



January Birthdays

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| 3 Josh Starling | 16 Kay Mendenhall | 28 Katie Hagwood |
| 4 Bobby Hardy | 17 Sarah Ball | 28 Larry Parker |
| 4 Ford Trotter | 17 Sue Grissom | 29 Sydney Hall |
| 4 Macon Wheeler | 17 Amy Mitchell | 29 Rose Holmes |
| 8 John Austin Green | 17 Maya Martinez | 30 Chris Bowen |
| 9 Adam Champion | 18 Andy Hoyle | 30 Sharon Grissom |
| 10 Janet Burnette | 19 Ronan Smith | 30 Rick Shirey |
| 10 Nick Mitchell | 22 Becky House | 31 Joey Kearney |
| 10 Karl Righter | 23 Syerra Hicks | |
| 10 Willie Williams | 26 Tammy Ball | |
| 12 Teresa Abbott | 28 Daniel Carson | |
| 12 Antonio Storm Olsson | | |
| 13 Easton Hymiller | | |
| 14 Lawson Hymiller | | |
| 16 George Andrick | | |

A Missions Moment

Let us serve others with the compassion of Christ by offering sustenance to those in need. This is where our lives meet God's heart.

The next Fellowship Meal is Wednesday, February 7, at 6:00 P.M.

The Christmas Family Ministry was a SUCCESS! Giving to those in need and ministering within our own community are always wonderful blessings, especially during the celebration of the birth of Christ. To God be the Glory! We are blessed!

The Christmas Cantata was a fantastic time to gather together in worship during the blessed season of Christmas as we prepared our hearts for His second coming. Thank you, Patrick, for your leadership and devotion and for leading our worship services through song. Thank you, choir, for making our Advent season full of sounds of JOY! God be glorified!

We have extended the time to give to our Lottie Moon Christmas offering to January 14. This offering supports international missionaries serving across the globe, some in difficult, undisclosed locations. Let us pray, then give as our hearts are led to this worthwhile cause. Our G.A.'s have placed a contribution box and lollipop tree in the Welcome Center. Have a lollipop as a "thank you" for giving.

The R.A.'s and G.A.'s had the opportunity to visit numerous homes within our community during the Christmas season. The R.A.'s and G.A.'s will be collecting cookie dough and pre-packaged cookies until January 7. On the 7th, they will make cookies and cards for the local EMS, police, military, and fire department. They will deliver these items on January 9.

Thomas Reid and Carol Abbott

The American Red Cross blood drive is at our church on Saturday, January 27, 2018. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center. You may sign up online as well at redcrossblood.org.

Serving in January

January 7

Deacons of the Week: Dottie Averette (919-495-0143)
Scott Bowman (919-815-0093)

Greeters: Chris Carter, Linda Newton
Ushers: Ronald Champion, Bradley Grissom,
Ryland Grissom, Vance Mendenhall

Preschool Worker: Windy Edwards

January 14

Deacons of the Week: Teresa Abbott (919-497-2236)
Linda Newton (919-495-0790)

Greeters: Youth
Ushers: Jodie Bowman, Scott Bowman, Sam Jordan,
J.R. Mendenhall

Preschool Worker: Kassie Grissom

January 21

Deacons of the Week: Ann Goswick (919-496-8448)
Thomas Reid (704-305-8288)

Greeters: Rosemary Champion, Linda Newton
Ushers: Youth

Preschool Worker: Dottie Averette

January 28

Deacons of the Week: Ronald Champion (919-426-3825)
J.R. Mendenhall (919-410-4609)

Greeters: Bill and Sarah Hagwood, Beverly Ramey
Ushers: Daniel Hymiller, Dennis Leonard, Susan Leonard
Preschool Worker: Stephanie Bowen

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

Happy New Year!

We begin a New Year of praise and worship of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ



Patrick's Musical Passages

Let's resolve to start something new in our lives in 2018. Let's open the door and let God work His newness in us. Any real and lasting change comes from within. In Christ, we are raised to a new life (II Corinthians 5:17). God makes all things new (Revelation 21:5). The transformation that He will work in us will be far more powerful and lasting.

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.
You are the Potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

- Eddie Espinosa

- Patrick

FBC Ladies

The ladies' Bible study group will meet on January 11, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. They will discuss "Twelve Women of the Bible, Session 5 – Abigail: Dealing with Confrontation in Relationships," by Elisa Morgan. They will learn the three conflicts in Abigail's story and the four ways she brings about conflict resolution.

Carol Abbott

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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)

5:00 RA's/GA's Meet

5:00 Youth Meet

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

Once again we find ourselves standing on the threshold of change, thinking back on the year gone by in reflection and looking ahead in hope to that which is to come. How often have you heard the expression “I am so looking forward to” (and you can fill in the blank)? As 2017 comes to a close and 2018 opens its doors for us, what are you looking forward to?

I pray that your time of reflection includes an offering of praise and thanksgiving for God's blessings poured out upon the church at Franklinton Baptist. We do have so much to be grateful for as we continue to experience the joy of fellowship and the awesome power of the moving of the Spirit of God in our midst. May that same Spirit continue to stir us in the New Year to come!

I also pray that your time of looking forward will include a commitment, or a re-commitment, to serving the Lord through the church and in this community as we keep our eyes focused on the Spirit leading us. Back in the 1990's Dr. Henry Blackaby introduced many of us to his 13-week discipleship study entitled “Experiencing God,” and many of you went through the study with us over time. If you recall, Dr. Blackaby listed seven realities of experiencing God that help us summarize the way we respond to God's initiative in our life:

God is always at work around you.

God pursues a continuing love relationship with you that is real and personal.

God invites you to become involved with Him in His work.

God speaks by the Holy Spirit through the Bible, prayer, circumstances, and the church to reveal Himself, His purposes, and His ways.

God's invitation for you to work with Him always leads you to a crisis of belief that requires faith and action.

You must make major adjustments in your life to join God in what He is doing.

You come to know God by experience as you obey Him and He accomplishes His work through you.

Let's renew our commitment to seeking not only God's initiatives in the New Year, but to the obedience in following where He leads.

As always, thanks for making 2017 special for us at Franklinton Baptist, and I am so looking forward to.....

Sharing His Love with You,
David

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