



THE BAPTIST INFORMER

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

November 2018

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. (Psalm 100, NRSV)

In just a few weeks we will have the opportunity to celebrate Thanksgiving. And my guess is, at some celebration somewhere, you will be asked “the” Thanksgiving question. Whether with family or friends or co-workers or church family, someone is sure to ask, “What are you thankful for?” As cliché as it may be to ask this question at Thanksgiving time, it actually is a pretty good question - “What are you thankful for?” But let me add another question for your Thanksgiving gatherings this year - “To whom are you thankful?”

The Psalm above, in the superscription before the Psalm (the words before the words of the text), is titled “A Psalm of thanksgiving.” The Psalm reminds us “to whom” we should be thankful. We are to be thankful to God because God made us (we are his) and because he is good and his faithful love is forever. The Psalm also guides us in “how” we are to be thankful - through worship with singing and gladness and blessing and praise.

May this Thanksgiving be filled with praise as we give thanks to God for what he has done, is doing, and will do - in our hearts, in our church, and in our world.

Grace & Peace, *John*

HOMECOMING 2018

November 4th

Preaching: Rev. David Little

This will be David’s last Sunday as
Youth Pastor at FBCFO

Covered dish luncheon immediately following
worship in the Fellowship Hall.

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
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Preschool: 963-2013

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Worship in November

November 4, 2018
HOMECOMING 2018
Preaching: Rev. David Little

November 11, 2018
Jeremiah/Lamentations

November 18, 2018
Thanksgiving Sunday
Ezekiel

November 25, 2018
Christ the King Sunday
Daniel

Wednesdays in November

6:00 PM Dinner Served - Suggested Cost:
\$4.00 per meal
\$2.00 (4-10 years old)
Free (3years old and under)

6:30 PM Prayer Meeting - Adults & Youth
Music/Worship - Children

7:00 PM Discipleship Training
(See Schedule Below)

8:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Discipleship Training Schedule for November

November 7th: RAs/GAs
Acteens/David's Dudes
Adults: *Disciples Path - Defining a Disciple*

November 14th: Thanksgiving Practice
Middle/High School Split: *Why Does God Allow Bad Things?*
Adults: *Disciples Path - Jesus Calls His Disciples*

November 21st: **Thanksgiving Break**

November 28th: RA's/GA's
Youth: *Trinity-Part 1*
Adults: *Disciples Path-Jesus Teaches His Disciples*

Meal Schedule for November

November 7th: Adult 1 (Michele Norman) Chicken Casserole

November 14th: GA's (Lauren Strickland) TBD

November 21st: **Thanksgiving Break**

November 28th: New Century Class (Celeste Byrd) Chicken Pasta Bake

Thank You...

Dear Pastor Norman and Friends at First Baptist Church, Thank you for the donation of \$667.00 toward our fundraising banquet. All donations given at the banquet go directly to the ministry of Saving Babies and Transforming Lives. Serving Jesus for Life, Ann Earnest, Director of In His Hands Pregnancy

Dear Four Oaks Baptist Church, Your love and concern for Ed and myself during the past years have meant so much to us. I want to thank you for all the visits, cards, phone calls, food, and anything else you did for us during Ed's sickness. He loved his church and was thankful for all of you and supporting him in all the ways that you did. Your prayers were especially appreciated. May God continue to bless our church members and our pastor. Love all of you, Jenny Temple

Congratulations...

Congratulations to Christine and Jeffrey Stewart on the birth of their new baby girl. Charlotte Ann Stewart was born on October 4th. She weighed 8lbs. 10oz. Congratulations also to proud grandmother Jenny Stewart!

Dear FBC Four Oaks family,

Since coming to FBC Four Oaks in 2015 it has been a wonder to see not only our youth group grow, but our church grow as well. As soon as I arrived, I felt like a member of this family. You welcomed me in with arms wide open.

That is why this may be the hardest letter I have ever written. As much as I love youth ministry and being in Four Oaks, I feel God is calling me elsewhere. As of November 4th, I will be resigning as Youth Minister of FBC Four Oaks to become Senior Pastor of Littleton Baptist Church in Littleton, NC.

I am incredibly thankful for the opportunity I have had to be a part of this church. Earlier this evening, I met with the youth committee and the youth and parents from our church. I was able to share with them how much I love each one of them and I hope they learned half of what I learned from them. I cherish so many memories of lock-ins, dinners out, our mission trips, or just hanging out. The youth will always have a place in my heart, and I hope they know that if they need anything, I am always with them in spirit, and only a phone call away.

To the rest of the church, you have allowed me to grow in so many ways. I have loved getting to know each one of you. It is always so hard to leave a place that you consider home. Each one of you will be in my thoughts and prayers as you continue to do God's work. I hope you will pray for me as I go through this major transition in my life.

I end this letter, not saying goodbye, but see you later. I hope and pray this next month will be a celebration. I love each and every one of you.

Sincerely

David Little



Churchwide Missions for NOVEMBER 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 NOVEMBER 2018:

Agape Mission Group meets on Tuesday, November 6th at 10:30 AM in the FH with Lynda Rabon.
Lib Canaday Circle meets on Thursday, November 8th at 7:00 PM in the library.
Dorothy Parker Circle meets on Tuesday, November 13th at 7:00 PM in the Prayer Room.
Missions for Christ Mission Group meets on November 8th at 6:30 PM in the FH with Jean Rhodes.

The **Johnston Community College Campus Ministry** on Wednesdays throughout the Fall. 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). If you are able to help with this, please let Kelton Hinton or Tonya Grice know at 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 **2018 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.

Everyone is invited to the Johnston Baptist Association WMU - Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer on Monday, November 5 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pine Level Baptist Church, 110 South Peedin Avenue, Pine Level, and N.C. The theme this year is “Arise & Shine.” When We Rise Up, He Shines Through. Praying, Giving, Singing, Sharing, Learning. There is a special ceremony for the church representing the most members present this year. Make plans to attend on November 5. A Spirit Award will be given out to the church with the most members in attendance. If you need a ride, call Laura Rogers at 919-219-4528.

Samaritan Purse updates: There are two dates reserved to travel to Charlotte to pack shoeboxes: **Wednesday, November 21 from 10:00-4:00 p.m. and Thursday, November 29 from 10:00-4:00 p.m.** If you are interested in traveling to Charlotte, let Don and Laura Rogers know.

This Christmas Season we will have a night of women's fellowship on Tuesday, December 4 at "The Serving Spoon" Restaurant in Pine Level beginning at 6:00 p.m. Seating is very limited, so let Laura Rogers know if you would like to attend.

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.

SAVE THE DATE: Camp Mundo Vista's 50th Anniversary Celebration on June 1, 2019.

Preschool News

The Kid's Consignment and Vendor Sale for Saturday, November 3rd has been **cancelled** due to November 1st being changed to a regular school day, and also there were very few people to sign up as vendors.

We hope to offer this at another time.

In November we are doing units on camping, being thankful and dinosaurs.

Our Thanksgiving Feast is November 14th for the entire preschool.

We are very thankful for our parents, students, teachers, and our preschool.

The preschool will be closed the week of November 19-23 for Thanksgiving.

Please continue to pray for our students and teachers.

Young at Heart

On Tuesday, November 20th, the Young at Heart Luncheon Group will have their Thanksgiving meal in the FH at 11:30 AM. White Swan will be catering their meal.

A sign up sheet is located on the WMU Bulletin Board.

NOVEMBER 2018

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

***Designates each week**

***10:00 AM**
Sunday School
***11:00 AM**
Worship

1
***12-2:00 PM**
Food Pantry open at church

2

3
3:00 PM
High School Gathering at the home of David Little

4 Homecoming **5**
6:00 PM
Preschool Committee meets

6
10:30 AM
Agape Mission Group meets in the FH with Lynda Rabon

7
***6:00 PM**
Fellowship Meal
***6:30 PM**
Prayer Meeting Ch./Youth Choirs
7:00 PM
RA's/GA's
Aceteens/David's Dudes
Adults: Disciples
Path-Defining A Disciple

8
7:00 PM
Lib Canaday Circle Group meets in the library

9
6:30-8:00 PM
Bible Journaling in the FH

10

11
7:00 PM
Deacon Board meets

12
7:00 PM
Bldg. and Grounds Comm. meets

13
7:00 PM
Dorothy Parker Circle meets in the Prayer Room

14
7:00 PM
Thanksgiving Practice
Middle/High School Split: Why Does God Allow Bad Things?
Adults: Disciples
Path-Jesus Calls His Disciples

15
7:00 PM
Personnel Committee meets

16

17

18
7:45 AM
Baptist Men's Breakfast

19

20
11:30 AM
Young at Heart- Thanksgiving meal in the FH
7:00 PM
Worship Comm. meets

21
Thanksgiving Break

22

23

24

25
6-8:00 PM
Prayer Vigil in Sanctuary

26
7:00 PM
Blackfeet Nation Mission Trip Team Mtg.

27
5-7:00 PM
Four Oaks Christmas Tree Lighting
7:00 PM
Outreach Planning Committee meets

28
7:00 PM
RA's/GA's
Youth: Trinity-Part I
Adults: Disciples
Path-Jesus Teaches His Disciples

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Birthdays

01 Rachel Coats
 03 Melissa Sanders
 Wanda White
 04 Scott Sanders
 05 Debbie Dunn
 Paula Rein
 Michael White
 06 Caleb McLamb
 Jonathan Strickland
 07 Jennah Champagne
 08 Barbara Keen
 10 Laura Rogers
 Sandra Turner
 11 Chandra Coats
 Marian Walsh
 13 Lauren Strickland
 14 Mike Evans
 15 Deborah Coats
 Elizabeth Evans
 Jordyn Johnson
 16 Matthew Keen
 17 Raeford Moore
 18 Donna Baker
 Bryan Coe
 Bill Evans
 Mary Lee Maxwell
 19 Allie McLamb
 Jack Whittington, III

20 Erin Combs
 Sharon Fogleman
 Jamie Williams
 24 Tanya Carberry
 Shannon Lee
 25 Brittany Norris
 27 Angela Halverson
 29 Jacob Champagne
 Lainey Edwards
 30 Meghan G. Webster
 Rebecca Holt
 Chris Santoro



Anniversaries

02 Tucker and Brenda Barnes
 03 John and Candy Littleton
 08 Adam and Mary Jon Barefoot
 Russell Capps and Ann Massengill
 11 Hunter and Janie Olive
 15 Thomas and Yorke Johnson
 17 Daniel and Elizabeth Raynor



Cradle Roll

November 4th Wendy Heritage
November 11th Logan Baker and Vicki Grimes
November 18th Michele Norman
November 25th 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 Langdon
Preschool Director	Mrs. Carol Adams
Deacon for the Month	Mr. Kyle Toothman

Nursery (2's & 3's)

November 4th Barbara Keen & Vicki Grimes
November 11th Hollie and Brian Winters
November 18th Amy Elam and Haylee Bishop
November 25th Cheryl Chicki & Tally Jackson

Acolytes

November 4th Lela Strickland
November 11th Lannah Price
November 18th Summer Hamby
November 25th Dylan Jackson

Children's Church

November 4th Mary Jon Barefoot
November 11th Mary Jon Barefoot
November 18th Mary Jon Barefoot
November 25th Mary Jon Barefoot

Flowers

November 4th Church
November 11th Church
November 18th Church
November 25th Church



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