



THE BAPTIST INFORMER

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

April 2018

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.

Church: 963-2102
Parsonage: 963-3199
Preschool: 963-2013

www.fbcfouroaks.org

*After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning,
Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.
And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord,
descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.
His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow.
For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men.
But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are
looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been
raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.
Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the
dead," and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will
see him." This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly
with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.
"Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!"
And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him.*

Matthew 28:1-9

Worship in April

April 1, 2018

John 20:1-25

April Fools!

April 8, 2018

The Story We Find Ourselves In - Ruth

April 15, 2018

Observance of the Lord's Supper

April 22, 2018

The Story We Find Ourselves In - 1 Samuel

April 29, 2018

Children's/Preschool Sunday

The Story We Find Ourselves In - 2 Samuel

Wednesdays in April

6:00 PM

Dinner Served - Suggested Cost:

\$4.00 per meal

4-10 years old-\$2.00

3years 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 April

- April 4st:** Spring Break - No Classes
April 11th: RA's/GA's
Acteens/Youth on Mission
Adults: *Spiritual Gifts*
April 18th: Children Group Activity: Children's Sunday Practice
Youth: *Letters*
Adults: *Spiritual Gifts*
April 25th: Quarterly Business Meeting

Meal Schedule for April

- April 4th:** Cancelled (Spring Break)
April 11th: GA's (Lauren Strickland) TBD
April 18th: Agape Circle (Ann Massengill) Chicken Pastry
April 25th: Youth (David Little) Pancakes and Sausage

Congratulations

**2018 First Baptist Four Oaks Royal Ambassador
Derby Car Race Winners**

Best In Show

- 1st Place - Hayden Jones
2nd Place-Zeke Sharp
3rd Place- Caleb McLamb

Race Winners

- 1st Place-Grimes Stewart
2nd Place-Daniel Pineda
3rd Place- Benjamin Lee

Baptist Men's Retreat

Saturday, April 14th at the River (**Men bring your boys**)
12:00 Noon-Until (**Will not stay overnight**)
Devotion by Motivational Speaker: Mr. Stacy Lee

If anyone would like to serve on an usher team, please contact the church office.

Little's Little Youth Word

It is already April, and even though it is officially spring, it seems that the weather hasn't gotten that memo. Here is to the weather warming up!

April is going to be a busy month for our youth! On April 4 there will be no Discipleship Training due to Spring Break. On April 11 we will be having our Mission focused night with Dudes on Mission and Acteens. Then on April 18 the youth will be looking at the Epistles of the Bible as we come close to finishing our journey through the Bible. On April 25 we will have the Quarterly Business Mtg. The youth will be serving dinner.

Then it is on to April 27 where Cardboard City will return! Below are the details of that night! The event will take place on April 27 from 6:30 pm - 7:00 am on the 28th. Both tents and cardboard boxes will be accepted.

Here is the schedule for the evening/morning:

6:30-7pm - Setup

7-7:30pm - Pre-event devotional

7:30-10pm - Talent Fair

10-10:30pm - Bible study

10:30pm-Midnight - Free time

Midnight - 6:00am - SLEEP

6-7:00am - Cleanup

The talent fair will work the same as last year. The youth will be doing some type of talent during that time. They will also be collecting canned food items that will be donated to our church's Food Pantry and Back Pack Buddies. Please come out and see what talents our youth have and bring some canned food items.

The big difference in this year and other events this year, is that there will be no dinner. This is because during this event we are asking the youth to fast. We want this event to be not just a fun experience but a spiritual experience as well. We want the youth to focus on God and want vs need. During our Devotional and Bible study we will focus on what it means to fast and why we as Christians should fast. We truly hope this will be a great experience for our youth.

Sign-ups will run until April 25th. We will need a lot of chaperone help. All we are asking is for adults to take 2 hour shifts during the night. You do not have to be a parent of a youth to chaperone. If you are interested in helping for this night please contact me. This is a great way to interact with our youth and get to know them. Please prayerfully consider coming out and helping.



Churchwide Missions for APRIL 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 APRIL 2018:

Agape Mission Group will meet on April 3rd at 10:30 AM at the home of Carol Moore

Dorothy Parker Circle will meet on April 10th at 7:00 PM in the Prayer Room.

Lib Canaday Circle will meet on April 12th at 7:00 PM in the library.

Missions for Christ Mission Group will meet on April 8th at 2:00 PM in the FH with Linda Johnson.

Operation Christmas Child Item of the Month April-Small Stuffed Animals

The **Johnston Community College Campus Ministry** on Wednesdays started again in January. Each week this ministry needs at least \$90 towards purchasing food and drinks for the weekly Bible study. (Attendance last fall averaged 39 in the Wednesday meetings). Dates available for spring lunches are: If you are able to help with this, please let Kelton Hinton or Tonya Grice know at the JBA office. This is the largest campus college ministry in the state, so please try and support these students.

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 **2017-18 year** was 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.

Annie Armstrong Easter offering – Week of Prayer for North American Missions was March 4-11. The theme is “*Here and Now.*” *Prayer guides and offering will be collected on Easter Sunday, April 1.* The JBA will begin collecting items for the **Baptist Children’s Kennedy Home in Kinston Spring Campaign**. The drop-off will be at the JCC campus on **April 23 & 24**. Items Needed: Food Products: Cereals, Canned foods, Spaghetti O’s, Raviolis, Sugar. Hygiene Products: Soap, Shampoo, Deodorant, Toothbrushes, etc. Paper Products and all types of Cleaning Supplies: Dishwashing Detergent and Cleaners. Gift cards are welcomed, especially Walmart and Food Lion. A list of items are posted on the church bulletin board.

WMU-NC Missions Extravaganza for 2018 is scheduled on **April 27 & 28, 2018** at Ardmore Baptist Church in Winston Salem. The theme is “**Defining Moments**” and will feature guest speakers Taylor and Susan Fields, Missionaries who serve in New York. Taylor is author of the “*Upside Down*” series. Deadline for attending was February 1; however you can still register online. Registration is \$55.00. The day only registration is \$30. A list of motels are available at wmu-nc.org. Some of the greatest mission stories are presented during the Mission Extravaganza, so make plans to attend. See Laura Rogers for more details or online registration at [WMU-NC.org](http://wmu-nc.org)

Coronation Services, Sunday, May 6 at 7:00 p.m. – A reception following the Coronation service will be in the FH. The WMU-FO Ladies groups will help provide refreshments. This year we are asking parents of those children who are in the Coronation to help by donating 1 food item for our reception. A signup sheet will be posted on the WMU bulletin board. WMU facilitators will be contacted for items their group can provide.

WMU ladies, be thinking about your candidate for the **2018 Freda Parks Creech Woman of the Year Award**. Ballots will be handed out and collected during groups meetings in April. Deadline is April 13 for counting. Please return completed ballots to Laura Rogers. The 2018 Candidate will be announced at the Coronation on May 6th.

JBA-WMU Annual Spring Meeting is Saturday, **May 19** at Bethany Baptist Church. Jennifer Johnson from Bethany Church is the guest speaker. The theme is **“Then and Now.”** The 2018 Mitchiner Scholarship recipient will be announced, and this year’s winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. Registration is at 8:30 AM and the program will begin at 9:00 AM. WMU ladies are asked to share ideas from their church mission projects. Refreshments will be served during the morning break time. Door prizes will be announced. Make plans to attend on May 19 and help represent our WMU-FO.

CHECK OUT THE WMU BULLETIN BOARD LOCATED ACROSS FROM THE PRAYER ROOM FOR ANY ‘NEWS ITEMS’. ACTEENS AND GIRLS IN ACTION GROUPS ALSO HAVE SPACE FOR ITEMS AVAILABLE. The newly revised Funeral Food Committee sheets are available on the table. We have tried to keep this updated to better serve everyone. Group 1 will be the next group to serve a meal. Margaret Baker, Donna Baker and Kathy Parker are co-chairs from Group 1.

**Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child
Item for APRIL: Small Stuffed Animals**

Relay for Life Survivor's Banquet (No cost)

Tuesday, April 24th at 6:00 PM

Smithfield Selma Senior High School in Cafeteria (Entertainment will be provided)

Must be pre-registered. (See Marilyn Parker for registration forms)

Baby Dedication-Sunday, May 13th

If anyone would like their child or grandchild to be included in the Baby Dedication Service, please contact Mary Jon Barefoot at 919-464-8895 or call the church office.

Preschool News

March was a busy month in the life of the preschool. We celebrated Dr. Seuss week by eating green eggs and ham and reading lots of Dr. Seuss books. It continued with Nutrition Week. The students ate a delicious salad and we read the Biblical story of Daniel who would only eat healthy foods. We read stories of Noah’s Ark and colored beautiful rainbows to remind the students of God’s promise concerning the flood. The last two weeks the students learned of Holy Week. They had devotion with Pastor John who shared the story of Jesus. The students made cross art activities and the empty tomb. The cross sun catchers were so beautiful in the windows as the light of Christ shown through. We had a Easter egg hunt and many parents and grandparents attended. Thanks to everyone who brought items for the party, goodie bags, and who hid eggs. The church will be silent of the pitter patter of little feet from now until April 9th for Spring Break. Please mark your calendar for April 29th for Children’s Sunday! Preschoolers will participate on that day! On behalf of the teachers and assistants we thank you for your prayers and support of the preschool. **Happy Easter!**

APRIL 2018

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

*Designates each week

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Easter		10:30 AM Agape Mission Group meets at the home of Carol Moore	All Services cancelled-Spring Break	*12-2:00 PM Food Pantry open at church		
8 *10:00 AM Sunday School *11:00 AM Worship 2:00 PM Missions for Christ meets in FH with Linda Johnson 6:00 PM Preschool Comm. meets 7:00 PM Deacon Board meets	9 7:00 PM Bldg. and Grounds Comm. Meets 7:00 PM Current Nominating Committee meets	10 7:00 PM Dorothy Parker Circle meets in the Prayer Room	11 *6:00 PM Fellowship Meal *6:30 PM Prayer Meeting Ch./Youth Choirs 7:00 PM RA's/GA's Acteens/Youth on Mission Adults: Spiritual Gifts *8:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	12 7:00 PM Lib Canaday Circle meets in the library	13 GA Blitz- Right after school 6:45 PM GA Racers 6:30-8:00 PM Bible Journaling in FH	14 Baptist Men's Retreat at River
15 7:45 AM Baptist Men's Breakfast 5:30 PM Adoptive Grandparent Banquet Communion	16	17 11:30 AM Young at Heart Luncheon Group—Lunch at Stephenson's BBQ 7:00 PM Worship Committee meets 7:00 PM Youth Committee meets	18 7:00 PM Children Group Activity- Children's Sunday Practice Youth: Letters Adults: Spiritual Gifts	19 7:00 PM Personnel Committee meets	20	21 9:00 AM Church-wide Work Day
22	23	24 Chick-fil-A Spirit Night to benefit Mission Trip 6:00 PM Relay for Life Survivors Banquet 7:00 PM Outreach Planning Committee meets	25 7:00 PM Quarterly Business Mtg.	26	27 6:30 PM until 7:00 AM Cardboard City	28
29 Preschool/ Children's Sunday 6-8:00 PM Prayer Vigil in Sanctuary	30			FH Reserved		



Birthdays

- 01 *Jean Lee*
- 02 *Brian Fogleman*
- 03 *Christina Hibbs*
Katie McLamb
Michele Norman
- 05 *Jessica Hamby*
Christie Stephenson
- 06 *Jason Lee*
- 07 *Thurman Whittington*
- 08 *Samantha Conceicao*
Cindy Edwards
Josh Thomas
- 09 *Nathaniel Sloan*
- 10 *Amy Byrd*
Cheryl Chicki
Pasty Parker
- 14 *Lee Carter*
Lauren Maxwell
- 18 *Jean Whittington*
- 19 *Alice Ann Elam*
- 20 *Debbie Blackmon*
- 22 *James Norris*
- 23 *Carlye Durham, Sophia Lee*
- 25 *Ned Walsh*
- 28 *Harold Keen*
John Littleton
- 29 *Jason Coats*
Allison Earp
Will Whittington
- 30 *Everett Jackson*

Anniversaries

- 08 *Lin and Amy Byrd*
- 10 *Tim and Teresa Daniel*
- 16 *Mario and Lisa Gonzalez*
Chris and Joan Santoro
- 20 *James and Susie Norris*
- 29 *Michael and Elizabeth Fish*
Kelly and Sterling Parker



Cradle Roll

April 1st Wendy Heritage
April 8th Logan Baker & Vicki Grimes
April 15th Yorke Johnson and Michele Norman
April 22nd Debbie Blackmon and Tally Jackson
April 29th Sue Vann

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 Langdon
Preschool Director	Mrs. Carol Adams
Deacon for the Month	Mr. Roy Turner

Nursery (2's & 3's)

April 1st Amanda and Darren Eltz
April 8th Jenna Johnson and Patsy Parker
April 15th Vicki Grimes
April 22nd Yorke and Thomas Johnson
April 29th Amy Elam and Haylee Bishop

Acolytes

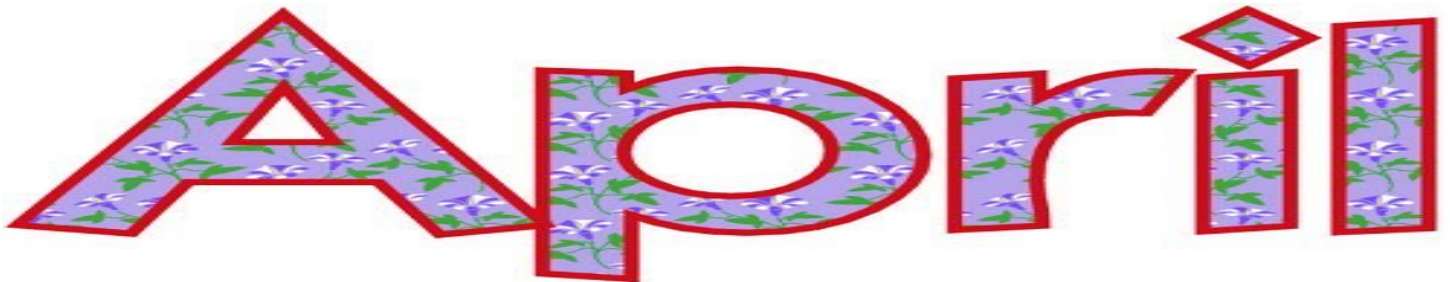
April 1st Justin Champagne
April 8th Lela Strickland
April 15th Lily Johnson
April 22nd Summer Hamby
April 29th Dylan Jackson

Children's Church

April 1st Easter
April 8th Melanie and Charlie Autry
April 15th Melanie and Charlie Autry
April 22nd Melanie and Charlie Autry
April 29th Melanie and Charlie Autry

Flowers

April 1st Church
April 8th
April 15th
April 22nd Susie Norris
April 29th Tally Jackson



Four Oaks First partners with the Johnston Baptist Association, Baptist State Convention of NC, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of NC, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (National), and the Southern Baptist Convention.

First Baptist Church
P.O. Box 717
403 North Main St.
Four Oaks, NC 27524

Change Service Requested

Non-Profit Organization U.S. POSTAGE PERMIT No. 6 PAID FOUR OAKS, NC 27524
--