



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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**JANUARY
2022
SPECIAL
EDITION**

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JANUARY 2022 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
Wyatt Kaspar | 26. Bob Parris |
| 3. Jeff Owings | 11. Will Henry Rinaca
Bob Sumerel | 18. Nolan Burns
Hatchell Hardy
Pat Haile | 27. Dave Fowler |
| 4. Don McIntyre | 12. Blanche Pulley
Natalie West
Corey Munden | 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. Claudia Monroy | 14. Nell Aiken | 21. Janet Garrett | 31. Ruth Garrett
David Crotts |
| 7. Carroll Thompson
Nathan Lindley | 15. Julia Craig
Wayland Sherman
Tommy Marchman
Linda Yates
Julie Wilkie | 23. Jimmy Garrett | |
| 8. Lynda Sanders | | 24. Neal Culbertson | |

Transitions

David Hull

Did you attend some larger family gatherings over the Christmas holidays? I went to one with Jane's side of the family. We had not been able to attend this gathering for many years, but now that we live in North Carolina where her family is from, we were able to join the extended family for a meal around Christmas. I knew some of the people, but I needed some help to know who some of them were and how they were related to us. Sometimes we need help to know how all the connections happen in our larger family.

That is also true in the larger Baptist family. First Baptist Church in Laurens was founded in 1834 and over the years has chosen to become a part of the larger Baptist family by partnering in ministry and mission with groups that were formed after our church began. The primary groups that make up our larger Baptist family connection are the Southern Baptist Convention (formed in 1845) and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (formed in 1991). Our church supports both groups with monetary gifts and with mission engagement. Both groups provide needed resources to help First Baptist in ministry. Both groups are our extended Baptist family.

So, how do we relate to this larger family? Why do we connect with these groups? How are they similar? How are they different? How does it work when our church gives financial support to these groups? The questions could go on and on. Maybe it is time to talk about some of these questions so that we will know who our Baptist cousins are and what they mean to us. During the days when we are searching for a new pastor, it is good to take some time to understand the larger Baptist family. After all, the new pastor will likely come from that extended family.

On Sunday night, January 9, at 6:00 p.m. I will talk to the congregation about our relations with the Baptist family. We will gather in the Sanctuary, and that will be the only activity offered in the church that night. My hope is to teach some history, explain some current developments, and suggest ways for future involvement in the ministry and mission of both groups. If you have any interest in what I will be talking about I hope that you will join us.

January Opportunities for Children

- January 2nd - Join us for a New Years Fellowship Brunch in the Gym during the Sunday School hour and for worship at 10:30! No nursery; however, an activity bag will be available for your child to pick up as they enter for worship!
- January 9th - 'Getting to Know Our Larger Baptist Family" at 6pm in the Sanctuary, led by Dr. Hull. Childcare will be provided. Parents, I hope you'll join us as we use this time together to connect as an FBC family.
- January 12th. - Wednesday evening activities resume
- January 18th - 1st-5th Grade Kids on Missions and Handbells resume
- January 31st - For those of you who signed up for PassportKids Camp 2022 early in October, today is your last day to "drop" and receive a full refund if your summer schedule has changed.

Our **Wednesday Night Adult Bible Studies** will resume on Wednesday, January 12, 2022. Due to our delayed start back in October, we will be continuing and completing the Fall Bible studies during the month of January. These studies are as follows:

- Old Testament Study: *The Message of the Prophets*- Led by Mark Freeze at 6:00pm in Bobo Hall.
- *Walking Through the Psalms*— Led by Tommy Cox at 6:00pm in the Craft Room.

Our **Sunday Night Adult Study** will begin on January 16 at 6:00pm. Our book for the Winter/Spring semester will be *Love Does: Discover a Secretly Incredible Life in an Ordinary World*. In this book, Bob Goff shares remarkable stories from his life and shows how living and loving to the fullest is the best way to make Jesus known in this world. Cost of the book is \$10. David Hull, Phillip Dean, David Corley, and John Topping will lead this study in Bobo Hall.

Attention Men! Our Men's Groups will resume on Tuesday, January 11 at 7:00am and Sunday, January 16, at 6:00pm. Each of these groups will meet in Classroom A (FLC/Gym area), and we will continue in our study of Hebrews. It is never too late to get involved in one of our Men's Groups! If you would like more information, please contact Tommy Cox.

Youth News

Winter Retreat 2022 - "Injoy"

What is Joy? How do we seek it? Where do we find it? And why, if God offers it and desires it for us, do we so often settle for less? Our students will be exploring the answers to these questions and more this January at our Winter Retreat. Please be in prayer for our students, leaders, guest musicians and speakers as we prepare for this important event in the life of our ministry.

For the Record - December 2021

December Needs:	\$84,423.35
December Giving:	\$116,715.81
2020 Needs:	\$1,110,947.68
Final 2020 Giving:	\$1,097,502.23

