

From the Pastor ...



2020 was a tough year.

At the end of 2020, we all anticipated that 2021 would be radically different in a good way: that our nation and our lives would be 100% back and even better than before.

Here at the end of **2021**, I think we are emotionally fatigued and frustrated with what's going on in our world, nation, and perhaps our church and even our own lives.

What about **2022**?

Join us this Sunday as we reveal a biblically based and critical element we must engraft into our hearts and souls this year.



On January 9, our Welsh Neck Baptist Associational Director, Dr. Joe Willard, will be our special guest speaker. You will want to be here to hear his important message to our church family.

I am so thankful for those who serve the Lord on the many committees and teams. They help strengthen our church for the present and shape it for the future. Below are opportunities for you to experience the Lord at work in you and through you as you serve Him with joy:

- 1st Kids Children's Team
- Baptism Team
- Building and Grounds Team
- Cemetery Team
- Crisis Team
- Decorating Team
- Discipleship Team
- Fellowship Team
- History Team
- Men's Ministry
- Missions Team
- Music Team
- Nursery Workers (including paid Wednesday night nursery workers)
- Outreach Team
- Prayer Team
- Quick Response Team
- Social Media Team
- Student Ministries Team
- Transportation Team
- Usher / Greeting Team
- Women's Ministry
- Worship Team

Other ministries our church needs (could the Lord be stirring your heart to help start one?):

- College Ministry
- Singles and Single Again Ministries
- Seniors Ministry
- Facilities Use coordinator

Please contact the church office if you sense the Lord leading you to one of these ministries.

What happened to the trees?

Our church's primary mission is to help people love God, love others, and to make disciples equipped to reach the world for the cause of Christ. The mission will also bring our church back to health and growth.

Secondary to that is to beautify our campus in a way that glorifies the Lord and attracts guests. Check out 2 Kings 12:5 (NIV) *Let every priest receive the money from one of the treasurers, and let it be used to repair whatever damage is found in the temple.*

Our leadership is looking into good plans for our future and immediate needs. One of the long overdue needs was to remove the trees that have been growing up through the pavement of our parking lot.



Years before I came to FBC, our insurance company notified us that the roots are a trip hazard. John Drinkard, the head of the "Grounds" part of our Building and Grounds team, said this,

Your Grounds maintenance team has been monitoring the health of our oak trees that were partly or completely surrounded by the asphalt in the parking lots for over 10 years. Over this period, the frequency of large limbs falling onto the driveways and parking areas had increased to the point that the safety of personnel and vehicles on the campus had reached a critical level. Your church leadership decided that removal of the damaged trees was the only solution to the danger the trees presented. The oaks in the open areas are healthy and with proper care will continue to grace our campus for many years.

When the tree company cut the trees, they discovered that all trees were rotten and hollow from 10-15 feet from the ground, all the way up. Think about that. The Lord watched out for us in ways we never noticed.

Per city ordinances, we *will* replant trees for the four we took down, just in a more strategic location.

☛ Can't make it Sunday morning? You can still watch us on our Face Book site. However, watching online is a poor substitute for worshipping together in person.

Music



Hey Church Family!

What a great holiday season we had! If you missed the Christmas Special and

Christmas Eve Service, you really missed a blessing.

And I truly believe the best is yet to come. As we head into the new year, give some thought to how you can serve the Lord in a ministry area at FBC. If you think the music/tech ministry would be a place you could contribute, please reach out to me or the church office! I can't wait for the exciting things that 2022 will bring!

Thanks for all of your encouragement and support!

Blessings,
Sterling

Financial Report

We are so thankful for God's continued financial blessings throughout this time.

How can I contribute to First Baptist if I'm not able to attend Sunday service?

- Mail a check or bring it to the office:
104 E. Home Avenue, Hartsville, SC 29550
- Give online through our website:
www.firstbaptisthartsville.org and go to the "Online Giving" tab
- Text "BeCheerful" to 73256
- Use the slotted, locked outdoor mailbox near the office door.

Lottie Moon update

FBC collected \$11,856.00 for the **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions**.

Our goal was \$10,000. Goal surpassed!

For more information, go to the website:

www.imb.org/lottie-moon-christmas-offering/



January Events

Happy New Year!

The **Church Office** will be closed on Monday, January 3 in honor of the New Year holiday.



Wednesday Night Jan 5

Meal and prayer: 5:15–6:30

Weds Night schedule starting Jan 12

Meal and Prayer: 5:15-6:30

Children's Ministry: 6:00–7:30

Student Ministry: 7:30–8:30

Choir: 6:30–7:30

Small Group for Parents of Children: 6:30–7:30

Small Group: Praying for Revitalization of our Church: 6:30–7:30

Possible Small Group for Coker/Governor's School Students: 6:30–7:30

Zoom Women's Small Group: 7:30-8:30

Possible Small Group for Parents of Youth: 7:30-8:30

First Baptist will volunteer at the **Hartsville Soup Kitchen** on Thursday, January 13. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Larry Easterling or the church office.

Good Samaritan Offering for benevolent assistance to those in our community - Sun, Jan 30

For Your Safety

Please lock your car and put any valuables or anything that looks like a purse safely in your trunk.

Child & Family Foundation

Child and Family Resource Center and Foundation, located in our church parsonage on Home Avenue, is looking forward to 2022 and the opportunity to serve children and their families through our "SETT ® Student Succeed" after school program. The program resumes on Monday, January 10th. During this time CFRC staff help students with English/Language Arts, team work, leadership, and social skills. Students in Coker University's Enactus group have been assisting with this program.

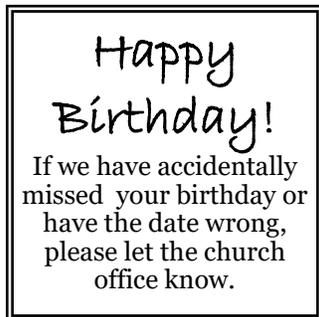
Also, to help accelerate academics, creativity in arts, and social emotional well-being, this Spring our "Parents Are Purposeful" program will be offered.

For additional information about services offered through Child and Family Resource Center & Foundation, or to volunteer or donate, please visit our website:

www.childandfamilyresourcefoundation.com

January Birthdays

1-2 Jordan Galloway
1-2 Dr. Lester Reynolds
1-2 Dr. Katie Sligh
1-3 Megan Boyd
1-4 Lucy Caldwell
1-4 Lori Reynolds
1-4 Paisleigh Smith
1-7 Tom Goodson, Jr.
1-7 Janice Holland
1-7 Owen Joye
1-8 Jerry Beason
1-8 Tim Elsesser
1-8 Thomas Marino
1-10 Charles Sullivan
1-14 Emmett Knotts
1-15 Palmer Roberts
1-16 Emily Phillips
1-19 JoAn Conner
1-19 Andrew Privette
1-20 Larry Easterling
1-21 Patsy Connell
1-21 Betty Herring
1-22 Logan Boyd
1-22 Frank Hays
1-27 Eli Privette
1-28 Jeanne Goodson
1-30 Billy Scarborough



Baptism



Rachel Phillips on
December 5, 2021

With Sympathy

Our hearts go out to the family of Libby Gabel. Her service will be on Sunday, January 9 in the Chapel. The time is to be determined.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Juan and Fabiola Rivera on the birth of Grace Allison on October 6.



Congratulations to Jeff Truesdale on the birth of his great-grandson, Montgomery Jude Clinton on November 20.



With Thanks from H.I.M.

Dear Pastor, Staff, and Church family,

As the year 2021 comes to a close, we at Hartsville Interfaith Ministries would like to say thank you for your continued support to this ministry. It is because of your love, prayers, and faithfulness that we are able to assist our community with their essential needs. It is very important to us to be able to show the love of Jesus Christ to each family and individual that enters our building.

Over 460 families have been assisted this year. They have been helped with rent, utilities, and prescriptions. Our clients have also been helped with food and hygiene products from our Food Bank.

We are very blessed as a ministry to be the hands and feet of Jesus!

During this Christmas season, we would like to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

In Christ,
Beth Repko, Executive Director
Charlene Nelson, Financial Officer

FBC on Social Media

- Visit our *Website*: firstbaptisthartsville.org
- Share us on *Facebook*: First Baptist Church Hartsville
- Subscribe to us on *YouTube*: FBC Hartsville SC

Outreach Opportunity

We have made information cards about our church for you to give to people. They are on the table in the main foyer.

Also, feel free to take the pens in the church pew and hand them out in the community along with the information cards - at lunch, at the fitness center, in the grocery store, wherever you go.

1st Kids Children's Ministry & Impact Student Ministry

Dear Parents,

I want to thank you for an incredible 2021! Our children have learned so many new skills and will continue to do so in 2022!



1st Kids Classes start back January 12th from 6-7:30pm. For our next series, we will be crafting! I am very excited to see what they are able to accomplish in these next 4 weeks to come.

IMPACT

@FBC Hartsville

IMPACT will start back January 12th as well. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall from 7:30-8:30pm. Please encourage your teens to

join us as we dig into the Word and grow closer to God (and sprinkle in some games and laughter).

If there are any questions, don't hesitate to give me a shout!

In Love,
Ms. Lauren

Church Office information

Come by during office hours:
Monday-Thursday 8:30am-4:30pm
Lunch 12:30-1:30pm
Friday 8am-12noon

Call us at 843-332-6571

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First Baptist Preschool



Happy New Year from everyone at First Baptist Preschool!!

January is a busy month for us. This the month we make decisions that affect our plans for the upcoming new academic year and the summer. Please keep the Preschool committee and myself in your prayers as we seek God's will for the Preschool.

A special thanks to a group of gentlemen from the church that assembled the new play ground equipment for the toddlers and younger two year olds. It is located at the end of the building in the small play area. The children will have so much fun as they "rock climb" and slide the time away.

The Preschool wishes our church family a year full of good health, happiness and blessings from above.

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Let Us Know

Please Contact the Church Office:

- If your address, email, or telephone number has changed
- If you have updates for the Prayer List
- If you need more offering envelopes or would like to get personalized offering envelopes
- If you would like to place flowers in the Sanctuary in 2022 in honor or in memory of someone

Our address:

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