

# The Visitor

## First Baptist Church of Smithfield

Worship God, Teach the Word, Serve our Community

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A great tradition at First Baptist Church is the annual Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday night before Thanksgiving. We were unable to have this service live last year due to Covid. We are planning this service for Wednesday, November 24, at **7:00 pm.** (Note: not 7:30pm).



### UPCOMING CHRISTMAS EVENTS

**November 28<sup>th</sup>** – First Sunday of Advent

**December 5<sup>th</sup>** - Second Sunday of Advent

- 10:55 A.M. Music Ministry Christmas Cantata

**December 11<sup>th</sup>**

- 2:00 P.M. Happy Birthday Jesus Party at FBC

**December 12<sup>th</sup>** - Third Sunday of Advent

- 4:15 P.M. Youth Progressive Dinner

**December 19<sup>th</sup>** – Fourth Sunday of Advent

**December 24<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Eve

- 7:30 P.M. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.  
Preservice music begins at 7:00 p.m.

Reminder: We will have one service beginning Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 a.m. through the Holiday Season.

## Youth News

Youth Group "GLOW" will meet November 21st 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the home of Wilmond Barnes, 121 Dogwood Lane, Pine Level, for fellowship and Bible Study.

Youth Progressive Dinner – Sunday December 12<sup>th</sup> beginning at 4:15 p.m. in the Ministry Center. Please wear an ugly Christmas sweater, Christmas pajamas, Christmas costume or Christmas colors. We will vote on the most festive. The winner will receive a prize!

Youth Ski Trip – February 4-6, 2022 to Winterplace, West Virginia. Cost: \$200. Sign up and pay at deposit of \$100 by December 10<sup>th</sup>!

## Upcoming Youth Fundraisers

Adopt-A-Mile Fundraiser for the 2022 Youth International Mission Trip to Santiago, Chile will begin October 1, 2021 thru December 31, 2021. You can donate any amount to help get a youth to and from our destination.

## Thank You from the Youth

Thank you to everyone who came out to support the youth spaghetti fundraiser on Sunday, November 7th. We were truly blessed by your amazing generosity! We successfully raised over \$2,672 to help toward our 2022 International Mission Trip to Santiago, Chile.

## Thank You

I wish I could thank everyone face to face. Please know how very much you have blessed me during Sherrie's illness and home going. Thank you for your love, prayers, cards, food and for attending her memorial. God bless you each one. Faye Downs

We are truly grateful for your prayers, cards, food, and kind comforting words that have encouraged us. We will forever hold your love and friendship in our hearts. We thank you. As we often prayed together our hope was and will continue in knowing that "GOD always protects and provides " Psalm 23 Love in Christ, Frieda and Hannah Spragins

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Alan and Julie Carroll who were married recently. Julie is the former Julie Layne of Cary, NC. She is the daughter of Richard and Nancy Scott of Warsaw. Alan is the son of Kay & Terry Carroll of Four Oaks.

## New Arrivals

Congratulations to Steven and Chelsea Andrews on the arrival of their infant daughter, Lucy Ruth Andrews. The proud grandparents are Dean and Jocelyn Andrews.

Congratulations to Kevin and Elizabeth Darden on the arrival of their infant daughter, Anna Bradley Darden. The proud grandparents are Rodney and Stephanie Carter.

## Our Known Sick

Faye Hardee (Brian Center Rehab), Phyllis Barfield-Ollikainen (Brian Center Rehab), Harvey Raynor (Rex), Wanda Crumley (Wake), Brennin Harris (Wake)

## Sympathy

We express our Christian sympathy to Lib Lane and family in the recent homegoing of her brother.

We express our Christian sympathy to Blair Maust and family in the recent homegoing of his mom, Joan Maust.

We express our Christian sympathy to Harold Tharrington and family in the recent homegoing of his brother, Fred Tharrington.



## Nursery Workers

### November 21

Preschool 1: Bed Babies/Toddlers  
Lynn Daniels & Jennifer Capps

Preschool 3: 2s and 3s  
June & Mike Ward

Preschool 6: 4s - Kindergarten  
Lauren & Travis Alford

### November 28

Preschool 1: Bed Babies/Toddlers  
Anna & Hinton Armstrong

Preschool 3: 2s & 3s  
Jennifer & Brett Capps

Preschool 6: 4s-Kindergarten  
Candace & Dustin Swain

## Adopt a Family For Christmas

Hello church family! We have 4 families, 25 children, that need your CHRISTmas help. Please pray about choosing one of these families. Maybe your Sunday school class, church committee, family, or you may know of a business that would be willing to help. Please contact me by text or email if you can help. Thank you!!!! Soli Deo Gloria Jennifer Narron-Hardy [jvileigh@aol.com](mailto:jvileigh@aol.com)/919.524.2601

## FROM THE PULPIT

November 21 Sermon by Mike Cogdill  
“Be Careful Not to Forget”  
Deuteronomy 7:7-10; 8:11-14

November 28 Sermon by Mike Cogdill  
First Sunday of Advent

“The Kingdom Arrives: Hold the Baby”  
John 18:33-37  
Luke 2:10-11

## WEEKLY SERVICES & OPPORTUNITIES

### Sunday

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  
5:30 P.M. Youth Group GLOW, Ministry Center  
6:00 P.M. Praise Ringers Handbells, Room 226

### Monday

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

### Wednesday

10:00 A.M. Wednesday Morning Bible Study, Ryberg Hall  
6:15 P.M. Grades 1-5 Choir, Room 258  
6:15 P.M. GriefShare, Ministry Center Conference Room  
with Frank Knott and Bill Clark  
6:30 P.M. Large group study, Dynamic Words and  
Lessons: A Study of Selected Parables of Jesus  
with Mike Cogdill, Fellowship Hall  
6:30 P.M. Small Group Study, Healing the Soul of a  
Woman with Lynn Daniels, Room 224  
6:30 P.M. Small Group Study, Life’s Healing Choices:  
Freedom from your Hurts, Hang-ups, and  
Habits with Hank Daniels, Parlor  
6:30 P.M. Small Group Study, What Does it Mean to be  
Chosen? An Interactive Bible Study with Blair  
Maust and Mike Ward, Room 223  
6:30 P.M. Youth Activities, Youth Room  
6:30 P.M. Music and Mission Friends ages 3 – 5, Room  
125  
6:45 P.M. Growing in Faith, Grades 1-5, Room 258  
6:45 P.M. First Baptist Bells, Room 226  
7:00 P.M. Thanksgiving Service, Sanctuary (11/24)  
7:30 P.M. Sanctuary Choir Practice, Ryberg Hall

### Thursday

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

## Scripture Reading for November 21

<sup>7</sup>The LORD did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. <sup>8</sup>But it was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments. <sup>10</sup>But those who hate him he will repay to their face by destruction; he will not be slow to repay to their face those who hate him.  
Deuteronomy 7:7-10

<sup>11</sup>Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. <sup>12</sup>Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, <sup>13</sup>and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, <sup>14</sup>then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. Deuteronomy 8:11-14

## Scripture Reading for November 28

<sup>33</sup>Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?” <sup>34</sup>“Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?” <sup>35</sup>“Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?” <sup>36</sup>Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.” <sup>37</sup>“You are a king, then!” said Pilate. Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”  
John 18:33-37

<sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. <sup>11</sup>Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. Luke 2:10-11



**2021 BUDGET INFORMATION**

**General Fund**

Budget needs per week:	\$16,263.54
Received as of 11/7/21	\$12,248.50
Budget needs Year to Date	\$731,859.30
Received Year to Date	\$668,481.82

**Building Fund**

Needs per week	\$2,800.03
Received 11/7/21	\$5,540.00
Needs Year to Date	\$112,001.10
Received Year to Date	\$97,673.00

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF**

Transitional Pastor	Mike Cogdill
Minister of Music	Braxton Kubasko
Minister of Youth and Education	Brian Theurer
Organist	Marshall Tyson
Director of After School Care	Donna Donovan
Director of Weekday Early Education	June Ward
Administrative Staff	Janice Holland, Margie Crumley

**2021 BUDGET INFORMATION**

**General Fund**

Budget needs per week:	\$16,263.54
Received as of 11/14/21	\$11,708.50
Budget needs Year to Date	\$748,122.84
Received Year to Date	\$680,190.32

**Building Fund**

Needs per week	\$2,800.03
Received 11/14/21	\$2,380.00
Needs Year to Date	\$117,601.16
Received Year to Date	\$103,233.00

**Baptist Children's Home**

Received to Date	\$1,355.00
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