



# THE BAPTIST INFORMER

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

## JANUARY 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.*

*Immediately the fingers of a human hand appeared and began writing on the plaster of the wall of the royal palace, next to the lampstand. The king was watching the hand as it wrote. Then the king's face turned pale, and his thoughts terrified him. His limbs gave way, and his knees knocked together. The king cried aloud to bring in the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the diviners; and the king said to the wise men of Babylon, "Whoever can read this writing and tell me its interpretation shall be clothed in purple, have a chain of gold around his neck, and rank third in the kingdom."*

One of the more interesting books of the Old Testament (or the entirety of the Bible) is the Book of Daniel. It's the story of a Jewish young man caught up in events far beyond his control. Except for the fact that he remains faithful to God and is able to read the signs of the time. As a matter of fact, the story tells us that the Queen of Babylon (whose husband saw the writing on the wall mentioned above) reminds the king that Daniel is the one to explain the message because he possesses an "excellent spirit, knowledge, and understanding to interpret dreams, explain riddles, and solve problems." But Daniel could only do these things because God's spirit gave him discernment and direction.

I think this story reminds me that even in the midst of challenging times, seeking God's guidance is of utmost importance. We need to set aside some time to talk with God about the signs of the times; what they mean and how we are to proceed. I think this is true for us individually and collectively as a church. We need to open up our eyes and minds and hearts and discern God's will for us as we minister in word and deed to our community and our world.

So over the next few months the Board of Deacons will be spending some time doing just that. We will be working through a resource entitled *What's Normal Now? Discerning Next Steps for Your Church's Future*. Please be in prayer for this process and for the deacons as they take this journey. And may God guide us as a congregation as we begin a new year in service to Jesus Christ and in ministry to those whom Jesus Christ came to redeem. Happy New Year!

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Grace & Peace,

*John*



*Thank you...*

*...for supporting Samaritan's Purse  
Operation Christmas Child throughout 2021.  
Because of your generosity our church  
filled and sent 184 shoeboxes this year.*

*Our Four Oaks community collected*

*3863 shoeboxes.*

*The. Most. Ever!*

*Please keep the children in your prayers*

*as these shoeboxes make their way to*

*families around the globe.*

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A collection box will be placed in the library. The item to begin collecting in January is  
small toys for a boy or a girl. Remember ages are: 2-4, 5-9, 10-14.**

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*Thank You*

*Thank you so much for the opportunity to speak at your church.  
It was a great honor for myself and Kim to be a part of your church's homecoming service.  
God Bless You! Spencer McAlpine*

## Youth News!

Reflecting on 2021, we have come a long way. We started the year with online services and Youth via *Zoom* but have ended the year with many traditions our church holds dearly. There has been a lot of rebuilding and putting things back into place with a twist of newness. Isn't this the idea and movement of the Christian life? As Christians, we are born anew with faith in Christ (John 3)—not only for the individual but also as a community of believers. We look forward to the New Year of 2022 as the committee plans spring and summer activities.

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

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### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Wed., January 5<sup>th</sup>: 7pm in the Sanctuary**

***12<sup>th</sup> Night Christmas Concert for Kentucky Disaster Relief***

Come listen to music provided by members and friends of FBC Four Oaks. A love offering will be taken with proceeds donated to *NC Baptists on Mission* for the tornado victims in Kentucky. This is open to our church and community, so please invite everyone you know!

**Wed., January 12<sup>th</sup>:**

***Acteens 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade girls: 6:30-8pm @ the home of Heather Durham—***

***Dinner***

***CMITs 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade guys: 7-8pm in the Youth Room or Outside (weather permitting)***

***RA/GAs 6<sup>th</sup> grade 7-8pm in respective classes***



## Churchwide Missions for JANUARY 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 JANUARY 2022:**

The Agape Mission Group scheduled to meet on January 4, 2022.

Dorothy Parker Group will not meet in January.

The Lib Canaday Group will meet on January 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Missions for Christ Mission group will meet on January 2, at 2:00 p.m. in FH.

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**Our WMU circle groups provided 24 gift cards for the Christmas bags this year. The gift cards were delivered to the "home bound community members" during December by the youth and other WMU circle members.**

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. Also, if you are interested in participating on the program during the Focus Day let Laura Rogers or Brenda Barnes know.

**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 November 30, 2021, members from Group 3 will be the next group to serve a meal. Brenda Barnes, Sandra Turner and Laura Rogers are Co-Committee Chairs from Group 3.**

**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.**

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*Music provided by members and friends of First Baptist Four Oaks*

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**Sunday January 16th**  
**Baptist Men's Breakfast 7:45 AM**

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Young At Heart will meet January 18th  
11:30am in the Fellowship Hall

# JANUARY 2022

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

\*Designates each week

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HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR!

2 3 4 5 6 7 8

**\*10:00 AM**

Sunday School

**\*11:00 AM**

Worship

**2:00 PM** Missions  
for Christ Mission  
Group meets (FH)

**3:00 PM** Children's  
Comm. Meets

**6:00 PM**

Preschool Comm  
meets

**5:00 PM** Dorothy  
Parker Class Party

Agape Mission  
Group Meeting  
(cancelled for  
January)

**7:00 PM**

12th Night  
Christmas  
Concert

**\*12 - 2:00 PM**

Food Pantry Open

9 10 11 12 13 14 15

**7:00 PM**

Deacon Board  
Meets

Dorothy Parker  
Mission Group  
(no meeting in  
January)

**7:00 PM**

Discipleship  
Training Classes  
for all ages

**7:00 PM**

Lib Canaday Mission  
Group meets

16 17 18 19 20 21 22

**7:45 AM**

Baptist Men's  
Breakfast

**7:00 PM**

Discipleship  
Training Classes  
for all ages

23 24 25 26 27 28 29

**7:00 PM**

Discipleship  
Training Classes

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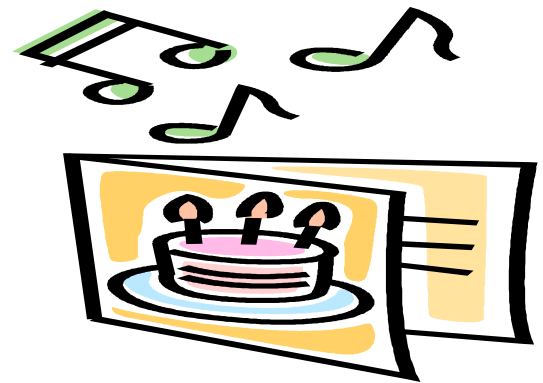


## *Birthdays*

- 01 *Daniel Sumerel*
- 02 *Alison Blackmon*
- 03 *Meilyn Norman*
- 05 *Tucker Barnes*
- 06 *Carmella Amelia Marie Norris*
- 07 *Nicholas Price Heritage, Michael Moore*
- 08 *Rebecca Thornton*
- 09 *Kelly Parker*
- 10 *Bailey Coe, Sherwood Lee*
- 11 *Caroline Coats*
- 12 *Andrew Baker, Liz Barbee*
- 14 *Jack Parker*
- 15 *Sterling Parker, Kay Surles*
- 16 *Jeffery Toothman*
- 18 *Seth Williams*
- 19 *Mario Gonzalez, Riley Ruth Raynor*
- 22 *Logan Baker, Harrison Byrd*
- 23 *Daniel Pineda*
- 24 *Walter Holt*
- 26 *Nancy Evans*
- 28 *Grant Stewart*
- 29 *Michael Byrd, Jennifer Dixon*

## *Anniversaries*

- 25 *Chris and Emily Vann*
- 26 *Jon and Tiffany Driggers*



***Cradle Roll (Worship)***

<i>January 02</i>	<i>Cheryl Chicki</i>
<i>January 09</i>	<i>Vicki Grimes</i>
<i>January 16</i>	<i>Brenda Strickland</i>
<i>January 23</i>	<i>Tally Jackson</i>
<i>January 30</i>	<i>Barbara Keen</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	Mrs. Kathy Parker

***2 - 5 year old Church Nursery (Worship)***

<i>January 02</i>	<i>Adam &amp; Mary Jon Barefoot</i>
<i>January 09</i>	<i>Holly &amp; Lannah Price</i>
<i>January 16</i>	<i>Chad &amp; Ursula Stewart</i>
<i>January 23</i>	<i>Yorke &amp; Thomas Johnson</i>
<i>January 30</i>	<i>Elizabeth &amp; Riley Raynor</i>

***Worship***

<i>January 02</i>	Epiphany Sunday
<i>January 09</i>	Baptism of the Lord
<i>January 16</i>	2nd Sunday after the Epiphany
<i>January 23</i>	3rd Sunday after the Epiphany
<i>January 30</i>	4th Sunday after the Epiphany

***Children's Church***

<i>January 02</i>	<i>Allison Tucker</i>
<i>January 09</i>	<i>Kay Surlles</i>
<i>January 16</i>	<i>Tally Jackson</i>
<i>January 23</i>	<i>Josh Champagne &amp; Robbie Adams</i>
<i>January 30</i>	<i>Melanie Autry</i>

***Flowers***

<i>January 02</i>	Church
<i>January 09</i>	Available
<i>January 16</i>	Available
<i>January 23</i>	Available
<i>January 30</i>	Available



*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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