:00 PM Worship Comm. meets 11:30 AM Young at Heart– Will eat out at Stephenson's BBQ	7:00 PM Children/Youth/Adults Theme: TBA	7:00 PM Personnel Comm. meets		Churchwide trip to the Zoo
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
7:45 AM Baptist Men's Breakfast 11:00 AM Royal Ambassador Day 4-6:00 PM Genesis SS Class Picnic at Clemmons State Forest			7:00 PM Children/Youth/Adults Theme: TBA			
28	29	30	31			
6-8:00 PM Prayer Vigil-Sanct.		7:00 PM Outreach Planning	7:00 PM Hymn Sing			



Birthdays

01 Lily Johnson
02 Ursula Stewart
Brandon Turner
04 Paula Bowman
06 Caroline Heritage
Charlotte Heritage
Clara Hock
Caleb Norris
07 Judy Creech
Dylan Jackson
08 Geraldine Barbour
Peter Clothier
Stevie Edwards
Linda Joyner
09 Hannah Stewart
11 Ray Baker
12 Kay Hatch
Gary Joyner
13 Anna Barnes
Thelma Johnson
14 Lisa Parker
18 Alaina Joyner
19 Nathan Stromley
20 Tim Barbour
21 Ann Massengill
Alan Maxwell
Laley Norman
Sammy Surlis
22 Hallie Stephenson
24 Bill Barbee

25 Haylee Bishop
Stephen Carberry
27 Mary Jon Barefoot
Carson Gardner
Ava Grey Hamilton-Gregory
Chris Heritage
28 James Cullen Edwards
Tyler Hodges
Daniel Raynor
29 Ann Reilly
30 Alyssa Hamilton
31 Huberta Sasser

Anniversaries

01 Trent and Allison Tucker
17 Randy and Erin Combs
18 Durwood and Jeanette Dixon
21 Josh and Jami Champagne
27 Sherwood and Johnnie Sue Lee
28 Stevie and Cindy Edwards
31 Allen and Shannon Parker



Cradle Roll

May 7 *Wendy Heritage*
 May 14 *Vicki Grimes*
 May 21 *Yorke Johnson and Michele Norman*
 May 28 *Debbie Blackmon and Tally Jackson*

First Baptist Contacts

Pastor	Rev. John Norman, Jr.
Minister of Music	Mrs. Phyllis Toothman
Minister of Youth	Rev. David Little
Secretary	Mrs. Deirdre Parker
Organist	Ms. Annette Carroll
Preschool Director	Mrs. Carol Adams
Deacon for the Month	Mr. Chris Vann

Nursery (2's & 3's)

May 7 *Hollie and Brian Winters*
 May 14 *Carol and Robbie Adams*
 May 21 *Wendy and Chris Heritage*
 May 28 *Margaret Baker and Debbie Lee*

Acolytes

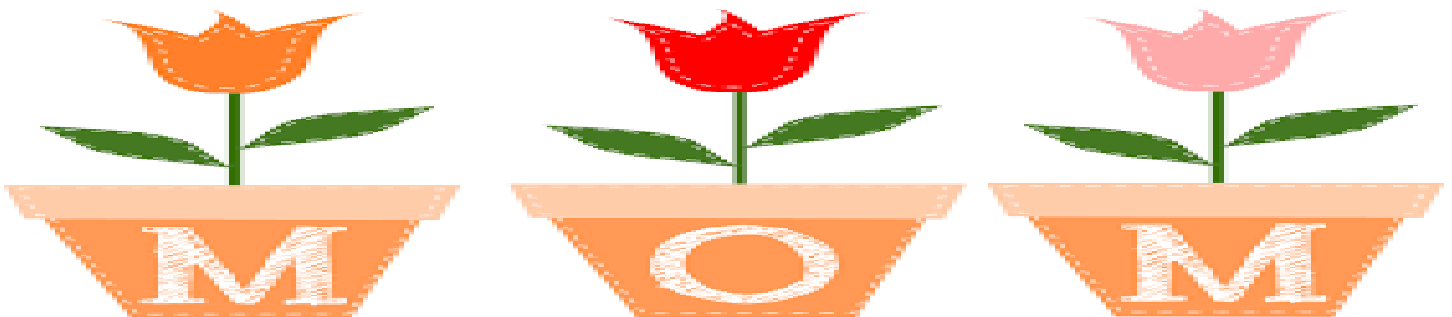
May 7 *Jannah Champagne*
 May 14 *Everett Jackson*
 May 21 *Caroline Tucker*
 May 28 *Jaxon Barbour*

Children's Church

May 7 *Available*
 May 14 *Available*
 May 21 *Available*
 May 28 *Available*

Flowers

May 7 *GA's and Acteens*
 May 14 *Mary Keene*
 May 21 *Available*
 May 28 *Carol Moore*



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