



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

THE TIE

**JANUARY
2017
SPECIAL
EDITION**

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JANUARY 2017 BIRTHDAYS

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| 1. Linda Lanford
Kevin Luiz | 8. Billy Wilson | 16. Buddy Crow
Laura Brown | 25. Margaret Ellison
Kimberly Martin
Jacob Griffin |
| 2. Bette Hood
Ricky Poole | 9. Rusty Cox
Kelly Jones | 17. Sidney Lee
Jackie Coggins | 26. Bill Ellison |
| 3. Jeff Owings | 10. Patricia Mahon
Betty Koon | 18. Nolan Burns
Hatchell Hardy | 30. Pat Leopard
Jerry Garrett
Christian Griffin
Lance Putnam |
| 4. Don McIntyre | 11. Peter Lindley
Will Henry Rinaca | 19. Margaret Crews
Seth Crow | 31. Margaret Lee
Ruth Garrett
David Crotts
Lauren Moyd |
| 5. Albert Sharp
Wanda Strawhorn
Kim Robertson
Taylor Culbertson
Wells Croker
Feagin Hardy | 12. Blanche Pulley | 20. Eloise Hughes | |
| 6. Ann Marie Letson | 13. J.C. Byers
Kathy Crotts
Kaley Bridgeman | 21. Janet Garrett | |
| 7. Carroll Thompson
Nathan Lindley | 15. Buddy Hudson
Julia Craig
Wayland Sherman
Tommy Marchman
Linda Yates | 23. Jimmy Garrett | |
| | | 24. Neal Culbertson | |

Mark Your Calendar for This Youth Date!

WINTER RETREAT 2017

January 13-15

River Oaks Retreat

Attention Adult Sunday School Leaders! Our next meeting will be Sunday, January 8 at 8:45am in the Conference Room.

Sunday Evening Adult Book Study

Our winter study will be of a new book by Adam McHugh called *The Listening Life: Embracing Attentiveness in a World of Distraction*. In the noise of our modern lives, how do we listen to God, to Scripture and to Others? What does it mean to practice the spiritual discipline of listening? Copies of the book are \$10. We will meet for the first time on January 8th. Our group will meet each week from 6-7pm in Bobo Hall with Philip Dean, David Corley, John Topping and Rickey Letson all helping to lead the discussion.

Men's & Women's Small Groups

Our Men's Groups will resume on Sunday, January 8 (6pm in the Fireside Room) and Tuesday, January 10 (7am in the Conference Room and 12pm in Bobo Hall). We will be reading and discussing the book *If You Want to Walk on Water, You Have to Get Out of the Boat* by John Ortberg. Cost of the book is \$10, and the books will be made available during the first meeting. If you have not been involved in one of these groups, now is a great time to get involved! If you need more information, please contact Tommy Cox.

Where Moms Connect will meet again on Sunday, January 8 at 5:00pm in the Craft Room. This is a great time of fellowship and Bible study for women of all ages. If you need more information, please contact Frankie Sherman or Miranda Langston.

Wednesday Nights for Adults

Our Wednesday Night Adult Bible Studies will begin on January 11 at 6pm. These studies are as follows:

- *The Parables of Jesus* will meet in the Conference Room. This study will explore ten key parables of Jesus and how they provide an opportunity for illumination and transformation in our lives today. Tommy will lead.
- *Psalms: The Honesty of the Heart* will meet in Bobo Hall. This study will focus on selected Psalms and the emotion that they convey in the relationship between God and humans including praise, sadness, fear and disappointment. Rickey will lead.

Happening in January at FBC

January 1	Happy New Year - 10:30 Worship Only
January 2	Office Closed for New Years
January 8	Sunday Evening Activities and Studies Resume
January 11	Wednesday Night Meal/Activities Resume
January 13-15	Identity: Winter Youth Retreat at River Oaks
January 21-27	Mission Trip to Haiti

Haiti Mission Trip January 21-27, 2017

Please be in prayer for our Haiti Mission Team. Our Team Members are:

Laura Brown	Joyce Dennis	Liz FautLeRoy	Audrey Hall	Julie Hobbs
Steve Hobbs	Robin Hornberger	Susan Johnson	Jack Kerber	Julia Kerber
Onika Kerber	Craig Little	Kevin McCraney	TR Ravenel	Seth Reynolds
Adair Rogers	Dean Rogers	Leigh Ann Simpson	Carroll Thompson	Nancy Thompson
John Topping	Jim Yarbrough			

What a fabulous, capable group! We are excited about the work God will do through us in Haiti.

WORSHIP IN JANUARY AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Take It to Heart: Five Verses to Know & Live By in 2017

January 1	<i>New Beginnings</i>	2 Corinthians 5:17
January 8	<i>Empathy</i>	John 1:14
January 15	<i>Presence</i>	Psalms 94:19
January 22	<i>Purpose</i>	Jeremiah 29:11
January 29	<i>Steadfastness</i>	Philippians 1:6