

Coronation 2022

May 1, 2022
First Baptist Church - Four Oaks

What describes a Coronation? It is a WMU award ceremony for Mission Friends, Girls in Action and Acteens. First Baptist Church in Four Oaks, NC is the only remaining church in Johnston County to have a Coronation.

Girls who have achieved the steps of the highest honor entailing many mission projects are recognized on the first Sunday night in May of each year. This year, after two years of not having it due to the pandemic, a Coronation was held. Each group had a part in the ceremony as numerous flowers adorned the pulpit with candles glowing in the windows.

This past September, the WMU of First Baptist Church in Four Oaks celebrated 100 years of service. There have been 24 ladies who served as WMU director over the years. There are four WMU groups: Agape, Missions for Christ Mission Group, Dorothy Parker Group and the Lib Canaday group. Mrs. Laura Rogers and Mrs. Brenda Barnes are Co-Directors.

The Freda Parks Creech award for "WMU Woman of the Year" was presented during the morning church service. This award has been given to an outstanding WMU member, Ms. Creech. She was an outstanding leader and served as Director of Missions Friends, Girls in Action and Acteens for many years. She had a servant's heart and taught us the life lesson "to follow your passions." This year's recipient was awarded to Mrs. Carol Moore.

There are 8 Mission Friends and 12 Girls in Action. There are 11 Acteens. Dressed in formal gowns, the fathers of the Acteens escorted their daughters to the pulpit where each Acteens reported on the mission project they chose to work on this year.

Following the Coronation Ceremony, a reception was held in the Fellowship Hall. The WMU ladies and parents of those participating in the ceremony provided food for 135 people.

On May 15, during the morning church service, the Royal Ambassadors were honored for their work this year. There are seven boys who achieved badges. A pizza and ice cream lunch were served by the WMU ladies after the service.

We praise God for the many leaders that work with these mission's organizations. Eighteen leaders work tirelessly serving and teaching all these children and youth. It is a sacrifice, yet a joy that the leaders give of their time and service. Thank you FBC, Four Oaks!

