



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

THE TIE

**JANUARY
2019
SPECIAL
EDITION**

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JANUARY 2019 BIRTHDAYS

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| 1. Linda Lanford
Kevin Luiz | 9. Rusty Cox
Kelly Jones | 15. Tommy Marchman
Linda Yates
Julie Wilkie | 23. Jimmy Garrett |
| 2. Rickey Poole | 10. Betty Koon
Patricia Mahon | 16. Buddy Crow
Laura Brown | 24. Neal Culbertson |
| 3. Jeff Owings | 11. Peter Lindley
Will Henry Rinaca
Bob Sumerel | 17. Jackie Coggins
Sid Lee | 25. Margaret Ellison
Kimberly Martin
Jacob Griffin |
| 4. Don McIntyre | 12. Blanche Pulley | 18. Nolan Burns
Hatchell Hardy | 26. Bill Ellison |
| 5. Albert Sharp
Wanda Strawhorn
Kim Roberson
Taylor Culbertson
Wells Croker
Feagin Hardy | 13. J.C. Byers
Kathy Crotts
Kaley Bridgeman | 19. Margaret Crews
Seth Crow | 27. Dave Fowler |
| 6. Ann Marie Letson
Claudia Monroy | 14. Nell Aiken | 20. Eloise Hughes | 28. Loraine Woodson |
| 7. Carroll Thompson
Nathan Lindley | 15. Buddy Hudson
Julia Craig
Wayland Sherman | 21. Janet Garrett | 30. Pat Leopard
Jerry Garrett
Christian Griffin
Lance Putnam |
| | | | 31. Ruth Garrett
David Crotts |

Capital Campaign Update - General Contractor Chosen!

We are happy to announce that we have chosen Harper Construction out of Greenville as our General Contractor for the Capital Campaign. We are now working with Harper on final details and hope to be underway by the end of January. At this juncture, Harper expects to complete all four phases of the project sometime in the fall of 2019. We also want to thank you for your generosity and faithfulness in giving. We are very close to having received \$1,000,000 dollars to the Campaign to date and for that we say Thanks Be to God!

JANUARY AT FBC

January 1	Office Closed for New Years
January 6	Winter Ping Pong Tournament in the FLC
January 9	Wednesday Night Activities Resume
January 13	Sunday Evening Activities Resume
January 13	Stan Buckley, <i>But God Ministries</i> , Haiti, Preaches
January 15	Children's Music & Tuesday Men's Studies Resume
January 18-20	<i>Breakable</i> : Winter Youth Retreat
January 25	FBC to Greenville Swamp Rabbits Hockey Game

WORSHIP IN JANUARY AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

January 6	<i>Faith in Hard Places: Changing Direction</i> Matthew 2:1-12
January 13	Stan Buckley, <i>But God Ministries</i> , Preaches
January 20	<i>Faith In the Hard Places: Changing Locations</i> Matthew 2:13-18
January 27	<i>Faith in the Hard Places: A New Normal</i> Matthew 2:19-23

Recreation

Ping Pong Tournament

Make up date for the Ping Pong Tournament will be Sunday, January 6 at 2:00. Children through adult divisions. Sign up today!

Greenville Swamp Rabbits

Join us for a great night of fun and hockey. Our Swamp Rabbits will be playing Friday night, January 25 at 7:00. You may sign up by paying for your tickets at the church office. Cost of tickets are \$10. We will take a bus for anyone wanting to ride together and will leave the church parking lot at 5:30. We will plan on eating at the game.

January Opportunity for Children

CRITTER KEEPER - WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2019

6:00 - 7:30PM FOR ALL CHILDREN THROUGH 5TH GRADE

Let's kickoff our Wednesday night activities in 2019 with the CRITTER KEEPER! Join us for an evening of fun as we learn all about God's creation! This will take the place of all other children's activities. Check out the website: critterkeeperupstate.com

Youth News

Winter Retreat

Diverge Winter Retreat will be Jan 18-20 at Camp Maranatha in Danielsville, GA. Cost per student will be \$100, with discounts for siblings and scholarships for those needing it. This year's theme is *Breakable*. Join Diverge Student Ministry for a life changing weekend!!! Deadline to sign up will be January 9.

WINTER 2019 ADULT STUDIES

Beginning Wednesday, January 9, 2019

The Lord's Prayer- Are there times when your prayer life feels stagnant, like you're saying the same things to God that you did when you first started praying? Just as young children learn to communicate in more and more complex ways, so we should move from simply crying out to God to a mature, developed prayer life. This 8-week study will explore the basic elements found in the Lord's Prayer, which serves as a helpful guide to those hoping to enrich their personal prayer life. Tommy will lead this study each week at 6:00pm in the Conference Room.

The Life of Jeremiah: Join us as we rediscover the story of one of the most important Old Testament figures. Our text will be the Book of Jeremiah but rather than focusing on all of the book we will center our discussions on the sections that teach us about the person who was Jeremiah and what it is that we learn from his story. We will meet in Bobo Hall with Rickey leading the group.

Beginning Sunday, January 13, 2019

Surprised by Joy: We know the name CS Lewis but what do we know about him? Join us as we reading his spiritual memoir and learn about the person behind his great books such as *Mere Christianity*, *The Lion, the Witch and The Wardrobe* and *The Screwtape Letters*. Perhaps no one has shaped Christianity in the Western World more than CS Lewis in the last 100 years. But, what was his own faith and life like? Join us as we learn together. David Corley, Phillip Dean, John Topping and Rickey Letson will lead. Books will be available from the church office or on the first night of the study.

Men's Group 2019 Restart!

Our Men's Groups will resume on Sunday, January 13. We will continue our discussions based on the book *Meditations on Luke*. Groups will meet on Sundays at 6:00pm in the Fireside Room (beginning January 13), Tuesdays at 7:00am in the Conference Room and 12:00pm in Bobo Hall (beginning January 15). The new year offers a new opportunity to get involved with our men's studies, so make plans now to join us!