



THE BAPTIST INFORMER

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

DECEMBER 2021

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

And the Angel said unto them,

Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace,
Good will toward men. Luke 2:8-14, KJV

We wish you a Merry Christmas!

John Norman, Jr.
Cheryl Chicki
Annette Langdon
Phyllis Toothman
Jami Champagne
Betty Jo Adams
Frank Moore
Deirdre Parker

Carol Adams
Elizabeth Boyd
Betsy Isaacs
Cindy McKenzie
Tina Peterson
Laura Rogers
Kay Surlis
Betty Jean Thornton
Dulce Valle



Thank you...

*...for supporting Samaritan's Purse
Operation Christmas Child throughout 2021.
Because of your generosity we were able to
fill and send **184 boxes** this year.*

*Please be watching for information
Concerning our OCC collection for 2022*

Christmas Missions Offering

Christmas is a time when we focus on giving to others...giving gifts, giving our time, giving our resources. The **Christmas Missions Offering** is a great way to give the gift of love to others around the globe. Every dollar you donate goes to help support the work of missionaries through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and the Southern Baptist Convention. These missionaries share the love of Christ in work and deed with many who have never heard the gospel before.

Please give generously to the **Christmas Missions Offering**.

THE GIFT YOU GIVE MAY LAST FOR ETERNITY.

Thank You

Dear First Baptist Church,

Thank you so much for being family to us, especially during the recent loss of mom. Each of you welcomed her, loved her, befriended her, and supported our family as we cared for her over the years. It has meant more than words can express. We are also very grateful for the cards, meals, and prayers that you offered. Thank you for the gorgeous fall wreath that you sent— it will be a wonderful reminder to spark memories for years to come. Your kindness and thoughtfulness are greatly appreciated. Thank you for doing what you do best— being the Body of Christ and ministering to the ones in need. Thank you! Grace & Peace,

John, Michele, Meilyn, and Laley

Youth News!

2021 is closing out quickly! We have several Christmas activities below. I hope all Christians take the time during this busy season to soak in the coming of our Savior—taking time during Advent to have a heart of expectancy. Expecting the coming of Jesus is focusing on hope, joy, peace, and love. *What do these words mean through the lens of the expectancy of an incarnate God?* Taking the time to search our hearts with this question draws us to see the mighty work of God through His Son—the living God that became flesh and dwelt among us, our Emmanuel.

It has been such a joy to see our Youth building relationships with each other and with God. Thank you so much to all that lead, pray, and love these students!

Grace and Peace to all,

Jami Champagne

Youth Email: fobcyouth@gmail.com

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wed., December 1st:

Acteens 7-12th grade girls: 6:30-8pm @ the home of Elizabeth Raynor—

Dinner and finishing ornaments and cards (to be delivered at a later date)

CMITs 7-12th grade guys: 7-8pm in the Youth Room or Outside (weather permitting)

RA/GAs 6th grade 7-8pm in respective classes

Fri., December 10th: 6:30pm-11pm

Youth Christmas Party and Game Night (6-12th grades)

Wed., December 15th: 6:30-8pm Meet in the Fellowship Hall

Youth and Children: Christmas Caroling around Four Oaks

Wed., December 22nd & 29th:

No Classes—Merry Christmas!



Churchwide Missions for DECEMBER 2021

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).

(All group meetings subject to COVID regulations.)

Scheduled Events for WMU Mission groups in DECEMBER 2021:

The Agape Mission Group scheduled to meet on December 7, 2021.

Dorothy Parker Group will meet on December 14. This will be a virtual meeting.

The Lib Canaday Group will meet on December 9, 2021.

Missions for Christ Mission group will meet on December 7, at 5:00 p.m. in FH.

Congratulations, we sent 184 shoeboxes packed for the "Operation Christmas Child" project to Charlotte. Such a great ministry to children all over the world.

Beginning in January 2022, we will start collecting items for the Samaritan Purse shoebox for 2022: 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, we can reach 200 shoeboxes again! As you pack your shoeboxes do not forget to include the \$9.00 for postage.

All Ladies and Youth Girls are invited to a Christmas Cookie/Appetizer (Even Swap) December 7, 5:00-7:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall. Share your favorite individually wrapped cookie or appetizer recipe. Bring a small cookie container to take your swapped cookies home. Enjoy a night of Christmas Fellowship! Hot Chocolate, Apple Cider, Hot Tea and Coffee will be provided.

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.

Our WMU circle groups will provide gift cards for the Christmas bags this year. The bags will be delivered to the "home bound community members." The youth and other WMU circle members will deliver the bags in early December.

International Missions Emphasis & Lottie Moon Christmas offering – November 28-December 5.

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 November 30, 2021, members from Group 3 will be the next group to serve a meal. Brenda Barnes, Sandra Turner and Laura Rogers are Co-Committee Chairs 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.

Friday December 10th



7:00PM

Fellowship Hall



Sunday December 19th
Baptist Men's Breakfast 7:45 AM



Young At Heart will meet December 21st
11:30am in the Fellowship Hall

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
*Designates each week						
			1 *7:00 PM Discipleship Training Classes for all ages	2 *12-2:00 PM Food Pantry open at church 4:00-8:00 PM Fell. Hall Reserved Genesis Class	3	4 Four Oaks Christmas Parade
5 *10:00 AM Sunday School *11:00 AM Worship 3:00 PM Children's Comm. Meets 6:00 PM Preschool Comm meets 7:00 PM Deacon Board Meets	6	7 Agape Mission Group Meeting 5:00-7:00 PM WMU Christmas Party in the Fellowship Hall	8	9 Lib Canaday Mission Group Meets	10 6:30-11:00 PM Youth Christmas Party 7:00 PM Cookies & Milk with Santa	11
12	13	14 Dorothy Parker Mission Group meets (virtual)	15 6:30 PM Christmas Caroling for Youth & Children (grades 1-5)	16	17	18
19 7:45 AM Baptist Men's Breakfast	20	21	22 Wednesday Night Activities Cancelled	23	24 6:00 PM Christmas Eve Service	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!
26	27	28	29 Wednesday Night Activities Cancelled	30	31	

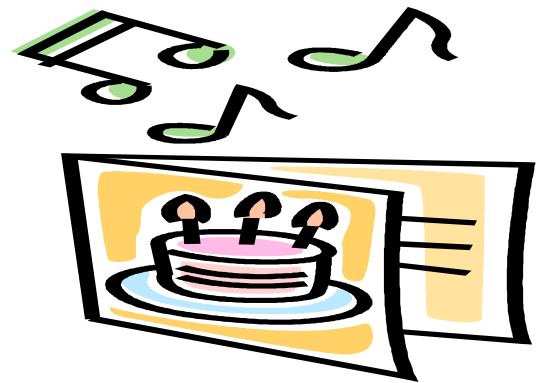


Birthdays

- 01 *Abdias Mora*
- 03 *Lynda Rabon*
Kelli Vann
- 04 *Colton Tucker*
Andy McGuire
Judy Boyette
- 05 *Tim Grady*
Amelia Grace Boyd
- 09 *Tommy Heritage*
- 11 *Barbara Rice*
Reid Williams
- 12 *Elizabeth Boyd*
Jonah Toothman
- 13 *Valton Coats*
- 16 *Don Rogers*
Holly Price
- 17 *Rose Allen*
- 18 *Samantha Surles*
- 21 *Amelia Vann*
- 22 *Casey Allen*
- 24 *Jordan Vanier*
- 25 *Julia Thomas*
- 26 *Thomas Vann*
- 27 *Evie Mae Strickland*
- 28 *Amanda Strickland*
- 29 *Eric Strickland*
Hunter Olive
Andrew L. Stewart
- 30 *Jordan Norris*

Anniversaries

- 09 *Virgil and Julia Moore*
- 11 *Don and Laura Rogers*
- 18 *Kyle and Phyllis Toothman*



Cradle Roll (Worship)

<i>December 05</i>	<i>Cheryl Chicki</i>
<i>December 12</i>	<i>Vicki Grimes</i>
<i>December 19</i>	<i>Brenda Strickland</i>
<i>December 26</i>	<i>Tally Jackson</i>

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. Adam Barefoot

2 - 5 year old Church Nursery (Worship)

<i>December 05</i>	<i>Ursula & Chad Stewart</i>
<i>December 12</i>	<i>Yorke & Thomas Johnson</i>
<i>December 19</i>	<i>Elizabeth & Riley Raynor</i>
<i>December 26</i>	<i>DeAnna Barbour and Hallie Stephenson</i>

Worship

<i>December 05</i>	<i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>
<i>December 12</i>	<i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>
<i>December 19</i>	<i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>
<i>December 26</i>	<i>1st Sunday after Christmas Day</i>

Children's Church

<i>December 05</i>	<i>Josh Champagne and Robbie Adams</i>
<i>December 12</i>	<i>Melanie Autry</i>
<i>December 19</i>	<i>Michele Norman</i>
<i>December 26</i>	<i>Mary Jon Barefoot</i>

Flowers

<i>December 05</i>	<i>Church</i>
<i>December 12</i>	<i>Church</i>
<i>December 19</i>	<i>Church</i>
<i>December 26</i>	<i>Church</i>



Four Oaks First partners with the Triangle East Baptist Association (JBA), Baptist State Convention of NC, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of NC, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (National), and the Southern Baptist Convention.

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