



THE BAPTIST INFORMER

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

August 2022

John 1:1-18

In the beginning the Word already existed; the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² From the very beginning the Word was with God. Through him God made all things; not one thing in all creation was made without him. The Word was the source of life, and this life brought light to people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out.

God sent his messenger, a man named John, who came to tell people about the light, so that all should hear the message and believe. He himself was not the light; he came to tell about the light. This was the real light—the light that comes into the world and shines on all people.

The Word was in the world, and though God made the world through him, yet the world did not recognize him. He came to his own country, but his own people did not receive him. Some, however, did receive him and believed in him; so he gave them the right to become God's children. They did not become God's children by natural means, that is, by being born as the children of a human father; God himself was their Father.

The Word became a human being and, full of grace and truth, lived among us. We saw his glory, the glory which he received as the Father's only Son.

John spoke about him. He cried out, "This is the one I was talking about when I said, 'He comes after me, but he is greater than I am, because he existed before I was born.'"

Out of the fullness of his grace he has blessed us all, giving us one blessing after another. God gave the Law through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. The only Son, who is the same as God and is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

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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Parsonage: 963-3199
Preschool: 963-2013*

www.fbcfouroaks.org

Preschool News

We are so excited to start the 2022-2023 school year at First Baptist-Church Four Oaks Preschool! We currently have 41 students enrolled and we have two spots available in the 3-year-old-class. Please let friends and family know about our two student vacancies. We are also looking to hire a new director, so please let your teacher friends know. Go to fbcfouroaks.org for job details and description.

Our 2022-2023 staff includes:

Kay Surles—Interim Director & Teacher, 3-year-old-class,
Cindy McKenzie—Teacher, 4-year-old-class
Elizabeth Boyd—Assistant, 4-year-old-class
Annette Langdon—Teacher, 3-year-old-class
Betty Jean Thornton—Assistant, 3-year-old-class
Tina Peterson—Teacher, 2-year-old-class
Ellen Boyd—Assistant, 2-year-old class
Laura Rogers—Teacher, 2-year-old-class
Phyllis Austin—Assistant, 2-year-old-class.

Our Preschool Orientation will be Sunday, August 21, 2022, from 4:00 pm -5:00 pm. Teacher workdays begin August 17, 2022. Boot Camp for last year's Happy Campers will be August 22-26 from 8:00 am -4:00 pm. This will prepare them for kindergarten. The 2's & 4's will start school on Monday, August 29, 2022. The 3's will start on August 30, 2022. Our first theme is All About Me!

Thank you to our church family for your prayers and support!

Thank You...

This is a much belated Thank You to Team 2 who provided the meal for our family before the service for Laura Faye. The food was delicious and provided a wonderful time for family to fellowship. We appreciate you all! The family of Laura Faye Canaday

Youth News!

We had a great time at our retreat and Kings Dominion trip at the end of July. David and Sara Little came up with some great ideas for a visit for our youth in Littleton, while Children of the Son did the music at Littleton Baptist Church. David has always done such an excellent job keeping youth engaged with games and thoughtful devotions.

His sermon on Sunday was fantastic! After church, we hung out at Lake Gaston for the day and had a great time swimming, canoeing, and kayaking. Littleton Baptist is lucky to have David and Sara. Thank you, David and Sara, for the generous hospitality!

Monday at Kings Dominion for a day in the park was HOT. Everyone was able to cool off in the waterpark and get cleaned up at the hotel. We went back that evening after the rain and had an even better time after it had cooled off, and there was almost no one else in the park. It was an eventful trip and I hope everyone has since got some much-needed rest! Thank you to all the chaperones who were able to make this trip possible.

Youth and parents can be on the lookout for other local summer fellowship time in the weekly updates. There are also opportunities to sign up to help with our food pantry Thursdays 12-2pm.

Thank you to everyone who helps to teach, lead, volunteer, and donate. It has been such a joy to see our Youth building relationships with each other and with God.

Grace and Peace to all,

Jami Champagne

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

"First Thursday" in Four Oaks—

Thurs., Aug. 4th 6:30-8:30pm (drop off/pick up at the church)

Pool Party & Fire Pit @ Josh and Jami's—Fri., September 2nd
6:30-9:30pm

Children of the Son @ the Acorn Festival—Sat., September 10th
1-1:30pm



**Churchwide Missions for August 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).

Scheduled Events for WMU Mission groups in AUGUST 2022:

The Agape Mission Group, Dorothy Parker Group, Lib Canaday Group, and Missions for Christ Mission Groups will not meet in AUGUST.

A summer campaign will be beginning in August 2022, to collect items for the Samaritan Purse "Operation Christmas Child" shoebox for 2022: A collection box will be placed in the library. The items to collect are toys, hygiene items, school supplies, clothing. Remember 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.

There is a WMU-NC Western NC Abound Leadership Training at Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Hayesville on Saturday, August 13 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Registration is \$30 and includes a copy of the 2022-2023 Missions Leaders Planning guide, lunch and all training materials for this year.

A new theme for WMU will start in September. The theme is entitled "Hope in Christ." It will last for the next 2 years. The watchword is: "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." Romans 12:12 (NIV). The Project Help is: Mental Health.

The WMUNC office is offering a Leadership zoom meeting on Thursday, August 18, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. To register go to: wmunc.org.

Camp Mundo Vista dates are Mother-Daughter Retreat, August 5-7, 2022. To register go to: campmundovista.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 25, 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.



The Young At Heart will meet for lunch at Highway 55
Tuesday ~ August 16th
11:30 AM

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



AUGUST 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>*Designates each week</i>						
	1	2 10:30 AM Agape Mission Group Cancelled for August	3 *7:00 PM Wednesday night activities cancelled beginning June 1st	4 *12-2:00 PM Food Pantry open	5 Aug. 5-7 Mom and Daughter Camp - Mundo Vista	6
7 *10:00 AM Sunday School *11:00 AM Worship 7:00 PM Deacon Board meets	8 7:00 PM Bldg. and Grounds Committee meets	9 7:00 PM Dorothy Parker Circle Cancelled for August	10	11 7:00 PM Lib Canaday Circle Cancelled for August	12	13
14	15	16 11:30 AM Young at Heart meets for lunch at Highway 55	17 Preschool Teachers return	18	19	20
21 7:45 AM Baptist Men's Breakfast 4:00 PM - Until Preschool Orientation	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Preschool begins	30	31			



Birthdays

- 01 *Meghan Barham*
Lela Strickland
- 02 *Lin Byrd*
- 06 *Karen Coats*
Karen Hemingway
- 07 *Wyatt Lassiter*
- 08 *Jon Driggers*
- 09 *Gloria Massengill*
- 10 *Cassidy Baker*
Anthony Price
- 11 *John Norman*
- 12 *Charlie Templeton*
David Toothman
- 13 *Steve Chicki*
- 14 *James Rabon*
- 15 *Randy Combs*
- 17 *Allison Faith Templeton*
- 20 *Ede Barbour*
Kyle Toothman
- 21 *MacKenzie Rigsbee*
- 22 *Wendy Heritage*
Allison Tucker
- 23 *Emily Vann*
- 24 *Kathy Parker*
Stephanie Fish
- 26 *Pat Earp*
- 27 *Kathy Britt*
- 28 *Julie Wood*



Anniversaries

- 01 *Chad and Ursula Stewart*
- 02 *Noah and Catherine Hock*
- 23 *Jim and Cindy Sumerel*
- 29 *Bucky and Sabrina Grady*



Cradle Roll (Worship)

August 07 *Amanda Strickland*
 August 14 *Vicki Grimes*
 August 21 *Brenda Strickland*
 August 28 *Tally Jackson*

First Baptist Contacts

Pastor	Rev. John Norman, Jr.
Minister of Music	Mrs. Phyllis Toothman
Minister of Youth	Mrs. Jami Champagne
Secretaries	Mrs. Cheryl Chicki
	Mrs. Deirdre Parker
Organist	Ms. Annette Langdon
Pianist	Mrs. Summer McLamb
Preschool Interim Director	Mrs. Kay Surles
Deacon for the Month	Mrs. Patsy Parker

2 - 5 year old Church Nursery (Worship)

August 07 *Michele and Laley Norman*
 August 14 *Chris and Wendy Heritage*
 August 21 *Carly Fogleman and Alyssa Hamilton*
 August 28 *Elizabeth and Ryan Boyd*

Worship

During the month of August we will be bringing our Sunday morning study of the Gospel of John to a close. We will be looking at some of the themes which run throughout the gospel and how those themes are realized in our own spiritual lives. We hope you can join us for worship.

Children's Church

August 07 *Mary Jon Barefoot*
 August 14 *Allison Tucker*
 August 21 *Kay Surles*
 August 28 *Tally Jackson*

Flowers

August 07 *Johnnie Sue and Sherwood Lee*
 August 14 *Available*
 August 21 *Dianne Heritage*
 August 28 *Available*



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

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