

Happy Birthday!

1-3 Christa Arnold
1-5 Pete Lang
1-6 Vickie Smoak
1-6 Alan Wilder
1-8 Hazel Andrews
1-10 Tracy Ferrell
1-10 Greg Miller
1-13 Blaine Britt
1-15 Phillip Duke
1-16 Chris Dickerson

1-19 Susanne Brooks
1-20 Sawyer Stokes
1-21 Mark Sommer
1-22 Bill Cooper
1-23 Broguen McKeown
1-25 Kaylee Watkins
1-27 Michelle Arrington
1-30 Vikki Tunstall
1-31 Velda Smith*
1-31 Billy Gupton

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The Together

For we are laborers **TOGETHER** with God.

1 Corinthians 3:9

OUR MISSION: "REACH, TEACH, PREPARE, SEND"

We invite all people to join us in worshiping God, growing deeper in knowledge and understanding through study, in the unity of Christian love through fellowship and visitation; preparing for ministry and mission through discipleship, drawing nearer to God in prayer and praise as we share the love of Jesus Christ with one another and the world.

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Dear Church Family,

The Children and Youth are gearing up for another year at camp! The importance of camp in the spiritual growth of the children and youth is so important. During those 5 days and 4 nights away, they are immersed in worship and praise in ways that they don't get anywhere else. It's a time for them to learn independent Bible study as well as bond with their group members through Bible study as a team. It also exposes some to contemporary Christian music as a personal way to praise God and sparks a love for that. The things they learn cannot be measured!

Some of the youth choose to do mission work while at camp that provides life-changing services for people and gives them the opportunity to witness and share their own testimony. This equips them to serve in the church when they return home as well as in the future as adults.

These experiences for the children and youth of our church are something that they look forward to each year and are a great way to invest in the future of our church. We couldn't do all of this without the continued support and generosity from our church family. We sincerely thank you for the donations that have already been made and the support through our fundraiser meals. There will be more Wednesday night meals in the coming months that will serve as fundraisers as well as our biggest fundraiser on **February 8th**. Immediately following worship on that date, we'll have our annual Soup and Salad Fundraiser. Be sure to plan to stay for a great meal and worthy cause! Again, on behalf of the children and youth, we thank you for your support and generosity. Please pray that camp will touch lives and help guide these young people to become closer to God.

Thank you!
Blaine and Cecily



The Melvin Lester Sunday School Class is in need of teachers! Please let Allan Kempinski know if you would like to volunteer!



Please continue to keep our Pastor Search Committee in your prayers! Pray for the Town Hall Meeting we will be having on **January 14th** and for the Shepherd God is preparing for us!

Thank you all so very much for all the cards, gifts, treats and love given to us this Christmas Season! Your kind words and thoughtfulness mean more to us than you could ever know. We love and appreciate our Church family. We pray all of you have a blessed year ahead!

In His Service,
Dr. Jeff Beckett, Blaine Britt, Cecily McDowell, Lisa Clark and Leslie Watkins

Dear Friends at First Baptist Church,
Thank you for your faithful investment and prayers for missionaries in Colombia. I am pleased to enclose the latest update from the missionary you sponsor who is serving the Lord with **The Lord's Vineyard of Colombia**.

Through your sponsorship, lives are being won for eternity.
Please continue to pray for your missionaries; for the Lord's protection, provision, and fruitful ministry in reaching the unreached and least reached peoples in their nation.

In His Service, Christine French
Christian Aid Mission

Dear brothers and sisters of First Baptist Church of Butner,
Thank you for helping to share the news of our Savior with people in every nation! Merry Christmas 2025! May the abounding hope and goodness of Christ overwhelm each of you, friends and loved ones, and your community to be on fire for His great glory!

Annie Hilton
Christian Aid Mission



JANUARY

Calendar of Events *Subject to change*

January 1 -	6:30pm	Church Office Closed
January 4 -	6:00pm	Women's Bible Study Resumes (FLC)
January 5 -	6:30pm	Heart Sisters Meeting (FLC)
January 7 -	5:45pm 6:30pm	Fellowship Meal: Lasagna, 7 layer salad & dessert (Cecily McDowell's Team) Bible Study
January 8 -	8:00am 10:00am	Men's Bible Study (FH) XYZ Meeting (FH)
January 10 -	10:30am	Morning Glory Bingo Outreach (Heart Sisters)
January 11 -	6:00pm	Women's Bible Study (FLC)
January 13 -	10:00am 6:00pm	Ruth Helms Prayer Group Meeting (FH) Deacons Meeting (FH)
January 14 -	5:45pm 6:30pm	Fellowship Meal: Covered Dish Town Hall Meeting
January 15 -	8:00am	Men's Bible Study (FH)
January 16 -	7:00pm	Youth Lock-in (FLC)
January 18 -	6:00pm	Women's Bible Study (FLC)
January 21 -	5:45pm 6:30pm	Fellowship Meal: Spaghetti, salad, bread & dessert (Heart Sisters) Bible Study
January 22 -	8:00am	Men's Bible Study (FH)
January 25 -	6:00pm	Women's Bible Study (FLC)
January 28 -	5:45pm 6:30pm	Fellowship Meal: Chick-Fil-A (Ferrell Team) Bible Study
January 29 -	8:00am	Men's Bible Study (FH)



2026 Church Directories will be available towards the end of January. I need to have all the information from committees for the 2026 Church Directory turned into me no later than **Monday, January 16th**. Thank you!



Women of Joy

May 1-3, 2026 at Myrtle Beach, SC

\$25 deposit is due by **Feb 1** Balance of \$104 is due **Mar 16** (if 10+ register, balance will be \$94) FYI: Liz has an option for lodging with minimal cost per person.

Speakers: Lisa TerKeurst, Lisa Harper, Whitney Capps and Susie Larson

Musicians: Cain and Charles Billingsley

Please contact Liz Davis with any questions.



Men In Action

NC Baptist On Mission's statement is "exist to glorify GOD by involving churches and Christians in meeting human needs in Jesus' name."

On **Wednesday, February 17, 2026**, we will be having our NC Baptist on Mission Rally Region 4 here at First Baptist Church Butner in the FLC at 5:45pm.

Helpful Tips and Goals as we enter 2026

Spiritual Growth & Habits:

~**Deepen Prayer:** Set a goal to pray for specific people (lost, hurting), for guidance, or create a prayer wall/journal.

~**Engage with Scripture:** Aim to read the Bible in a year (using a plan), memorize key verses, or listen to audio Bibles.

~**Daily Quiet Time:** Dedicate time to be still and worship, focusing on God rather than worldly distractions.

~**Live for Eternity:** Ask "How does this matter for eternity?" when making decisions to keep your focus on God's bigger plan.

Relationships & Community:

~**Build Meaningful Connections:** Schedule regular coffee, calls, or walks with loved ones.

~**Serve Your Community:** Find volunteer opportunities or commit to daily acts of kindness (Example: encouraging notes, buying coffee, visiting).

~**Strengthen Your Church Family:** Join a small group or Bible study for accountability and fellowship.

Heart Sisters on Mission

HEART SISTERS NEWS.....Greetings, brothers and sisters! We hope everyone had a wonderful experience celebrating the birth of our Savior with family and friends around a beautifully decorated Christmas tree, maybe sharing a delicious meal together, gifting and receiving special gifts, seeing a children's Christmas program or adult cantata, but more than anything, we hope you read God's Word, worshipped our Father and Son with others and alone in your time with God, and that you reflected and meditated on the miracles associated with the birth of our Savior. It doesn't have to be Christmas for us to reflect on those miracles so as we enter 2026, celebrate the miracles! Heart Sisters has several things to share with you involving activities for next month. You have a great opportunity to purchase items that are used in multiple ministries. Consider buying clearance Christmas candy that we will use with Central Regional Hospital and the Oxford Children's Home; clearance coats, gloves, and scarves for the Appalachian Backpack Ministry, Butner Church Council Christmas Ministry, FBC coat give-a-way, homeless; and clearance fleece blankets and Lifesaver peppermints for chemo kits. We also encourage you to donate the front side of Christmas cards you received this year to CCM for their Toy Ministry. Make sure there is no writing from the sender of your cards on the backside of the front cover. We will have a Heart Sisters bin designated for all donated items. Our "Experiencing God" Bible study resumes on **January 4th** at 6pm in the FLC, Chapter 7, The Crisis of Belief. God has used this study to open our eyes to how we truly experience Him. If there's enough interest, we will host and lead a weekday study. Let Tammy Duke know if this is something you might be interested in. Our January Mission/Outreach is **Saturday, January 10th** at 10:30am at Morning Glory senior apartments, in Butner, for Bingo fun and loving on some of our community's seniors. Our February mission/outreach is "Baskets of Love" for widows and widowers. For FBC members, it will include those who have been widows and widowers for less than one year. With the community, it will include only Butner residents. Please be sure to include those who are unchurched! We have set a limit of 25-30 for this first year. If you know someone within this framework, you can email their name, physical address, phone number to heartsisters@fbcbutner.org no later than 5pm, **January 25th**. All are invited to join us on **Saturday, February 7th** at 10am in the FLC to bake cookies for our Baskets of Love or if you're unable to join us and would like to contribute to the cookies, you can drop off your cookies at the FLC between 10-11am. We will deliver baskets on **Friday, February 13th** and **Saturday, February 14th**. The next Heart Sisters monthly meeting will be **January 5th** at 6:30pm in the FLC and we invite and encourage all women of the church to join us as we pray, plan, and put into action missions, outreach, and God's Word. Remember Heart Sisters when you give in memory of a dear brother or sister! Here's to an exciting new year!

December-January Clearance candy/winter items mentioned above	Experiencing God Bible study resumes: 1/4/26 at 6pm in the FLC	Heart Sisters Monthly Meeting, 1/5/26 at 6:30pm in the FLC	Morning Glory Bingo mission/outreach at 10:30am on 1/10/26
Baskets of Love Deadline to recommend a widow/widower 1/25/26	Baskets of Love Cookie Baking from 10-11am in the FLC on 2/7/26	Baskets of Love Delivery on 2/13 & 2/14/26	

Children & Youth Ministry



CentriKid Camp is a week long camp for children that have completed 2nd-6th grades that provides children a wonderful worship and learning experience. We will be going to Garder Webb again this year. Camp will be **June 22-26, 2026**. A deposit of \$50 per person will be due by **January 15**.

The youth will be going to MissionFuge at Carson-Newman University on **June 15-19, 2026**. A \$50 deposit will be due on **January 11**. If you give online, please give to "Children & Youth Camp-D" Please sign up in Realm or contact Blaine if you would like to attend.

The youth will have a Lock-in beginning at 7:00pm on **Friday, January 16th** and ending at 8:00am on **Saturday, January 17th**. More details are coming soon. Please sign up in Realm if you would like to attend or let Blaine know.

It is time to update Medical Forms that would be used in the event of an emergency while on a youth function. Forms can be found online or you can get a copy from Blaine.

We will be going to WinterJam on **February 14, 2026** at the Greensboro Coliseum. The cost will be \$25 for youth (cost covers ticket and meal). The cost for adults will be \$35 for the ticket, and adults will cover their own meal. We will eat an early dinner at a Japanese Steakhouse before going to the concert (if paying online, please select "Youth-D" as the fund to give to). We will leave around 2:30 p.m. and return around 12:00 a.m. Please register by **January 11** if you would like to attend. Lineup: Chris Tomlin, Matthew West, Katy Nichole, Hulvey, Disciple, Emerson Day, Newsong, Jeremy Rosado, Heath Brothers, Cliff Preston, & speaker: Zane Black.



CCM Toy Ministry 2025

Toy Ministry 2025 was a wonderful testimony of God's goodness as every aspect of this ministry was covered by His hand! The Gospel and prayer were shared with each parent, leading to six professions of faith, renewed commitments, and seeds planted. I was thrilled by the crowd of volunteers who pitched in to help with everything - from setting up and guiding parents through gift selection to packing up and restoring the building to its thrift store state! Each day, we enjoyed delicious lunches generously provided by Peace's Chapel, Grassy Creek, and Concord. Concord also donated thirteen bicycles to the delight of the parents who were selected by a drawing each day. All but five parents came, but volunteers stepped in to ensure those children were included by selecting gifts for each one. The school guidance counselors pitched in by picking up and delivering the gifts. All told, 234 children, representing 86 families, woke up to gifts under their trees Christmas morning! An additional 20 - 25 children at Pastor Armando's church received gifts. Also, a load of Toy Ministry extras was delivered to children in an impoverished area of West Virginia. I am thankful to God for all that He provided through the generous hearts and willing hands of our Flat River churches and the community!

To help replenish the Toy Ministry stock, please take advantage of after Christmas sales and sales throughout the year. We will need toys in the Birth - 2 age group and the 6 - 18 age groups. We do not need any in the 3 - 5 age group. Also needed: sports balls - focus on basketballs, soccer balls, and volley balls. Our supply of fleece blankets was depleted so keep an eye out for these also. We will need boys boxers sizes 4, 6/7 & 10/12 and ladies socks size 4-10. We will need wrapping paper and gift bags. Will let you know as I identify any additional needs.

