



**January Birthdays**

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|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 3 Josh Starling         | 17 Maya Martinez  |
| 4 Bobby Hardy           | 18 Andy Hoyle     |
| 4 Ford Trotter          | 19 Ronan Smith    |
| 4 Macon Wheeler         | 22 Colton Boyles  |
| 8 John Austin Green     | 22 Becky House    |
| 9 Adam Champion         | 23 Syerra Hicks   |
| 9 Cameron Cole          | 23 Tim Wilkins    |
| 10 Janet Burnette       | 25 Jocelyn Limer  |
| 10 Nick Mitchell        | 28 Daniel Carson  |
| 10 Karl Righter         | 28 Katie Hagwood  |
| 12 Teresa Abbott        | 28 Larry Parker   |
| 12 Antonio Storm Olsson | 29 Sydney Hall    |
| 13 Easton Hymiller      | 29 Rose Holmes    |
| 14 Lawson Hymiller      | 30 Chris Bowen    |
| 16 Kay Mendenhall       | 30 Sharon Grissom |
| 17 Sue Grissom          | 30 Rick Shirey    |
| 17 Amy Mitchell         | 31 Joey Kearney   |

***A Missions Moment***

The next Fellowship Meal will be January 2. The menu is to be announced.

We are recording audio CD's for our Homebound members and for those who would like a copy of our worship services. Please let us know if you know of someone who would like to receive a CD.

Happy New Year!

Thomas Reid and Carol Abbott

***Serving in January***

**January 6**

**Deacons of the Week:** Dottie Averette (919-495-0143)  
Karl Righter (919-777-4349)

**Greeters:** Chris Carter, Linda Newton

**Ushers:** Daniel Hymiller, Gary Nelms, Patsy Tolbert,  
Ray Yarborough

**Ushers for February 3:** Jodie Bowman, Scott Bowman,  
J.R. Mendenhall, Vance Mendenhall

**Preschool Workers:** Debra Allen, Cindy Hardy

**January 13**

**Deacons of the Week:** Linda Newton (919-495-0790)  
Patsy Tolbert (1-540-570-6464)

**Greeters:** Youth

**Ushers:** Ronald Champion, Andy Hoyle, Sam Jordan,  
Dennis Leonard

**Ushers for February 10:** Bradley Grissom, Ryland Grissom,  
Gary Nelms, Patsy Tolbert

**Preschool Workers:** Carol Abbott, Minnie Shirey

**January 20**

**Deacons of the Week:** Ann Goswick (919-496-8448)  
Ken Wilson (919-272-6290)

**Greeters:** Rosemary Champion, Linda Newton

**Ushers:** Youth

**Ushers for February 17:** Youth

**Preschool Workers:** Cindy Hardy, Linda Newton

**January 27**

**Deacons of the Week:** Carol Abbott (252-495-1281)  
Rick Shirey (919-815-2134)

**Greeters:** Bill and Sarah Hagwood, Beverly Ramey

**Ushers:** Amy Mitchell, Shane Mitchell, Ken Wilson,  
Robin Wilson

**Ushers for February 24:** Daniel Hymiller, Sam Jordan,  
Dennis Leonard, Ray Yarborough

**Preschool Workers:** Carol Abbott, Kay Mendenhall

**Children's Church Workers for January:** Scott and Jodie  
Bowman

***Happy New Year***

*We thank God for opportunities  
to serve in the new year*



We live in a temporal world in which the joy of new things can be fleeting. The latest-greatest things of a week ago have become old already and the new year ball drop has left us tired.

It is strange then, to hear Jeremiah claiming that the same steadfast love and mercy of God is new every morning. For hasn't God created it all? But He is still creating! "Behold, I am making all things new" (Rev. 21:5) And that new creation is in us (2 Cor. 5:17). And He is continually working all these things together for good. Each day, each moment, He has an unquenchable desire to love us more, extend His mercy again and shape our circumstances into a beautiful thing that opens the eyes of others to the greatness of God.

O Lord, open my eyes to see, let me rejoice in and celebrate with others the new things that you're doing in and through each one of us every day. For the joy of living each day is found in You.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases  
His mercy never comes to an end  
They are new every morning, new every morning  
Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord  
Great is Thy faithfulness -Edith McNeil

Patrick Woods

***FBC Ladies***

The FBC Ladies will start a new study in January called "Twelve More Women of the Bible." We meet at 6:30 P.M. on the second Thursday in the Fellowship Hall.

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## The DISCIPLE

“...go and make disciples in all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and then teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you; and be sure of this—that I am with you always, even to the end of the world.” Matt. 28:19-20

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### ONGOING CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

**SUNDAY: 9:15 Prayer Time**

**9:15 Library Opens**

**9:45 Sunday School**

**11:00 Morning Worship Service**

**11:15 Children's Church**

**5:00 Deacons Meet (Quarterly)**

**MONDAY:6:30 Al-Anon Meets**

**WEDNESDAY:**

**7:00 Prayer/Bible Study (Except Conference Time)**

**Conference (Quarterly)**

**Youth/Children Meet/Nursery Provided**

**8:00 Chancel Choir Practice**

**THURSDAY:**

**6:30 FBC Ladies Meet (2nd Thursday)**

While it does not happen often, it happened this weekend – a significant early December snowfall – and with it comes the decision. Do we cancel church services? Of course in the better interest of safety for everyone we did, and with it comes having to defend the decision to “cancel church”. As I knocked around the produce section of the local grocery store on Sunday afternoon, talking to the young man working there, it dawned on me – the Church is never closed. While our doors may have been shuttered for a brief period, the Body of Christ - the Church - continued to operate and function in our friendly fellowship, caring ministry, and in our personal and collective worship. Many of you shared that you took the opportunity to listen to Dr. Charles Stanley, or listen to the sacred holiday music from the Hayes Barton Baptist choir with Dr. David Hailey – most of you were just looking for some good preaching. I hope you found what you needed for the moment.

As we come to the close of another calendar year, there is a truthful awareness of how fast time is flying by. Many thoughts and conversations begin with, “did it not seem like just yesterday that \_\_\_\_\_ (you fill in your blank)”. Well you know my thoughts about the swift passage of time. It is either the older I get the faster time passes or the more fun I am having the faster time goes by. You get to choose as well. If this does not make any sense to you, just wait, you will one day be old enough to know what I am talking about! For those who have reached that age, hang on, the best is yet to come!

If you have not already, I want to encourage you to look around us, at the multiple housing communities sprouting up within the shadows of our church. The question everyone seems to be asking is, “where are all of the folks coming from?”. My response: they have discovered a place where they believe they have relative access to all of the amenities of the Research Triangle amidst the quaintness of a small community. Are we as a church ready to invite them and receive them, opening the doors of our family to new guests and members? What will draw them to us? The aroma of Christ and the Light of the World. May He be fragrant and bright as we seek to welcome our new neighbors!

Standing on the threshold of 2019, my prayer is that your holidays have been merry and bright, and that you and your family have experienced the hope, peace, joy, and love that are heralded in the coming of the Christ Child. As we look ahead into a new year, may we resolve as a church to remain Christ-centered and mission-minded, and to continue to be guided by the Spirit of the living God. May He fall fresh on each of us, creating a sense of revival and renewal, and opening our eyes and hearts to unique and creative ways to minister to one another in the church and this community.

Happy New Year,  
David

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