



THE BAPTIST INFORMER

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

SEPTEMBER 2020

Youth News!

Plans are coming along for Youth small groups this fall. The goal is to offer one face-to-face class and one online class.

Specific details such as days and times will be communicated through the updates that are sent out weekly to Youth and parents.

The face-to-face option is a curriculum from the Fuller Youth Institute called *Faith in an Anxious World*.

There are so many challenges facing our Youth (and adults), especially now. Things are confusing and down-right stressful. I hope these sessions will help Youth learn to lean on God during these times and whatever circumstance they face. This study will be four sessions long.

The online study will be on the Character/Attributes of God using some short videos from *The Bible Project* and other resources. Having a clearer view of who God is helps us in our response to Him and helps in giving us the ability to recognize when God is working in our lives and the lives of others.

Because we are hoping to offer small groups church-wide on different schedules, we will wait and see what day/time to offer these.

As far as fellowship activities, the Youth had a pool party at Four Oaks Pool on August 29th.

Grace and Peace to all,
Jami Champagne

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Faith in an Anxious World Study--**TBD**

Character of God Study--**TBD**

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
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Thank You

Our family is so blessed to be a part of First Baptist Four Oaks. It has provided spiritual growth for our children, grandchildren, my parents, Johnny & I. I thank each of you for your love, prayers, support, and friendship during our journey with Mother that ended July 31, 2020.

I also want to thank the Baptist Men's Group for sharing their ramp with Mother during her illness.

It sure made her life and my families lives much easier to transport to and from the doctor.

A special thank you to the W.M.U ladies that provided a meal for our family.

It was delicious and very much appreciated.

In Christian love,

Kay Hatch



Since school has started back our food pantry workers has decreased but the number of people we serve has not. The food pantry is only open one day a week which is Thursday from 12pm-2:00pm. If you are able to help serve any Thursday please let the church office know 919-963-2102 or by email at office@fbcfour Oaks.org

Thanks to our congregation's support and generosity we had another very successful Relay For Life this year. Team 62 raised \$5,037.00. First Baptist Church Four Oaks was among the top contributors this year. Thanks to everyone for your support.



Re-opening Church

I wanted to take a moment to update everyone concerning the plans for the fall and re-opening the church for in-person worship, small group classes, and preschool. During the month of September we look to making each of these areas of ministry available to our church and community through a series of "staggered" openings.

FBCFO Preschool will begin in-person classes on September 1. Our Preschool Committee has been working closely with Carol Adams (our Preschool Director) and the preschool staff, to develop protocol which will address the need for safety as children return to class. Please keep our preschoolers, their parents, our staff, and committee in your prayers as they embark on a very unusual school year.

We will also begin to offer small group opportunities (both in-person and online) after Labor Day. We are currently surveying the church to determine the best possible way/s to accomplish this. Finally, the committee tasked with determining the date to resume in-person worship services (the officers of the Deacon Board and the ministerial staff) has suggested September 20 be the target date we anticipate to once again gather.

These "staggered" openings through the month of September will allow us to accomplish several goals: (1) to once again gather in-person for worship, small groups, and preschool (2) to have the time to evaluate the safety protocol we are putting in place to determine if the protocol are sufficient to achieve Goal #1 in a safe fashion. Adjustments to the above plan will be made as needed if the safety of our church body is in question.

As we approach September and anticipate the re-opening of our church for in-person events, please be in prayer for everyone affiliated with FBCFO. Many lives are touched by the ministry of this church, and in the ways we love God with every fiber of our being, and love our neighbor as ourselves (Matthew 22:36-40).



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 September 2020:

Agape Mission Group will meet on September 6 with Ann Durham depending on COVID-19.

Dorothy Parker Group will meet by e-mail.

Lib Canaday Group will meet on September 10 depending on COVID-19.

Missions for Christ Mission Group will meet on September 8 with Laura Rogers depending on COVID-19. Some of these WMU groups will meet by e-mail.

*****We will begin to collect information for the new 2020-2021 WMU directory. If you have new group listings for the WMU directory, please submit to Laura Rogers.**

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 September is colored pencils, sharpeners, mechanical pencils, small calculator and crayons 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.

Kennedy Home Food Drive on September 21 & 22, 2020. The Johnston Baptist Association will begin collecting items for the **Baptist Children's Kennedy Home in Kinston Fall** campaign. The drop-off will be at the Johnston Community College campus on **September 21 & 22.** Gift cards are certainly acceptable so that they can purchase perishable meats and other items. Check on the church bulletin boards for items needed or call the church office. There is a collection box in the church library to drop off items.

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 goal is 600 this year. This is a good time to begin collecting during the summer sales. A WMU Red collection box is located at the WMU bulletin board.

WMU-NC sponsored training sessions online in August to introduce the new theme for 2020-2021. The theme is *Resentless* and the watchword is *Hebrew 10:32-39*. Supplies can also be order online at WMU.org for the new year.

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 once we resume services again in the Fall.

JBA-WMU Annual Fall/Spring Meeting scheduled for **Saturday, September 19** at First Baptist Church Four Oaks has been cancelled for this year due to COVID-19.

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

- 01 *Lila Rose Parker*
- 02 *Tina Toothman*
- 03 *Yorke Johnson*
- 04 *Jenna Johnson*
Rickie Boyette
- 06 *Lessie Vinson*
Carl Langdon
- 07 *Terri Barbour*
- 08 *Samuel Elliott Driggers*
- 09 *Chad Stewart*
Gloria Lick
Caroline Tucker
Logan Combs
- 10 *Chris Rigsbee*
- 12 *Wayne Hamilton*
Gracie Hatch
- 13 *Emilia Fogleman*
- 14 *Wendy Barbour*
Michael Santoro
- 15 *Jenny Stewart*
Edna Johnson
Jaxon Barbour
- 16 *Amelia Toothman*
- 17 *Joleeyn Webb*
- 18 *Ranelle Johnson*
Temi Sharp
Nolan Fogleman
- 20 *Michael Lee*
- 23 *Trigger Byrd*
- 24 *Ellen Boyd*
Faye Canaday
- 26 *Harper Barrett Sumerel*
- 27 *Caleb Thornton*
- 28 *Jessica Johnson*
Cameron Thornton
- 29 *Eric Fogleman*
Sarah Mobley
- 30 *Amy Evans*
Justin Champagne

Anniversaries

- 02 *Ned & Marian Walsh*
- 03 *Roger & Pam Price*
- 07 *Chris & Wendy Heritage*
Roy & Sandra Turner
- 12 *Jamie & Lynn Williams*
- 15 *Linwood & Patsy Parker*
- 25 *Frank & Carol Moore*

