



THE BAPTIST INFORMER

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

MAY 2021

The Coming Of The Holy Spirit

*When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.
And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind,
and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.*

*Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them,
and a tongue rested on each of them.*

*All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit
and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.*

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.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

Acts 2:1-16 (NSRV)

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Youth News!

Please congratulate our 2021 high school graduates:

Ben Edwards

Michael Peedin

Mackenzie Rigsbee

Youth night has moved back to Wednesdays @ 7 pm. Since the weather has been so nice, we have done some fellowship and student-led activities outside. Youth are starting to solidify a group that will be making music consistently (hopefully). The committee, youth, and I will be working on some new things over the summer. I pray that these new things will grow our student's faith as well as those around them.

We are continuing to have committee members and the Deacon Board reach out to Youth. The Youth Committee and Deacon Board have received prayer cards for Youth that they will be praying for. The Youth Committee and I will be evaluating our spiritual gifts to discern how to best serve our youth ministry, our church, and the Kingdom of God.

Please be in prayer for our Youth, Youth Committee members, the Deacon Board, and myself as we journey through making disciples that make disciples! If you have any questions or have something you would like to share, don't hesitate to contact me.

Grace and Peace to all,

Jami Champagne

Youth Email: fofbcyouth@gmail.com

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wednesdays @ 7 pm- Fellowship Hall

Preschool News

The Fishes, Flamingos, Bears, and Happy Campers have enjoyed a wonderful school year! The Fishes, Flamingos and Bears will have a private graduation on May 19th, and it will be recorded and posted on the church website on May 23rd. The Happy Campers will have their in-person graduation on May 23rd in the fellowship hall. They will be allowed to have two family members to attend the graduation. At 5:00 pm on May 23rd we will have a drive-thru celebration for all the preschool classes. Students will receive goody bags during the event.

The end of the year party will be on May 26th. The last day of preschool is May 28th. A special thank you to our FBCFO Preschool faculty! Also, thank you to the members of First Baptist Church Four Oaks for your prayers and support during the 2020-2021 school year!

Happy Camper Graduates:

Grayson Rhodes

Timothy Boswell Jr.

Artemis Sharp

Adley Knox

Lincoln Lassiter

Jacob Boyd

Cora Isaacs

Mia Roberts

Brycen Sherman

Halle McKenzie

Emmett Johnson

Ellery Barefoot

Anniston Williams

Camden Batten

Lily Balmer

Called Business Meeting

The church will have a **called business meeting on Sunday night May 16th at 7:00 PM** in the fellowship hall to consider a recommendation from the Building and Grounds Committee. A copy of this recommendation is being shared with the church by way of Postal Service mail and email.



Missions for May 2021

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 May 2021:

Due to COVID-19 status, some of these groups may elect to not meet in-person during May.

Agape Mission Group will meet on May 4 depending on COVID-19.

Dorothy Parker Group and the Lib Canaday Group will not meet in May.

Missions for Christ Mission Group will meet on May 4 at 5:00 pm or by e-mail depending on COVID-19.

Beginning in January 2021, we will start collecting items for the Samaritan Purse shoebox for 2021: A collection box will be placed in the library. The item to begin collecting in May is hairbrushes. Remember ages are: 2-4, 5-9, 10-14. If we dream big, maybe we can reach 200 shoeboxes again! As you pack your shoeboxes do not forget to include the \$9.00 for postage.

The WMU-FO Focus Day has been re-scheduled to **Sunday, September 26, 2021.** After careful consideration, a decision was made to reschedule due to COVID-19. This year will be the 100th celebration of WMU-FO. The guest speaker is Amy Pardue Boone, Executive Director & Treasurer – WMU-NC. Mrs. Boone will speak on the WMU theme "Relentless." The Heck Jones offering will still be collected during the month of February. We need old photos to make a video that will be shown during the morning service. Also, if you are interested in participating on the program during the Focus Day in September let Laura Rogers or Brenda Barnes know.

Save the Date: Baptist Children's Home Food Drive on May 17 & 18, 2021. The Johnston Baptist Association will begin collecting items for the **Baptist Children's Home Spring** campaign. The drop-off will be at the Johnston Community College campus on **May 17 & 18.** **Gift cards are certainly acceptable so that they can purchase perishable meats and other items. Please turn gift cards to the church business office. JBA-WMU Annual Fall Meeting is Saturday, September 11 at First Baptist Church Four Oaks.** The theme is "**Reach Out to Foster Program (REACH).**" Registration is at 8:30 a.m. and program will begin at 9:00 a.m. Guest speaker for this meeting is Susan Hales Stem from Smithfield First Baptist Church. Ms. Hale will give updates on her commitment with the foster children of Johnston County. **To further help these foster children please bring hygiene items for girls and boys of all ages.** A collection box will be available. All ladies of our church are invited to attend this event and asked to share ideas on mission projects. Refreshments will be served during the morning break time. Door prizes will be announced. Make plans to attend on **September 11** and help represent our WMU-FO.

Carolina Women Retreat at Fort Caswell Conference Center on October 15-16, 2021. Registration is coming out soon on WMUNC website or contact Rebecca Lindhout at rlindhout@wmunc.com.

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 January 31, 2021, members from Group 1 will be the next group to serve a meal Margaret Baker, Donna Baker and Kathy Parker Co-Directors 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 .



Birthdays

- 01 Lily Johnson
- 02 Ursula Stewart
- 04 Paula Bowman
- 06 Caroline Bess Heritage
Charlotte Belle Heritage, Caleb Norris
Clara Catherine Hock
- 07 Judy Creech
Dylan Jackson
- 08 Geraldine Barbour, Linda Joyner
Stephen Edwards, Peter Clothier
- 11 Ray Baker
- 12 Kay Hatch,
Gary Joyner
- 13 Anna Barnes
Callie Grady
- 14 Lisa Parker
- 18 Alaina Joyner
- 19 Nathan Stromley
- 20 Tim Barbour
- 21 Ann Massengill, Laley Norman
Alan Maxwell
- 22 Hallie Moore Stephenson
- 24 Bill Barbee
- 25 Stephen Carberry
Haylee Bishop
- 27 Chris Heritage, Mary Jon Barefoot
Carson Gardner
Ava Grey Hamilton-Gregory
- 28 Daniel Raynor, James Cullen Edwards
Tyler Hodges
- 29 Ann Reilly, Elsa Malea Sweatt
- 30 Alyssa Hamilton
- 31 Huberta Sasser

Anniversaries

- 01 Trent & Allison Tucker
- 05 Joe & Karen Hemmingway
- 17 Randy & Erin Combs
- 21 Josh & Jami Champagne
- 27 Sherwood & Johnnie Sue Lee
- 28 Stephen & Cindy Edwards
- 31 Allen & Shannon Parker

