

The Visitor

First Baptist Church of Smithfield

Worship God, Teach the Word, Serve our community

January 10, 2024

Changes for “THE VISITOR” Newsletter

The Visitor biweekly newsletter is about to receive a total makeover! The newsletter will begin in February mirroring our Mission Statement “Worship God. Teach the Word. Serve Our Community.” Within each page, readers will get to read and plan how events, announcements and calendars will reflect our **mission**. With this makeover, the newsletter will be mailed and emailed the last week of each month updating congregants of all upcoming information for the following month. (Ex: Last week of January everyone will receive the February newsletter). The new name for our newsletter will be “**The Mission**”.

Praying the Names of God All Year Long

Each week, we as a church, will be praying the different names of God/Jesus/Holy Spirit. On Christmas Eve, we began by praying to Immanuel, which means “God with us”. For the month of January, the names we will pray are:

- 01/14 “The Lord is my Rock”
- 01/21 “Bridegroom” “Husband”
- 01/28 “Alpha and Omega”

Clothes Closet and Household Closet 2023 Stats

Clothes Closet

- 1,484 Families served
- 25,682 pieces of clothing distributed

Household Closet

- 106 families served (which included 197 children)
- 119 beds and frames, 136 pillows, 141 comforters, 230 sheet sets
- 194 dishes, 388 pieces of silverware, 93 glasses, 135 pots and pans, 20 crockpots, toaster ovens & microwaves. Each household also received potholders, dishcloths and dish towels.
- 7 donated dining tables and 30 chairs now provide a place for children and families to eat and do schoolwork
- 13 new car seats for young children, strollers, cribs, and toys. This is just a fraction of the items we give to people in need.
- 5 room heaters

Thank you, First Baptist Church families, for your continued support of these ministries. You are a blessing to many families in Johnston County.

**The Church office will be
CLOSED
Monday, January 15, 2024
In observance of
Martin Luther King, Jr., Day**

Spiritual Gifts Study Results
If you participated in the Spiritual Gifts Study, please email Kristen at Kristen@Fbcsmithfield.org your Spiritual Gifts.



New Members

We welcome into our Christian fellowship Stephen & Mandy Dimpsey who come to us by letter from Hayes Barton Baptist Church.

Our Known Sick

Karen Brown (Home with Hospice), Dot Askew (Home), Bill Denning (Home), Joyce Upton (Home), Charlotte Hoyt (Springbrook), Roy Kelly (Home), Donna Donavan (SECU Hospice House)

Sympathy

We express our Christian sympathy to Matt Gardner and family in the recent homegoing of his mother, Barbara Gardner

We express our Christian sympathy to Gene Rooks and family in the recent homegoing of his brother, Thomas Rooks.

We express our Christian sympathy to Cheryl Boyette and family in the recent homegoing of her sister Norma Grant.

We express our Christian sympathy to Chris Thorpe and family in the recent homegoing of his mother, Jeannie Thorpe.

We express our Christian sympathy to Renee Wooters and family in the recent homegoing of her mom, Jo Justice.

We express our Christian sympathy to Karen Wessberg and family in the recent homegoing of her grandfather, Russell Holloman

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 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). 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

Upcoming Senior Adult Activities and Trips



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 and prizes and yummy Valentine sweets.

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

Amish Country Trip

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

Cost:

- Single - \$1,013.00
- Double - \$794.00 per person
- Triple - \$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
- WIFI

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 1st so get on the list!

More activities to be announced soon!

New Arrival

Congratulations to Chandler & Laura Lasater on the arrival of their infant son, Joseph David Lasater. The proud grandparents are David and Martha Lasater.

January Birthdays

- 01 Stephanie Carter
- 02 Jonathan Langdon
Mack Langdon
Sloan Stevens
- 03 Mary Helen Burgess
- 04 Debra Avery
Brad Carroll
Timmy Corbett
- 07 Gracie Watson
- 08 Everette Johnson
Kim Johnson
Candace Swain
- 09 Hannah Carroll
Emily Wooters
- 11 Dustin Swain
- 13 Frank Knott
- 14 Don Gainey
- 15 Jay Baker
Brad Felts
Hayden Salas
- 16 Jeanene Bowman
Deidre Kraft
- 17 Alison Dyer
Frances Norris
Willie Smith
Barbara Vetrano
- 19 Carolyn Nall
- 21 Kay Carroll
June Ward
- 22 Matthew Evans
Jean Williams
- 23 Richard Brown
Rodney Carter
Leroy Smith
- 24 Anita Stevens
Glenda Strickland
- 25 Frank Hill
Richard Upton
- 28 Tina Hobbs
- 29 Lee Colbert
Tammy Wood
- 30 Steve Burgess
Graham Cooke
Shirley Sullivan

FROM THE PULPIT

January 14

“YAHWEH TSURI”
1 Corinthians 10:1-4

January 21

“Pivotal Moments”
John 2:1-9

January 28

“Future Cast”
Revelation 21:1-8

WEEKLY SERVICES & OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday

- 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

Monday

- 9:30 A.M. Clothes Closet, Ministry Center, end at noon

Wednesday

- 10:00 A.M. Wednesday Morning Bible Study, Bethel Sunday School Class, Ministry Center
- 6:00 P.M. Children's Choir, K-5th 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 and Bryan Harris. 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

Thursday

- 9:30 A.M. Clothes Closet, Ministry Center, end at noon

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FYI....Looks like our Church Directories are on the way!!! Will notify you when they arrive.

2023 BUDGET INFORMATION**General Fund**

Budget needs per week:	\$17,526.12
Received 12/17/23	\$35,173.86
Received 12/24/23	\$20,685.41
Received 12/31/23	\$24,003.91
Budget needs Year to Date	\$911,358.24
Received Year to Date	\$802,837.48

Building Fund

Needs per week	\$1,334.47
Received 12/17/23	\$2,025.00
Received 12/24/23	\$575.00
Received 12/31/23	\$4,672.65
Needs Year to Date	\$52,044.14
Received Year to Date	\$71,682.90

Building Fund Note

Balance to Date	\$81,705.11
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Kristen Tucker
Minister of Music	Kim Hamilton
Minister to Children & Their Families	Suzette Mason
Organist	Marshall Tyson
Director of After School Care	Donna Donovan
Director of Weekday Early Education	June Ward
Administrative Staff	Janice Holland, Karen Wessberg

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