

# The Visitor

## First Baptist Church of Smithfield

Worship God, Teach the Word, Serve our Community

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HAPPY NEW YEAR First Baptist Church Family! I am so excited to see all that is in store for 2022. At the age of 26 (I am 40 now), I participated in the study *Experiencing God*. While I did have many takeaways, the one that stands out to me the most was “to look where God is working and JOIN HIM!”

Since I hold this takeaway dear to my heart, I have entitled my January sermon series: “LOOK AT YOU, 22!” In this series we will explore how God would ask us to start off this New Year individually, as well as a church family, and in our community.

First Baptist, you have my word I am already praying for God to open my eyes, along with you, to see where He is working so we can join Him. I am already well aware of your involvement in the community. Every time I meet someone in Smithfield and the surrounding area, they tell me how active you are in Christ’s love and service! THAT SPEAKS VOLUMES and I am so excited to serve right beside you.

I hope you will join us for worship either at 9:00 AM or 11:00 AM starting Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.

On the journey TOGETHER,  
Kristen Tucker

## Youth News

**Youth Group “Glow”** will meet Sunday January 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Ministry Center, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. for Snack Supper and Bible Study.

**Youth Toilet Bowl Flag Football**, Sunday, January 30, 2022, 4:00 p.m. at FBC. Youth Group “Glow” with Snack Supper and Bible Study to follow the fun. Invite your friends.

**Youth Ski Trip** – February 4-6, 2022 to Winterplace, West Virginia. Cost: \$200. Final payment is past due. Please get your payments in ASAP.

**Youth Week at Caswell** is July 11-16, 2022. The cost is \$350 per person. Sign up and pay your non-refundable deposit of \$150 by or before February 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Chili for Chile Luncheon Fundraiser** – Let us cook for you! Join us Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> following the 11:00 a.m. worship service for the Youth Dine-in or Drive-thru Chili Luncheon Fundraiser. Cost is a donation to the 2022 International Mission Trip to Santiago, Chile.

## **Our Known Sick**

Phyllis Barfield-Ollikainen (Brian Center Rehab)

## **Sympathy**

We express our Christian sympathy to Thad Hardee and Debbie Anderson in the recent homegoing of their sister, Faye Hardee.

We express our Christian sympathy to Sharon Parrish and family in the recent homegoing of her sister, Jean Austin.

## **Attention Ladies**

We know you are ready to go back to the Coastal Women's Retreat. Put February 18 - 20, 2022, on your calendar. Our favorite speaker Phyllis Elvington will be there so bring your Bible! Musicians are Kristi and Russell Johnson. The theme is “Better Together” based on Exodus 17:22. The cost is \$182 per person. If you are interested in going, please contact Shelley Gardner 919-417-3821 and/or sign up and pay in the church office no later than January 14, 2022.

## **New Member**

We welcome into our Christian fellowship Rev. Kristen Tucker who comes to us by letter from Pritchard at South End in Charlotte, NC.

## **Join the Choir!**

Have you ever thought about joining our Sanctuary Choir? There is no better time to join than right now as we begin our journey to the Easter season where we will be presenting a new and original work for our church choir – What Wondrous Love! Come and join us on Wednesday evenings for rehearsal at 7:30pm! There is no tryout – you just need a love for music and the willingness to learn!

## **Small Group Studies for Spring Block 2022**

Adult small group studies will begin on January 12<sup>th</sup>. Contact the office or facilitator to sign up or if you have additional questions.

### **The Battle Plan for Prayer: From Basic Training to Targeted Strategies**

The first thing I wanted to set up when I moved to Smithfield was my (prayer) “War Room” like the example from the movie. During our time together we will discuss types of prayer, how to have an active and intentional prayer life and spend time in application of praying for others, our church and community. I hope you will come alongside of me as we start 2022 in the power of fervent prayer!

**Facilitator:** Kristen Tucker **Cost:** \$11.00

**Location:** Fellowship Hall

### **Blessed Are the Chosen: An Interactive Bible Study (Volume 2) (The Chosen Bible Study Series)**

This is the official companion study to season 2 of *The Chosen*, the ground-breaking television series about the life of Jesus. This Bible study brings both the Old and New Testaments to life in an approachable and conversational way.

**Facilitators:** Blair Maust, Mike Ward **Cost:** \$17 per person **Time/Room:** 6:30-7:30PM/ Room 223

### **Grief Share (13 Weeks)**

GriefShare is a program with direction and purpose. With GriefShare, you will learn how to walk the journey of grief and be supported on the way. It is a place where hurting people find healing and hope.

**Facilitators:** Frank Knott, Bill Clarke **Cost:** \$15 per person **Time/Room:** 6:15-7:45PM/ Ministry Center Conference Room (also online if needed).

## **Early Worship**

Early Worship Services will resume this Sunday, January 9 at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

## **New Arrivals**

Congratulations to Andrew and Jane Yarbrough on the arrival of their infant daughters, Anne Hilton Yarbrough and Elliot Luby Yarbrough. The proud grandparents are Johnny and Gail Narron.

## FROM THE PULPIT

January 9 Sermon by Kristen Tucker

“Look at You, 22!”  
Luke 12:13-21

January 16 Sermon by Kristen Tucker

“Look at You, 22!”

## WEEKLY SERVICES & OPPORTUNITIES

### Sunday

- 9:00 A.M. Early Worship, Sanctuary  
9:45 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  
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship in the Sanctuary, broadcast over 1090 AM, 105.5 FM, Facebook, and YouTube  
1:30 P.M. Hispanic Worship Service  
5:00 P.M. Youth Group “Glow”, Ministry Center (1/16)  
5:30 P.M. Parent Youth Meeting, Ministry Center (1/9)  
6:00 P.M. Praise Ringers Rehearsal, Room 226 (1/16)

### Monday

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

### Wednesday

- 10:00 A.M. Wednesday Morning Bible Study, Fellowship Hall  
6:15 P.M. GriefShare, Ministry Center Conference Room  
6:15 P.M. Children’s Choirs (1/12)  
6:30 P.M. First Baptist Bells, Room 226 (1/12)  
6:30 P.M. Large group study, The Battle Plan for Prayer: From Basic Training to Targeted Strategies, with Kristen Tucker, Fellowship Hall (1/12)  
6:30 P.M. Small Group Study, Blessed Are the Chosen: An Interactive Bible Study (Volume 2) with Blair Maust and Mike Ward, Room 223 (1/12)  
6:30 P.M. Youth Activities, Youth Room (1/12)  
6:45 P.M. Mission Friends for ages 3 – 5 (1/12)  
6:45 P.M. Growing in Faith, Grades 1-5 (1/12)  
7:30 P.M. Sanctuary Choir Practice, Ryberg Hall (1/12)

### Thursday

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

### Nursery Workers

#### **January 9**

- Preschool 1: Bed Babies/Toddlers  
Lisa & Don Gainey  
Preschool 3: 2s & 3s  
Lauren & Travis Alford

#### **January 16**

- Preschool 1: Bed Babies/Toddlers  
Anna & Hinton Armstrong  
Preschool 3: 2s & 3s, 4s-K  
Anna & Cody Newsome

## 2021 BUDGET INFORMATION

### General Fund

Budget needs per week:	\$16,263.54
Received as of 12/26/21	\$38,417.19
Budget needs Year to Date	\$845,704.08
Received Year to Date	\$787,211.91

### Building Fund

Needs per week	\$2,800.03
Received 12/26/21	\$38,774.92
Needs Year to Date	\$134,401.32
Received Year to Date	\$162,205.61

## 2021 BUDGET YEAR END INFORMATION

### General Fund

Budget needs per week:	\$16,263.54
Received as of 12/31/21	\$27,115.87
Budget needs Year to Date	\$845,704.08
Received Year to Date	\$814,327.78

### Building Fund

Needs per week	\$2,800.03
Received 12/31/21	\$5,596.43
Needs Year to Date	\$134,401.32
Received Year to Date	\$167,802.04

### Lottie Moon

Received to Date:	\$2,285.73
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### CBF-Global

Received to Date:	\$1,675.00
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### Building Fund Note Balance

To Date:	\$379,861.51
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## 2022 BUDGET INFORMATION

### General Fund

Budget needs per week:	\$18,661.77
Received as of 1/2/22	\$10,787.00
Budget needs Year to Date	\$18,661.77
Received Year to Date	\$10,787.00

### Building Fund

Needs per week	\$2,800.03
Received 1/2/22	\$2,767.00
Needs Year to Date	\$2,800.03
Received Year to Date	\$2,767.00



**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF**

Pastor	Kristen Tucker
Minister of Music	Braxton Kubasko
Minister of Youth and Education	Brian Theurer
Organist	Marshall Tyson
Director of After School Care	Donna Donovan
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