



*The Mission*  
*February 2024*

# Worship God

Each Sunday in 2024 we will pray one of 52 names for God. While not in any order, the 52 names are taken from the book *“Praying the Names of God for 52 weeks”* by Ann Spangler. It is my hope you lean in more to God this year, as the Psalmist says, “With my voice I cry to *Adonai*, with my voice I plead to *Adonai* for mercy.” Psalm 142:1 Provided with each name are the Hebrew spelling. May your encounter in worshipping God be enriched daily as you call out to Him in these wonderful names! ~  
On the journey TOGETHER, Kristen Tucker

## THE GOD WHO SEES ME

אל ראי  
EL ROI



Hagar named **Yahweh**, who had been speaking to her, “You Are **El Roi**.” She said, “This is the place where I watched the one who watches over me.” <sup>14</sup> This is why the well is named Beer Lahai Roi [Well of the Living One Who Watches Over Me]. It is still there between Kadesh and Bered.

— Genesis 16:13-14

## CONSUMING FIRE, JEALOUS GOD

אֵשׁ אֹכֶלֶת, אֵל קַנָּה  
ESH OKLAH,  
EL KANNA



Never worship any other god, because **Yahweh** is **El Kanna**. In fact, he is known for not tolerating rivals.

— Exodus 34:14

## I AM

אֶהְיֶה or ἐγὼ εἰμι  
EHYEH or EGO EIMI



Then Moses replied to **Elohim**, “Suppose I go to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The **Elohim** of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ What should I tell them?”

**Elohim** answered Moses, “**Ehyeh** Who **Ehyeh**. This is what you must say to the people of Israel: ‘**Ehyeh** has sent me to you.’”

— Exodus 3:13-14

## JESUS THE SAVIOR

Ἰησοῦς σωτὴρ  
IESOUS SOTER



The angel said to him, “Joseph, descendant of David, don’t be afraid to take Mary as your wife. She is pregnant by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you will name him **Yeshua** [He Saves], because he will save his people from their sins.”

— Matthew 1:20-21

If you would like to join the choir for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter, we will be working on this music at the beginning of rehearsal beginning Wednesday, February 14th at 7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. Please join us!

### February Sermon and Scripture Topics

February 4  
“The God Who Sees Me”  
Genesis 16:7-9, 13-14

Praying the Names of God:  
“The God Who Sees Me”

February 11  
“Out of the Ashes”  
Daniel 3:19-27

Praying the Names of God:  
“Consuming Fire, Jealous God”

February 18  
“The Great I AM”  
John 8:52-59

Praying the Names of God:  
“I AM”

February 25  
“Yahweh is Salvation”  
Matthew 1:20-21; Luke 15:1-7

Praying the Names of God  
“Jesus the Savior”



# Teach the Word



Church Family, I am officially moved into my office and ready to get started! Me and my husband, Kevin are coming from Forest Hills Baptist Church in Raleigh where I served as Associate Pastor for Children & Youth. Kevin has been teaching band at SSS with Brian Jones since July of 2023 and we are living in Pine Level. We are so excited to be here with you all and feel so blessed that God designed this path that has brought us back to Smithfield. We look forward to meeting each of you – familiar and new! Please be in prayer for me as I develop relationships with our youth and their parents and in turn help them feel the community of love and support that is First Baptist Church Smithfield. We are excited to see how God moves and uses us for His glory. In His Service, Taylor Crumley



All our youth & their friends are invited to join Taylor for Sunday Night Youth in the Ministry Center. Open Gym begins at 4:30 P.M.. This is a great way to get prepared for a new week ahead as we fellowship with one another and spend time in God's word. Pick-up is at 6:00 P.M.. Please email Taylor with any questions.

## Ecumenical Lenten Services & Lunches 12:00—1:00 p.m. each Wednesday

- February 21<sup>st</sup>: Location Centenary Methodist; Homily Message: Rev. Kristen Tucker
- February 28<sup>th</sup>: Location First Baptist Church; Homily Message: Rev. Beth Burton-Williams
- March 6<sup>th</sup>: Location First Christian Church; Homily Message: Rev. Kate Byrd
- March 13<sup>th</sup>: Location St. Paul Episcopal; Homily Message: Rev. John Fawcett
- March 20<sup>th</sup>: Location First Presbyterian; Homily Leadership: Rev. Meagan Matthews
- Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> 4:00-6:00 pm  
Community Wide Holy Week Reenactment.  
Location: Centenary.
- Sunday March 31, 6:45 A.M. Community  
Wide Sunrise Service 6:45 AM  
Rev. Steve McElroy.  
Location: Riverside Cemetery

## February Deacon of the Week

2/4—Bryan Harris  
2/11—Sam Hardy  
2/18—Matt Gardner  
2/25—Bill Galloway

## Deacons Meeting

Our Deacons will meet Sunday,  
February 4, 2024  
7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.  
In the Fellowship Hall

## Sign up to Help in the Nursery

A new nursery sign up has been created for the first half of 2024. We will now have 4 nursery classrooms - infants, toddlers, 2/3s, and 4s-Kindergarten. We are very thankful for our current volunteers and our two nursery workers who will be serving in the infant and toddler rooms as well as Amy's commitment to teaching the 4s-Kindergarten, but we still need volunteers to help them!

If you are interested in signing up, please reach out to Anna Armstrong via text (919-631-9138) or email ([youngblood.anna@gmail.com](mailto:youngblood.anna@gmail.com)). She will be happy to send you the sign up link or help you with signing up if preferred.

Thank you for your consideration!  
The FBC Children and Families Committee

# Serve our Community

*SERVING from the HEART*



**Grades 1-5 Missions Wednesday Night:  
Making Sweet-Tea Cups for Seniors,  
January 31**

**Grades 1-5 Sunday School:  
Making HEART Gifts FOR Parents February 4  
with hospitalized children**



## **NO WAFFLING AROUND!**

It's time for Breakfast  
Grades 1—5

Sunday, February 4  
9:19 a.m. in Sunday School  
Classrooms

Attention Senior Adults

You are invited to a

## **Valentine's Fun and Fellowship**

Tuesday, February 6th

1:30—3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

We will enjoy fellowship, Bingo, prizes and  
yummy Valentine Sweets

**Please call the church office at 919-934-9771  
to let us know you will be attending  
(for planning purposes)  
Don't miss the fun.**



Therapy dogs and their owners work together as a team to hopefully improve the lives of those they serve. Joye was certified on August 29, 2023, and ready to serve you! If you are interested in requesting a visit, you can sign-up by visiting the FBC Smithfield Website! Typically, visits are for 30 minutes or less, where Joye and Pastor Kristen come to you!



Baptist Retirement Homes of NC Offering is January 28—February 4. The names of our communities has changed, but the mission of Baptist Homes Foundation has remained the same. Our new name is ThriveMore. Just as ThriveMore continues to be dedicated to provide first rate care and services, Baptist Retirement Homes Foundation remains steadfast in our commitment to supporting the needs of older adults at four communities across the state. ThriveMore communities are Brookridge in Winston-Salem, Taylor Glen in Concord, Taylor House in Albemarle, and Western North Carolina in Asheville. ThriveMore serves 532 residents at the four locations. Our shared core values-honesty, compassion, fairness, compensation, cooperation, dependability, humor, kindness, loyalty, patience and conscientiousness have stayed the same. Offering envelopes are provided for this offering in your offering envelope box.



# Life Together

"Generosity is the virtue of giving good things to others, freely and abundantly. What generosity gives can vary: money, time, attention, aid, encouragement and more but it always intends to enhance the true well-being of the receiver." -The Generosity Project - Notre Dame University

We have recently heard reports from various ministries in our church showing we have many participants acting as collaborative partners and creating change in people's lives. The Finance Committee wants to share information about your generosity with your monetary gifts in the year 2023:

Our membership honored our Lord God with Total Budget Revenues of \$906,908 compared to a budget of \$911,358 - a shortfall of only \$4,449. This is in addition to the many special offering opportunities during the year. God is Good! First Baptist Church Smithfield, is blessed!

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"Thank You" -Finance Committee

## Welcome New Members

We welcome into our Christian fellowship Brad and Angie Carroll who come to us by letter from First Baptist Church Clayton and Garner Advent Christian Church.



## 2024 BUDGET INFORMATION

### General Fund

Budget needs per week:	\$18,543.23
Received 1/7/24	\$16,067.26
Received 1/14/24	\$9,795.00
Received 1/21/24	\$11,503.00
Budget needs Year to Date	\$55,629.69
Received Year to Date	\$37,365.26

### Building Fund

Needs per week	\$1,334.47
Received 1/7/24	\$1,167.96
Received 1/14/24	\$950.00
Received 1/21/24	\$1,000.00
Needs Year to Date	\$4,003.40
Received Year to Date	\$3,117.96

### Building Fund Note

Balance to Date	\$81,705.11
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## Sympathies

First Baptist would like to extend our sincere condolences to:

- Mike Donovan and family in the recent homegoing of his wife, Donna Donovan
- Wanda Crumley and family in the recent homegoing of her sister
- Jean Massengill and family in the recent homegoing of her brother
- Rose Godley and family in the recent homegoing of her sister, Novene Phillips

## Our Known Sick

Karen Brown (Home with Hospice), Brad Carroll (Home), Charlotte Hoyt (Home), Roy Kelly (Home)

## February Birthdays

2/3: Stephen Parker, Marshall Tyson

2/4: Gary Harrison, Jim Wilson

2/5: Angela Thorpe

2/6: Judy Sasser

2/9: Melanie Lee, Jessie Whaley

2/10: Mary Britt, Wil Barnes, Eli Williams

2/11: Tim Bradshaw, Luke Woodall

2/12: Betty Jo Corbett, Jerry Ferguson

2/14: Danny Daughtry

2/15: Dianne Tyson

2/17: Pat Morris

2/18: Doug Brown, Devin Hiatt, Alice Overby

2/19: Margaret Grimes, Stephanie Hoyt-Trapp  
William Taylor

2/20: Hannah Armstrong, Hanley House, Tim Johnson

2/22: Dawson Gardner, Boone Williams, Joyce Wright

2/23: Joyce Burnette, Kay Joyner

2/24: Karen Brown, Sonya Walsh, Derek Wilson

2/26: Blair Maust

2/28: Jan Ashley, Carl Lamm, Mallory Vetrano



# Looking Ahead



## Amish Country Trip for Senior Adults

Mark your calendar and join us for a trip to the Amish Country, **November 4 – 7, 2024!**

### Cost:

Single Room - \$1,013.00

Double Room - \$794.00 per person

Triple Room - \$794.00 per person

### Package includes:

3 night lodging at Heritage Hotel

3 breakfasts, 1 lunch at Kling House Restaurant, 3 dinners including Amish Buffet at hotel, Shady Maple & Cracker Barrel

Flight 93 Memorial & Tower of Voices

Performance of "Daniel" at Sight and Sound

Tour Amish Countryside

Kitchen Kettle Village

Farmers Market

All taxes and meal gratuities (unless otherwise specified)

Motorcoach transportation

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If you think you want to go on this trip, please sign up and pay your deposit of \$150 in the church office. Invite your friends and family. Names and deposits will be submitted by or before June 15, 2024. Also, you can make payments in the church office for the trip. No other money will be sent until August. If something happens and you have to cancel, last day to cancel and receive a refund is 2 months from the date of the trip.

More information with complete itinerary will be in the Sunday School folders and available in the church office. If you have questions, please contact Janice Holland in the church office. This trip will be opened to other churches Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> so get on the list!

**More activities to be announced soon!**



## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SMITHFIELD

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### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Kristen Tucker
Minister of Music & Worship Experience	Kim Hamilton
Minister to Children & Their Families	Suzette Mason
Minister to Youth & Their Families	Rev Taylor Crumley
Organist	Marshall Tyson
Director of Weekday Early Education	June Ward
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# Services & More

## Sunday Worship Services

- 9:19 A.M. Sunday School for all ages
- 10:00 A.M. Radio Bible Class, taught by June Ward, broadcast over 1090 AM and 105.5 FM
- 10:15 A.M. Gathering and Morning Worship in the Sanctuary, broadcast over 1090 AM, 105.5 FM, Facebook, and YouTube
- 6:00 P.M. Praise Ringers Practice, Room 226



## Luncheon Meetings

**Children's Ministry Board**  
Sunday, February 4th

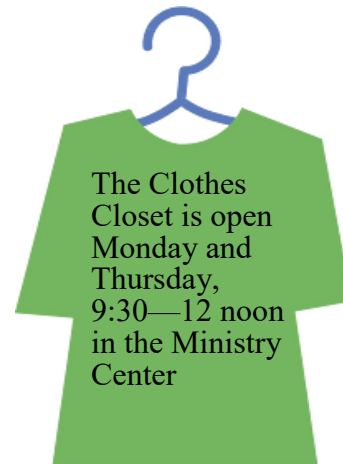
**Children and Family Team**  
Sunday, February 11th

Immediately following  
worship service in the  
Fellowship Hall.

## Wednesday Programing

### Wednesday

- 10:00 A.M. Wednesday Morning Bible Study, Bethel Sunday School Class, Ministry Center
- 6:00 P.M. Children's Choir, K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade, Preschool 7
- 6:15 P.M. GriefShare, Ministry Center Conference Room
- 6:30 P.M. Adult Bible Study on Colossians: How to Know the Truth in a World of Divided Opinions, led by Kristen Tucker Bibles Required, no other books needed.
- 6:30 P.M. Mission Friends for ages 3 – 5, Preschool 4, Room 124
- 6:30 P.M. Mission Journey, Grades 1-5, Room 254
- 6:30 P.M. First Baptist Bells, Room 226
- 7:30 P.M. Sanctuary Choir Practice, Choir Room



The Clothes  
Closet is open  
Monday and  
Thursday,  
9:30—12 noon  
in the Ministry  
Center

If you would like to  
provide flowers in  
the church any  
Sunday, please call  
the church office to  
request a date