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### MEMBERS IN ACTION

#### January 15

##### **Deacons of the Week:**

Steve Madden, Offertory Prayer  
Linda Chadbourne, Visitor Outreach  
**Security:** Bill Wilson and Steve Thrasher

#### January 22

##### **Deacons of the Week:**

Donna Nelson, Offertory Prayer  
Joe Drennon, Visitor Outreach  
**Security:** Chad Walker and Thomas Roach

### OPPORTUNITIES AT FIRST BAPTIST

#### **Sunday, January 15**

9:30 AM Worship  
10:30 AM Sunday School  
5:00 PM Youth Group

#### **Monday, January 16 - MLK Day**

Church Office Closed  
No School

#### **Wednesday, January 18**

5:15 PM Fellowship Hall Doors Open  
5:45 PM Children's Music and Missions  
Youth Group  
6:05 PM Bible Study  
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

#### **Thursday, January 19**

12:00 PM Third Thursday, Senior Adult Ministry  
Lunch at Mama Penn's

#### **Sunday, January 22**

9:30 AM Worship/Deacon Ordination  
10:30 AM Sunday School  
11:30 AM Deacons' Meeting/Training Luncheon  
5:00 PM Youth Group

#### **Monday, January 23**

1:00 PM Staff Meeting

#### **Tuesday, January 24**

10:00 AM The Margaret Williams Bible Study

#### **Wednesday, January 25**

5:15 PM Fellowship Hall Doors Open  
5:45 PM Children's Music and Missions  
Youth Group  
6:05 PM Bible Study  
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

#### **Thursday, January 26**

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### CONDOLENCES

Family and friends on the passing of John Floyd  
(a Wilmary resident) on January 1, 2023

### THANK YOU NOTE

Dear FBC Family,  
Thank you for all of the calls and prayers in regard  
to my sister, Karen Gribble, after her stroke. We  
both appreciate the love that you've shown us and  
ask for continued prayers.  
Beverly Simmons



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## SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

### 9:30 AM - DEACON ORDINATION

for Linda Chadbourne, Dale Ellenburg, and Carlie Taylor

### 11:30 AM - DEACONS' MEETING AND TRAINING LUNCHEON

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

# CHURCH CONFERENCE AND LUNCHEON

11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall

**PLEASE NOTE: RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN**  
To make a reservation please call the church office or visit [andersonfbc.org/community](http://andersonfbc.org/community).  
The deadline to make a reservation is 3:00 PM Wednesday, January 25.

COST: \$10 per adult (no cost for children 18 and under)

**MENU:** Parmesan Crusted Chicken, Cheesy Potatoes, Green Beans,  
Roll, Garden Salad, Dessert: Apple Dumplings



### From One Minister to Another...

The Christmas season is always a special time at First Baptist, and last year's was no exception. I want to thank everyone who made our children's program, Christmas Tapestry, Longest Night Service, Candlelight Communion Service, Christmas Day worship, and New Year's Day meal so wonderful. There are too many servants to name here, but suffice to say that it takes a lot of hard work to pull all this off in just a few weeks.

Advent prompts us to reflect on the "light that shines in the darkness" as we anticipate the birth of Christ and the incarnation of God. We're called not only to *receive* and *celebrate* the light; we are called to *be the light*. "You are the light of the world," Jesus said to his followers in the Sermon on the Mount. (Matthew 5:14)

As we settle into 2023, we celebrate those who have embraced the opportunity to serve God—and be the light—through their work at First Baptist.

January 1 brought new people into the lay leadership of our church, as new committee members began their terms of service. On Saturday, January 7, our committees gathered for a Committee Summit to elect their leadership, hear reports from our ministers, set their 2023 meeting dates, and put together their goals for the new year. You'll hear more about all of this during our business conference on January 29, but in the meantime, thank those persons who have agreed to serve our church in these wonderful and important ways.

Speaking of our business conference, did you notice that our beloved business conference meals are back? You'll see the menu and pricing elsewhere in the Beacon. Please note that reservations are absolutely required. Contact the church office at 864-224-1622 or [andersonfbc.org/community](http://andersonfbc.org/community) soon to let us know you're planning to attend. I'm looking forward to this wonderful time of fellowship.

January 1 also brought in a new group of deacons who begin their three-year terms this year. We'll ordain three persons to deacon ministry on Sunday morning, January 22. Our church family will have the opportunity to bless these individuals as they are called to service. During worship that morning, we'll think about the ministry of our deacons as well as the calling we each have to serve in ministry. Please be in prayer for all of our deacons as they serve our church this year!

Finally, I'd like to share a need—and another opportunity to serve—with you:

Our friends from South Main Chapel and Mercy Center joined us for lunch on January 1. Kurt Stutler and Elizabeth Hiott shared their gratitude to First Baptist for its ongoing support of South Main's efforts to feed those who are hungry. Churches and other nonprofit organizations (including First Baptist's Faith Sunday School class) prepare and serve lunches each Sunday, and there is a need for more groups to be involved in this work in 2023. This is the kind of ministry we did on January 1, but on a more regular basis. If your class or group is interested in serving in this way or has any questions, please reach out to me!

Peace of Christ,



## FIRST BAPTIST'S SEASON OF PRAYER CONTINUES

Join us as we pray these two questions twice each day:

Lord, who would you have us as a congregation be?

Lord, what would you have us as a congregation do?

### FAMILY MINISTRY

The 2023 Family Ministry Lists have been mailed out to family ministers, if you haven't received yours, please contact the Church Office.

### PLEASE NOTE

#### UPDATE REGARDING 2023 GIVING ENVELOPES



Greetings from The Church-Budget Envelope & Mailing Company, Some of you may be aware of delays in the offering envelope mailings over the past couple months. Due to supply chain and the inability to add employees at the rate necessary has created a slow draw on production and shipping. Recently, both of those issues have been resolved. However the "catchup" would jeopardize long term delivery.

In order to get back to expected levels of timely deliveries, we are forced to suspend the production of the remaining supply of your January envelopes. The offering envelopes will resume and be delivered by the first Sunday in March. Quarterly supply will restart in April.

Never in our company's history have we had to skip scheduled mailings and we are doing all we can to make sure this never happens again. We deeply apologize for this necessary course of action and the inconveniences this has caused you and your church family.

We appreciate your understanding.

The Church-Budget Envelope & Mailing Co. Management Team

### GIVING ONLINE

If you haven't received your 2023 giving envelopes and would like to take this opportunity to give online, it is an easy, quick and secure way to give using a bank account or credit/debit card. To get started, just click the scan the QR code. If you need any assistance please contact Kele Davenport in the Church Office by phone (224-1622) or email: [kele.davenport@andersonfbc.org](mailto:kele.davenport@andersonfbc.org).



### WOMEN'S MINISTRY

#### THE MARGARET WILLIAMS BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, January 24  
10:00 AM in Room 212

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



**FAITHFUL FAMILIES WORKSHOP**  
Saturday, February 25 from 10:00 – 11:30 AM  
**EASTER EVENT** - Saturday, April 1  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** - June 12-15  
**PASSPORT KIDS** - June 26-29

### NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED

Our Nursery is looking for individuals willing to care specifically for infants once a month during the worship hour. If this is something that you are interest-



ed in, or you know someone who may be interested, please contact Cara at [cara.morgan@andersonfbc.org](mailto:cara.morgan@andersonfbc.org)

### SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY



January 19th - Noon

Meet at Mama Penn's for lunch and a time of fellowship. Lunch special will be meat and 3 vegetables with bread and a drink for \$14 plus tax and tip. If you do not have a standing reservation please let us know you plan to attend by calling the church office.