



THE BAPTIST INFORMER

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

December 2022



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.

From the Heart...

I am usually never at a loss for words, but on Sunday November 20th I found myself nearly speechless. Thank you to everyone at FBCFO for making the day very special for me and my family. It is hard to believe 25 years have passed so quickly. I am honored to serve as pastor of this congregation and humbled to be a co-laborer with all of you in God's kingdom. Thank you also for the monetary gift and the beautiful stained glass artwork. It is a wonderful reminder of this place we call home and all those who make Four Oaks a wonderful place to live. To God be the glory!

Grace and Peace ~ John

Christmas Events

December 9th ~ 7:00pm
Cookies and Milk with Santa

December 11th ~ 6:15 & 7:00pm
Live Nativity

December 24th ~ 6:00pm
Christmas Eve Service

December 25th ~ 11:00am
*Sanctuary Choir Cantata
Tapestry of Light*

Church: 963-2102
Preschool: 963-2013

www.fbcfouroaks.org



Thank you...

*...for supporting Samaritan's Purse
Operation Christmas Child throughout 2022.
Because of your generosity we were able to
fill and send **202 boxes** this year.*

*Please be watching for information
Concerning our OCC collection for 2023*

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 Four Oaks, Wow! What a blessing-all the hygiene items and bags you have donated to the foster youth of Johnston County. I know this will be such a blessing, as we have been told by case workers how much the young people like to have their own hygiene items and not have to share. Thank you for your love and generosity.

May God Bless You! Susan Stem/Reach

Youth News!

The Youth Committee and Personnel Committee are making plans for the smoothest transition for our youth and families so there are no major disruptions for them or the program. They are in the process of revising the job description and getting ready to post the position. Please be in prayer for our church, especially our youth and families, as we transition together through this time of change.

The activities for December are listed below. There is no *Koinonia* Youth Dinner for December, but it will be back in January. Let me know if you have questions about any of the events.

Thank you to everyone who helps teach, lead, volunteer, and donate. It has been such a joy to see our Youth building relationships with each other and God. If you would like to receive our Youth Weekly Updates to keep up with youth activities for grades 6-12, please email fofbcyouth@gmail.com.

Grace and Peace to all,

Jami Champagne

Youth Email: fofbcyouth@gmail.com

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Fri., December 2nd 5:30-5:45:

Children of the Son @ FO Christmas Tree Lighting

Weds., December 7th:

Acteens/CMIT's (Times and Activities TBD)

Weds., December 14th:

Discipleship Training Christmas Caroling in FO

Fri., December 16th 6:30pm:

Youth Christmas Party

Sun., December 18th:

Deadline to sign-up for Youth Ski Trip



**Churchwide Missions for December 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 DECEMBER 2022:

The Agape Mission Group will meet on December 6 at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
The Dorothy Parker Group will not meet in December
The Lib Canaday Group will meet on December 8 at 7:00 p.m.
The Missions for Christ Mission Group will not meet in December but will attend the Christmas Party on December 15.

The WMU ladies will be hosting a Christmas Party on Thursday, December 15th at 11:00 a.m. The location is Mrs. Lacey's Magnolia House, 405 Carthage Street, Sanford, N.C. Carpool will be available at the church. Let Laura Rogers know if you would like to attend.

The Operation Christmas Child – Samaritan Purse project collected 202 shoeboxes this year. Thanks so much to everyone who worked on this project. If anyone would like to donate toward the postage, you may still send a check in the amount of \$10. Checks should be made to FBC-Four Oaks and indicated on the memo line (Samaritan Purse Project.)

A new theme for WMU started 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 2022-2023 WMU directories are ready, copies are available at the WMU table (by the Genesis Sunday School classroom) or at the church office.

There were 92 tubes of toothpaste collected for the Redbox Ministry this year. For many incarcerated women, a shoe box full of toiletries may be the only Christmas gift they receive. Thanks again for your support with this project.

International Missions Emphasis & Lottie Moon Christmas offering – November 27-December 4. 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. Envelopes will be provided in the church bulletin.

Our WMU Circle Groups will provide gift cards for the “Home Bound Community Members” as a Christmas gift this year. The youth and other WMU Circle Members will deliver the gift cards in early December.

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 19, 2022, members from Group 1 will be the next group to serve a meal: Dianne Heritage, Rosa Pell and Kay Surles Co-Committee Chairs from Group 1.

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.



Tuesday ~ December 13th
10:30 AM

The Young at Heart will go to a movie
and out to eat afterwards.

Baptist Men's Breakfast
Sunday ~ December 18th at 7:30 AM
(Please note that the breakfast time has changed to 7:30)

DECEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>*Designates each week</i>						
				1 *12-2:00 PM Food Pantry open 5:00 PM Genesis SS Class Christmas Party at White Swan House of Steaks	2 5:30 –5:45 PM Children of the Son @ FO Christ- mas Tree Lighting	3 11:00 AM Four Oaks Christmas Parade
4 *10:00 AM Sunday School *11:00 AM Worship 5:00 PM Preschool Comm meets 7:00 PM Deacon Board meets	5	6 10:30 AM Agape Mission Group meets in FH	7 *7:00 PM Discipleship Training classes for all ages	8 7:00 PM Lib Canaday Group meets	9 7:00 PM Cookies and Milk with Santa!	
						FH Reserved
11 6:15 PM and 7:00 PM Children's Live Nativity	12 7:00 PM Bldg. and Grounds Committee meets	13 10:30 AM Young at Heart going to a movie and out to eat	14 7:00 PM Discipleship Training Christ- mas Caroling in Four Oaks	15 11:00 AM WMU Ladies Christmas Party @ Mrs. Lacey's Magnolia House in Sanford	16 6:30 PM Youth Christmas Party	17
18 7:30 AM Baptist Men's Breakfast	19	20	21 No Wednesday Night Activities	22	23	24 6:00 PM Christmas Eve Service
						Office Closed
25 11:00 AM Sanctuary Choir Cantata- Tapestry of Light	26 Office Closed	27 Office Closed	28	29	30 Office Closed	31



Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

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



Cradle Roll (Worship)

<i>December 04</i>	<i>Amanda Strickland</i>
<i>December 11</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
<i>December 18</i>	<i>Volunteer needed</i>
<i>December 25</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
Secretaries	In Memory of Mrs. Cheryl Chicki
	Mrs. Deirdre Parker
Organist	Ms. Annette Langdon
Pianist	Mrs. Summer McLamb
Preschool Interim Director	Mrs. Kay Surles
Deacon for the Month	Mr. Chris Vann

2 - 5 year old Church Nursery (Worship)

<i>December 04</i>	<i>Amanda and Lela Jo Strickland</i>
<i>December 11</i>	<i>Yorke and Thomas Johnson</i>
<i>December 18</i>	<i>Elizabeth and Riley Ruth Raynor</i>
<i>December 25</i>	<i>Christmas Day</i>

Worship

<i>December 04</i>	<i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>
<i>December 11</i>	<i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>
<i>December 18</i>	<i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>
<i>December 25</i>	<i>Christmas Day</i>

Children's Church

<i>December 04</i>	<i>Mary Jon Barefoot</i>
<i>December 11</i>	<i>Allison Tucker</i>
<i>December 18</i>	<i>Tally Jackson</i>
<i>December 25</i>	<i>Josh Champagne & Robbie Adams</i>

Flowers

<i>December 04</i>	<i>Decorated for Christmas</i>
<i>December 11</i>	<i>Decorated for Christmas</i>
<i>December 18</i>	<i>Decorated for Christmas</i>
<i>December 25</i>	<i>Decorated for Christmas</i>



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