



# THE BAPTIST INFORMER

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

## October 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.*

**We are excited to be participating in  
Operation INASMUCH  
again this year!**

**The planning team has some projects planned,  
but if you know of any other local projects,  
please contact the church office, *Terry Parker,  
Roy Turner, Don Rogers, or Laura Rogers* by  
Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>.**

**DATE:**

**Saturday, October 22, 2022**

**TIME:**

**7:00am Continental Breakfast**

**8:00am Work Begins**

**We will work until projects are complete!**

**Sign ups begin Sunday, October 2nd!**

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

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## Preschool News

We are **falling** in love with preschool! We are excited about the themes for October: The Five Senses, Community Helpers, Farm & Pumpkins, and Halloween. The Four Oaks Fire Department and Mr. Brandon Allen will visit the Preschool for Community Helper week. We will take a field trip to Tart's Mega Corn Maze in Dunn, North Carolina. Finally, on October 26<sup>th</sup> our preschoolers will enjoy Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot. We still have one vacancy in our four-year-old class. Please share this vacancy with friends and family members. Thank you, church family, for your prayers and support.

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### *Thank You...*

*Thank you for the gift of a new Bible . I have it at college with me. I enjoyed the Graduate Breakfast. Thank you for all the positive influences through the years.  
Caroline Martin*

# Youth News!

The Disciples and DISC personality tests have been fun the last couple of weeks. It has been interesting to see the similar and different groupings of personalities. It has been especially interesting to see the similar personalities with the youth and adults together. We have our last one October 5<sup>th</sup> with the Enneagram led by Heather Durham. If you have not participated in these, they are helpful tools that help us learn more about ourselves and how we relate to others.

The rest of this year's study will be about Biblical Hospitality and being a missional people. We will use the book and workbook *Making Room: Recovering Hospitality as a Christian Tradition*. We have a new time for **Youth-aged kids 7-8:30pm**. It is extended by 30 minutes for an extra time of fellowship. The youth end up staying a little over to play basketball or hang out after class, but if they need to leave at 8, they will not miss any class time.

We will also start a Youth Sunday Dinner-*Koinonia Youth Dinner*- once a month beginning October 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8pm. We will have a Youth dinner with some discussion and some time to fellowship. ***If you or someone you know (maybe a small group) would be interested in providing the meal, please contact me.***

There are several activities for October & November listed below. There are also opportunities to sign up to help with our food pantry Thursdays 12-2pm. Let me know if you have questions about any of the events.

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 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](mailto:fofbcyouth@gmail.com).

Grace and Peace to all,

Jami Champagne

Youth Email: [fofbcyouth@gmail.com](mailto:fofbcyouth@gmail.com)

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

**Weds., October \*\*Postponed\*\***—*First meeting for Acteens/CMITs (7-12 grade girls and guys)*

**Sun., October 16<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8pm**—*Koinonia Youth Dinner in the Fellowship Hall*

**Sat. October 22<sup>nd</sup> 7am-(until work is complete)**—*Operation InAsMuch*

**Fri., October 28 - Sun., October 30<sup>th</sup>**—*Youth Caswell Retreat*

**Weds., November 9<sup>th</sup>** — *Churchwide Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing*

**Sun., November 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8pm**— *Koinonia Youth Thanksgiving Dinner in the FH*



**Churchwide Missions for October 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 OCTOBER 2022:**

The Agape Mission Group will meet on October 4 at 10:30 a.m. in the FH.

The Dorothy Parker Group will not meet in October.

The Lib Canaday Group will meet on October 13 at 7:00 p.m.

The Missions for Christ Mission Group will meet on October 2 at 2:00 p.m.

**Just a few months left now 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. As you pack your shoeboxes do not forget to include the \$9.00 for postage. This year offers a new way to follow your shoebox. A label is provided that is scanned and postage of \$10 will identify the country that your shoebox lands. If we dream big, we can reach 200 shoeboxes again!**

**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.**

**October 13, 2022 – Doors Open: 6:30 p.m. Dinner and Program: 7:00-9:00 p.m.**  
Choices Pregnancy Center hosting a banquet at The Farm. Let Laura Rogers know if you are interested.

**October 22, 2022 – Operation-In-As-Much: Starts 8:00-3:00 p.m.**  
Continental breakfast at 7:00 a.m. WMU circle groups responsible for items served at breakfast. Items needed: fruit, milk, donuts, muffins, yogurt, soft drinks, snacks (individual snacks bags). Bring to church kitchen on Friday, October 21.

**TEBA-WMU Baptist Women World Day of Prayer "Victorious LIFE!"** is scheduled on **November 7** at 7:00 p.m. The host church TBA. A "Spirit Award" will be given to the church with the most members attending. Carpool will be available if you are interested in attending. Please let Laura Rogers know at 919-219-4528.

Redbox Ministry due November 4. For many incarcerated women, a shoe box full of toiletries may be the only Christmas gift they receive. This year we are collecting toothpaste 6-9 oz. Leave in original box. A collection box is in the church library.

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 September 15, 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.

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Tuesday ~ October 18th  
11:30 AM

The Young at Heart will meet for lunch in the FH.

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Baptist Men's Breakfast

Sunday ~ October 16th

7:30 AM - **Cancelled due to OIAM**

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### Relay for Life Update

Thank you all for your input concerning Relay for Life 2022-2023.  
The Silent Auction option received the most votes,  
so get your items ready for the Auction!  
\*\*\*Date to be determined\*\*\*







## Birthdays

- 01 Isaac Barefoot  
Denise Hamilton  
Emma Ruth Parker
- 02 Evan Barefoot
- 03 Melanie Autry  
Stephan Champagne  
Jonathan McLamb
- 04 Grimes Stewart
- 06 Delilah Sharp
- 07 Michael Fish  
Vicki Grimes
- 08 Terry Parker
- 09 Greg Jackson
- 10 Anda Abrams
- 11 Elizabeth Fish
- 12 Myrtle Lassiter  
Frank Moore
- 13 Josh Champagne
- 14 Sam Gregory  
Adam Norris
- 15 Asher Champagne
- 16 Alexander Britt
- 17 Susan Sloan
- 20 Mary Leigh Hamilton  
Charley Johnson
- 21 Effie Dunn
- 22 Julia Moore  
Mary Hunter Olive
- 23 Luke Clothier  
Roy Turner
- 24 Zeke Sharp

- 26 Lydia Carberry  
Jaxon Combs
- 30 Jimmy Coats
- 31 Kara Britt  
Keith Coe



## Anniversaries

- 03 Stephen and Tanya Carberry
- 05 Tim and Terri Barbour  
Michael and Wanda White
- 07 Jason and Vicki Lee
- 09 Craig and Elizabeth Boyd
- 10 Jason and Christie Stephenson
- 12 Tim and Connie Grady
- 15 Cliff and Jessi Sharp
- 22 Bobby and Judy Creech



***Cradle Roll (Worship)***

October 02                      *Amanda Strickland*  
 October 09                      ***Volunteer needed***  
 October 16                      ***Volunteer needed***  
 October 23                      *Tally Jackson*  
 October 30                      *Barbara Keen*

***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	Mr. Scott Whitley

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

October 02                      *Michele and Laley Norman*  
 October 09                      *Adam and Mary Jon Barefoot*  
 October 16                      *Holly and Lannah Price*  
 October 23                      *Amanda and Lela Jo Strickland*  
 October 30                      *Yorke and Thomas Johnson*

***Worship***

*During Worship in October we will be taking a deeper dive into our spiritual lives and the way the Holy Spirit transforms us and shapes us into the person God desires us to be. We hope you can join us for worship in October!*

***Children's Church***

October 02                      *Tally Jackson*  
 October 09                      *Josh Champagne and Robbie Adams*  
 October 16                      *Melanie Autry*  
 October 23                      *Mary Jon Barefoot*  
 October 30                      *Allison Tucker*

***Flowers***

October 02	<i>Available</i>
October 09	<i>Available</i>
October 16	<i>Available</i>
October 23	<i>Available</i>
October 30	<i>Available</i>



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