

First Family News

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From the Pastor



Well, another year has passed and it was an eventful one for our church as we moved into our new building. Then later in the year we lost our pastor of 21 years, as Pastor Charlie announced his retirement. We were able to resume worship again in the Sanctuary after a lot of weeks disrupted by COVID- 19; that's quite a year by anyone's estimation.

However, 2022 will probably be another important year in the life of our church as we hopefully will be calling a new pastor to shepherd our congregation. The truth is, however, that we don't know what 2022 holds for us as a congregation- or for us individually. That's why it's so important that we cling to our Lord Jesus Christ and to one another. One thing this past year should have taught us is that we need our Lord's care and the care of His people in this chaotic world in which we live.

In 2021 I found the Lord and His people to be faithful and strong. That's one thing I don't believe will be any different in 2022.

In His Love,

Don



"The Pastor keeps referring to
'this morning's text' ... but which one?"

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REACHING FOR HIGHER GROUND
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF OAK ISLAND

**January,
February,
March
2022**

January

1/2 5:30p Sunday
Supper
6:00p Bible Study
1/5 6:00p Church
Supper
7:00p Bible Study
1/9 *TENTATIVELY*
**American
Underdog**
1/12 6:00p Church
Supper
7:00p Bible Study
1/16 5:30p Sunday
Supper
6:00p Bible Study
1/19 6:00p Church
Supper
7:00p Bible Study
1/23 5:30p Sunday
Supper
6:00p Bible Study
1/26 6:00p Church
Supper
7:00p Bible Study
1/30 5:30p Sunday
Supper
6:00p Bible Study

February

2/2 6:00p Church Supper
7:00p Bible Study
2/6 5:30p Sunday Supper
6:00p Bible Study
2/9 6:00p Church Supper
7:00p Bible Study
2/13 12:00p **Soup-er Bowl
Youth Luncheon**
2/16 6:00p Church Supper
7:00p Bible Study
2/20 5:30p Sunday Supper
6:00p Bible Study
2/23 6:00p Church Supper
7:00p Bible Study
2/27 5:30p Sunday Supper
6:00p Bible Study

March

3/1 6:30p **Fat
Tuesday
Pancake Dinner**
3/2 6:00p Church
Supper
7:00p **Lent
Kickoff**
3/6 5:30p Sunday
Supper
6:00p Bible Study
3/9 6:00p Church
Supper
7:00p Bible Study
3/13 5:30p Sunday
Supper
6:00p Bible Study
3/16 6:00p Church
Supper
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It's a wonderful time to be a child of God at First Baptist Church of Oak Island!



It's been a busy couple of months for our children's ministries. We gathered on November 5 for a night of missions and games. We made candy cornucopia for the children receiving Thanksgiving boxes from our church. We tied together fleece blankets to send to disaster victims in our state and nation. We learned about the mission work of Lottie Moon and created Chinese lantern piggy banks for the congregation to use as reminders for your Lottie Moon Offering. Finally, we played a series of Minute-to-Win-It games that focused on New Testaments scriptures. In December,

we've loved participating with our church family in all our advent traditions- the living nativity (we make really cute sheep!), listening to the Cantata, breaking bread at the church Christmas banquet, and sharing in the Christmas Eve Service.

We've also been having lots of fun in Children's Bible Study learning the big picture story of God's love for us through the lessons of The Gospel Project. We took a break to read the Christmas story and create our own clothespin creche, but will return to lessons about the fathers of our faith in January. In TeamKID, we continue to dive ALL IN and learn about the ways examples from the Bible and missionaries around the world show their great love for God by going all in when they follow Him and how we can too.

Looking ahead, we are planning a trip to go ice skating at the Ice House in Wilmington. We will leave from church on Sunday, January 30, and return by 4:30. Cost is \$14 per person (unless we gather a group of more than 20, and then it drops to \$10 per person). RSVP to Beth Key by Sunday, January 23 at 704-517-7490 or fbcoichildrensministries@gmail.com.

On Friday, February 11, 2022, we will gather for the February Fun Fest from 6:00-8:30. We will share a meal, play games, create crafts, and possibly watch a movie while our parents have a fun night out. Adult volunteers are needed to help give parents a night away. Please RSVP to Beth Key by Sunday, February 6 at 704-517-7490 or fbcoichildrensministries@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued support of the Children's Ministries of FBCOI through your prayers, your time, your talents, and your gifts. Because of your love, our children follow the example set by Jesus in Luke 2:52 and grow in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and man. Thank you for your support.

I appreciate you!

In His love, Beth Key

Women's Ministry

I don't know about you but this has been a busy season! The WMU emphasis for this coming year is a continuation of being "Relentless". We are to be relentless in living authentic faith lives with Christ, seeking God in prayer, giving and witnessing to others. I feel that has been truly accomplished this year.

In November the women's missions' groups helped the Evangelism Committee with supplies for 10 Thanksgiving Baskets that were distributed to needy families in the area. We also as a church family filled 100 shoe boxes for the Operation Christmas Child to be distributed around the world. I am sure the boxes will be greatly appreciated.

The church helped collect hole sponsors and donations for the Brunswick Baptist Golf Tournament. Proceeds from the golf tournament help buy additional toys for the Toy Store. The golf tournament, hole sponsors and donations brought in \$15,186.83 plus all the toys that were donated by members of the area churches. The Toy Store was 3 days this year at Supply Baptist Church. The Toy Store served 78 families, 252 children and over 400 gospel seeds were sown. There were also 3 professions of faith. Thank you to all that helped, bought toys, and prayed this would be a success. The left-over toys from the Toys Store are being taken by Gods Pit Crew to the families who have lost everything in the recent Tornadoes. We are touching lives in many ways in many different places across the country.

The last Sunday in November we took a one time offering for the North Carolina Baptist Children Home. That one Sunday collection for them was \$4379.00. Great things are happening at our church.

In December the Women's Mission Groups were asked to bake cookies for the Drive- Thru Nativity. Cookies and cider were passed out to all the groups that drove through the Nativity. This was such a wonderful gift for our community. Also, in December several of our Women's mission members have committed to volunteering at the Brunswick Baptist Diaper Bank at the Association office. We are collecting for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Our goal is \$8000. So far, we have collected \$4705. We still have time to reach our goal for the year.

Turning to the new year in January will be the Piecemakers Quilter Retreat the week of January 17-21st in Myrtle Beach. They will be working on some items for the Women's Luncheon February 26th. Also, on Women's Sunday Phyllis Elvington will be our guest speaker she will also be speaking on the 26th. We will have more details about the Women's Day closer to time

Take a breath and give God the Glory. Great things are happening and more are to come.

Denise Justice,
WMU Director



January

01 *Karen Horrell*

02 *Dood Cornelius*

07 *Bobby Lively*

11 *Sue Clark*

13 *Dianna McCracken*

14 *Mark Warren*

17 *June Higginbotham*

18 *June Burke*

19 *Robin Gortman & Valerie Hightower*

20 *Jacob Kellett*

21 *Eric Shadding*

24 *Don Ellyson*

26 *Wayne Coble*

27 *Ellie Key*

29 *John Ross*

February

02 *Sue Dotson*

05 *Rosalie Wilson*

06 *Barbara McConaghie*

11 *Faye Cashwell*

12 *Jeff Gibby & John Overpeck*

14 *Patricia Clark & Lisa Anderson*

15 *Gracie Duncan & Don Yeoman*

16 *Max Halstead*

17 *Adele Poston*

20 *Hugh Nobles*

23 *Randy Wilson*

27 *Gordon Browning*

29 *Jennifer Gilbert*



January 2022

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9	10 Deacons- 7pm	11	12 Mission Action- 11am 6pm- Wednesday Night Supper 6:30- Children's Bible Study 7pm- Children & Youth Programs	13 Mary Greene- 6pm	14	15
16 Discipleship Classes Resume- 6pm	17 {--Piecemakers MLK Jr. Day	18 Myrtle Stewardship- 7pm	19 Beach 6pm- Wednesday Night Supper 7pm- Children & Youth Bible Study/ Prayer Mtg. Quarterly Church Conference-7pm	20 Retreat---	21	22
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30 Baptist Men's Day Skating @ Wilmington Ice House- 2pm- 4:30	31					



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