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Train Your Eyes to See Jesus

"Set aside every sin that so easily entangles you and run your race with endurance;
Fixing your eyes on Jesus, who is the author and finisher of your faith."
Hebrews 12:1-2

Michael Sparks is a treasure hunter of sorts. He resides in Tennessee, and on many Saturdays Michael goes to yard sales and estate auctions looking for treasures. He strolled into the Music City Thrift Store in Nashville a few years ago, a normal part of his weekly agenda. He picked up a candelabra, a set of salt and pepper shakers and an old copy of the U.S. Declaration of Independence. He paid $2.48 for the latter item, a "standard price" according to store manager Kay Boner. It seemed to be your standard classroom reproduction of the document. However, he noticed that the engraving looked too intricate to be a mass produce document. He bought his potential treasure and started to do some research.

Michael discovered that in 1820 the United States Congress, under the direction of John Quincy Adams, commissioned William Stone to make 200 official copies of the Declaration of Independence. Only 35 copies survive. Analysis revealed that Michael's $2.48 purchase was the 36th copy of William Stone's collection and fetched a stunning $477,650!

Two days before Sparks' lucky find, another Tennessean by the name of Stan Caffy possessed the document, hanging unnoticed on his wall in the garage. Caffy's wife asked him to clean out the garage and ditch all the junk he'd acquired through the years. He reluctantly took the old Declaration of Independence off his garage wall and donated it, along with other odds and ends, to the thrift store. He bought it for $10 at a yard sale 10 years ago.

"It just doesn't pay to keep a clean house," treasure hunter Sparks said of Caffy.

In the same way treasure hunters train their eyes to see a prize and doctors train their eyes to see disease, Christ-followers must train their eyes to see Jesus!

Every day in every place and person, intentionally seek to see the Lord's activity. In Luke 2 we meet a senior saint named Simeon. He came to the temple every day looking for the promised Messiah. When Mary and Joseph brought baby Jesus to the temple to dedicate their son to God's purposes, Simeon saw more than an infant…he saw his SAVIOR!

As you travel into 2022, set your eyes on the greatest prize of seeing Jesus everywhere and then with faith and obedience join His activity of loving and lifting His children.

Watching for and Working with our Savior TOGETHER,

Richard

WORSHIP SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

	Jan 2nd	Jan 9th	Jan 16th	Jan 23rd	Jan 30th
DEACONS	Bobby West Brant Bills	Betty Pace Joe Overby	Roger Pait Andy Wilkinson	Terry Hall Kimsey Welch	Kyle Compton Cathy Rock
WATCHMEN	Blake Belcher Jeremy Tavares	Henry Parker Phil Kaylor	Eddie Games	Warren Cheves Donald Heath	James Garner
USHER TEAMS	Bobby West	Reuben Hart	Mike Seawell	Richard Wagner	Bobby West
CAFÉ CONNECTION	Terry Hall	Renea Welch	Eddie Games	Lori Meads	Wendy Karam
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	Elizabeth Swicegood Bella Bernabi	Elizabeth Swicegood Caroline Strickland	Elizabeth Swicegood Matthew Holton	Elizabeth Swicegood Sarah Moore	Kelly Brinson Ava Brinson
EXTENDED CARE 8:45	Ava Brinson Arden Grant Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow	Kathy Swindell Graycie Thornton Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow	Mona Quick Thaih Zink Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow	Lori Meads Sonya Thurman Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow	Hoyt Doak Josie Doak Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow
EXTENDED CARE 11:00	Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow	Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow	Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow	Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow	Mandy Mueller Molly Streblow
WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER SCHEDULE	**Jan 5th** **Tommy Daniels** Meatloaf Homemade Mac and cheese Green Beans Sister Schubert Rolls Dessert	**Jan 12th** **Kathy Swindell** Boneless Chicken Wild Rice Green Beans Sister Schubert Rolls Dessert	**Jan 19th** **Gwyn Rice** Spaghetti Salad Bar Sister Schubert Rolls Dessert	**Jan 26th** **Dwayne Alligood** Stew Beef with Potatoes & Carrots Congealed Salad Corny Cornbread Dessert	

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

16	Jeremy & Courtney Tavares
20	Greg & Anna Pearson
20	Nick & Sammie McQuistion

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

01	Curtis Fuller	09	Jean Ritter	14	Brandy Holton	24	Anita Gray
02	Gianna Cruz		Chin Khup	16	Whitney Allen	24	Jeb Best
04	Roseann Brownell	10	Joe Overby Jr.	17	Sandy McClinton	25	Bernie Brunese
	April Strickland		Cathy Rock		Tara Thurman		Ling Pai
05	John Setzer		Lori Hale	18	Lee Ann Smith		Jo Ann Banks
	Rebecca Pai	11	Kristen Wall		Cathie Wall	26	Kendal Strickland
06	Randy Glover		Ava Knowles	19	Helen Smaw		Jane Schmidt
	Tony Wray		Kishon Hargett	21	Mary Kathryn Amerson	27	Don Eglinton
08	Christopher Knowles	12	Rubert Fuller		Hunter Dombrowsky	29	Stephanie Warren
	Rosalina Cruz		Molly Knowles		Frances Nobles	30	Jerry Ashley
	Kyle Compton	13	Mickie Stroud		Emme Benton		Dennis Quick
	Anna Ireland	14	David Kellum	22	Jayla Everett	31	Ron Snipes
09	Beth Wagner		BJ Oglesby	23	Nancy Galway		

First Baptist Church always helps with Backpack Holiday Blessings!!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Route 56 Preteen Fellowship

For 5th & 6th Graders
Sunday, January 23rd
5:00 pm-6:30 pm

Food, Games & Devotions

Parents' Afternoon Out

New Bern Gymnastics

Saturday, Jan. 29th
2:30 pm-5:30 pm

Ages 4-4th grade will go to New Bern Gymnastics
Ages 3 & under: Activities at church
Sign-Up on the Preschool Area Bulletin Board
Snack Provided.

CARAWAY Est. 1963

June 27th-July 1st

4th, 5th, & 6th Graders
Register Now
$85 deposit due by Feb. 1st.
$100 balance due by May 1st.

Vacation Bible School

JUNE 13TH - 17TH

YOUTH MINISTRY

What a perfect ending to Youth Reconnect in 2021! We had a Youth Progressive Dinner with great fellowship, amazing food, and host families that hospitality has to be their gifting! We enjoyed Mexican food for appetizers at the Wynns, Italian food was the entrée at the Thurmans (a special thank you to Paula's Italian Restaurant & Pizza for the discount that they gave us) and topped off our Progressive Dinner with an Ice Cream Sundae Bar at the Slagles. This picture was taken at Pat and Beth Wynn's home as we were leaving. Thank you again to all three families for opening up your homes to our youth!

Please mark your calendar for Friday, January 21, 2022, as we will be going to Youth Night 2022 at Garber United Methodist Church! This is a combined youth worship event for six churches in New Bern that is planned on Tuesday mornings when all of the student pastors from the following churches meet together: Christ Episcopal Church, Brice's Creek Bible Church, Garber UMC, FBC New Bern, Port City Community Church, and Two Rivers Church. The worship event will take place from 6:30 pm until 8:00 pm. Please eat dinner before you meet me there!

MEDICAL/DENTAL BUS

at First Baptist Church of New Bern
Friday and Saturday, January 7-8, 2022

Local dentists, physicians, nurses, and students from the nursing program at Craven Community College will be working with members of our congregation to provide free dental care and medical screening for the uninsured and underserved populations in the New Bern area. The buses will operate from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM on Friday and 8:00 AM until 4:00 PM on Saturday. The medical bus will be doing basic health assessments while the dental bus will be doing treatments such as tooth extractions. Reservations will not be taken. Patients will be seen on a first come first serve basis each day. Volunteers are needed in many areas…not just trained medical and dental professionals. If you would like to volunteer some time, please contact Dr. Seagle. We will be needing volunteers to make this ministry possible for our community so save this date and look for more information about how you can help! Thank you.

REGION 2 DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING

at First Baptist Church of New Bern
Saturday, February 26, 2022
8:30 am—3:00 pm

YOU CAN REGISTER NOW AT WWW.BAPTISTSONMISSION.ORG
WE HOPE TO HAVE GREAT PARTICIPATION FROM OUR CHURCH!

FBC of New Bern will be hosting one day training for members of our congregation and community who would like to serve in disaster situations such as hurricanes, tornados and other tragic events. The training will take place on Saturday, February 26 from 8:30 AM until 3:00 PM. Training will be provided in many areas including mass feeding, recovery and childcare, to name only a few. Registration is done online at https://baptistsonmission.org/bom/disaster-relief/2022-dr-training-region-2/5401 For more information, please contact Dr. Terry Hall or Dr. Seagle.

Facilities Master Plan updates

The Building "B" Committee is pleased to announce that the master plan for building "B" is nearly complete. Preliminary drawings and highlights are completed and will soon be available to view at the church. Our Architect and construction consultants are finalizing the plans which will include detailed drawings and cost estimates. We plan to share the completed plan and answer questions at a meeting sometime in February. We are very excited about this process thus far and look forward to sharing the completed plan in February. If you have any questions, please contact any of our committee members.

Thank you,

Eddie Games, Kelly Brinson, Jeremy Slagle, Kimsey Welch, Phil Smith

Music Notes from Barry

Ringing in a New Year…

A Senior Adult Gathering

for Celebration and Fellowship

Thursday, January 20th – 11:00 AM
FBC Family Life Center
Chili & Hot Dogs will be served at no cost!
As we prepare for the New Year,
a pamphlet with the 2022 Calendar of Activities will be shared.
Please RSVP to the church office
by Monday, January 10th if you plan to attend!

Come and Celebrate…
BAPTIST'S MEN'S DAY on Sunday, January 23rd
FBC Men will lead in worship during the
8:45 & 11:00 AM worship services.
Rev. Robert Norman will be a guest speaker.

A NIGHT of MUSIC and STORIES

Wednesday, January 26th – 6:00 PM
First Baptist Church New Bern
Rev. Michael McKnight, recently retired Minister of Music
from Oakmont Baptist Church, will be leading us from the piano.
Weaving together piano solos, energetic sing-along hymns
and ensemble specials, will be narration that provideS insights to
why these pieces or hymns were written. It's a service for all ages
and guaranteed to keep your toes tapping.
Come and join us in our sanctuary!

Welcome New Members!

Jennifer Ann Bernabi
with daughters Isabella and Kennedy

314 Two Lakes Trail
New Bern, NC 28562

Membership: November 28, 2021

Received by: Letter

Mary Ellen Kirschner
with daughter Kathy White and her husband Chuck White.

112 Teufen Rd
New Bern, NC 28562

Membership: December 01, 2021

Received by: Letter

PRAYER CONCERNS

CHURCH FAMILY

Allie Andrews
Linda Autry
Charles Blythe
Judy Blythe
RoseAnn Brownell
Bernie Brunese
Connie Brunese
Stacy Chapman
Sandra T. Dail
Walt Fuller
Arnie Harrell
MaryLou Harrell
Janice Huggins
Ruth Kellum
Then Ksor
Mavis Lee
Howard Mathews
Seth Needham
Henry Parker
Ray & Boots Parker
Ethan Pepper
Selma Piner
Bobby Reece
Louise Reece
Penny Rettew
Mary Jo Roberts
Rudy Rowe
John Setzer
Tyler Smith
Ron Snipes
Holly Thornton
Susan Trout
Richard Wagner
Jewel Watson
Patsy White
Karen Wilkes
Cash Hall Wilkinson
Lola Gray Wilkinson
Karen Wood
Tony Wray
Ellen Young
David Zink

CHURCH FRIENDS

After the recommendation of our deacons, we are starting our 2022 Church Friends prayer list anew.
Please call the church office to add your family members and friends to our prayer list.

Thank you.

Care Facility & Retirement* Residents

BERNE VILLAGE
Rev. David Page
Gwyn Page
Peggie Wooten

BROOKDALE
Jean Ritter

CHAMPIONS
Doris Dyson

CYPRESS GLEN
Elizabeth Brinkley

HOMEPLACE
Jean Fulcher
Christine Peedin
Ann & Lamar Sledge

WOODLAND TERRACE
Louise Blizzard*

On Sunday, November 21st, First Baptist Church celebrated 25 years of dedicated service of two staff members. Sandy O'Brien has served as our church's financial secretary and Bette Jo Oglesby has served as our organist faithfully over these years. We sincerely thank them for their dedication to God and to FBC New Bern.

Twenty-Five years at First Baptist Church is a memory of musical experiences in fellowship and worship. The Lib Fuller organ, dedicated in 1991, was a dream. It is an instrument that offers the expression capability for every composer's repertoire. Hymn singing can become dynamically joyous, a funeral service comforting, accompaniment for a choir or a singer creatively colorful while each service with preludes and postludes remind a congregation that sound nurtures the soul. Preparation as a musician begins with practice but the overriding joy is creating the spirit of the composer's intention.

Thank you Lib Fuller for mentoring me when I came to New Bern in 1981.

Thank you First Baptist Church for the opportunity to serve and play the organ and piano for choirs and singers who believe that sacred music has a beautiful space to be heard and enjoyed for years to come at First Baptist Church on Middle Street in New Bern, North Carolina.

BJ Oglesby

Thank you Baptist Men for our beautiful new ramp. You have received compliments from nurses, PT, OT, and friends. We are always proud to say this is the work of our FBC New Bern Baptist on Mission. You guys also proved to be a great disaster relief team as well as superb carpenters.

Howard and Helen Mathews

The Christian Education ministry seeks to encourage, equip and empower the FBC congregation. Through Sunday School, Discipleship, and other events, we seek spiritual transformation by reaching others for Christ, teaching the holy scriptures and Christian principles, and caring for each other and our neighbors. We want to be the body of Christ by unifying our God-given gifts.

Christian Education

Look for a new perspective on Sunday School each month in 2022:

Jesus said, "By their fruit,
you will recognize them." (Matthew 7:20)

Growth is imperative; fruit bearing is a must. Growing in our faith comes from our time with the Lord and in His Word. We grow when we worship together and are a part of the local church. We see fruit coming forth when we are spending time with Jesus daily in prayer and serving others in love. Our roots go deeper when we dive into the Bible in discipleship with one another and allow ourselves and our faith to be challenged and stretched.

Sunday School is one place in our church where you can grow, let your roots sink deep, and bear good fruit. What I love most about my time in Sunday School is being challenged in my thinking about different Biblical teachings. Being able to have a space with open communication where people feel free to offer differing perspectives, not for the sake of an argument but in order to spur one another on in faith, has been such a gift to me and my own growth. Sunday School offers a wonderful opportunity to ask questions, have discussions, and spur one another on in the faith. There is a seat at the table here for everyone as we long to better know our Lord and the mission to which He has called us. I am so grateful for the growth I have experienced because of Sunday School.

Elizabeth Swicegood

January at 6:00 pm

Winter Bible Study: Book of *Ezekiel*
Led by Rev. Kerry Peeler in FLC

Growing Deeper with Growing Young
Led by Dr. Richard Seagle in Thomas Chapel

FBCNB Men's Weekend

January 22-23, 2022

"How Would Jesus Lead?
Following Jesus in a Troubled World"

Rob intends to use scripture passages from the Gospel of Mark to share how Jesus instructed his disciples to be leaders in a troubled world.

Weekend Leader: Rev. Rob Norman
Saturday Breakfast & Sessions: 8:30 am—Noon
Large Group Sunday School for Men: 9:45 am
Baptist Men's Sunday 8:45 am & 11:00 pm

FBCNB Women's Weekend

March 12-13, 2022

In the Midst of Chaos . . .
We need BREATH

We, as women, need to give ourselves the opportunity to "Take a BREATH as we journey this life. We, who are seeking to love the Lord and live out that love also need to seek to "Be a BREATH" for others who are, like us, also navigating the Chaos of our world each day.

As we explore this, we will also seek to answer "Who we are, How we are, and Why we are." These answers will play a vital role in our desire to "take a BREATH, and be a BREATH each day of our life."

Weekend Leader: Rev. Mickie Norman
Saturday Breakfast & Sessions: 8:30 am—Noon
Large Group Sunday School for Women: 9:45 am
Baptist Women's Sunday: 8:45 am & 11:00 am

CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE FOR BREAKFAST AND THE RETREAT!

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NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Newsletter articles are due in the church office no later than 9:30 AM on the third Monday of each month. All articles must be written out—none over the phone or verbally, please.

Dr. Richard. D. Seagle, Senior Pastor	Richard@fbchurch.com	ext. 124
Rev. Barry E. Templeton, Associate Pastor of Music & Worship	Barry@fbchurch.com	ext. 125
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Sai Par Sang, Custodian		

FROM FINANCIAL SECRETARY DESK ~ SANDY O'BRIEN

2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you have not yet picked up your 2022 offering envelopes, please do so soon. The offering envelope boxes are on the white bookcase in the breezeway between buildings A and B. If you did not receive offering envelopes and would like a box, please sign your name, address and phone number to the "DO NOT HAVE ENVELOPES" sheet on the white bookcase with 2022 offering envelope boxes, or call the church office.

Please note that some envelope numbers have changed; so do not use any extra 2021 offering envelopes that you may have left in your box.

THANK YOU for using your 2022 offering envelopes.