



THE BAPTIST INFORMER

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

JANUARY 2020

Where there is no vision, the people perish...
Proverbs 29:19 (KJV)

As we begin a new year with the beginning of a new year, there is an added sense of newness as the calendar flips over from December 31st to January 1st - the beginning of a new decade. Because of that fact, I am not only hearing about things that "Top the List" for 2019, I am hearing about those list topping items for the past decade.

In addition, there seems to be more of a sense of urgency to make 2020 a great year. Folk seem to be taking their New Year Resolutions very seriously, wanting to start the new year, and the new decade, off on the right foot. The year 2020 will be unique in many ways.

As a matter of fact, there are many who are considering 2020 not only to be the beginning of a new year and the beginning of a new decade, but also an opportunity to emphasize the important things in life by not only seeing them clearly (as in 20/20 vision) but also "focusing" on those things in life which give us purpose and meaning.

Perhaps the above text from Proverbs could be applied to FBC Four Oaks in the coming months as we take the opportunity to focus on the important things in our life together as a congregation. Things like, "who God would have us to be" and "what God would have us to do." Of course, these are elements we have been looking at over the last several years since we participated in the *Dawnings* process. But I believe these elements continue to be of significance as we see our world clearly (as God sees it) and focus on those gifts and talents we have been given by God to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ.

So over the course of 2020 we will be taking the time to envision what God has in store for us over the next year, and the next decade. May God give us the gift of sight that we might see the world as Jesus Christ sees it. And may God bless us with the gift of attention that we might focus on those things Jesus Christ deems important. Happy New Year!

Grace and Peace,

John

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

Worship in January

January 5th:

Luke 10:29-37
Generosity 101

January 12th:

Luke 12:13-20
Generosity 201

January 19th:

Matthew 25:1-13
Generosity 301

January 26th:

Matthew 25:14-30
Generosity 401

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

- January 1st:** Happy New Year - no classes or meal
- January 8th:** RAs/Gas (includes 6th graders)
Acteens/CMITs
Adults: The Book of Romans (Session 1)
- January 15th:** RAs/GAs
Youth: *Romans* (Session 2)
Adults: *The Book of Romans* (Session 2)
- January 22nd:** RAs/Gas
Youth: Romans-Session 3
Adults: The Book of Romans (session 3)
- January 29th** Quarterly Business Meeting - no meal or classes

Wednesday Night Meals

- January 8th:** Choir (Carol Moore)
- January 15th:** Dorothy Parker (Pat Bridgers)
- January 22nd:** GAs (Lauren Strickland)
- January 29th:** Quarterly Business Meeting - no meal or classes



Tuesday January 21st

Young at Heart Lunch in church fellowship hall at 12:00 P.M.

Dear Young At Heart:

Thank you so much for my beautiful angel.

Love & appreciate you all.

Jean Whittington

Youth News!

We have had so much to celebrate. The Youth have served dinner, caroled, and partied in December. We've had baptisms and just a joyful Christmas season.

January, we are gearing up for a new Bible study of Romans. This will be somewhat aligned with the Discipleship Training Adult classes on Wednesday nights. There is something great about all generations studying the same scripture, at the same time. I am also hoping to create some new Bible study habits with the Youth. Using this time to teach them how to glean their own message from God. Please be in prayer that the Youth will recognize the importance of studying scripture and that God will move through this group, speaking to them during this study.

At the end of the month, the Youth and chaperones will be traveling to Winterplace Ski Resort in West Virginia for the ski trip. This will be a really fun time for all of us skiing and spending some time in worship. Please be in prayer for safety traveling and on the slopes!

Weekly updates are sent out typically on Monday afternoons via email. The updates include plans for Wednesday nights, recap of the previous Wednesday night, and any other activities we have planned. *If you are curious about what our Youth are up to, please contact me and I will gladly add you to the list to receive these emails.*

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me. (Text and personal email for quickest response)

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

12/25 & 1/1- NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES FOR THE HOLIDAYS

TBD- Parent Ski meeting after church

1/31-2/2- Youth Ski Trip @ Winterplace in West Virginia



Churchwide Missions for January 2020 WMU/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 2020:

**Agape Mission Group will meet on January 7 at 10:30 a.m. with Ann Durham at her home. .
The Missions for Christ Mission Group will meet on January 12 at 2:00 p.m. with Jean Rhodes.
The Dorothy Parker Group will not meet during the month of January.
The Lib Canaday group will meet on January 9 7:00 p.m.**

Congratulations, we met our goal for 2019 of 200 boxes packed for “Operation Christmas Child” project.

Beginning in January 2020, we will start collecting items for the Samaritan Purse shoebox for 2020: A collection box will be placed in the library. The item to begin collecting in January is small toys for a boy or a girl. Remember ages are: 2-4, 5-9, 10-14. If we dream big, maybe we can reach 200 shoeboxes again! As you pack your shoeboxes do not forget to include the \$9.00 for postage.

The annual Lottie Moon Christmas offering for international missions will be collected during the month of December. Lottie Moon was a missionary serving in China. She was very courageous and worked in support of other missionaries to China. You can learn more about Lottie Moon on wmunc.org.

Sunday, February 9, 2020 is WMU Focus Sunday. The guest speaker is Paula Matthis from Clinton, NC-WMU. The WMU theme for 2020 is, “Unshakable Pursuit” from 1 Corinthians 15:58 CEV, will be presented during the morning church service. The **2020 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 an 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. At this time we will be collecting for the Heck-Jones offering the week of February 9-16. The theme this year is: Firmly Planted. This offering was named in honor of the WMU-NC founders, Fannie E. S. Heck and Sallie Bailey Jones****

Save the Date: WMU Mission Extravaganza and Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 24-25, 2020 at Pritchard Baptist church in Charlotte.

The newly revised Funeral Food Committee sheets are available on the WMU bulletin board. We have tried to keep this updated to better serve everyone. As of October 20, 2019, members from Group 3 will be the next group to serve a meal. Brenda Barnes, Sandra Turner and Laura Rogers are Co-Directors from Group 3.

**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.**



Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child Item for the Month

Small toy (boy or girl)



In accepting the role of Baptist Men's Director, my goal remains to grow our organization to include working closely with the RA Leaders and involving the young men they work with in many of the men's functions. We welcome all men and their sons to attend our monthly breakfast meetings and to participate in mission projects. –Roy Turner

Dear Church family:

What a blessing you have been to me and my family while my Mother was in hospice and after her passing. We greatly appreciated the prayers, cards, food, visits and babysitting. Having a wonderful and supportive church family has comforted us during this difficult time.

In Christian Love - Cindy and Jim Sumerel

Pictures for our church Website

We keep a record of church events and church group projects at www.fbcfouroaks.org/what-we-do so that newcomers searching for a church can get an idea of who we are and what's important to us. We also keep this record so that we can look back and remember all the wonderful people who work so hard to keep our family of faith together and strong. If you are ever at a church event or mission project, we would love for you to send pictures to the church office email at office@fbcfouroaks.org; or text them to Samantha Surles (919)631-7188. Thank you so much for all you do!

JANUARY 2020

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

**Designates each week*

1
Happy New Year

***6:00-9:00 PM**
Meal & DT
(see page 2 for
schedule)

2
***12 - 2:00 PM**
Food Pantry open

3

4

5
***10:00 AM**
Sunday School
***11:00 AM**
Worship

6

6:00 PM
Preschool Comm.
Meets
7:00 PM
Deacon Board meets

7
10:30 AM
Agape Circle
meets at
Ann Durham's

8

9
7:00 PM
Lib Canady Circle
meets

10

11

12

13
7:00 PM
Bldg And Grounds
Comm. meets

14
7:00 PM
Dorothy Parker
Circler cancelled

15

16
7:00 PM
Personnel Comm. meets

17

18

19
7:45 AM
Baptist Men's Break-
fast

20

21
Young At Heart
Lunch in
fellowship hall

22

23

24

25

7:00 PM
Worship Comm.
Meets

26

27

28

29

30

31

6:00-8:00 PM

Prayer Vigil
(Sanctuary)

7:00 PM
Quarterly business
meeting

Youth Ski Trip
Jan. 31st - Feb. 2nd

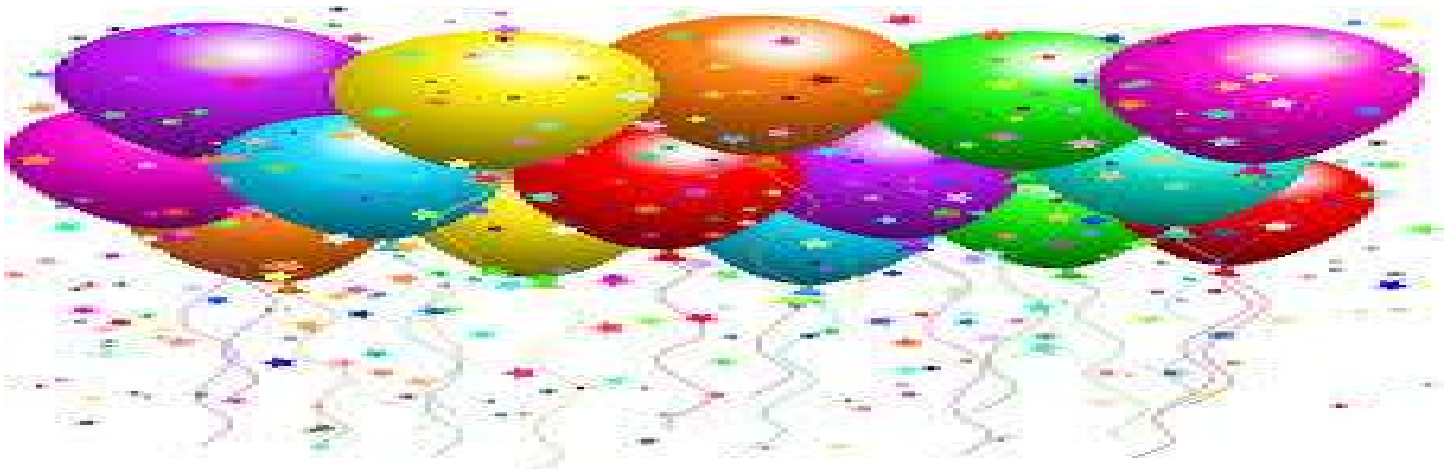
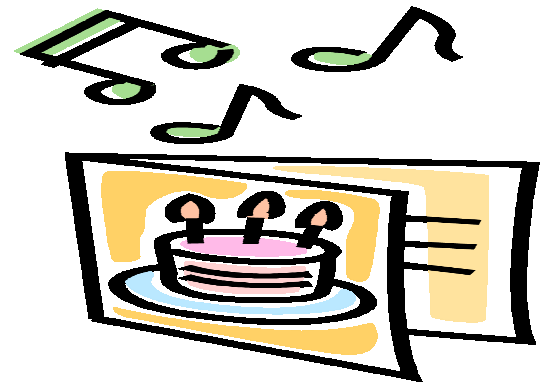


Birthdays

- 01 *Daniel Sumerel*
- 02 *Alison Blackmon*
- 03 *Meilyn Norman*
- 05 *Tucker Barnes*
- 06 *Carmella Amelia Marie Norris*
- 07 *Michael Moore*
Nicholas Price Heritage
- 09 *Kelly Parker*
Rebecca Thornton
- 10 *Sherwood Lee*
Bailey Coe
- 11 *Caroline Coats*
- 12 *Liz Barbee*
Andrew Baker
- 14 *Jack Parker*
- 15 *Kay Surles*
Sterling Parker
- 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 *Jennifer Dixon*
Michael Byrd

Anniversaries

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



Cradle Roll (Worship)

January 5th Cheryl Chicki
January 12th Vicki Grimes
January 19th Valerie & Annabelle Hawks
January 26th Tally Jackson

First Baptist Contacts

Pastor	Rev. John Norman, Jr.
Minister of Music	Mrs. Phyllis Toothman
Minister of Youth	Mrs. Jami Champagne
Secretary	Mrs. Cheryl Chicki
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 (Worship)

January 5th Brian & Hollie Winters
January 12th Carly Fogleman & Alyssa Hamilton
January 19th Brenda & Amanda Strickland
January 26th Jordyn Johnson & Michele Norman

Acolytes

January 5th Colt Tucker
January 12th Allie McLamb
January 19th Delilah Sharp
January 26th Camden Winters

Children's Church

January 5th Melanie Autry
January 12th Melanie Autry
January 19th Melanie Autry
January 26th Melanie Autry

Flowers

January 5th Church Decorations
January 12th Available
January 19th Available
January 26th Available



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.

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