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# THE BAPTIST INFORMER

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

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## SEPTEMBER 2021

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### **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.*

### *A New Year in Sunday School*

In September, we begin a new Sunday School year. In the average week, Christians get two opportunities to get to know God and each other at the same time: Discipleship Training and Sunday School. Beginning March of 2020, we moved both of these online through zoom and Facebook. Now that things are tentatively returning to normal; the worship team, the Sunday School department, and the Discipleship Training team are all prayerfully seeking the best ways to get The Word out to everyone.

Beginning in September, we will offer a weekly thirty-minute podcast following our Smyth & Helwys Sunday School curriculum. We intend to release new episodes every Friday morning. You can listen online, or download episodes to your phone and listen while you drive, mow grass, exercise, relax, or go wherever your weekends take you. If you are able to appear for worship on Sunday, we hope these episodes will whet your appetite to discuss, explore, and reflect. If, for whatever reason, you aren't able to join us on Sunday, we hope these episodes will keep you close to us. In each episode, we will hear from three volunteers, one from each of our three adult Sunday School classes. They will do a deep dive into their own faith and their understanding of the scriptures for our benefit.

Though our lives are busy and getting busier every day, our core purpose is still to love God and each other, and in order to do that, we must know God and each other. Whatever your week is like, we hope these thirty minutes of listening will roll the stone away for you, just a little bit more. You can find them at:

[fbcfosundayschool.buzzsprout.com](http://fbcfosundayschool.buzzsprout.com)

Church: 963-2102  
Parsonage: 963-3199  
Preschool: 963-2013

[www.fbcfouroaks.org](http://www.fbcfouroaks.org)



## SEPTEMBER PRESCHOOL NEWS

We have made it through the first week of preschool. There has been lots of laughing, a little crying, messy crafts, yummy snacks and we are already busy learning.

Kindergarten Boot Camp has been a blast. Our big kids have been excited to be back together and they are very excited about big school. The teachers are grateful we get one more week with them. Four Oaks Elementary is getting a batch of wonderful kids. They love learning, Jesus, and their friends so that should take them through life.

These last few weeks have been a whirlwind. We have added three wonderful teachers to our staff. Ms. Laura is working in the Fishies class, Ms. Elizabeth is working in the Happy Camper's class and Ms. Betsy is in the Flamingos classroom. If you see them around give them a big welcome.

We have also had classrooms painted, carpet cleaned and Terry Parker has been our playground fixer upper. Our teacup on the playground will really fly in circles now. Oh, and the power went out in half the church our first week. The Happy Campers had to stop glamping and really rough it.

The first week in September will be learning all about yucky germs. Thankfully because of our teachers and their extra super duper cleaning, we will only have pretend germs in our preschool.

Big thank you to everyone for your patience and understanding while the preschool organized and reorganized, unpacked and packed, and moved furniture all over the church.

**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!

We will pick back up on **September 15th** with some of our regular Wednesday night activities. We have some new things happening in the fall and will have an “orientation style” evening with *Youth and parents* to start us off. We will discuss some things happening throughout the year and meet our intern, Jonathan Murphy. I hope everyone will be ready to begin in a few short weeks!

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 **\$60pp**. 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., putt-putt, 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 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 17th

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:

**September 15<sup>th</sup>:** *Wednesday Night Discipleship Training Begins*

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

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From the family of Mr. Larry Stevens:

*Perhaps you sent a lovely card,  
Or sat quietly in a chair.  
Perhaps you sent a floral spray,  
If so we saw it there.  
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,  
As any friend could say;  
Perhaps you were not there at all,  
Just thought of us that day.  
Whatever you did to console our hearts,  
We thank you so much whatever the part.  
On behalf of Brigitte and the whole Stevens clan.  
Thank you so very much.*





**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).

**(All group meetings subject to COVID regulations.)**

**Scheduled Events for WMU Mission groups in SEPTEMBER 2021:**

**The Agape Mission Group will meet on September 7 at 10:00 a.m. in FH.**

**Dorothy Parker Group will meet virtually on September 14 at 7:00 p.m.**

**The Lib Canaday Group will not meet in September.**

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

**We will continue in September, to collect items for the Samaritan Purse "Operation Christmas Child" shoebox: A collection box is placed in the library. The items to collect are pens and pencils. 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.**

**JBA-WMU Annual Fall Meeting is Saturday, September 11** 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.** The items we are collecting are toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, hairbrush, soap, washcloth, deodorant. 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 11** and help represent our WMU-FO.

**The WMU-FO Focus Day** has been re-scheduled to **Sunday, September 26, 2021** This year will be the 100<sup>th</sup> celebration of WMU-FO. The guest speaker is Amy Pardue Boone, Executive Director & Treasurer – WMU-NC. Mrs. Boone will speak on the WMU theme "Relentless." We need old photos to make a video that will be shown during the morning service. Also, if you are interested in participating on the program during the Focus Day in September let Laura Rogers or Brenda Barnes know.

**WMUNC is hosting a virtual Leadership Luncheon on September 16 at 12:00 p.m. Registration is free and can be found on website: [wmunc.org](http://wmunc.org).**

**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).

**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.**



# *Relentless*

But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who have faith and are saved.

Hebrews 10:39

## Triangle East Baptist Association Annual WMU & Women's Meeting

Sept. 11 2021

8:30 Registration  
9:00 Meeting

Four Oaks First Baptist Church  
403 N Main St, Four Oaks

Triangle East Baptist Association  
102 W Noble St • Selma, NC 27576  
info@triangleeast.org • 919-965-9450



# SEPTEMBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>*Designates each week</b>						
			1	2 *12-2:00 PM Food Pantry open at church	3	4
5 *10:00 AM Sunday School *11:00 AM Worship  6:00 PM Preschool comm meets	6	7 Agape Mission Group Meets 10:00 AM FH  Missions For Christ meets 5:00PM FH	8	9	10	11 Triangle East Baptist Assoc. (JBA) WMU Annual Fall Meeting 8:30 AM FH
12 Baptismal Service During worship  7:00 PM Deacon Board Meets	13  7:00 PM Bldg & Grounds comm meets	14  Dorothy Parker Group virtual meeting 7:00PM	15  *Discipleship Training 7:00 PM Classes for all ages	16	17	18
19 Baptist Men's Breakfast 7:45 AM  FH reserved from 12:30 until	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 WMU-FO Focus Day	27	28 Young At Heart Meets 11:30 AM FH Catered Lunch	29	30		





## Birthdays

- 01 Lila Rose Parker
- 02 Tina Toothman
- 03 Yorke Johnson
- 04 Jenna Johnson  
Rickie Boyette
- 06 Carl Langdon  
Macie Kearney
- 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  
Morgan Bass
- 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



***Cradle Roll (Worship)***

September 5 Cheryl Chicki  
 September 12 Vicki Grimes  
 September 19 Valerie & Annabelle Hawks  
 September 26 Tally Jackson

***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. Steve Chicki

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

September 05 Emily & Amelia Vann  
 September 12 Chris & Wendy Heritage  
 September 19 Holly & Lannah Price  
 September 26 Brian & Hollie Winters

***Worship in September***

September 05 John 1:1-18  
 September 12 John 1:19-51  
 September 19 John 2:1-25  
 September 26 John 3:1-21

***Children's Church***

September 5 Melanie Autry  
 September 12 Melanie Autry  
 September 19 Melanie Autry  
 September 26 Melanie Autry

***Flowers***

September 5 Taken  
 September 12 Diane Heritage  
 September 19 Available  
 September 26 WMU Sunday



*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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