



# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

# THE TIE

**JANUARY  
2018  
SPECIAL  
EDITION**

**300 West Main St  
Laurens, SC 29360  
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## MINISTER ON CALL

**January 1-7**

Adair Rogers 864-923-1631

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**January 15-21**

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**January 29 - February 4**

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## JANUARY 2018 BIRTHDAYS

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|---|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1. Linda Lanford<br>Kevin Luiz  | 9. Rusty Cox<br>Kelly Jones   | 16. Buddy Crow<br>Laura Brown     | 25. Margaret Ellison<br>Kimberly Martin<br>Jacob Griffin              |
| 2. Rickey Poole   | 10. Betty Koon<br>Patricia Mahon  | 17. Jackie Coggins<br>Sid Lee     | 26. Bill Ellison  |
| 3. Jeff Owings  | 11. Peter Lindley<br>Will Henry Rinaca  | 18. Nolan Burns<br>Hatchell Hardy | 28. Loraine Woodson<br>Bev Kennedy                                    |
| 4. Don McIntyre   | 12. Blanche Pulley  | 19. Margaret Crews<br>Seth Crow   | 30. Pat Leopard<br>Jerry Garrett<br>Christian Griffin<br>Lance Putnam |
| 5. Albert Sharp<br>Wanda Strawhorn<br>Kim Roberson<br>Taylor Culbertson<br>Wells Croker<br>Feagin Hardy | 13. J.C. Byers<br>Kathy Crotts<br>Kaley Bridgeman   | 20. Eloise Hughes                 | 31. Margaret Lee<br>Ruth Garrett<br>David Crotts                      |
| 6. Ann Marie Letson   | 15. Buddy Hudson<br>Julia Craig<br>Wayland Sherman<br>Tommy Marchman<br>Linda Yates<br>Julie Wilkie | 21. Janet Garrett                 |   |
| 7. Carroll Thompson<br>Nathan Lindley   |   | 23. Jimmy Garett                  |   |
|   |   | 24. Neal Culbertson               |   |

### January Opportunities for Children

The New Year is a great time to plug back into Sunday School! We would love to have your child(ren) join us each Sunday at 9:30 for a time of learning and fellowshiping together. We have wonderful teachers who work hard to teach and build relationships with our children in their classes and we don't want you to miss out! There's a class for all ages!

Wednesday Night Activities resume on January 10<sup>th</sup>! We look forward to seeing you then!

FBC Kindergarten registration for the 2017-18 school year begins February 1<sup>st</sup>! We offer classes in the following: Mother's Morning Out (12 - 24 months), 2K, 3K, and 4K. We would love for your child to join our Kindergarten family!

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ADVANCE COMMITMENT OPPORTUNITY

Would you like to make your *One Family – One Mission* Campaign Commitment early in order to inspire the congregation to generous giving?

Advance Commitments provide momentum, encouragement, excitement and an assurance of campaign success. An Advance Commitment Opportunity invitation is extended to the entire congregation.

If you would like to participate in the Advance Commitment Event that will be happening in early February, please contact Claire in the church office no later than Monday, January 29, 2018.

### JANUARY AT FBC

January 1	Office Closed for New Years
January 10	Wednesday Night Activities Resume
January 12-14	Exchange: Winter Youth Retreat at River Oaks
January 14	Sunday Book Study, Men's Group Restart
January 16	Children's Handbells/Men's Studies Restart
January 20	FBC to Greenville Swamp Rabbits Game
January 28	Hamburgers for Haiti After Worship
January 28	Women's Study Begins

### WORSHIP IN JANUARY AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

January 7	<i>A New Year's List</i>	I Samuel 16:7
January 14	<i>What God Expects...Justice</i>	Micah 6:8
January 21	<i>What God Expects...Kindness</i>	Micah 6:8
January 28	<i>What God Expects...Humility</i>	Micah 6:8

Our next Adult Sunday School Leaders Meeting will be Sunday, January 14 at 8:45am in the Conference Room.

### Mark Your Calendar - Youth Winter Retreat 2018

Exchange: *Gaining Through Giving Up*

January 12-14; River Oaks Conference Center

Cost: \$100; contact Carl at [carl@fbclarens.org](mailto:carl@fbclarens.org) for more info

### FBC to the Greenville Swamp Rabbits Hockey Game

Saturday Evening, January 20 - Cost: \$15 per person; call the church office to sign up at 984-7500. Tickets are Limited

### Adult Studies Beginning in January 2018

#### Wednesday Nights (beginning January 10)

*Red Letter Prayers: The Prayers of Jesus* - will explore the prayers of Jesus and what these prayers tell us about the heart of God. Through witnessing the most intimate moments between the Father and the Son, we can learn something about the big plan that God has for our lives. Tommy Cox will lead this 10-week study each Wednesday at 6pm in the Conference Room.

*The Book of Job - Reflections on Suffering* - How did Job cope with the suffering that he endured? How do we as people of faith today respond to and deal with our own times of suffering, heartbreak and the unexplainable pains of life. Rickey will lead the study each week at 6pm in Bobo Hall.

#### Mens & Women's Small Groups

Our Sunday Night and Tuesday Morning Men's Groups will begin a study on *The Beatitudes*. This study will explore the eight qualities that bring God's blessing. Jesus highlighted these to offer us encouragement and instruction on living distinctly. This study will explore how we integrate these qualities to receive the blessings that Jesus promises. Tommy Cox will lead both groups. The Sunday night group meets at 6pm beginning January 14 and the Tuesday group meets at 7am, starting January 16.

Our Tuesday Men's Lunch Group will study *What Does God Require?* This book, focused on Micah 6:8, invites us to think about the three expectations of God that this verse in Micah focuses on - justice, kindness and humility. Micah 6:8 will also be the basis for worship at FBC in January. Rickey will lead the group which meets at Noon, beginning January 16.

New Women's Study coming in January 2018: *Freedom for Mothers* by Denise Glenn. This eight-week study, based on John 15, will take you through a journey into God's Word to discover the fullness and freedom you can experience as a woman and as a mother. You will find the source to fill your "love bucket", recognize common mothering traps, and deal decisively with self-defeating habits. Kate Orcutt will lead this study, and the cost of the workbook is \$15. *Please note: The start date for the study has been moved to January 28, 2018.* Register today by contacting the church office or by signing up on the pew pad.

#### Sunday Evening Book Study (beginning January 14)

*Jesus: A Novel* by Walter Wangerin - From the same author of *Paul: A Novel*, this companion work from Wangerin considers the life of Jesus from beginning to end while trying to faithfully fill in the gaps where the gospels are silent. Join us for the meaningful small group opportunity that will conclude as we near Easter. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

## NEW MEMBERS!



Owen Crow  
with Seth, Melissa, and Miles

Chris & Georgianna Martin,  
Anna Beth, Autry, Hadden, Rand