

First Baptist Church
Gaston



Gather. Grow. Go.

January 2022

Greetings First Baptist Family,

Not only was 2021 a wonderful year at FBCG, Christmas was fantastic! From our Christmas Musical, Christmas Drop in, and our Christmas Communion service and much more, we had a wonderful December as we reflected on the birth of our Savior!

Brady Blog

A Written Word from Pastor
Brady



As we head into 2022, I want to share with you 1 word that God has given me for our Church to focus on this year. I believe this word encompasses our vision for the upcoming year. That word is, Together. Together we continue to be the Caring Place that Gathers, Grows, and Goes for the Glory of God. Now, by focusing on the word together in 2022, that doesn't mean that we aren't already a close Church family, but I believe we can also be closer and more unified in all we do, full accord! God gave me this word from Philippians 2:2 which reads, "complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind". Come join us at 11 AM for Worship on January 2nd to hear more about our "Together" 2022 vision. Also, that day you can begin preordering your 2022 "Together" Church T-Shirt. Cost is \$14 each. Get a shirt to remind you of the vision, year-round! Preorder on January 2nd.

Also, on January 2nd we will have another New Members class available! This lasts 4 weeks and begins at 9:45 AM in the youth room. This class is for anyone who wants to become a member of our Church or wants more information or is a new Christian.



On January 9th we will be having a baby dedication for Benjamin Cushion and Kelsey Goff! In addition, we will begin our brand new 6-Week Sunday Sermon Series on the book of Jonah entitled "Running, Repentance, & Revival!", you don't want to miss this series! Then, on Wednesday January 12th we begin a Wednesday Night Sermon Series on the book of Hebrews that will take us through mid-August! This series is entitled, "Supreme Savior!" and is a verse-by-verse series on the book of Hebrews.

With Love and Blessings,

Rev. Brady Henderson

Pastor (864)-395-9509

January 30th is a big day at the Caring Place as well! Lord willing, after we have new believers complete our New Members class, we will have Baptism during the 11 AM service on January 30th. This day I will also begin teaching Biblical Hermeneutics class at 3 PM in the youth room. You can still sign up in the welcome center! Love you all.

Together, we enter into 2022, to continue to Gather, Grow, and Go all for God!



December's Attendance

Sunday School Average: 111

Sunday Morning Worship and Children's Church: 172

Wednesday Evening Worship: 56

2022

JANUARY

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 NEW YEARS DAY Pam Spires
2 Traci Rish	3 Erika Browning Stephen Dittmar	4 Christiana Dawkins Aaron Lewis Dickie Moseley ♥James & Patti Edge	5 11:45 Spiritual Warriors Luncheon Prayer Service 7 PM Youth Meeting & Meal 6:30-8:00 PM	6 Hope Brock Chris Richardson	7 Randa Burton Jo Lynn Phillips	8 Shannon Edwards Megan Ransbottom Wendell Stabler
9 Lynn Barber Jerry Barwick Jacob Cooper	10 Monica Dovalle Lopez Erin Houghten Bobby Spires Madison Whitaker ♥Terry & Sandra Pound	11 Joe Corder Sandra Poole Amber Whitaker	12 Brittany Burns Sandy Drawdy Isaac Hull Prayer Service 7 PM Youth Meeting & Meal 6:30-8:00 PM	13 Kaylan Bailey Clyde Hagood. Jr. Debra Sharpe ♥Kyle & Erin Taylor	14 Clara Thomas Samantha White Jennifer Young	15 Crystal Robinson
16 Diane Sharpe	17	18 Nick Cross	19 Donna Haas Diane Thomas Prayer Service 7 PM Youth Meeting & Meal 6:30-8:00 PM	20 Keaton Barnett Kathleen Johnson Sheri Wood	21 Allan Snyder	22 Jeffrey Bryan Winter Emert Jordan Sightler Alison St.Clair
23 Eugene Carson	24 Jason Aultman Troy Bivins Christian Brock Steven Kirkland William Painter	25 Amanda Galloway Harvey Reynolds Megan Sproul-Scott	26 Arnold Come Courtney Painter Prayer Service 7 PM Youth Meeting & Meal 6:30-8:00 PM	27 Patricia Hayes Peggy Mills	28	29 Sabrinia Bailey Beverly Gibbs Buddy Harley
30 Stacy Painter Jared Poole Ricky Ransbottom	31 Darlene Conn Marian Fallaw Serenity Painter Jake Rish Jim Thomas					

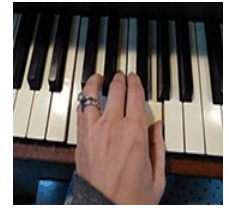


Fun for Seniors

The Spiritual Warriors will have their monthly luncheon on Wednesday, Jan 5th at 11:45 am.. We'll be having Soup and Salad and we ask that you bring a dessert. We look forward to seeing all our Seniors there.



January Music Notes



"I'm So Glad I'm a part of the Family of God"

Those words are not just a song but the song from my heart! I am so thankful for our church family. The love, friendship, fellowship that we have is so much more than we deserve because it is based on the true love of God!

As we move into 2022, let's embrace one another even more! Here are a few ideas for you to do:

- *Send a card to at least one person on the homebound list each week (address on the prayer list each week)
- *Invite one of our new members and their family to share a meal with you.
- *Speak to two people at each service that you don't normally get to talk with (get to know someone new)
- *Join a Sunday School class if you are not already attending!

Let's make 2022 the greatest year our church has ever seen.... Serving together!

Joyfully Serving, Sherrell



Merge Collegiate Ministry is going to Converge Collegiate Conference on January 21-23 in Myrtle Beach. This is for High School Juniors/Seniors and students currently enrolled in college. **Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, January 12 and the Cost is \$50.**

WMU



I want to thank everyone who went to Charlotte to help sort and pack shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. We had several groups go on different days and everyone received a blessing. Also, thank to everyone who contributed to our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Our church goal was \$7,500 and we reached our goal. This included several honorariums for Terry & Sandra Pound from their respective Sunday School Classes. The Lottie Moon Offering funds go directly to the International Missionaries.

Our Ladies Group will start meeting again this year so be on the lookout for dates and times. This is open to all the women in the church and if you would like to help by leading the monthly prayer time, mission study, or hosting a home meeting please see Olivia Speares or me for more information.

There is a GA day on January 29, 2022 from 10 am to 2 pm at Beaumont Baptist Church in Spartanburg, SC. Registration deadline is Jan 17, 2022. If you are interested in this event, see Sandy Drawdy or Sherry Rampey for more details.

As always pray for our missionaries worldwide, for their safety and outreach in sharing the word of Jesus Christ.

Hope you have a blessed month, Margie W. Rish, WMU Director



LIBRARY NEWS from Marilyn Hook (email:marilynhook1@gmail.com)

I recently visited Mardel's Christian bookstore located near Hobby Lobby on Augusta Road in West Columbia. One of the managers told me that there is a list of best selling books on the store's website each month. Please let me know if you find titles you are interested in on the website or if you visit the store. I would like to have suggestions for our church library.

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and have a Happy New Year.

KID'S WORLD

MISSION FRIENDS, GA & RA GROUPS MEETING
ON WEDNESDAYS AT 7:00 PM



MEMORY VERSES FOR KIDS

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| Jan 2 | In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. (Genesis 1:1) |
| Jan 9 | I Praise you God, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. (Psalm 139:14) |
| Jan 16 | Do not be afraid for I am with you (Isaiah 43:5) |
| Jan 23 | The heavens declare the glory of God. (Psalm 19:1) |
| Jan 30 | Fear God and keep his commandments. (Ecclesiastes 12:13) |