



THE BAPTIST INFORMER

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

MARCH 2020



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

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all the beautiful Valentine cards that our church family made for the veterans in the four VA Hospitals in North Carolina. The veterans were very appreciative of the cards and your kindness. A special thank you to the GA's, RA's, Acteens, Mrs. Cindy Edwards, Scott Whitley, Michele Norman, Lauren Strickland, and Jami Champagne for leading the project. Also, thank you to John Littleton for his monetary gift to purchase supplies and Mrs. Cindy Edwards, too. The Four Oaks American Legion Auxiliary 346 is very thankful for your help and support of our military.

*Thank you,
Kay Surles*

Dear Ladies of the Lib Canaday Circle:

I just wanted to take a moment to thank each one of you for thinking of me through prayer and my studies throughout my last semester at East Carolina University! I also want to let you all know how excited I am to eat and use all of my goodies. It is comforting to know that I am loved and cherished from my church family. I am grateful for each one of you. May God Bless you all!

*With love,
Gracie Hatch*

Dear FBCFO:

Thank you so much for the care package! It was so sweet and I will definitely enjoy all the goodies while at school. I'm so thankful for all of you who thought of me!

*Sending love:
Logan*

Dear Church family:

Thank you all so much for the beautiful green plant in memory of Braxton. Your phone calls, texts food & most of all your love & prayers have carried us thru this most difficult time in our lives. We are so blessed to be a part of this loving church family.

*With love:
Steve & Cheryl Chicki*

Worship in March

March 1

1st Sunday in Lent
Relay For Life Survivor Sunday
Speaker: Mr. Mickey Bridgers

March 8

2nd Sunday in Lent
John 3:1-17

March 15

3rd Sunday in Lent
John 4:5-42

March 22

4th Sunday in Lent
John 9:1-41

March 29

5th Sunday in Lent
John 11:1-45

Wednesdays in March

- 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

- March 4th:** RAs/GAs (includes 6th graders)
Youth: *Romans* (Session 5)
Adults: *The Book of Romans* (Session 7)
- March 11th:** RAs/GAs (includes 6th graders)
Acteens/CMITs
Adults: *The Book of Romans* (Session 8)
- March 18th:** RAs/GAs
Youth: *Romans* (Session 6)
Adults: *The Book of Romans* (Session 9)
- March 25th:** Ras/GAs
Youth: Romans session 7
Adults: The Book of Romans (Session 10)

Wednesday Night Meals

- March 4th:** Agape Circle (Ann Massengill)
- March 11th:** Choir (Carol Moore)
- March 18th:** Dorothy Parker (Pat Bridgers)
- March 25th:** GAs (Lauren Strickland)



Tuesday March 17th

Grandson's Restaurant @11:30



Brick Paver Fundraiser Deadline

March 31st

Youth News!

The last weekend of January, 30 Youth and chaperones traveled to Winterplace Ski Resort in West Virginia for the *BE-DO-TELL* Youth ski retreat. I think everyone had a great time on the slopes as well as in worship. And, WOOHOO! No injuries!

In January, we started our study of Romans. This is somewhat aligned with the Discipleship Training Adult class on Wednesday nights. The adult class, as well as Youth, try to intermingle our ice-breaker and “heart-work” discussion question(s) so adults and Youth can be in conversation about what has been discussed in class. In February, we have focused a lot on righteousness, justification, grace, and what these words mean in terms of our salvation. The sessions are moving a little slower than I had previously hoped, but an hour just isn’t enough sometimes. We will keep digging with Paul and the Romans, working through the book Wednesday nights until the end of May.

In May, the Youth will be hosting a golf tournament at Reedy Creek Golf Course on **Saturday, May 16th**. This year, it will benefit Youth going on the Blackfeet Mission Trip. Depending on how things go, it may be an annual thing. So, mark your calendars! If you would like to participate in either playing or sponsoring a hole, please see me or one of our Youth. Youth have flyers for teams and sponsorships.

Our Youth student council and committee are deciding on activities for the Spring. Be on the look-out for upcoming events!

Weekly updates are sent out, typically, on Monday afternoons via email. The updates include plans for Wednesday nights 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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Youth Email: fobbcyouth@gmail.com

DATES TO REMEMBER:

TBA- Spring Activities

5/16/2020- Youth Golf Tournament @ Reedy Creek Golf Course

Upcoming events for the Blackfeet Nation Mission Trip

SPAGHETTI LUNCHEON: *Back by popular demand! Join us for a prepared meal and good Fellowship!*

DATE: *SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2020*

MENU: *Tossed salad, spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, beverage and dessert*

SUGGESTED COST: *Adults \$10.00 Children 10 and under \$5.00 Children 5 and under free*

3rd ANNUAL BLACKFEET NATION 5K

DATE: *SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2020*

ENTRY FEE: *\$15.00 DUE BY APRIL 3, 2020 AFTER THAT DATE: \$20*

Registration forms will be in the church vestibule or you can get them from mission team participants.

Please turn in registration forms to the church office or to Phyllis Toothman

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORT THE BLACKFEET NATION MISSION PROJECT



Churchwide Missions for March 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 March 2020:

Agape Mission Group will meet on March 3 at 10:30 a.m. with Jean Whittington in the FH.

The Missions for Christ Mission Group will meet on March 8 at 2:00 p.m. with Debbie Lee in the FH.

The Dorothy Parker Group will meet on March 10 at 7:00 p.m.

The Lib Canaday Group will meet on March 12 at 7:00 p.m.

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 March is washcloths 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.

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 this semester. Kelton Hinton, JBA Associational Missionary is requesting that any family interested in providing a "family-oriented meal" once a month thru April to contact the JBA office at 919-965-9450 and show your interest.

JBA-WMU Mitchiner scholarship applications are in the mail to churches. The amount of the scholarship is \$1,000. Deadline for application is **March 13** and candidates will be announced in May at JBA-WMU Annual Spring Meeting. The spring meeting will be held at First Baptist Church Four Oaks on May 16, 2020. The scholarship is open to all high school seniors in the Johnston County area. Please follow all the requirements for this application. You may send your completed application to the JBA office, 102 W. Noble Street, Selma, N.C. 27576.

Save the Date: WMU-NC Mission Extravaganza and Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 24-25, 2020 at Pritchard Baptist church in Charlotte. The theme this year is *Steadfast Pursuit*.

JBA-WMU Annual Spring Meeting is Saturday, **May 16** at First Baptist Church Four Oaks. The theme is "**Reach Out to Foster Program (REACH)**." Registration is at 8:30 a.m. and program will begin at 9:00 a.m. Guest speaker for this meeting is Susan Hale Stem from Smithfield First Baptist Church. Ms. Hale will give updates on her commitment with the foster children of Johnston County. All ladies of our church are invited to attend this event and asked to share ideas on mission projects. Refreshments will be served during the morning break time. Door prizes will be announced. Make plans to attend on May 16 and help represent our WMU-FO.

WMU-NC is offering a training session on **August 1 at Clement Baptist Church, Autryville**. A new theme for the next two years will be introduced during this meeting. Registration is online at wmunc.org.

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 January 1, 2020, members from Group 1 will be the next group to serve a meal. Kathy Parker, Margaret Baker and Donna Baker are Co-Directors from Group 1.

Baptist Men's Ministry

IT IS TIME TO BE THE MEN THAT GOD CALLED US TO BE

When accepting the role as Baptist Men's Director, I asked several men to serve on our Leadership Team. These individuals are Assistant Director Terry Parker (Missions Action Leader), Scott Whitley (RA Leader), Ron Sloan (Discipleship/Spiritual Growth Leader), and John Norman (Pastor/Staff Representative.) Jeff Thornton, who has done an outstanding job, has agreed to continue as our Cook Team Leader. This team will meet routinely to plan programs, outings and other activities. Our objective is to have every man and their RA son if applicable to join us for our monthly breakfast/prayer meetings, and to participate in other activities. Remember the young boys will one day be the leaders of this church or one elsewhere. It is our role to be mentors to them as they grow in their spiritual life. For the first five months this church year our average monthly attendance is 17. The attendance is good but much room for improvement. We value your input as we strive to grow our Baptist Men's Group and become better disciples for Christ.

We invite every man and their RA son to join us on the 3rd Sunday each month at 7:30 AM for our Baptist Men's Breakfast.

Thanks to everyone for your prayers and support.

Roy Turner



RA RACERS

SATURDAY MARCH 28TH

9:00 AM

FELLOWSHIP HALL



Item for March

Washcloths



Party of Tables

March 14th

MARCH 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
*Designates each	week					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
*10:00 AM Sunday School *11:00 AM Worship Relay For Life Survivor Sunday 6:00 Pm Preschool Comm meets 7:00 Deacons meet		10:30 AM Agape Mission group meets				
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
2:00 Missions for Christ in the FH	7:00 PM Bldg & Grounds comm meets	7:00 PM Dorothy Parker Circle meets in Prayer Room		Lib Canady Circle meets 7:00 PM in library		Party of Tables
15 Baptist Men's Breakfast 7:30 AM	16	17 11:30 AM	18	19	20	21
		Young at Heart lunch Grandson's Restaurant				
22 Blackfeet Nation Spaghetti lunch 12:00 PM	23	24	25	26	27	28
						9:00 AM RA Racers FH
29	30	31				
6:00-8:00 PM Prayer Vigil in the Sanctuary						



Birthdays

- 02 Trent Tucker
- 03 Jan Lee, David Elam, Charlie P. Hatch
- 04 Wesley Strickland
- 05 Brenda Strickland
- 06 Celeste Byrd
- 07 Adam Lee, Dan Lee, Deanna Barbour
- 08 Carson Hamilton-Gregory
- 09 Colin Carberry, Michael Daniel
- 10 Ann Durham, Ron Sloan, Jake Rigsbee
- 11 Lynn Williams
- 12 Alfred Massengill
- 13 Cindy Sumerel
- 15 Neal Whittington, Diane Heritage,
Phyllis Toothman
- 16 Jennifer Iglesias,
Chris Vann, Cameron White
- 17 Dillon Parks, Jami Champagne
- 18 Jessica Sharp
- 19 Janet Martin, Logan Barbee
- 22 Sabrina Grady
- 23 Lindsey Barbee, Rachel Reese Raynor
- 25 Emmy Byrd
- 26 Heather Durham
- 27 Linwood Parker, Adam Barefoot,
Steffon Pell, Sarah Whittington
- 28 Melissa Sloan, Joan Santoro,
Brenda Barnes
- 30 Jeff Britt

Anniversaries

- 17 Eric & Amanda Strickland
- 23 Charlie & Ann Templeton
- 28 Terry & Kathy Parker



Cradle Roll (Worship)

March 01 Cheryl Chicki
March 08 Vicki Grimes
March 15 Valerie & Annabelle Hawks
March 22 Tally Jackson
March 29 Amanda Strickland

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. Ron Sloan

Nursery - 2's & 3's (Worship)

March 01 Valerie & Annabelle Hawks
March 08 Chris & Wendy Heritage
March 15 Brian & Hollie Winters
March 22 Jordyn Johnson & Michele Norman
March 29 Chad & Ursula Stewart

Acolytes

March 01 Caleb McLamb
March 08 Bennett Strickland
March 15 Caylee Winters
March 22 Lily Johnson
March 29 Katie McLamb

Children's Church

March 01 Melanie Autry
March 08 Melanie Autry
March 15 Melanie Autry
March 22 Melanie Autry
March 29 Melanie Autry

Flowers

March 01 Available
March 08 The Durham Family
March 15 Available
March 22 Debbie Blackmon
March 29 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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