



THE BAPTIST INFORMER

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

March 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.

Church: 963-2102
Parsonage: 963-3199
Preschool: 963-2013

www.fbcfouroaks.org

Be merciful to me, O God, because of your constant love. Because of your great mercy wipe away my sins! Wash away all my evil and make me clean from my sin! I recognize my faults; I am always conscious of my sins. I have sinned against you—only against you—and done what you consider evil. So you are right in judging me; you are justified in condemning me. I have been evil from the day I was born; from the time I was conceived, I have been sinful. Sincerity and truth are what you require; fill my mind with your wisdom. Remove my sin, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear the sounds of joy and gladness; and though you have crushed me and broken me, I will be happy once again. Close your eyes to my sins and wipe out all my evil. Create a pure heart in me, O God, and put a new and loyal spirit in me. Do not banish me from your presence; do not take your holy spirit away from me.

Give me again the joy that comes from your salvation, and make me willing to obey you. Then I will teach sinners your commands, and they will turn back to you. Spare my life, O God, and save me, and I will gladly proclaim your righteousness. Help me to speak, Lord, and I will praise you. You do not want sacrifices, or I would offer them; you are not pleased with burnt offerings. My sacrifice is a humble spirit, O God; you will not reject a humble and repentant heart.

Psalm 51:1-17 (Good News Translation)

RELAY FOR LIFE 2022

April 30th FBC Silent Auction

*In the fellowship hall, 10am to 3pm.

*If you have goods or services to donate for auction or a drawing, contact Kay, Marilyn, or Samantha.

*Consider posting a flyer for the auction.

March 15th Relay Kickoff

*Smithfield-Selma High School Cafeteria, 7pm

May 8th FBC Mother's Day Bake Sale

*In the library right after worship.

*Please bring donated baked goods to the library.

*If you (or your mom) have a favorite you'd like to see on the table, let Samantha know.

May 13th Relay for Life

*Smithfield-Selma High football field, 5pm

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

Thank You...

To our Church Family, Thank you so much for the love and support you extended to our family during the loss of our sister, Belle Whittington. Words are hard to express how we feel, but we are so blessed to have people like you in our lives to pray and love on us by your words and deeds, giving us strength to get through this difficult time, even though it is a part of life. Our thanks go out to John and Marie for reminding us through your message of who Belle was. Belle loved people and especially the people at FBCFO. Thank you for all the cards, flowers, and face book messages. You folks really showed up with your presence in person and on-line; we thank the cook team and White Swan for your hard work to prepare the delicious meal for our family. Ann and I (Jean) love and appreciate you all so very much. Keep us in your prayers!

Dear FBCFO, Thank you for the flower that you sent to Mama's Service. Thank you also for the meal you served us following the funeral. In His Love, Amy Whittington, Neal Whittington

Youth News!

Nothing too crazy happening in Youth—I guess that could be a good thing or a bad thing, depending on your perspective. We are back into a routine after the holidays and Covid spikes. Thankfully most everyone has returned and are healthy—definitely a praise! Here is a look at some events this spring and summer. We do not yet have exact dates for everything, but if all goes well, plans 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., March 2nd:

Ash Wednesday Service: 7-8pm All age groups

Wed., March 9th:

Acteens 7-12th grade girls: 6:30-8pm (Other details TBD)

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

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

Fri., April 22nd:

Youth Sleep Out: Increasing Homelessness Awareness

(More details to come)

(Previously known as Cardboard City)



Churchwide Missions for March 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 MARCH 2022:

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

Dorothy Parker Group will meet on March 8, 2022.

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

Missions for Christ Mission Group will meet on March 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 March is washcloths 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.

TEBA-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 15 and candidates will be announced in May at TEBA-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 TEBA office, 102 W. Noble Street, Selma, N.C. 27576.

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 on April 17. The offering goal for 2022 is \$70 million. So, 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.

Watch for the Date: Kennedy Home Food Drive in May 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 February 2022, 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.



Sunday March 20th
7:45 AM
Baptist Men's Breakfast



Young At Heart will meet on March 15th
at 11:30am at the Four Oaks Restaurant

MARCH 2022

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

*Designates each week

		1	2	3	4	5
		10:30 AM Agape Mission Group Meeting	*7:00 PM Discipleship Training classes for all ages	*12 - 2:00 PM Food Pantry Open		
6 *10:00 AM Sunday School *11:00 AM Worship 2:00 PM Missions for Christ Mission Group meets in FH 7:00 PM Deacon Board meets— Rescheduled for March 13th Relay for Life Survivor Sunday	7	8 7:00 PM Dorothy Parker Group meets	9	10 7:00 PM Lib Canaday Circle Group meets 7:00 PM VBS Committee meets	11	12
13 7:00 PM Deacon Board meets	14 7:00 PM Bldg. & Grounds Comm. meets	15 11:30 AM Young at Heart meets at the Four Oaks Restaurant 7:00 PM Relay for Life Kickoff-Smithfield Selma HS	16	17 7:00 PM Youth Committee meets	18	19
20 7:45 AM Baptist Men's Breakfast	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		
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Birthdays

- 02 *Trent Tucker*
- 03 *David Elam*
Charlie Hatch
Jan Lee
- 04 *Wesley Strickland*
- 05 *Brenda Strickland*
- 06 *Celeste Byrd*
- 07 *Deanna Barbour*
Adam Lee
Dan Lee
- 08 *Carson Hamilton-Gregory*
Jason Stephenson
- 09 *Colin Carberry*
Michael Daniel
- 10 *Ann Durham*
Jake Rigsbee
Ron Sloan
- 11 *Lynn Williams*
- 12 *Alfred Massengill*
- 13 *Cindy Sumerel*
- 15 *Dianne Heritage*
Phyllis Toothman
Neal Whittington
- 16 *Jennifer Elaine Kyle Iglesias*
Chris Vann
Cameron White
- 17 *Jami Champagne*
Dillon Parks
- 18 *Jessica Sharp*
- 19 *Logan Barbee*
Janet Martin
- 22 *Sabrina Grady*
- 23 *Lindsey Barbee*
Rachel Reese Raynor

- 25 *Emmy Byrd*
- 26 *Heather Durham*
- 27 *Adam Barefoot*
Thomas Johnson
Linwood Parker
Steffon Pell
Sarah Whittington
- 28 *Brenda Barnes*
Joan Santoro
Melissa Eakin
- 30 *Jeff Britt*



Anniversaries

- 17 *Eric and Amanda Strickland*
- 23 *Charlie and Ann Templeton*
- 28 *Terry and Kathy Parker*



Cradle Roll (Worship)

March 06 *Amanda Strickland*
 March 13 *Vicki Grimes*
 March 20 *Brenda Strickland*
 March 27 *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	Mrs. Heather Durham

2 - 5 year old Church Nursery (Worship)

March 06 *Yorke and Thomas Johnson*
 March 13 *Elizabeth and Riley Ruth Raynor*
 March 20 *Deanna Barbour*
 March 27 *Brian and Hollie Winters*

Worship

March 06 *1st Sunday in Lent/
Relay for Life Survivor Sunday*
 March 13 *2nd Sunday in Lent*
 March 20 *3rd Sunday in Lent*
 March 27 *4th Sunday in Lent*

Children's Church

March 06 *Josh Champagne & Robbie Adams*
 March 13 *Melanie Autry*
 March 20 *Michele Norman*
 March 27 *Mary Jon Barefoot*

Flowers

March 06 *Available*
 March 13 *Available*
 March 20 *Available*
 March 27 *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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