



THE BAPTIST INFORMER

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

November 2020



November 1, 2020

*Heritage Sunday:
Past, Present and Future*

11:00 AM

In-person and Online

No covered dish meal

November 8, 2020

Deacon Ordination Service

Candidates:

Mr. Steve Chicki

Mr. Trent Tucker

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

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From the History Committee

The History Committee would like to invite you to share your memories, thoughts, or testimony of your spiritual life during the (very unusual) year of 2020. The beauty of our church and all churches is that every member has a different perspective, no matter how similar they may seem. We all have a piece of the puzzle. Please consider sharing some of your love and your burdens with us. If you would like to share it with everyone, it will be posted on the 'What We Do' page of the website. If you do not, it will be saved in our records. Thank you for all you do.

Baptist Men News



The Baptist Men's group has been busy building wheelchair ramps. During September the Baptist Men built a 30' ramp in Four Oaks for a couple under hospice care. We currently have a request to build another ramp on old school road.



YOUTH NEWS

We are in an interesting time. Nothing is “normal,” but like everyone else, we are using this time to plan and do things a little differently for Youth to become more engaged in their faith. The committee and I met in October to discuss what our “Youth” time will look like in the future. Let’s face it; teenagers do not want to sit and listen to me lecture or have dialogue for an hour (although I can’t imagine why they wouldn’t).

We are hoping to incorporate some music elements and other *student-led* activities. We will start the process with a study of *Worshipping God*. We will learn what worship is, why it is necessary, etc. While learning, I will also have the opportunity to get feedback on their thoughts about worship. We will be working toward bringing their gifts and talents to contribute to how we will grow our relationship and faith in Jesus.

We are also continuing to have committee members reach out to Youth. *Sticky Faith* studies suggest for a young person’s faith to “stick,” there are generally 5 adults within the church they are connected to. Like the Deacon family lists, committee members will be praying for the Youth they have been assigned and move toward building relationships with them. We will also be reaching out to the congregation to build their “cloud of witnesses.” If you are interested in being one of those witnesses, please let me know. We have a great group of diverse kids that could benefit from a relationship with you and hear your stories about how Jesus has impacted your life and faith!

Please be in prayer for our Youth, Youth Committee members, and myself as we journey through making disciples that make disciples!

If you have any questions or have something you would like to share, don’t hesitate to contact me.

Grace and Peace to all,

Jami Champagne

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 3rd 7 pm- Youth Packing OCC Shoeboxes

November 10th 7 pm- *Worshipping God* Study

Zoom- **Thursdays @ 7 pm**

THANK YOU

My Brothers & Sisters, I am sincerely grateful for all of your prayers, gifts, and kind words to Cheryl & I during my Carriage ride and short stay in the hospital last week. We truly are blessed to have a Christian Family such as First Baptist Church of Four Oaks.

From 1 Corinthians 1:4

“I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus!”

Steve & Cheryl Chicki



**Churchwide Missions for November 2020
WMU/Women's Ministry News**

WMU Watchword: "... But we are not those who turn back and are lost. We are people who have faith and are saved." (Hebrews 10:39 NCV).

Scheduled Events for WMU Mission groups in November 2020:

Due to COVID-19 status, some of these groups may elect to not meet during November.

Agape Mission Group will NOT meet on November 2.

Dorothy Parker Group will meet on November 10 in FH or by e-mail.

Lib Canaday Group will meet on November 12 depending on COVID-19.

Missions for Christ Mission Group will meet on November 9 or by e-mail depending on COVID-19.

*****The new 2020-2021 WMU directory is out. Ask your group facilitators for a copy.**

The Samaritan Purse boxes will be assembled by the youth on October 27 and will be packed by them on November 3. The item to begin collecting in November is \$9.00 for shipping and handling of the shoeboxes. If you send the money to the church office, remember to make your check out to First Baptist Church-Four Oaks and mark your donation for the Samaritan Purse "Operation Christmas Child." If we dream big, maybe we can reach 200 shoeboxes again!

JBA-WMU Baptist Women World Day of Prayer "LIFE!" is scheduled on **November 2** at 7:00 p.m. The host church is Bethany Missionary Baptist church in Kenly. This year we will have a virtual meeting. The JBA office will send out instructions for viewing the program and only the Executive Committee of the JBA-WMU will be in attendance. The program is designed by the Baptist World Alliance, which is a part of the North American Baptist Women's Union. Our church will provide the virtual instructions for those interested in viewing the prayer meeting. This meeting will follow the criteria for COVID-19 regulations.

WMU-NC Red Box Inmate Christmas Ministry is due on November 2 to the JBA office. This year the item for collection is chapstick. The chapsticks should be in an individual ziplock bag. If you purchase multi-packs they should be separated. The JBA-WMU goal is 600 this year. You may drop off the chapsticks at the church office and Laura Rogers will take to the JBA office.

Autumn Journey Mother-Daughter Retreat is November 6-8. Check on www.campmundovista.com for updates. This may also be a virtual retreat.

Johnston Community College (JCC) and Johnston Baptist Association are partnering together to offer "Adopting an International Student" program. There are approximately 175 international students attending JCC. Kelton Hinton, JBA Associational Missionary is requesting that any family interested in providing a "family-oriented meal" once a month to contact the JBA office at 919-965-9450 and show your interest. This project will start back in the Fall 2020 schedule.

The 2020 Freda Parks Creech Woman of the Year award will be announced Sunday, November 1 during the Heritage Day morning worship service.

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 August 1, 2020, 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.



Birthdays

Anniversaries

- 01 Rachel Coats
- 03 Wanda White
Melissa Sanders
- 04 Scott Sanders
- 05 Paula Rein
Michael White
Debbie Dunn
- 06 Jonathan Strickland
Caleb McLamb
- 07 Jennah Champagne
- 08 Barbara Keen
Bucky Grady
- 10 Laura Rogers
Sandra Turner
- 11 Marian Walsh
- 13 Lauren Strickland
- 14 Mike Evans
- 15 Deborah Coats
Elizabeth Evans
Jordyn Johnson
- 16 Matthew Keen
- 18 Mary Lee Maxwell
Bill Evans
Donna Baker
Bryan Coe
- 19 Jack W. Whittington III
Allie McLamb
- 20 Sharon Fogleman
Erin Combs
Jamie Williams
- 24 Tanya Carberry
Shannon Lee
- 25 Brittany Norris
- 26 Jimmy Parker
- 27 Angela Halverson
- 29 Lainey Edwards
Jacob Champagne
- 30 Rebecca Holt
Meghan Grady Webster
Chris Santoro

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

