



THE BAPTIST INFORMER

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

February 2022

Love is...

If I speak with human eloquence and angelic ecstasy but don't love, I'm nothing but the creaking of a rusty gate.

If I speak God's Word with power, revealing all his mysteries and making everything plain as day, and if I have faith that says to a mountain, "Jump," and it jumps, but I don't love, I'm nothing.

If I give everything I own to the poor and even go to the stake to be burned as a martyr, but I don't love, I've gotten nowhere. So, no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I'm bankrupt without love.

Love never gives up. Love cares more for others than for self. Love doesn't want what it doesn't have. Love doesn't strut, Doesn't have a swelled head, Doesn't force itself on others, Isn't always "me first," Doesn't fly off the handle, Doesn't keep score of the sins of others, Doesn't revel when others grovel, Takes pleasure in the flowering of truth, Puts up with anything, Trusts God always, Always looks for the best, Never looks back, But keeps going to the end.

Love never dies. Inspired speech will be over some day; praying in tongues will end; understanding will reach its limit. We know only a portion of the truth, and what we say about God is always incomplete. But when the Complete arrives, our incompletes will be canceled.

When I was an infant at my mother's breast, I gurgled and cooed like any infant. When I grew up, I left those infant ways for good.

We don't yet see things clearly. We're squinting in a fog, peering through a mist. But it won't be long before the weather clears and the sun shines bright! We'll see it all then, see it all as clearly as God sees us, knowing him directly just as he knows us!

But for right now, until that completeness, we have three things to do to lead us toward that consummation: Trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly. And the best of the three is love.

~First Corinthians 13~

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

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Our students have been busy learning Bible stories, letters, shapes, numbers, songs and crafts. We began the month of January with snow and hibernation themes. Our students ice skated down the hall on paper plates. They are getting ready for the Winter Olympics! Then they acted out nursery rhymes and wore Superhero and Fairy Tale princess costumes. At the end of January, they had a circus parade. They jumped through hula hoops, walked on a tightrope, and lifted barbells.

February comes in with a BANG! We are celebrating Chinese New Year with the Year of the Tiger! Fortune cookies, tea and eating rice with chopsticks will be so much fun. We will try out different sports, send our friends beautiful valentines, make Valentines for Veterans and learn all about the animals at the zoo. So, you can see that our preschool and Mom's Morning Out program are grateful for your prayers and support. Thank You!

Mission Friends Mission Project

Mission Friends collected donations to purchase 3 dairy goats for families in Niger & South Sudan. Mr. Allen Roberts brought his daughter, Mia's goat named Fancy for the Mission Friends to see and touch. Each child had a can to collect donations. They collected \$210.00 to purchase 3 goats.

A special thank you to:

Artemis Sharp

Isaac Johnson

Anna Johnson

Nella Valle

Jonathan McLamb

Jacob Boyd

Wyatt Thornton

Thank you to First Baptist Church Four Oaks for your support of this mission project!

(Photos for this project are posted on the mission bulletin board beside the library.)



Valentines for Veterans

Please Acteans, Youth, GA's, RA's, Mission Friends, Preschoolers & All Adults we need your help.

Can you please make or buy valentines for our veterans? All cards need to be signed and turned in to Kay Surles by this **Friday, February 4, 2022**. These cards will be sent to the four VA Hospitals in Asheville, Durham, Salisbury and Fayetteville. Each veteran will receive a valentine on their tray for a surprise at lunch. Thank you for your help with this project!

Youth News!

Although some of the services in January we delivered virtually, the Youth were able to meet on Wednesday nights and are continuing in the Gospel of John through May. The Youth Committee met in January and is looking at some events this spring and summer. We do not yet have exact dates, but if all goes well, plans will include a homelessness awareness event, Coronation, Graduate Sunday, summer missions, VBS, and maybe an amusement park trip.

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! Praying everyone stays safe and healthy!

Grace and Peace to all,

Jami Champagne

Youth Email: fofbcyouth@gmail.com

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wed., February 2:

Acteens 7-12th grade girls: 6:30-8pm in the fellowship hall—
Dinner & Valentines for Veterans

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

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



Churchwide Missions for February 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 FEBRUARY 2022:

The Agape Mission Group scheduled to meet on February 1, 2022.

Dorothy Parker Group will meet at WMU Focus Day on February 27, 2022.

The Lib Canaday Group will meet on February 10, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Missions for Christ Mission Group will meet on February 6, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. in FH.

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 February is toothbrushes 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.

We are making plans for the **WMU Focus Day on Sunday, February 27, 2022**. This year we will be highlighting some of the mission projects that the WMU groups support during the year. The guest speaker is Susan Stem, creator of the R.E.A.C.H. (Remember: Encouragement Always Changes Hearts) program for Johnston County. A mentoring ministry for youth in Johnston County. Also, if you are interested in participating in the program during the Focus Day let Laura Rogers or Brenda Barnes know.

JBA-WMU Mitchiner scholarship applications will be on-line this year and can be downloaded from the Triangle East Baptist Association website (www.triangleeast.org/scholarship.html.) The amount of the scholarship is \$1,000. Deadline for application is March 25 and candidates will be announced in May at JBA-WMU Annual Spring Meeting. The scholarship is open to all high school seniors in the Johnston County area. Please follow all the requirements for this application. You may send your completed application to the JBA office, 102 W. Noble Street, Selma, N.C. 27576.

WMUNC Mission Extravaganza is scheduled for **April 22-23, 2022**, at Snyder Memorial Baptist Church in Fayetteville, N.C. The theme is "Unwavering Hope." Information will be coming soon on the WMUNC website.

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 January 22, 2022, members from Group 1 will be the next group to serve a meal. Margaret Baker, Donna Baker and Kathy Parker are 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.



Sunday February 20th
Baptist Men's Day



Young At Heart will meet February 15th
11:30am in the Fellowship Hall

FEBRUARY 2022

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

*Designates each week

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10:30 AM
Agape Mission
Group Meeting

***7:00 PM**
Discipleship
Training classes
for all ages

***12 - 2:00 PM**
Food Pantry Open

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***10:00 AM**
Sunday School
***11:00 AM**
Worship
2:00 PM Missions
for Christ Mission
Group meets (FH)
5:00 PM
Preschool Comm.
7:00 PM
Deacon Board

7:00 PM
Lib Canaday Mission
Group meets

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7:00 PM
Bldg. & Grounds
Comm. meets
Happy
Valentines
Day!

11:30 AM
Young at Heart
meets (FH)

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Baptist
Men's
Day

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WMU SUNDAY
Dorothy Parker
Group meets today

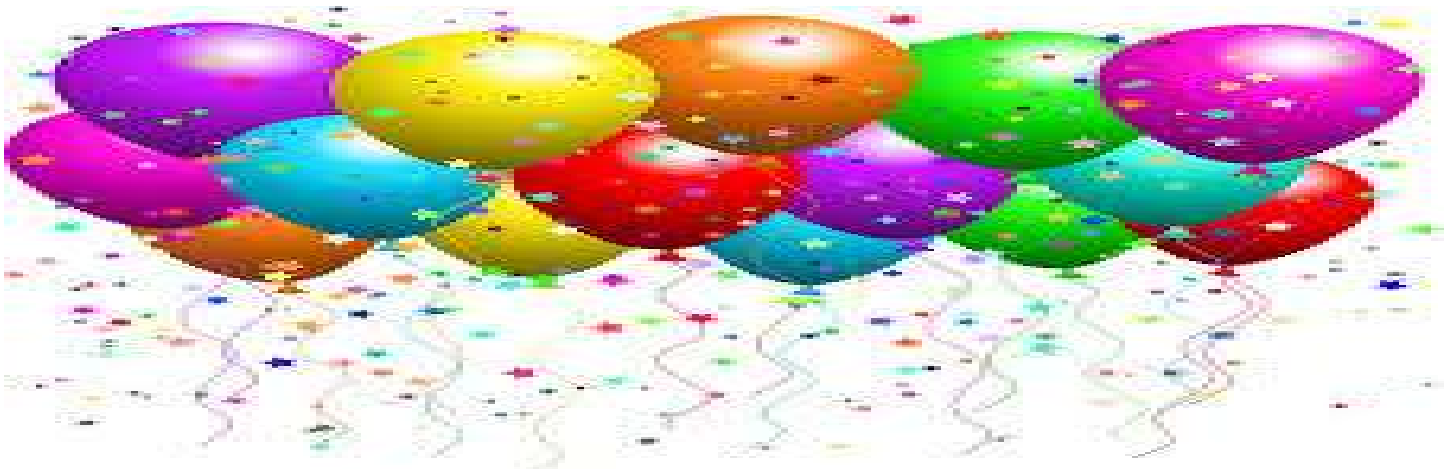
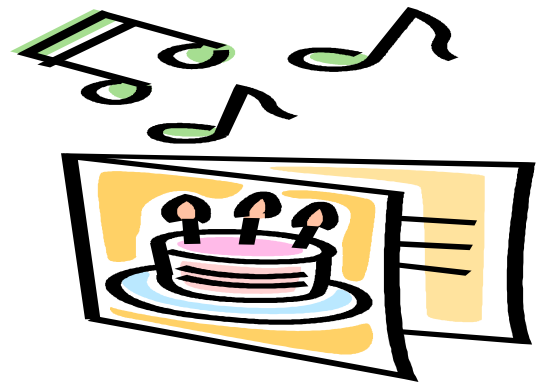


Birthdays

- 01 *Virgil Moore*
- 02 *Janie Olive*
Cliff Sharp
- 03 *Keith Norris*
- 08 *Kelly Hatch*
Carol Moore
- 09 *Tiffany Driggers*
- 16 *Ben Edwards*
Dory McGuire
Summer McLamb
- 17 *Ann Templeton*
- 18 *Debbie Lee*
Elizabeth Raynor
- 19 *Robert Allen*
Nora Gray Sumerel
Samuel Thornton
- 20 *Johnnie Sue Lee*
Brent Turner
- 21 *Keith Durham*
- 22 *Jennifer Hamby*
- 23 *Holland Isabella Heritage*
- 24 *Lisa Gonzalez*
Connie Grady
- 25 *Pam Price*
Hampton Thomas Whittington
- 28 *Olivia White*

Anniversaries

- 25 *Jimmy and Deborah Coats*
- 27 *Lee and Kelly Hatch*



Cradle Roll (Worship)

<i>February 06</i>	<i>Amanda Strickland</i>
<i>February 13</i>	<i>Vicki Grimes</i>
<i>February 20</i>	<i>Brenda Strickland</i>
<i>February 27</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
Secretary	Mrs. Cheryl Chicki
Organist	Ms. Annette Langdon
Pianist	Mrs. Summer McLamb
Preschool Director	Mrs. Carol Adams
Deacon for the Month	Mr. Trent Tucker

2 - 5 year old Church Nursery (Worship)

<i>February 0</i>	<i>Deanna Barbour & Hallie Stephenson</i>
<i>February 13</i>	<i>Mary Jon & Adam Barefoot</i>
<i>February 20</i>	<i>Holly & Lannah Price</i>
<i>February 27</i>	<i>Chad & Ursula Stewart</i>

Worship

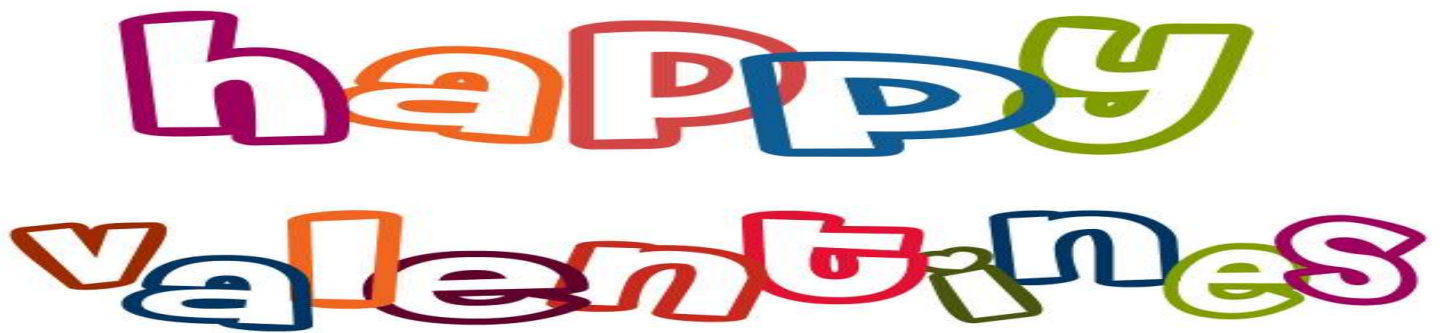
<i>February 06</i>	<i>John 11</i>
<i>February 13</i>	<i>John 12</i>
<i>February 20</i>	<i>Baptist Men's Day</i>
<i>February 27</i>	<i>WMU Sunday</i>

Children's Church

<i>February 06</i>	<i>Mary Jon Barefoot</i>
<i>February 13</i>	<i>Allison Tucker</i>
<i>February 20</i>	<i>Kay Surles</i>
<i>February 27</i>	<i>Tally Jackson</i>

Flowers

<i>February 06</i>	<i>Available</i>
<i>February 13</i>	<i>Available</i>
<i>February 20</i>	<i>Baptist Men's Day</i>
<i>February 27</i>	<i>WMU Sunday</i>



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