



THE BAPTIST INFORMER

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

JULY 2020

God, investigate my life; get all the facts firsthand. I'm an open book to you; even from a distance, you know what I'm thinking. You know when I leave and when I get back; I'm never out of your sight. You know everything I'm going to say before I start the first sentence. I look behind me and you're there, then up ahead and you're there, too - your reassuring presence, coming and going. This is too much, too wonderful - I can't take it all in.

Psalm 139:1-6 (*The Message*)

To say the last several months have been unusual would be an understatement. What at first seemed like an interruption with the onslaught of COVID-19 has evolved into a disruption - as our daily lives have been turned upside-down. And with the recent unrest felt by so many in our nation due to the ways we approach differences between us, we may be feeling overwhelmed, unable to comprehend what tomorrow may bring. But even though we do not know what the future holds, Psalm 139 reminds us who holds the future. The psalmist assures us the God we worship is the God who is present with us. And with God's presence, we may have hope. 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
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Church Updates

We wanted to make you aware of some of the changes which are taking place through the summer due to COVID-19:

Vacation Bible School (originally scheduled for July 26-29) has been cancelled.

The **Nominating Committee** has recommended (and the Board of Deacons has approved) that the church's Officers and Committees and Teachers remain the same for the 2020-2021 church year. You will be receiving a separate correspondence concerning this item.

July is our usual time for **Deacon Recommendations** for the upcoming year. However, due to the unusual circumstances we face, this year's process will be altered. Rather than taking one day to consider ballots, you may offer your recommendations July 15 - 31 by one of three ways:

- (1) Drop by the church office (9am-1pm) to complete a ballot in person
- (2) Call the church office with your recommendations (963-2102)
- (3) E-mail your recommendations to the church office (office@fbcfouroaks.org)

Of course, if you share your recommendations with the church staff, they will be kept in the strictest of confidence.

You will also be receiving a separate correspondence concerning this item.

Youth News!

Youth Zoom Zone has moved to a Friday 11am schedule every week. There has been more consistency with Friday mornings, and we will keep doing this until we can meet again face-to-face! We are still studying the book of Romans.

Here is the link to Jon Jorgenson's *YouTube* videos I have been using for the study, listed under "Romans Bible Study":

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3sezeaHPsJW9-TRGnQXlRg>

We are making plans for future Youth fellowship times in small groups, of course, maintaining safety guidelines. I have set up a Youth Group *Instagram* account. Hopefully, it will be a place we can stay connected. I will post some bible verses and maybe some funny (to me) stuff.

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

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Youth Zoom Zone- Every Friday 11am

Facebook Live- *Sundays 11am* Worship & *Wednesdays 7pm* Romans Bible Study

Thank You...

*Thank you for the beautiful flowers. This church meant so much to both Mother & Daddy.
Thank you for your love and support.*

The Jerry H. Moore Family

*Dear Lib Canaday Circle. Thank you so much for thinking of me during my transition to college!
I really appreciate it and all the goodies you sent. It is so great to have support to make
Wake Forest my "home away from home."*

Meilyn Norman

Food Pantry Update

The Food Pantry Committee wanted to take a moment to thank everyone for their support of our food Distribution on Thursdays. Due to the challenges posed by COVID-19, we have definitely seen an increase in the number of those served over the last few months. As a matter of fact, during the months of **January - June we served 1050 individuals** (868 in March - June alone). For perspective, during the 12 months of 2019 we served a total of 1324. So we have done almost as much in 6 months as we did for 12 months last year. Again, thank all of you for the part you have played in serving the needs of our community during this unusual time. Because of your generosity, our church has made a lasting impression on the community of Four Oaks.



Churchwide Missions for July 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 July 2020:

Agape Mission Group, Dorothy Parker Group and the Lib Canaday Group will not meet in July. The Missions for Christ Mission Group will not meet until August 2020.

Suggested books for Summer reading: "The Prayer Box" by Lisa Wingate; "The Writing Desk" and "The Fifth Avenue Story" by Rachel Hauck; "Get Out of Your Head" by Jennie Allen.

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 July is coloring books and picture books for boys and girls. 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.

Horizons Camp for Girls on July 6-10. Summer Mother-Daughter Retreats July 1-3. Autumn Journey Mother-Daughter Retreat is November 6-8. Check on www.campmundovista.com for updates.

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 at a Sunday morning worship service during the Summer.

Re-Scheduled JBA-WMU Annual Fall/Spring Meeting is Saturday, September 19 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 Hales Stem from Smithfield First Baptist Church. Ms. Hale will give updates on her commitment with the foster children of Johnston County. To further help these foster children please bring hygiene items for girls and boys of all ages. A collection box will be available. 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 **September 19** 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 July 1, 2020, members from Group 2 will be the next group to serve a meal. Dianne Heritage, Rosa Pell and Kay Surles are Co-Directors from Group 2.



Birthdays

- 01 Teresa Daniel
Stephen Baker
- 02 Michelle Lee Capps
Debra McGuire
- 04 Margaret Baker
- 06 Ava Grey Parker
- 07 Rosa Pell
Rebecca Santoro
- 08 Charlie Sumerel
Faith Manuszak
- 09 Johni Penny
Annette Langdon
- 10 John Hatch
Carly Fogleman
- 11 Anthony Grady
Mary Keene
Mickey Bridgers
Anna Denning Johnson
Isaac Langdon Johnson
Jacob Truett Boyd
Blade Strickland
- 13 Ryan Boyd
- 14 Candy Littleton
Heath Bridgers
- 15 Ross Elam
Jack Vann
- 16 Michael Evans
Scott Whitley
- 19 Lannah A. Price
- 23 Vickie Lee
- 25 Linda Johnson
- 27 Alyssa Stromley
- 28 Tyler Daniel
- 30 Lee Hatch
Billie Ruth Parker
Austin Daniel

Anniversaries

- 01 Bill & Amy Evans
- 03 Marilyn & Jack Parker
- 05 Jack & Sue Vann
- 10 Steve & Cheryl Chicki
- 12 Greg & Natalie Jackson
Jeff & Tina Toothman
- 14 Ray & Margaret Baker
- 16 Jonathan & Lauren Strickland
- 26 Trigger & Celeste Byrd

