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# THE BAPTIST INFORMER

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

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## OCTOBER 2021

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### John 1 1-18

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.*

#### **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.*

*There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.*

*He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.*

*And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.*

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## OCTOBER PRESCHOOL NEWS

We are enjoying cooler weather at preschool. October is always a fun month. This month FOFD will be coming by on their firetruck to talk to the girls and boys. We are going on our first field trip in two years to a pumpkin patch in Dunn and we are having our fall pictures taken.

We will finish up October with Halloween Parties. We hope everyone is enjoying our artwork hung in the halls. Our teachers have enjoyed showing off the kids work.

**We are looking for volunteers and hiring teachers for MMO on Friday mornings.**

After not offering MMO last year we did not expect the great need for it this year but it has grown by leaps and bounds. It is such a fun little group but we need help to be able to offer it to everyone who wants to attend. Call or text Carol at 919-300-9301 if you would like more information.

**Happy Campers**—Ms. Carol, Ms. Cindy, Ms. Elizabeth

**Bears**, Ms. Kay, Ms. Annette, Ms. Betty Jean

**Fishies**—Ms. Tina, Ms. Laura

**Flamingos**—Ms. Dulce, Ms. Betsy

# Youth News!

## Youth News!

We kicked off our first night of Discipleship Training on **September 15th**. We had an “orientation style” evening with *Youth and parents*. We discussed our study of the Gospel of John for the year and met our intern, Jonathan Murphy.

We will start Acteens (girls) and CMITs (guys) for our 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders on October 6<sup>th</sup>. They will continue to meet on the first Wednesday of the month. 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be in GA/RAs the first two Wednesdays of the month and then in Youth the remaining Wednesdays.

Our Youth (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) will be heading to Fort Caswell for a fall retreat from **October 29<sup>th</sup>-October 31<sup>st</sup>**. The cost is **\$6opp. We have one spot left!** The price includes lodging and all meals Saturday and breakfast Sunday. Additional money will be needed for meals traveling to and from Caswell, souvenirs, and activities with an additional fee, i.e., put-put, kayaking.

The plan is to make our own breakfasts and lunch, devotions, and music. We will also have some team-building time, as well as free time.

Fort Caswell has a reasonably flexible cancellation policy for any COVID issues as individuals and/or us as a group. Please email me with any questions @ [fofbcyouth@gmail.com](mailto:fofbcyouth@gmail.com)

**Deadlines for Caswell:** Sign-ups- October 3rd  
Payment- October 17<sup>th</sup>

Please continue to keep our Youth, their families, leaders, and church in your prayers!

Grace and Peace to all,

Jami Champagne

Youth Email: [fofbcyouth@gmail.com](mailto:fofbcyouth@gmail.com)

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**October 6<sup>th</sup>**- 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade girls- Acteens @ the home of Heather Durham  
7-12<sup>th</sup> grade guys-CMITs in the Youth Room or Outside (weather permitting)  
6<sup>th</sup> grade- RA/Gas

**October 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>:** *Caswell Fall Retreat*



**Churchwide Missions for October 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 OCTOBER 2021:**

**The Agape Mission Group is scheduled to meet on October 5, at 10:30 in the New Century Classroom.**

**Dorothy Parker Group will not meet in October.**

**The Lib Canaday Group will meet on October 14, 2021.**

**Missions for Christ Mission group will meet on Sunday, October 3 at 2:00 p.m. in FH.**

**We will continue in October, to collect items for the Samaritan Purse "Operation Christmas Child" shoe-box: A collection box is placed in the library. The items to collect are coloring books. The items are for girls and boys, ages 2-4, 5-9, 10-14. A detailed list of all items to collect is placed on the bulletin board outside the Prayer Room. 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. Please remember this mission project as our collection items remain low for packing.**

**Carolina Women Retreat at Fort Caswell Conference Center on October 15-16, 2021.** Registration is coming out soon on WMUNC website or contact Rebecca Lindhout at [rlindhout@wmunc.com](mailto:rlindhout@wmunc.com).

**Other events in October: WMUNC 2021 Leadership Luncheon: October 21, Guest speaker is Cyndee Owenby, and topic is: "How to Know if Your Women's Ministry or WMU Needs a Makeover." Register at: [wmunc.org/leadership-luncheons](http://wmunc.org/leadership-luncheons).**

**Children's Missions Day, October 8-9 at Camp Mundo Vista.**

**WMU-NC Red Box Inmate Christmas Ministry is due on November 5th to the TEBA office. This year the item for collection is lotion. The lotion should be 8-11 oz size with no pump. The goal is 750. This is a good time to begin collecting during the Fall sales. A WMU Red collection box is located at the WMU bulletin board.**

**JBA-WMU Baptist Women World Day of Prayer. The theme is "Courageous Life! Hebrews 13:6" is scheduled on November 1 at 7:00 p.m. The host church is Pine Level Missionary Baptist church, 110 S. Peedin Avenue, Pine Level, N.C. A "Spirit Award" will be given to the church with the most members attending. Carpool will be available if you are interested in attending. Please let Laura Rogers know at 919-219-4528.**

**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 31, 2021, members from Group 1 will be the next group to serve a meal. Kathy Parker, Margaret Baker and Donna Baker are Co-Committee Chairs from Group.**

**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.**



Sunday October 17th Baptist Men's Breakfast 7:45 AM

Baptist Men will have a workday November 6th beginning at 8:00 AM at the church

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Young At Heart will meet October 19th at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>*Designates each week</b>						
				30 <b>*12-2:00 PM</b> Food Pantry open at church	1	2
3 <b>*10:00 AM</b> Sunday School <b>*11:00 AM</b> Worship—Deacon Ordination <b>2:00 PM</b> Missions For Christ in FH <b>3:00 PM</b> Children's Comm. Meeting <b>6:00 PM</b> Preschool comm meets <b>7:00</b> Deacon Board Meeting	4	5 <b>10:30 AM</b> Agape Mission Group Meets New Century Classroom	6 <b>* 7:00 PM</b> Discipleship Training Classes for all ages	7	8	9
10 <b>Baptismal Service During Worship</b>	11 <b>7:00 PM</b> Bldg & Grounds comm meets	12 <b>Dorothy Parker Circle Canceled</b>	13	14 <b>Lib Canaday Circle Meets</b>	15	16
17 <b>7:45 AM</b> Baptist Men's Breakfast  <b>Communion Sunday</b>	18	19 <b>11:30 AM</b> Young At Heart Meets in the FH	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 <b>Youth Fall Retreat to Caswell - Return Sunday</b>	30
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## Birthdays

- 01 Emma Ruth Parker, Denise Hamilton  
Isaac Barefoot
- 02 Evan Barefoot
- 03 Jonathan McLamb, Melanie Autry
- 04 Grimes Stewart
- 06 Deliah Sharp
- 07 Allen Parker, Michael Fish  
Vicki Grimes
- 08 Terry Parker
- 09 Greg Jackson
- 10 Anda Abrams
- 11 Elizabeth Fish
- 12 Frank Moore  
Myrtle Lassister
- 13 Josh Champagne
- 14 Adam Norris  
Sam Gregory
- 16 Alexander Britt
- 17 Susan Sloan
- 20 Jerry Durham, Mary Leigh Hamilton  
Charley Johnson
- 21 Effie Dunn
- 22 Julia Moore  
Mary Hunter Olive
- 23 Roy Turner  
Luke Clothier
- 24 Zeke Sharp
- 26 Lydia Carberry  
Jaxon Combs
- 30 Jimmy Coats
- 31 Kara Britt  
Keith Coe

## Anniversaries

- 03 Stephen & Tanya Carberry
- 05 Tim & Terri Barbour  
Michael & Wanda White
- 07 Jason & Vicki Lee  
Craig & Elizabeth Boyd
- 12 Tim & Connie Grady
- 15 Cliff & Jessi Sharp
- 22 Bobby & Judy Creech
- 23 Carl & Nancy Langdon



***Cradle Roll (Worship)***

<i>October 3</i>	<i>Cheryl Chicki</i>
<i>October 10</i>	<i>Vicki Grimes</i>
<i>October 17</i>	<i>Brenda Strickland</i>
<i>October 24</i>	<i>Jessi Sharp</i>
<i>October 31</i>	<i>Barbara Keen</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. Harold Keen

***Nursery - 2—5 yr old Church Nursery (Worship)***

<i>October 3</i>	<i>Michele &amp; Laley Norman</i>
<i>October 10</i>	<i>Adam &amp; Mary Jon Barefoot</i>
<i>October 17</i>	<i>Holly &amp; Lannah Price</i>
<i>October 24</i>	<i>Chad &amp; Ursula Stewart</i>
<i>October 31</i>	<i>Yorke &amp; Thomas Johnson</i>

***Worship in October***

<i>October 3</i>	<i>Deacon Ordination</i>
<i>October 10</i>	<i>Ordinance of Christian Baptism</i>
<i>October 17</i>	<i>Ordinance of The Lord's Supper</i>
<i>October 24</i>	<i>The Gospel of John</i>
<i>October 31</i>	<i>Reformation Sunday</i>

***Children's Church***

<i>October 3</i>	<i>Melanie Autry</i>
<i>October 10</i>	<i>Melanie Autry</i>
<i>October 17</i>	<i>Melanie Autry</i>
<i>October 24</i>	<i>Melanie Autry</i>
<i>October 31</i>	<i>Melanie Autry</i>

***Flowers***

<i>October 3</i>	<i>Mary Keene</i>
<i>October 10</i>	<i>Vicki Grimes</i>
<i>October 17</i>	<i>Ron Sloan</i>
<i>October 24</i>	<i>Available</i>
<i>October 31</i>	<i>Available</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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