



THE BAPTIST INFORMER

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

April 2022

Resurrection Day

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

John 20:1-18 NRSV

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.

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**AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY
SILENT AUCTION APRIL 30**

If you have goods or services to donate for the auction or a drawing, contact Kay, Marilyn, or Samantha. Items up for bid will be on display in the fellowship hall and posted on the church facebook and website. Bidding will open at 10:00am on April 30th and close at 3:00pm. You can bid in person or by phone. Purchases should be picked up by 5pm.

Goods

paintings
photography
door decorations
quilts
sewn crafts
ornaments
jewelry
small furniture
home décor
baked goods
gift baskets
potted plants
flower arrangements
canned preserves
garden grown produce
game or event tickets
memorabilia

Services

babysitting
pet sitting/boarding
music lessons
sports lessons
cooking lessons
photo session
homecooked meals
yard work
housework/cleaning
painting
landscaping
car wash
guided hike or tour
fishing or hunting trip
tutoring
vacation/travel

May 8th FBC Mother's Day Bake Sale

May 13th Relay for Life

Register at relayforlife.org or call 1-800-227-2345

Thank You...

Thanks to all...the Circles, the Youth, Children's Church, Sunday School Classes, and individuals for the many expressions of love shown to me (and Jerry) during the months following my surgery and healing. Your prayers and words of encouragement have lifted me up and kept me connected during these months of isolation. I thank God daily for such a warm, caring church family. I hope to be back among you soon. I've missed you! Much Love Always, Ann Durham

Dear FBCFO Family, Thank you does not even begin to express the gratefulness that I feel in my heart for each of you. I appreciate the grace you extended, as I needed to be away frequently. It was a blessing to be able to help with my Mama. She will be missed even more than I can imagine. Your prayers, cards, texts, hugs, and words have sustained me. Thank you. Thank you also for the lovely spring grapevine wreath. It is a beautiful reminder of hope, the gift of eternal life, and the kindness shown to me and my family during this loss of my mom. I love you all so much and ask that you continue to keep us in your prayers.

Grace & Peace, Michele, John and the girls

Youth News!

Our Youth ended the last Wednesday night in March with a foot washing service. Some of our Youth leaders "washed" the feet of our youth. At first everyone was a bit squeamish, but most everyone participated. I appreciate our leaders and youth for getting outside of their comfort zones to experience Christlike humility (Philippians 2:1-8, John 13:1-18).

We have several events happening in April (listed below). Information and signups have been sent out by email/text or the Youth Updates sent out on Tuesdays. If you have questions, please email me.

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: fofbcyouth@gmail.com

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wed., April 6th:

Acteens 7-12th grade girls: 6:30-8pm in the Fellowship Hall

CMTs 7-12th grade guys: 7-8pm in the Youth Room

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

Thurs., April 7th: 4:30pm-6:30pm

Acteens traveling to South Smithfield Elem. to deliver baskets for REACH

Acteens and leaders will meet in the church parking lot at **4:30pm**

Sat. April 9th: 7:45am-12:30pm

Youth traveling to Falcon Children's Home with REACH for an Easter celebration

We will meet in the parking lot @ 7:45am

Fri., April 22nd:

Youth Sleep Out: Increasing Homelessness Awareness 7pm-7am
(Previously known as Cardboard City)



Churchwide Missions for April 2022

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 APRIL 2022:

The Agape Mission Group is scheduled to meet on April 5, 2022.

Dorothy Parker Group will not meet in April.

The Lib Canaday Group will meet on April 14, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Missions for Christ Mission Group will meet on April 3, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. in Prayer Room.

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 April 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.

North American Missions Emphasis & Annie Armstrong Easter offering, March 6-13, 2022. The Annie Armstrong "Easter" offering supports North American Missionaries and will be collected on **Easter Sunday, April 17**. The offering goal for 2022 is \$70 million. Make plans to support our North American Missionaries. Offering envelopes will be in the bulletin.

Save the Date: **WMU-NC Mission Extravaganza and Annual Meeting** is scheduled for **April 22-24, 2022**, at Synder Memorial Baptist Church, 701 Westmont Drive in Fayetteville. This is the 130th annual WMUNC celebration. The theme this year is "Unwavering Hope." The conference will be live streamed at Truett Baptist Camp, Haysville, N.C. for those not able to travel to Fayetteville. The **Mission Project** for this year's conference is collecting items for Afghan refugees staying at Welcomes Houses all across North Carolina. Items needed are buckets/heavy duty mops/ brooms/dust pans, diapers, plastic pitchers and contact paper. For information check out on the WMUNC website wmunc.org/me-2022.

Coronation Services, Sunday, May 1 at 7:00 p.m. – A reception following the Coronation service will be in the Fellowship Hall. The WMU-FO Ladies groups will help provide refreshments. **This year we are asking parents of those children who are in the Coronation help donate 1 food item for our reception. A signup sheet will be posted on the WMU bulletin board.** WMU facilitators will be contacted for items their group can provide. WMU ladies, be thinking about your candidate for the **2022 Freda Parks Creech Woman of the Year Award**. Ballots will be given out and collected during groups meetings in April. Deadline date is **April 15** for counting. Please return completed ballots to Laura Rogers. The 2022 candidate will be announced at the Coronation on May 1.

JBA-WMU Annual Spring Meeting is Saturday, May 7 at Bethany Missionary Baptist Church, 8980 Old Beulah Road, Kenly, N.C. The guest speaker is Rebecca Lindhout. The theme is **“The Fruit of Sacrifice: Ruth 1:16.”** The 2022 Mitchiner scholarship recipients will be announced. This year there will be two \$1,000 scholarships awarded. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. and the program will begin at 9:00 a.m. WMU ladies are asked to share ideas from their church mission projects. Refreshments will be served during the morning break time. Door prizes will be announced. Make plans to attend on **MAY 7** and help represent our WMU-FO.

Watch for the Date: Kennedy Home Food Drive in May 23-24, 2022. The Triangle East Baptist Association will begin collecting items for the **Baptist Children’s Kennedy Home in Kinston Spring** Campaign. The drop-off will be at the Johnston Community College campus in May. Be on the lookout for the date. **Gift cards are certainly acceptable so that they can purchase perishable meats and other items.**

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 March 21, 2022, members from Group 2 will be the next group to serve a meal. Dianne Heritage, Rosa Pell and Kay Surles are Co-Committee Chairs from Group 2.

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.



**Young At Heart will meet on Tuesday, April 19th
At Highway 55 in Four Oaks
11:30 AM**

First Baptist Church Four Oaks Preschool

When people have a vision for something amazing and they ask for God's guidance, the sky is the limit. In May of 2007, First Baptist Church Four Oaks Preschool began with 6 students under the direction of Robin McLeod. In August of 2009, Carol Adams became the director, and she has held that position for 13 years. The Preschool has gone from serving 6 students to serving 43 students, and we have approximately 22 students on Friday for the Mom's Morning Out Program. During this time, our church has employed only two directors. FBCFO Preschool faculty, parents, students and the Preschool Committee are grateful for the leadership, dedication, and guidance that Carol has provided for our program. Our students enjoy a faith-based curriculum, field trips, guest speakers, and a day filled with numbers, letters, crafts, Bible stories, prayer, playtime, and centers. We want to say thank you to Carol for her years of service and dedication to the faculty and students of FBCFO Preschool. God has truly blessed this ministry!

APRIL 2022

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

*Designates each week

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***10:00 AM**

Sunday School

***11:00 AM**

Worship

2:00 PM

Missions for Christ

Mission Group

meets in the Prayer

Room

5:00 PM

Preschool Comm.

meets

7:00 PM

Deacon Board

meets

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10:30 AM

Agape Mission

Group meets

6

***7:00 PM**

Discipleship

Training classes

for all ages

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***12-2:00 PM**

Food Pantry Open

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FH Reserved

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7:00 PM

Bldg. & Grounds

Comm. meets

12

7:00 PM

Dorothy

Parker Circle-

Will not meet

in April

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14

7:00 PM

Lib Canaday Circle

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17

7:45 AM

Baptist Men's

Breakfast-

Cancelled

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19

11:30 AM

Young at Heart

meets at Hwy.

55 in Four Oaks

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10 AM to 3:00

PM

FBC Silent Auction

FH Reserved



Birthdays

- 01 *Jean Lee*
- 02 *Brian Fogleman*
- 03 *Christina Hibbs*
Katie McLamb
Michele Norman
- 05 *Jessica Hamby*
Christie Stephenson
- 06 *Jason Lee*
- 08 *Samantha Conceicao*
Cindy Edwards
Hazel Evans
- 09 *Nathaniel Sloan*
- 10 *Amy Byrd*
Cheryl Chicki
Patsy Parker
- 14 *Lauren Maxwell*
- 18 *Jean Whittington*
- 19 *Alice Ann Elam*
- 20 *Debbie Blackmon*
- 22 *James Norris*
- 23 *Carlye Durham*
Sophia Lee
- 24 *Melissa Price Rigsbee*
- 25 *Ned Walsh*
- 28 *Harold Keen*
John Littleton
Roger Price
- 29 *Jason Coats*
Allison Earp
Will Whittington
- 30 *Everett Jackson*

Anniversaries

- 08 *Lin and Amy Byrd*
- 10 *Tim and Teresa Daniel*
- 16 *Mario and Lisa Gonzalez*
Chris and Joan Santoro
- 20 *James and Susie Norris*
- 29 *Kelly and Sterling Parker*



Cradle Roll (Worship)

April 03 *Amanda Strickland*
 April 10 *Vicki Grimes*
 April 17 *Brenda Strickland*
 April 24 *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	Ms. Samantha Surles

2 - 5 year old Church Nursery (Worship)

April 03 *Tally and Everett Jackson*
 April 10 *Michele and Laley Norman*
 April 17 *Amanda and Lela Jo Strickland*
 April 24 *Brian and Hollie Winters*

Worship

April 03 *Fifth Sunday in Lent*
 April 10 *Palm/Passion Sunday*
 April 17 *Easter Sunday*
 April 24 *Second Sunday of Easter*

Children's Church

April 03 *Allison Tucker*
 April 10 *Kay Surles*
 April 17 *Tally Jackson*
 April 24 *Josh Champagne and Robbie Adams*

Flowers

April 03 *Available*
 April 10 *Palm Sunday*
 April 17 *Easter Sunday*
 April 24 *Available*



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