

## *From the Pastor ...*



Happy New Year!

Are you a New Year's Resolution kind of person? I've noticed that resolutions can range from the simple and unchallenging to the absurd and unattainable. Here are some:

- I will try to perfect the "dinosaur roar" and unleash it when least expected.
- I will grow an inch taller this year.
- I will make my bed at least once a month this year.
- I will become fluent in the language of emoji.
- I will no longer forget where I left my phone.

The message for December 31 is "New Life Resolutions."

"New Life?" Is this another church bulletin blooper? Here are a few of the classic church bloopers.

- The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
- The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.
- Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.
- Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other

items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

- Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.
- The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.
- Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM – prayer and medication to follow.
- The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.
- This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.
- The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.
- The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
- Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.
- The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: "I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours."
- This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.
- The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church.
- A cookbook is being compiled by the ladies of the church. Please submit your favorite recipe, also a short antidote for it.
- Life groups meet on Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM for food, fun, and fellowwhipping.
- Newsletters are not being sent to absentees because of their weight.
- The class on prophecy has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

Hope you enjoy these bloopers. The New Year's Eve sermon, however, is actually about "New Life Resolutions." Come to discover some very practical ideas to strengthen our new life in Christ!

## Music Ministry



Hey Church Family!

What an awesome Christmas season we had at FBC! From

the Christmas Parade to the choir's Christmas special, it was truly a privilege to be a part of it. A huge thank you to everyone who worked hard to make those things possible!

As we gear up for the new year, I hope you are finding a place at FBC to serve. If you feel that place is with the music ministry or the tech team, please reach out to me or the church office and we will find a place for you! Let's make 2024 a year to remember at FBC!

In Christ,

Sterling

## How Can I Give to FBC?

- Place your offering in the offering plate
- Give on our website on the "online giving" tab
- Bring it to the Church office
- Text the word "BeCheerful" to 73-256
- Place it in the locked mailbox next to the office door

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

## International Missions



First Baptist collected \$9,106.62 for the **Lottie Moon Christmas offering**. 100% of the offerings received goes toward international missions.

Go to [imb.org/lottie-moon-christmas/offering](http://imb.org/lottie-moon-christmas/offering) for more details.

## With Sympathy

Our hearts go out to the family of Doris Winburn, FBC member since 1952.

## January Events

### Weekly Schedule

#### **Sunday:**

9:15am Small Groups

10:30am Worship Service

#### **Tuesday:**

12:00-1:00pm Prayer for Revitalization

#### **Wednesday:**

10:00 Prayer in the Prayer Room

12:00pm Lunch, Prayer, and Devotions - *please sign up by noon on Mondays so we make enough food! Cost is \$8.00.*

6:00pm 1<sup>st</sup> Kids Children's Ministry, Impact Student Ministry, Small Groups for Adults

7:30pm Choir Practice

~~~~

The **Church office** will be closed on Monday, January 1 in honor of New Year's Day.

First Baptist will volunteer at the **Hartsville Soup Kitchen** on Thursday, January 11. If you would like to help with this ministry to our community, please contact the Church office.

**Grateful Hearts luncheon** - Thursday, January 18 at 11am.

## Welcome, baby Katelyn!

Congratulations to Nick and Miranda Averill on the birth of Katelyn Alexandra on December 21. Katelyn weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce and was 21 inches long.



## FBC Staff

Dr. Greg Boyd: Pastor

[greg@firstbaptisthartsville.org](mailto:greg@firstbaptisthartsville.org)

Lauren Wint: Children's Director

Jackie Ponder: Volunteer Student Director

Jim Privette: Volunteer Church Administrator

Sterling Dyar: Worship Leader

Crystal Hopkins: Financial Secretary  
[crystal@firstbaptisthartsville.org](mailto:crystal@firstbaptisthartsville.org)

Ruth Kilgore: Administrative Secretary  
[ruth@firstbaptisthartsville.org](mailto:ruth@firstbaptisthartsville.org)

Tucker Smith: Organist and Pianist

Vivian Robinson: Custodian

Omerea Thurman: Preschool Director  
843-878-0445

Logan Fink: Volunteer Drummer

Lydia Smith: Nursery worker

## *January Birthdays*

1-2 Dr. Lester Reynolds  
1-2 Dr. Katie Sligh  
1-3 Megan Boyd  
1-4 Austin Ambrose  
1-4 Lucy Caldwell  
1-4 Lori Reynolds  
1-7 Tom Goodson, Jr.  
1-7 Janice Holland  
1-8 Jerry Beason  
1-8 Tim Elsesser  
1-8 Thomas Marino  
1-10 Charles Sullivan  
1-11 Ally Ambrose  
1-16 Emily Phillips  
1-19 Andrew Privette  
1-20 Larry Easterling  
1-22 Logan Boyd  
1-22 Frank Hays  
1-27 Eli Privette  
1-28 Jeanne Goodson

### **Happy Birthday!**

If we have  
accidentally missed  
your birthday  
or have the date  
wrong, please let the  
Church office know.

## *Church Office Information*

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

## *FBC on Social Media*

Call us at 843-332-6571  
Website: [firstbaptisthartsville.org](http://firstbaptisthartsville.org)  
Facebook: First Baptist Church Hartsville  
YouTube: FBC Hartsville SC

## *Let Us Know*

### **Please Contact the Church Office:**

- If you are scheduling a meeting, to make sure that the date, location, and time are open on the Church calendar
- 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 honor or in memory of someone

## *Poinsettias*

### *In Loving Honor of:*

Dr. & Mrs. Lester Reynolds given by the family  
Clark & Emily Phillips given by their daughter, Rachel  
Betty Jo Nichols given by her family  
Fred Snipes given by his family  
John Drinkard given by Amy King  
Larry Pattengill given by Amy King  
Mack Arnette given by Amy King  
Dr. Susan Reynolds given by Amy King  
Denise Schweizer given by Amy King  
Claude & Annette Wint given by Amy King  
Elsie Byrd given by the Hulsey family  
Kelsie, Jamie, and Logan Fink  
Billy Atkins given by Kenny, Sara, and family  
John E. Shoemaker given by his family  
Elaine S. Hungerpiller given by her son, Colin  
Oneta Farris given by David, Dorothy, and Cheryl  
Miller  
Ollie Stokes

### *In Loving Memory of:*

Marvin and Mildred Reynolds given by the family  
Charles E. Burry, Sr. and Wilma Burry given by their  
children  
Frances, Greg, and Frank Jordan given by the family  
Hazel Snipes and Bert & Betty Herring given by the  
family  
Mary Snipes given by the family  
Charles Boyd given by his family  
Marvin Hulsey given by his family  
R. Dent King III given by Amy King  
Mr. & Mrs. James Arnette given by Amy King  
Mr. & Mrs. R. Dent King, Jr. given by Amy King  
Corrie Middleton Sullivan & Charles Lenson Sullivan  
given by Charles & Betty Sullivan  
Maud Wilhelm Young & Christopher Erastus Young,  
Sr. given by Charles & Betty Sullivan  
Mary Bee Collins Duffee, niece of Charles & Betty  
Sullivan  
Sandra Blackwell given by her family  
Jerome Fowler given by his family  
Arnold & Jean Fowler given by their family  
John C. and Leland Hungerpiller given by their family  
Kent & Anna Hungerpiller given by their family  
Kent Hungerpiller, Jr. given by his family  
Taz Miller given by David, Dorothy, & Cheryl Miller  
Edith & Arthur Wilson given by Pete & Linda Hodge  
Matilda & Sherrill Hodge given by Pete & Linda Hodge  
LaVerne Stokes

## *Congratulations, Graduate!*

Natalie Elsesser graduated from Tri-County  
Technical College with an Associate Applied Science  
Degree with a major in Business Administration with  
a marketing emphasis.

Natalie is continuing her education at HGTC  
majoring in Human Resources and begins her  
internship in January.

## *1st Kids Children's Ministry*



Dear Church Family,

We are so excited to see what 2024 brings for our children's ministry! We began this year strong with heroes of the Bible

(BC) and led all the way up to Christ's birth. We will continue this series throughout the school year until we hit our final lesson...YOU are a hero in Christ.

I hope you will encourage neighbors and friends to join your children. They have learned such big things and I know we will continue to grow in Him.

May God bless you with an incredible year, and continue to use you in our community to spread the Gospel.

In Love,

Ms. Lauren

## *Impact Student Ministry*



Dear Church Family,

In January we start a new series on Wednesday

night. Come and grow your faith while enjoying others.

We have 4 squares, Pool, Table Tennis, and lots of other activities that we enjoy before the lesson and after the lesson. Come and bring a friend.

We had 14 youth for our Christmas get-together and were missing at least 4 that normally come. I love hanging out with you guys. Wednesday nights from 6:00 to 7:15.

God bless our new year!

Love,

Jackie Ponder  
843-610-6643 (call or text)  
jackie@rednop.com

## *With Thanks*

Dear First Baptist Church Family,

*thank you*

Thank you to everyone who showered our little Samson with so much love and so many amazing gifts. Austin and I feel so fortunate to have found such a supportive and loving church family to be a part of. We cannot wait for Samson to be here to meet everyone. For now, he seems content to kick along to the worship songs every Sunday. Thank you all again so very much.

With Peace and Blessings,  
Austin and Ally Ambrose

\*\*\*\*\*

Thank you for the fruit basket given to my mother, Doris Winburn. She appreciated the cards, prayers, letters, and meals brought to her throughout the year. First Baptist was always a special place for her.

Robyn Atkins

\*\*\*\*\*

Dear FBC,  
Found a beautiful basket of fruit at my front door with your card inside!

Thank you for your thoughtfulness. Do miss seeing everyone.

Hugs,  
Deborah Crawford

## *Bulletin & Newsletter*

### ***Did you know?***

Our weekly church bulletin and monthly newsletter are on our website! Go to [www.firstbaptisthartsville.org](http://www.firstbaptisthartsville.org) and choose the "Bulletin and Newsletter" tab and you will find links to both.