



THE BAPTIST INFORMER

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

January 2019

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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*For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.
Ecclesiastes 3:1*

I have always been fascinated with time. Not just the passage of time, but the keeping of time - clocks and watches especially. I remember as a kid admiring my uncle's clocks which hung on the walls of his mountain home; the tick-tocking of the clocks as my cousin and I would hurriedly dress to go deer hunting before dawn. I remember my Grandfather Norman's pocket watch on a small silver chain. I remember my Grandfather Johnson's grandfather clock which he made himself.

I recently discovered some information about my dad's old Hamilton wrist watch which I have worn on-and-off throughout the years. I had been researching the history of the watch for quite some time, and finally ran across a blog post by a watchmaker who restores vintage watches which addressed my dad's watch (it's a Hamilton Accumatic A-653 produced in 1965). I have always been fascinated with time.

The Greeks had two words for time - *chronos* (from which we get the English word chronology) and *kairos*. *Chronos* refers to the passage of time (one moment after another) and *kairos* refers to a point in time (when a baby is ready to be born, "It's time!").

I think that is what the above passage from Ecclesiastes is hinting at. There is the passage of time that seems to fly by so quickly, and there are events that happen within the passage of time which give life meaning - birth & death, planting & harvesting, weeping & laughing, mourning & dancing.

God, of course, created time. The moments we all share become reminders of God's grace and mercy and forgiveness (remember the Sabbath and keep it holy) so that we may know God in a personal way. Time is a gift from God. And, like any gift, it is up to us what we do with it.

So this year, which seems to have appeared so quickly, may each of you enjoy the time we have been given, and the times we have to worship God. Happy New Year!

Grace and Peace, *John*

P.S. if you have a clock or watch that is special to you, I would love to hear about it.

Worship in January

January 6, 2019

Daniel 1

The Story We Find Ourselves In: Daniel

January 13, 2019

Hosea 1

The Story We Find Ourselves In: Hosea

January 20, 2019

Amos 5

The Story We Find Ourselves In: Amos

January 27, 2019

Baptist Men's Day

Speaker: Ryan Matthews

Wednesdays in January

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 January

January 2nd: Christmas Break - No Classes

January 9th: RA's/GA's

Acteens/CMIT's

Adults: *Disciples Path - Who is Jesus?*

January 16th: RA's/GA's

Middle/High School Split: *Free Will*

Adults: *Disciples Path - What Did Jesus Do?*

January 23rd: All Ages: Group Activity - *Creating Valentine Cards for Veterans*

January 30th: **Quarterly Business Meeting** - Churchwide

Meal Schedule for January

January 2nd: Christmas Break - No Classes

January 9th: New Century Class (Celeste Byrd)

Chicken Pasta Bake

January 16th: Adult 1 (Michele Norman)

Chicken Casserole

January 23rd: GA's (Lauren Strickland)

TBD

January 30th: Youth

Soup

Thank You...

Dear Rev. Norman, family and friends, Mom has asked me to acknowledge the church on her behalf.

She misses Four Oaks Church and neighbor friends more so as Christmas is near.

We had the Laurie Knolls Christmas Party this past week, which Jim and Barbara joined me for an evening of Country Christmas Music and snacks. Jim and Barbara will go to the Chicago area for Christmas to share Christmas festivities with their family and friends. So far from the weather reports, it looks as if there will not be snow for Christmas here, or in Chicago. We shall see if that is true. They will come back and have New Years with me. We will go out for dinner, followed by a drive through Laurie Park to see the Christmas lights. It is the only light show in all of the Lake of the Ozarks and almost in my backyard, as I can see some of it from my room.

My memory and ability to write is troublesome at times and I get very tired with my tremors, but for the most part all is as it is for the age I am. I am grateful to have Barbara nearby. She pops in and out at all times.

Every day is pretty much routine, but routine is a good thing.

As always, I love to hear from all, so please keep the calls and cards coming. Love, Ann Reilly

Youth News!

It's hard to believe that 2018 has come to a close. The Youth committee has been hard at work the last couple of months planning activities and finding teachers to fill in on Wednesday nights in the absence of David. We have also started the process of finding a new Youth Pastor. Please be in prayer for the youth, youth parents, our congregation, Youth Committee, and Personnel Committee during this transition.

With a new year comes exciting changes. The committee has decided on a name for what was formerly "David's Dudes". It will be **Christian Men in Training or CMIT's**. In November, Robbie Adams and Josh Champagne took the lead with the book, *Be a Man: The Basics of Biblical Manhood*. Stevie Edwards and Josh Champagne will be leading 1/9/19 with the same curriculum. The Youth Committee is looking for men in the congregation that feel led to help with the CMIT's or have a special message they would like to share with these young men. CMIT is for 7-12th grades and will typically meet the first Wednesday of the month from 7pm-8pm. Please let a committee member know if you are interested in leading a night February through May!

We will have regular Wednesday night class on 1/16/2019 and will be discussing the topic of *Free Will* with Jami Champagne and Melanie Autry. Then, in February we will be moving to more standard curriculum. We are looking for volunteers to teach and lead the youth Wednesday night(s) from February through May or until the youth pastor position has been filled. Please see a committee member to sign-up for a Wednesday night or if you have questions!

January 30th is the Quarterly Business Meeting. This means the Youth will be serving dinner that night. We will be serving soup and sandwiches. Parents, be on the look-out for a sign-up sheet on what to bring and work times!

On Friday, February 1st, the youth will go bowling. The committee is still working on details and will let youth and parents know when we have them!

Finally, upon David's departure here at FBCFO, some of the youth were interested in the church's process of hiring a youth pastor. To be transparent with the youth and youth parents, we have been sending updates of the committee's progress via email of the Youth Weekly Updates. Currently, the job description has been sent out and is also available on the church website. The posting will remain open until January 31st. *Please see a Youth or Personnel Committee member if there are questions, concerns, or suggestions.*

DATES TO REMEMBER:

January 2 - No Wednesday night classes

January 9 - Wednesday night classes resume

January 30 - Youth serving Wednesday night dinner-Soup and Sandwiches

February 1 - Youth Outing---Bowling



Churchwide Missions for January 2019 WMO/Women's Ministry News

WMU Watchword: "... My dear friends, stand firm and don't be shaken. Always keep busy working for the Lord. You know that everything you do for him is worthwhile." (1 Cor. 15:58 CEV).

Events for WMU Mission Groups in January 2019:

Agape Mission Group meets on Tuesday, January 8th at 10:30 AM at the home of Rebecca Holt.
Lib Canaday Circle meets on Thursday, January 10th at 7:00 PM in the library.
Dorothy Parker Circle meets on Tuesday, January 8th at 7:00 PM in the Prayer Room.
Missions for Christ Mission Group meets on Sunday, January 6th at 2:00 PM in the FH with Linda Johnson as hostess.

The **Johnston Community College Campus Ministry** on Wednesdays throughout the Winter. 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 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**. An updated schedule for the **2019 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.

Sunday, February 17, 2019 is WMU Focus Sunday. The guest speaker TBD. The WMU theme for 2019 is, "Unshakable Pursuit" from 1 Corinthians 15:58 CEV will be presented during the morning church service. The **2019 Watchword:** "My dear friends, stand firm and don't be shaken. Always keep busy working for the Lord. You know that everything you do for him is worthwhile. Please bring either a salad or dessert for a covered dish lunch to be served after the morning service in the Fellowship Hall. **All four WMU Groups, Acteens, G.A.'s and Mission Friends are invited to lunch.**

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: WMU Mission Extravaganza and Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 26-27 at Trinity Baptist Church in Raleigh.

Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child

As in the past, we will begin collecting items for Samaritan's Purse this month.

We will focus on one item each month. **January's item is Small Toys.**

A collection box will be placed in the library. You may bring small toys at any time during January and place them in the collection box.

We appreciate your overwhelming support in the past and look forward to another great year!

Kick Off for Relay for Life

January 22nd at 6:30 PM

SSS High School Cafeteria

Soup and Dessert will be served for a small fee of \$5 per person. Please let Marilyn Parker know if you would like to attend, as she will be reserving a table for her group.

All is Welcome!

Baptist Men's Events

Mark Your Calendar!

January 12th-Baptist Men's Workday

January 20th-Baptist Men's Breakfast-Cook Team III

Speaker: Josh Champagne-"Balancing Mission-Church Family, and Family Work"

January 27th-Baptist Men's Day

Guest Speaker: Ryan Mathews-NC State Christian Athletes

JANUARY 2019

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

***Designates each week**

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

1

2 Christmas Break-No Classes

3

4

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FH Reserved

6
2:00 PM
Missions for Christ Mission Group meets in the FH with Linda Johnson
6:00 PM
Preschool Committee meets
7:00 PM
Deacon Board meets

7

8
10:30 AM
Agape Mission Group meets at the home of Rebecca Holt
7:00 PM
Dorothy Parker Circle meets in the Prayer Room

9
***6:00 PM**
Fellowship Meal
***6:30 PM**
Prayer Meeting Ch./Youth Choirs
7:00 PM
RA's/GA's
Acteens/CMIT's
Adults: Disciples Path-Who is Jesus?

10
***12-2:00 PM**
Food Pantry open at church
7:00 PM
Lib Canaday Circle meets in the library

11
6:30-8:00 PM
Bible Journaling in FH

12
8:00 AM
Baptist Men's Workday at the River

13

14
7:00 PM
Bldg. and Grounds Comm. meets

15
7:00 PM
Worship Committee meets
11:30 AM
Young at Heart-Lunch at San Marcos Mexican Restaurant in Smithfield

16
7:00 PM
RA's/GA's
Middle/High School Split:
Free Will
Adults: Disciples Path-What Did Jesus Do?

17
7:00 PM
Personnel Committee meets

18

19

20 Communion
7:45 AM
Baptist Men's Breakfast-Speaker: Josh Champagne

21

22
6:30 PM
Relay for Life Kick-off-SSS Cafeteria

23
All ages: Group Activity-Creating Valentine Cards for Veterans

24

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27
11:00 AM
Baptist Men's Day Guest Speaker-Ryan Matthews
6-8:00 PM
Prayer Vigil in Sanctuary

28

29
7:00 PM
Outreach Planning Committee meets

30
QUARTERLY BUSINESS MTG.-Church-wide

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Birthdays

- 01 Daniel Sumerel
- 02 Alison Blackmon
- 03 Meilyn Norman
- 05 Tucker Barnes
- 06 Carmella Norris
- 07 Nicholas Price Heritage
Michael Moore
- 09 Kelly Parker
Rebecca Thornton
- 10 Bailey Coe
Sherwood Lee
- 11 Caroline Coats
- 12 Andrew Baker
Liz Barbee
- 14 Jack Parker
- 15 Sterling Parker
Kay Surles
- 16 Jeffery Toothman
- 18 Seth Williams
- 19 Mario Gonzalez
Riley Ruth Raynor
- 22 Logan Baker
Harrison Byrd
- 23 Daniel Pineda
- 24 Walter Holt
- 26 Nancy Evans
- 28 Grant Stewart
- 29 Michael Byrd
Jeanette Dixon
Jennifer Dixon

Anniversaries

- 25 Chris and Emily Vann
- 26 Jon and Tiffany Driggers



Cradle Roll

January 6th *Wendy Heritage*
 January 13th *Logan Baker & Vicki Grimes*
 January 20th *Michele Norman*
 January 27th *Debbie Blackmon & Tally Jackson*

First Baptist Contacts

Pastor	Rev. John Norman, Jr.
Minister of Music	Mrs. Phyllis Toothman
Secretary	Mrs. Deirdre Parker
Organist	Ms. Annette Langdon
Pianist	Mrs. Summer McLamb
Preschool Director	Mrs. Carol Adams
Deacon for the Month	Mr. Scott Whitley

Nursery (2's & 3's)

January 6th *Wendy and Chris Heritage*
 January 13th *Yorke and Thomas Johnson*
 January 20th *Allison and Trent Tucker*
 January 27th *Donna and Logan Baker*

Acolytes

January 6th *Colt Tucker*
 January 13th *Allie McLamb*
 January 20th *Delilah Sharp*
 January 27th *Camden Winters*

Children's Church

January 6th *Melanie and Charlie Autry*
 January 13th *TBD*
 January 20th *TBD*
 January 27th *TBD*

Flowers

January 6th *Available*
 January 13th *Jenny Stewart*
 January 20th *Available*
 January 27th *Baptist Men*



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