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# THE BAPTIST INFORMER

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

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**February 2019**

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## Dates to Remember

### **Sunday, February 24th**

WMU Focus Sunday during Worship  
Guest Speaker: Rev. Kristen Muse-  
Associate Pastor at Hayes Barton Baptist Church in Raleigh  
**A Covered Dish Luncheon will follow in the FH**

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### **Sunday, March 3rd**

Relay for Life Survivor Sunday

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### **Saturday, March 16th**

RA Racers

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### **Saturday, April 13th**

Party of Tables!  
Please contact Marilyn Parker at 919-300-1426 with questions

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### **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](http://www.fbcfouroaks.org)

## Worship in February

**February 3, 2019**

*The Story We Find Ourselves In: Joel*

**February 10, 2019**

*The Story We Find Ourselves In: Obadiah*

**February 17, 2019**

*The Story We Find Ourselves In: Micah*

**February 24, 2019**

*WMU Sunday*

*Guest Speaker: Rev. Kristen Muse*

*Associate Pastor at Hayes Barton Baptist Church  
in Raleigh*

## Wednesdays in February

- 6:00 PM** Dinner Served - Suggested Cost:  
**\$4.00 per meal**  
**\$2.00 (4-10 years old)**  
**Free (3years old and under)**
- 6:30 PM** Prayer Meeting - Adults & Youth  
Music/Worship - Children
- 7:00 PM** Discipleship Training  
(See Schedule Below)
- 8:00 PM** Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### *Discipleship Training Schedule for February*

- February 6th:** RA's/GA's  
Acteens/CMIT  
Adults: *Disciples Path - Who Is Jesus?*
- February 13th:** RA's/GA's  
Youth: *Heaven -Part 1*  
Adults: *Disciples Path-What Did Jesus Do?*
- February 20th:** Children and Youth: *Labyrinth or Love*  
Adults: *Disciples Path -Following Jesus*
- February 27th:** Children: Group Activity - *Beekeepers*  
Youth: *Heaven-Part 2*  
Adults: *Disciples Path-The Priorities of A Disciple*

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### *Meal Schedule for February*

- February 6th** Dorothy Parker A (Patsy Parker)  
**February 13th:** Choir B (Carol Moore)  
**February 20th:** Agape Circle (Ann Massengill)  
**February 27th:** Choir A (Phyllis Toothman)
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### *Thank You...*

*Dear Friends: We want to thank you for donating Christmas gifts and school supplies. Our children know that true heroes don't wear capes and leap buildings in single bounds, but are individuals just like each one of you who give so lovingly from their hearts. We always seek to be good stewards of the gifts of time, talents, and financial resources that are entrusted to us.*

*Each year we try to advance our mission of "sharing hope and.....changing lives." Generous gifts from friends like you provide the financial and moral support needed to continue our mission.*

*In closing, God does answer prayers. Each of you are living, breathing proof of that fact. May God bless you and fill your hearts with love and blessings as you have enlightened the hearts and lives of so many children, here at Kennedy Home.*

*Sincerely, Brian Baltzell, Director, Kennedy Home*

**If you would like to see individual cards from children at the Kennedy Home, they are posted on the bulletin board.**

## Youth News!

The Youth Committee has been hard at work the last couple of months planning activities and finding teachers to fill in on Wednesday nights in David's absence. We have also started the process of finding a new Youth Pastor. Please be in prayer for the Youth, Youth Parents, Our Congregation, Youth Committee, and Personnel Committee during this transition.

The committee has decided on a name for what was formerly "David's Dudes". **Christian Men in Training or CMIT**. Stevie Edwards and Josh Champagne led the young men in January with the curriculum, *Be a Man*. Caleb Thornton will be leading in February. The Youth Committee is looking for men in the congregation that feel led to help with the CMIT's or have a message they would like to share with these special young men. CMIT is 7-12<sup>th</sup> grades and will typically meet the first Wednesday of the month from 7pm-8pm. Please let a Committee Member know if you are interested in leading a night! Thanks to all that have volunteered. Your impact and sacrifice for these young men is so important in their Christian walk!

On **Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>**, the Youth will go out for pizza and bowling.

Finally, upon David's departure here at FBCFO, some of the youth are interested in the church's process of hiring a Youth Pastor. To be transparent with the Youth and Youth Parents, we have been sending updates of the Committee's progress via email of the Youth Weekly Updates. Currently, the job description has been sent out and is also available on the church's website. The posting will remain open until January 31<sup>st</sup>. *Please see a Youth or Personnel Committee Member if there are questions, concerns, or suggestions.*

**The Youth and Youth Parents are sent a weekly update via email. This usually includes sign-ups for events and recaps of the previous week's events. If anyone is interested in receiving these email updates, we would love to add you to the list! Send an email to [fofbcyouth@gmail.com](mailto:fofbcyouth@gmail.com) and we would be glad to add you and keep you in the loop!**  
**Thanks for supporting our Youth!**

### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**February 1 - Youth Outing---Bowling**

We are in the process of planning some Mission Projects and events for Easter.  
Be on the lookout!



## Churchwide Missions for February 2019 WMO/Women's Ministry News

**WMU Watchword:** "... My dear friends, stand firm and don't be shaken. Always keep busy working for the Lord. You know that everything you do for him is worthwhile." (1 Cor. 15:58 CEV).

### **Events for WMU Mission Groups February 2019:**

**Agape Mission Group meets on Tuesday, February 5th at 10:30 AM in the FH with Ann Massengill.**  
**Lib Canaday Circle meets on Thursday, February 14th at 7:00 PM in the library.**  
**Dorothy Parker Circle meets on Tuesday, February 12th at 7:00 PM in the Prayer Room.**  
**Missions for Christ Mission Group meets on Thursday, February 7th at 6:00 PM in the FH with Brenda Barnes and Laura Rogers.**

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The **Johnston Community College Campus Ministry** on Wednesdays throughout the winter. Each week this ministry needs at least \$90 towards purchasing food and drinks for the weekly Bible Study. (Attendance last fall averaged 39 in the Wednesday meetings). If you are able to help with this, please let Kelton Hinton or Tonya Grice know at JBA office. This is the largest campus college ministry in the state, so please try and support these students.

The **SECU Hospice House in Smithfield** is requesting that area church groups make meals for those individuals who have a family member staying in Hospice. The coordinator of this project is asking for desserts on Wednesday nights and a lunch on Saturday or dinner on Sunday nights. This would entail **15 individually wrapped desserts on Wednesday** and **Saturdays/Sundays** would require **15 lunches or dinner plated items wrapped**. An updated schedule for the **2019 year** will be sent out by the church office. Anyone or group interested in working on this project contact Laura Rogers for a sign up date or Wanda Johnson at Hospice in Smithfield with your selected date and menu item.

**Sunday, February 24, 2019 is WMU Focus Sunday.** The guest speaker is Rev. Kristen Muse, Associate Pastor at Hayes Barton Baptist Church in Raleigh. Rev. Muse ministers in Christian Education, Communications, Outreach, Missions and Pastoral Care. The WMU theme for 2019 is, "**Unshakable Pursuit**" from 1 Corinthians 15:58 CEV, will be presented during the morning church service. The **2019 Watchword:** "**My dear friends, stand firm and don't be shaken. Always keep busy working for the Lord. You know that everything you do for him is worthwhile.**" The four WMU groups have been assigned to bring a **salad, veggies or dessert for a covered dish lunch** to be served after the morning service in the Fellowship Hall. All women of the church are invited to attend the lunch, including the WMU groups, Acteens, G.A.'s and Mission Friends.

**The JBA-WMU and Women's Ministry is offering the 2019 Mitchiner Scholarship. Once again any Baptist Association high school senior is eligible. A copy of the application is posted on the WMU-Women's Ministry bulletin board. Please note each category very carefully when submitting the application. Applications must be submitted by March 15th.**

**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.**

**The newly revised Funeral Food Committee sheets are available on the table. We have tried to keep this updated to better serve everyone.**

**Save the Date: WMU Mission Extravaganza and Annual Meeting are scheduled for April 26-27 at Trinity Baptist church in Raleigh. Registration is online at WMUNC.org.**

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**Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child**  
Item for the month of February: Toothbrushes

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**Preschool News**

First of all, a BIG BIG Thank You to all parents and grandparents who helped make our Christmas Workshop a most Magical Morning. It was a great day and a great kick off for Christmas Break.

In January, we learned about Snow, Hibernation, Super Heroes, Princesses and Fairy Tales. We had bear hunts and went through some tough superhero basic training. We had a silly circus parade and showed off our team spirit. Our teachers are wonderful at making each week special.

Starting on February 1st, we will begin taking sign ups for next year. If you or anyone you know is interested in FBCFO Preschool, please contact Carol Adams at 919-300-9301.

Our themes for February include: The first week is Chinese New Year. The next week is Valentines. The third week is "I Can Cook" Week. We would love to have some volunteers come and help us cook. If you love to cook, bake, and eat, let us know! The last week is Dr. Seuss Week.

On Wednesday, February 27th, we will be eating GREEN EGGS and HAM!

Wish List: Baby Wipes, Clorox Wipes, Hand Sanitizer, and Glue Sticks.  
Cereal Boxes and Shoe Boxes (for a project)

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**Food Pantry News!**

**In 2018 the Food Pantry served 736 Adults and 418 Kids for a total of 1,154 people in all. In addition, they served 51 new families with a total of 178 people within those families.**

# FEBRUARY 2019

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

**\*Designates each week**

**\*10:00 AM**

Sunday School

**\*11:00 AM**

Worship

**1**

Youth going

Bowling

**2**

**3**

**5:00 PM**

Deacon Board meets

**6:00 PM**

Preschool Committee meets

**4**

**5**

**10:30 AM**

Agape Mission Group meets in the FH with Ann Massengill

**7:00 PM**

Dorothy Parker Circle meets in the Prayer Room

**6**

**\*6:00 PM**

Fellowship Meal

**\*6:30 PM**

Prayer Meeting Ch./Youth Choirs

**7:00 PM**

RA's/GA's Acteens/CMIT Adults: Disciples Path

**7**

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

Food Pantry open at church

**6:00 PM**

Missions for Christ Mission Group meets in the FH with Brenda Barnes and Laura Rogers

**8**

**9**

**12:00 Noon**

Bible Journaling in FH

**FH Reserved**

**10**

**11**

**7:00 PM**

Bldg. and Grounds Comm. meets

**12**

**7:00 PM**

Dorothy Parker Circle meets in the Prayer Room

**13**

**7:00 PM**

RA's/GA's Youth: Heaven-Part 1 Adults: Disciples Path

**14**

**7:00 PM**

Lib Canaday Circle meets in the library

**15**

**16**

**17**

**7:45 AM**

Baptist Men's Breakfast

**18**

**19**

**11:30 AM**

Young at Heart Luncheon Group has lunch at the Mayflower in Smithfield

**7:00 PM**

Worship Committee meets

**20**

**7:00 PM**

Children and Youth: Labyrinth or Love Walk Adults: Disciples Path

**21**

**7:00 PM**

Personnel Committee meets

**22**

**23**

**24**

**11:00 AM**

**WMU Sunday**

**6-8:00 PM**

Prayer Vigil in Sanctuary

**25**

**26**

**7:00 PM**

Outreach Planning Committee meets

**27**

**7:00 PM**

Children: Group Activity-Beekeepers Youth: Heaven-Part 2 Adults: Disciples Path

**28**



## **Birthdays**

- 01 *Virgil Moore*
- 02 *Janie Olive*  
*Cliff Sharp*
- 03 *Keith Norris*
- 08 *Kelly Hatch*  
*Carol Moore*
- 09 *Tiffany Driggers*
- 16 *Ben Edwards*  
*Dory McGuire*  
*Summer McLamb*
- 17 *Ann Templeton*
- 18 *Debbie Lee*  
*Elizabeth Raynor*
- 19 *Robert Allen*  
*Sam Thornton*
- 20 *Johnnie Sue Lee*
- 21 *Keith Durham*
- 22 *Jennifer Hamby*
- 23 *Holland Isabella Heritage*
- 24 *Lisa Gonzalez*  
*Connie Grady*
- 25 *Hampton Thomas Whittington*
- 28 *Olivia White*

## **Anniversaries**

- 25 *Jimmy and Deborah Coats*
- 26 *Lee and Kelly Hatch*



***Cradle Roll***

*February 3rd Wendy Heritage*  
*February 10th Logan Baker & Vicki Grimes*  
*February 17th Michele Norman*  
*February 24th Debbie Blackmon & Tally Jackson*

***First Baptist Contacts***

Pastor	Rev. John Norman, Jr.
Minister of Music	Mrs. Phyllis Toothman
Secretary	Mrs. Deirdre Parker
Organist	Ms. Annette Langdon
Pianist	Mrs. Summer McLamb
Preschool Director	Mrs. Carol Adams
Deacon for the Month	Mr. Terry Parker

***Nursery (2's & 3's)***

*February 3rd Carol and Robbie Adams*  
*February 10th Barbara Keen & Vicki Grimes*  
*February 17th Hollie and Brian Winters*  
*February 24th Amy Elam and Haylee Bishop*

***Acolytes***

*February 3rd Lannah Price*  
*February 10th Caleb McLamb*  
*February 17th Wesley Strickland*  
*February 24th Callie Mack Adams*

***Children's Church***

*February 3rd Melanie and Charlie Autry*  
*February 10th Melanie and Charlie Autry*  
*February 17th Melanie and Charlie Autry*  
*February 24th Melanie and Charlie Autry*

***Flowers***

*February 3rd Debbie Blackmon*  
*February 10th Available*  
*February 17th Sherwood and Johnnie Sue Lee*  
*February 24th WMU*



*Four Oaks First partners with the Johnston Baptist Association, Baptist State Convention of NC, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of NC, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (National), and the Southern Baptist Convention.*

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