



**CANDLE OF LOVE
NEWSLETTER
JANUARY, 2024**



A Note from Pastor Eric

“God’s work done in God’s way will never lack God’s supply.” These words were spoken by the famous missionary, Hudson Taylor. Taylor often emphasized the importance of prayer as part of our faith. He believed that God would provide all the resources needed for the ministry opportunities He called His people to. The past two years, we have seen God doing an amazing work through First Baptist Creedmoor both locally and to the ends of the Earth. 2023 saw us double our baptisms compared to 2022, with eighteen people baptized (versus nine people in 2022). We already have several people preparing for baptism to start us on the right foot for 2024, and our prayer is that God would allow us to see Him bring even more to faith in Him this new year.

God continues to grow His kingdom as He saves people through the ministries of our church. As we plunge into 2024, I want to challenge you join us during our fifth annual season of prayer and fasting. Ever since I arrived at FBCC, I have asked our church to fast and pray for 21 days each January as a way to help us connect with God, hear Him speak to us, and prepare our hearts to follow His direction each year.

God continues to lead First Baptist into new opportunities to see Him work among us and through us. Let us seek Him together, let us follow Him and do what He asks us in the way He asks us to do it, and let us trust that He will provide the resources we need – financial needs, volunteers, staff, etc. – to accomplish His will. Pray about how God might want to meet a part of our needs through you as you pray for our ministries, give your tithes and offerings, volunteer your time and energy, use your skills and encourage one another as we follow God together into an exciting new year for our church. God continues to do amazing things, let’s join Him together!

DEACON’S MINISTRY



As January 2024 appears on the calendar, let us welcome it with open minds and hearts. We have ended 2023 with God working among us and through us in so many ways. Make a list of what you have seen. God has been planting seeds and nurturing the people around us for the plans He has for First Baptist Church Creedmoor. Your Deacon Board invites you to have “the mind of Christ” as you go above your life and follow His plans for us in the year ahead.

Prayers for a Blessed New Year from the 2024 Deacon Board, often known as Team Deacon, serving with you and for you.

Return Deacons: *Toni Anne Wheeler*
 Robin Newton
 Janice McStoots
 Glenn Satterwhite

New Deacons: *Bill Allen*
 Peter Haines
 Phyllis Steele



AWANA –Every Wednesday night, children study the Bible, sing songs, play games, and learn about Jesus. It has been well attended, and we are grateful for our discipleship opportunities with our children each week.

Dive – Our Youth are currently in a series called “Amplify,” where they are looking to develop and amplify their faith as they seek to live for and share Christ with those around them.

Winter Activities

Upward Basketball

We have around 175 kids participating in Upward Basketball and Cheerleading. Practices will start the week of December 4th, and games will begin on January 6th and take place every Saturday in January and February. We look forward to a great season and would encourage you to pray for all of the families we will have the opportunity to reach through Upward.

Wintercamp

Our children will head to Wintercamp from January 13th to 15th, 2024. They will spend the weekend studying God’s word, worshiping, and participating in various activities and challenges that will allow them to enjoy fellowship with other churches.

Ski Trip

Our Youth will be heading to Winterplace Ski Resort January 19th – 21st for a weekend of fellowship where they can ski/snowboard and study the bible together.

Youth Lock-in

Our youth enjoyed the New Year with a lock-in at the church. They spend the night in fellowship, Bible study, and games. We kick off the new year studying God’s word together.

Prayer Concerns

- ✝ Our church
- ✝ Lisa Winstead’s daughter, Vicky - health concerns
- ✝ Jim and Patricia Chapman-health concerns
- ✝ Mary Lou Brodgen, diagnosed with cancer
- ✝ Donna Freeman, with health concerns
- ✝ Brenda Chappell and Rhonda Stanfield's dad, Chemis - health concerns
- ✝ Judy James, at the Sanford Health and Rehabilitation
- ✝ Herman Price, ongoing cancer treatment
- ✝ Pamela Andrews - health concerns

Praises

Sing praises to God, sing praises;
Sing praises to our King,
sing praises. Psalm 47:6



On Friday, December 22, Christina Goodwin’s mother and longtime church member, Darlene Bennett, passed away and went to be with our Lord. Please be in prayer for the family.



January Birthdays

Maxwell Whitt	January 03
Rebeca Culverhouse	January 05
Margie Rivera-Braeske	January 08
David Forsythe	January 09
Marjorie Wheeler	January 10
Jackson Whitt	January 10
Mike Sebastian	January 13
Miranda Gooch	January 14
Maxwell Wheeler	January 14
Wilma Mann	January 18
Eric Mann	January 22
Kay Adams	January 27
Steve Purvis	January 27

January Anniversaries

Randy and Robin Newton	January 05
Jonathan and Lisa Ganzzermiller	January 13
Alonza and Carolyn Neville	January 21

If your name or someone in your family is not in the list, please call the office at 919-528-2351 to update your information.
Thank You!

Upcoming Events for January 2024

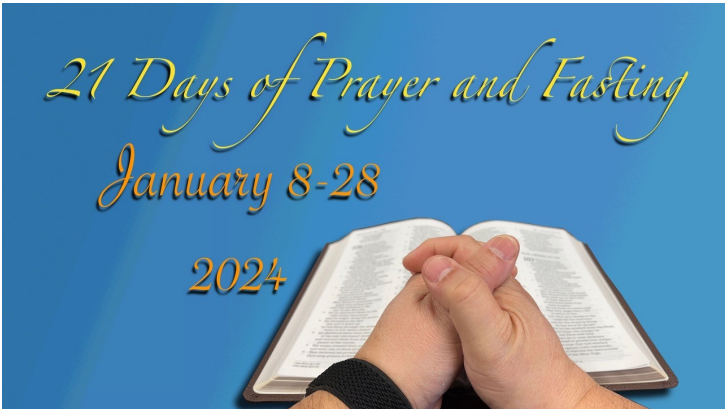
- Jan. 3rd and 17th, Food Distribution, 9 am—11:30 am
- Jan. 7th, First Sunday Children & Youth breakfast, 9:45 am
- Jan 13th and 27th, Dive Together, 5 pm—8 pm
- Jan 28th, Deacon Board Meeting, 12:15 pm

Upward practices on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, 6 pm—9 pm.

No practices the week of December 25th.

Practices will resume January 1st and take place through the end of February.

Games will start Saturday Jan. 9th and take place every Saturday through the end of February, 9 am—3 pm



Academy News

We ended 2023 in the best way we know, celebrating the birth of a King! Our annual Christmas program was amazing. It is always wonderful to hear children singing praises. We would like to thank everyone who participated in our Scrip Gift Card fundraiser. 2024 is sure to be another great year serving our families and community. We hope each one of you have a very Merry Christmas and blessed New Year.

