



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

THE TIE

**JANUARY
2021
SPECIAL
EDITION**

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JANUARY 2021 BIRTHDAYS

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| 1. Linda Lanford
Kevin Luiz | 9. Rusty Cox
Kelly Jones | 16. Buddy Crow
Laura Brown | 25. Margaret Ellison
Kimberly Martin
Jacob Griffin |
| 2. Rickey Poole | 10. Patricia Mahon | 17. Jackie Coggins
Sid Lee | 26. Bill Ellison
Bob Parris |
| 3. Jeff Owings | 11. Peter Lindley
Will Henry Rinaca
Bob Sumerel | 18. Nolan Burns
Hatchell Hardy
Pat Haile | 27. Dave Fowler |
| 4. Don McIntyre | 12. Blanche Pulley | 19. Margaret Crews
Seth Crow | 28. Loraine Woodson |
| 5. Albert Sharp
Wanda Strawhorn
Kim Roberson
Taylor Culbertson
Wells Croker
Feagin Hardy | 13. J.C. Byers
Kathy Crotts
Bill Day | 20. Eloise Hughes | 30. Pat Leopard
Christian Griffin
Lance Putnam |
| 6. Ann Marie Letson
Claudia Monroy | 14. Nell Aiken | 21. Janet Garrett | 31. Ruth Garrett
David Crotts |
| 7. Carroll Thompson
Nathan Lindley | 15. Buddy Hudson
Julia Craig
Wayland Sherman
Tommy Marchman
Linda Yates
Julie Wilkie | 23. Jimmy Garrett | |
| 8. Lynda Sanders | | 24. Neal Culbertson | |

Sunday School News

Sunday School Restart- Over the past few months, our staff has been working on plans to restart in-person Sunday School. At this time, we have set a tentative restart date of Sunday, February 7. Our staff, along with the Deacon Leadership, will continue to monitor the coronavirus numbers closely and adjust this date as appropriate. More specific details on this plan will be made available later in January.

FBC Sunday School on the Radio meets each Tuesday from 3:00-3:30pm on WLBG. During January, we will continue in our series on the gospel of Luke. Broadcast dates, teachers and are as follows:

January 5	Jeanne Lindley	Session 5: "Matured"
January 12	Jim Bryan	Session 6: "Prepared"
January 19	Mellie Moates	Session 7: "Compassionate"
January 26	Mike Lindley	Session 8: "Rejected"

For more information on our current Sunday School opportunities, please contact Tommy Cox at the church office, or at tommy@fbclausens.org.

Worship at FBC - January 2021

January 3	<i>Search Diligently...</i>	Matthew 2:1-12
January 10	<i>Beginnings...Be Responsible</i>	Genesis 3:1-13
January 17	<i>Beginnings...Be Courageous</i>	Numbers 13:26-14:45
January 24	<i>Beginnings...Be Similar Yet Different</i>	John 1:1-18
January 31	<i>Beginnings...Be Generous</i>	Acts 13:1-3

January Opportunities for Children

- January 19, 20, 21 - Weekly children's activities restart
- January 22 - 4th/5th grade Game Night in the gym (bring \$5 for supper). Sign up by January 20.

Youth News

January Student Ministry Schedule:

- January 12 - 7th Grade Getting Tue Know You Meal
- January 17 - Sunday School and Handbells Resume
- January 19 - 6th Grade GTKY Meal #1
- January 20 - Worship on Wednesdays Resumes
- January 26 - 6th Grade GTKY Meal #2

New FBC Deacons & Deacon Ordination

We welcome 8 new deacons who were elected in December and who begin their 3 year term on January 1st. They are: Gwen Adams, Vicki Coleman, Bill Finley, Craig Little, Kimberly Martin, Ed Prescott, Kevin Werts and Eddie West. In worship on January 10th, we will ordain Kimberly, Vickie and Kevin as first time deacons. If you cannot be there for worship, we encourage you to consider sending a card to one or all of our three first time deacons.

Lucy Crowder, 5 Years at Financial Secretary at FBC

In 2020, Lucy celebrated five years with us on our staff. We want to thank Lucy and express our appreciation to her in worship on January 17. If you cannot be present for worship that day, we encourage you to send Lucy a card to express your gratitude. We are so blessed to have Lucy on our staff!

Wednesday Adult Bible Studies Beginning January 20, 2021

Senior Adult Wednesday Morning Bible Study- Join us on Wednesday mornings from 10-11am for music, prayer, and Bible Study. We will meet in the Sanctuary so that there is plenty of room for us to spread out and keep our distance from one another. As we restart, we will be studying the small New Testament works of I, II, and III John.

Galatians Study- The book of Galatians is dynamite. It is an explosion of joy and freedom which leaves us enjoying a deep significance, security, and satisfaction. Galatians brings us face to face with the gospel and leads us into the life of blessing God calls His people into. Tommy Cox will lead this 13-week virtual study on Wednesday nights at 7:00pm. Being a virtual study, you will need to sign up by contacting the church office or tommy@fbclausens.org and provide us with your email address.

Men's Group 2020 Restart!

Our Men's Groups will resume on Tuesday, January 19, beginning with an 8-week Bible study on *Temptation*. In a continuing effort to offer meeting options during our current health crisis, we will be offering two meeting formats. Our Tuesday morning group will meet virtually each week at 7:00am (beginning Tuesday, January 19), and our Sunday night group will meet in-person at 6:00pm (beginning Sunday, January 24; location TBA). For more information, please contact Tommy in the church office or at tommy@fbclausens.org.

For the Record - December 2020

December Needs:	\$84,441.80
December Giving:	\$153,549.88
2020 Needs:	\$1,097,743.44
Final 2020 Giving:	\$1,116,316.02

NEW MEMBER



Chad Edwards
(with Lindsay, Brianna, Parker and Connor)