



# NEWS and VIEWS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
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January 2023



## A Word from the Pastor

Hello Friends,

As we close 2022, we look back, remembering so many good things that took place within the year. We had many new members join our fellowship. We gave thousands of dollars to missions, we closed our budget year strong, and we witnessed people growing in their relationship with Christ. With that said, 2022 was also a year of transition as we said goodbye to 16 church members, and as our dear friend and minister, Thomas Hinton, retired

As we begin 2023, we look forward to filling out the ministerial staff. We look forward to growing and developing new ministries in our community and beyond. And we look forward to meaningful worship week in and week out. Our first worship experience of 2023 will be on New Year's Day. What a wonderful way to begin the

year as we consider the vision before us. We will celebrate the Lord's Supper on January 15<sup>th</sup>. And on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will ordain three new deacons: Laurie Clawson, Carmen Saunders, and Kenny Story. I look forward to working with them closely as they lead in serving our fellowship.

In closing, I want to say thank you to all of those of you who made our Christmas Season so memorable. Thank you to our staff for your selflessness as you lead our congregation. And thank you to you who worship here each week for your faithfulness to the church. May God continue to bless us as we strive to walk in His way and in His truth. And may each of us grow closer in our relationship with Christ and with each other this coming year.

Happy New Year to each of you,

Josh Hughes

### CALENDER

#### Sundays

Sunday School 9AM  
Worship 10 AM  
Adult Choir 11:15 AM  
Handbells 5 PM  
Youth Supper & Program 6 PM

#### Wednesdays

Supper Served 5:15-6 PM  
Bible Study 6 PM  
Children's Activities 6 PM

#### Sunday, January 1

No Sunday School

#### Wednesday, January 4

Supper & Bible Study Resume

#### Saturday, January 7

Room at the Table

#### Tuesday, January 10

Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A 5-8 PM

#### Sunday, January 15

Lord's Supper

#### Wednesday, January 18

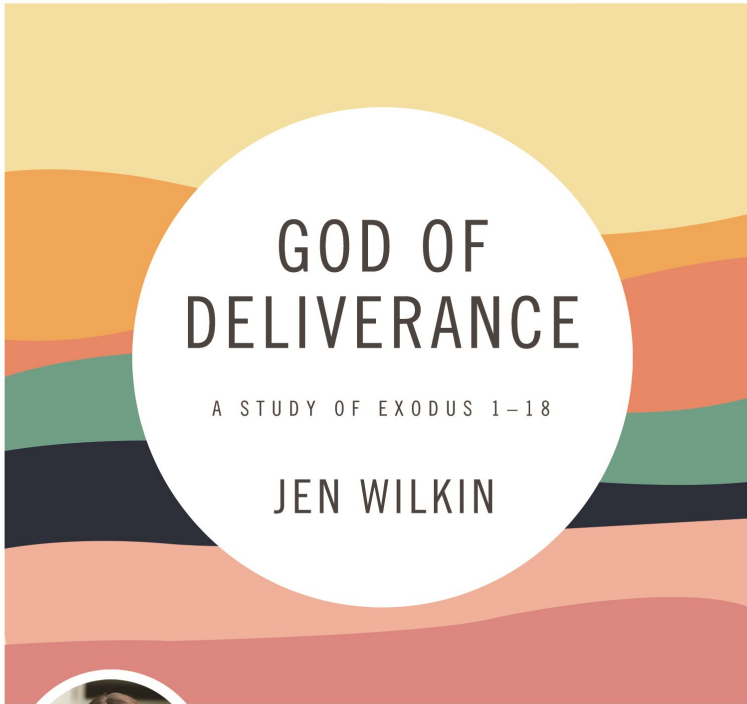
Church Forum—Annual Meeting

#### Saturday, January 21

Deacon Retreat 9AM—Noon

#### Sunday, January 22

Deacon Ordination



**A 10-SESSION STUDY BY JEN WILKIN**

Join us for this verse-by-verse study of Exodus 1-18 to discover how Israel's story is our story: The same God who delivered Israel also delivers all those He loves from slavery to sin and from service to the pharaohs of this world. He lifts our eyes to the promised land He has prepared where we dwell with I AM and worship Him as the one true God.

**Tuesday Mornings - January 24—March 28**

**9:30—11:00 AM**

**Led by Deb Lien**



# SPIRIT NIGHT

for

FBC's Backpack Ministry

Tuesday, January 10 • 5-8 PM

Enjoy a meal at the restaurant or pick up a meal to take home. 10% of profits between 5-8 PM will help support our Backpack Ministry. Bring a friend!

**Sign up at church if you would like to volunteer.**

*Thank you* Thank you so much for supporting Davenport's Backpack Ministry Program. We are all so grateful for your generosity. You make such a difference in the lives of our kiddos!

Thank you,

DES Student Support Team



Thank you for sponsoring students at William Lenoir Middle School for the Angel Tree this year. Your generosity and kindness are such a blessing to our students and their families.

Nikki Lutton



**Sunday, January 1**

Happy New Year! Enjoy time with your family—No Youth

**Monday, January 2**

2:00 PM FBC Lenoir—Come and help take down Christmas decorations.

**Sunday, January 8**

Parent/Teen Night 6:00 PM in the Dining Room—Bring a pizza!

**Sunday, January 15**

No Youth—No School Monday—Enjoy your holiday!

**Sunday, January 22**

Regular Schedule

**Sunday, January 29**

Regular Schedule



### WEDNESDAY NIGHT meal

Wednesday suppers are served from 5:15-6PM. Please contact the church office by noon on Tuesday each week to make a reservation for that Wednesday or you may place your name on the permanent reservation list.

- January 4 ..... Meatloaf; Mashed Potatoes; Green Beans; Tomato, Cucumber & Onion Salad; Rolls; Dessert
- January 11 ..... Eggs; Sausage; Biscuits & Gravy; Grits; Fruit Salad
- January 18 ..... Pork Chops with Gravy; Rice; Cooked Cabbage; Cornbread; Dessert
- January 25 ..... Baked Tortellini Casserole; Salad; Garlic Bread; Dessert

### WORSHIP

## volunteers

### January

Dan Anderson  
 Ervil Anderson  
 John Dockery  
 Helen Dockery

Joe Davis  
 Shirley Davis  
 Tom McRary

Debbie Pritchard  
 Cy Sims  
 Steven Stewart



The Adult Choir has enjoyed learning and sharing the music of Advent and Christmas for our worship services. We will resume practice on Sunday, January 8, at 11:15. We would love

for you to join us! It is a great time of learning and fellowship. We hope to see you on January 8th!



<b>FINANCIAL REPORT</b>
Budget for 2022
<b>\$836,680.00</b>
YTD Budget Receipts
<b>\$793,466.87</b>

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 1/1 Kathryn Kincaid  
Amelia Mangan  
Dena Henkle
- 1/2 Jimmy Coggin  
Katie Kaufman
- 1/3 Sofia Avila (1)
- 1/4 Jenna Pennell  
Eva Barber
- 1/6 Rocky Brooks  
Wanda Ellis  
Betsy McSwain
- 1/7 Todd Champion
- 1/9 Wendy Tucker
- 1/10 Clint Story
- 1/11 Louise Bradshaw  
Sharon Coggin  
Dawn Hall
- 1/13 James Davis
- 1/14 Dan Anderson  
Rob Winkler
- 1/15 Joey Hoyle
- 1/18 Macy Dickson
- 1/19 Sue Carter
- 1/20 Frances Malcolm  
Doug Walker
- 1/21 Barbara Jolley  
Carlie Blevins (15)
- 1/22 Mo Smith (9)
- 1/25 David Sellers  
Lena Annas
- 1/26 Kathryn Perdue  
Crystal Dula  
Diane Palmer
- 1/27 Jesse Holder (30)
- 1/28 Hallie Winkler (20)  
Joseph Reid
- 1/29 Mavis Lackey
- 1/31 Becca Lawing  
Darrell Pennell  
Gail Holland  
Jessaca Brown  
Terry Goble

## STAFF

**Rev. Josh Hughes**

SENIOR PASTOR

**Dr. Aaron Rice**

INTERIM MUSIC MINISTER

**Dr. David B. Smith**

ASSOCIATE MINISTER OF  
PASTORAL CARE

**Rebecca K. Lawing**

CHILDREN'S & INTERIM  
YOUTH MINISTRY

**CARLA REID**

ORGANIST

**Gary Johnson**

BUSINESS MANAGER

**Diane Palmer**

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

**Brenda Walters**

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

**Kathy Keck**

MISSIONS ADMIN. ASSISTANT

**Nicki Blevins**

CHURCH HOSTESS

**Robert Benfield**

MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR

**Bill Wakefield**

MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT

**Krista Hamby**

CUSTODIAN