



THE BAPTIST INFORMER

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

January 2023

*Because of the LORD's great love
we are not consumed,
for his compassions never fail.
They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.*

Lamentations 3:22-23

Happy New Year!

*John Norman, Jr.
Jami Champagne
Deirdre Parker
Phyllis Toothman
Annette Langdon
Summer McLamb
Betty Jo Adams
Frank Moore*

*Kay Surlis
Annette Langdon
Betty Jean Thornton
Cindy McKenzie
Elizabeth Boyd
Laura Rogers
Phyllis Austin
Tina Peterson
Ellen Boyd*

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
Preschool: 963-2013*

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Preschool News



I want to start by saying thank you to our church family and preschool parents for supporting the FBCFO Preschool Luminary Fundraiser. "THANK YOU!"

The themes for December were Dinosaurs, Baby Jesus, and Christmas. During Dinosaur Week, Jack Parker donated egg gourds that looked like real dinosaur eggs. The students enjoyed painting the eggs and decorating them with stickers.

Pastor John and Jami shared the Psalm for our Devotion. Mrs. Annette played the piano as the preschoolers sang "Away in a Manager." We had our Christmas Workshop on December 14th. Our parents were in charge of seven centers. We even had a visit from Santa and our own Carly Fogleman took pictures. Steve Chicki, Betty Jo Adams and several others helped in the kitchen with Hot Chocolate and decorating Christmas Cookies. The preschoolers had a great time!

Our themes for January are Snow & Hibernation, Superheroes & Fairytales, Pets, Chinese New Year and Nursery Rhymes. Our students return on January 3rd. I want to thank the Preschool Committee: Lauren Strickland, Samantha Surlles, Kathy Parker, Don Rogers, Gloria Massengill, and Carly Fogleman. A special thank you to Pastor John Norman, Tim Grady, and the Preschool Faculty. As we start 2023, we ask for your continued prayers and support.

We wish everyone a Happy New Year!

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 January are listed below. We have re-scheduled the Youth Christmas Party Lock-In for January 6th. The *Koinonia* Youth Dinner is back for 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

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Fri., January 6-7th:

Youth Christmas Party Lock-in
6:30pm-6:30am

Sun., January 15th:

Children of the Son @ Beulah Hill

Fri., January 27-29th:

Youth Ski Trip



**Churchwide Missions for January 2023
WMU/Women's Ministry News**

**WMU Watchword: "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."
(Romans 12:12 NCV)**

Scheduled Events for WMU Mission groups in JANUARY 2023:

**The Agape Mission Group will meet on January 3 at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
The Dorothy Parker Group will meet on January 10 at 7:00 p.m.
The Lib Canaday Group will meet on January 12 at 7:00 p.m.
The Missions for Christ Mission Group will meet on Sunday, January 8 at 2:00 p.m.**

**The Operation Christmas Child – Samaritan Purse project collected 202 shoeboxes in 2022.
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.)**

**Beginning in January 2023, we will start collecting items for the Samaritan Purse Shoebox
for 2023: 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.
If we dream big, we can reach 200 shoeboxes again!**

**Our WMU Circle Groups provided 20 gift cards for the "Senior Home Bound Community"
Members this year. The gift cards were delivered to these seniors during December by the
WMU Circle Members.**

We are making plans for the **WMU Focus Day on Sunday, February 26, 2023**. This year we will be honoring the women who passed away during the year. Belle Whittington, Laura Faye Canaday, Sylvia Pittman, Peggy Mayo, Edna Johnson, Nancy Langdon and Cheryl Chicki. If you would like to pay special recognition during the WMU Service in remembering one of these ladies, please let Laura Rogers know. The guest speaker is Becca Lindhout, WMU NC Consultant for Adults, Children and Ministry Involvement.

A new theme for WMU A 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.

Also, if you are interested in participating during the program for the 2023 WMU Focus Day let Laura Rogers or Brenda Barnes know.

WMU NC Mission Conference and 132nd Annual Meeting is scheduled for **April 28-29, 2023**, at Lawndale Baptist Church in Greensboro, N.C. The theme is **“Ignite!”** Information will be coming soon on the WMU NC 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 19, 2022, members from Group 1 will be the next group to serve a meal: Margaret Baker, Donna Baker and Kathy Parker 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 ~ January 17th
11:30 AM**

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

**Baptist Men's Breakfast
Sunday ~ January 15th at 7:30 AM
(Please note that the breakfast time has changed to 7:30)**

JANUARY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
*Designates each week						
1	2	3 10:30 AM Agape Mission Group meets	4 *7:00 PM Discipleship Training classes for all ages	5 *12-2:00 PM Food Pantry open	6	7
8 *10:00 AM Sunday School *11:00 AM Worship 2:00 PM Missions for Christ Missions Group 5:00 PM Preschool Comm meets 7:00 PM Deacon Board	9 7:00 PM Bldg. and Grounds Committee meets	10 7:00 PM Dorothy Parker Circle meets	11	12 7:00 PM Lib Canaday Group meets	13	14 FH Reserved
15 7:30 AM Baptist Men's Breakfast	16	17 11:30 AM Young at Heart meets in the FH for lunch	18	19	20	21
Communion						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 FH Reserved
29	30	31				



Birthdays

- 01 Daniel Sumerel
- 02 Alison Blackmon
- 03 Meilyn Norman
- 05 Tucker Barnes
- 06 Carmella Amelia Marie Norris
- 07 Nicholas Price Heritage
Michael Moore
- 09 Kelly Parker
- 10 Bailey Coe
Sherwood Lee
- 11 Caroline Coats
- 12 Andrew Baker
Liz Barbee
- 14 Jack Parker
- 15 Sterling Parker
Kay Surlles
- 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

- 22 Don and Debbie Champagne
- 25 Chris and Emily Vann
- 26 Jon and Tiffany Driggers



Cradle Roll (Worship)

January 01 *Amanda Strickland*
 January 08 ***Volunteer needed***
 January 15 ***Volunteer needed***
 January 22 *Tally Jackson*
 January 29 *Barbara Keen*

First Baptist Contacts

Pastor	Rev. John Norman, Jr.
Minister of Music	Mrs. Phyllis Toothman
Minister of Youth	Mrs. Jami Champagne
Secretary	Mrs. Deirdre Parker
Organist	Ms. Annette Langdon
Pianist	Mrs. Summer McLamb
Preschool Interim Director	Mrs. Kay Surles
Deacon for the Month	Mr. Adam Barefoot

2 - 5 year old Church Nursery (Worship)

January 01 *Adam and Mary Jon Barefoot*
 January 08 *Holly and Lannah Price*
 January 15 *Amanda and Lela Jo Strickland*
 January 22 *Yorke and Thomas Johnson*
 January 29 *Elizabeth and Riley Ruth Raynor*

Worship

*We hope you will join us for worship
 on Sunday mornings in January*

Children's Church

January 01 *Melanie Autry*
 January 08 *Mary Jon Barefoot*
 January 15 *Allison Tucker*
 January 22 *Tally Jackson*
 January 29 *Josh Champagne & Robbie Adams*

Flowers

January 01 *Available*
 January 08 *Available*
 January 15 *Available*
 January 22 *Available*
 January 29 *Available*



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