

# First Baptist News

a family of faith



Sunday, January 6, 2019

Happy  
New  
Year



If you like books that are easy to read but challenging to apply, take a look at Everybody Always by Bob Goff. Goff, an attorney, law professor and diplomat, challenges us to move past agreeing with Jesus to doing what Jesus said.

Most of us have studied the teachings of Jesus for years, and we attempt to follow Jesus, but Goff encourages us to strengthen our intent in loving everybody we meet, no matter how difficult they attempt to be. Each chapter includes a story of Goff's effort to love as Jesus loved. Goff is right to challenge us to be more intentional about doing as Jesus tells us to do, and he is right that many of us know the life of Jesus well.

Over the course of my study of Jesus, I have realized the more I know of him, the more I want to know. The more I know, the more committed I am to following him. This said, I am inviting you to a series of discipleship conversations on Wednesday nights on the life and teachings of Jesus. This is the second half of a series I started last fall from Martin Thielen's book, What's the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian? Last fall we looked at commonly held assumptions that we do not have to believe in order to be Christian. Over the next few weeks, we will look at the essentials, what we do need to believe, and each belief is centered on Jesus. We will talk about Jesus' identity, priority, grace, work, example, death and resurrection and what each means for us today.

We can never learn enough about Jesus. In him, Paul wrote, *all the fullness of deity lives in bodily form* (Col. 2:9). Moreover, the only Jesus our neighbors may ever see is in our obedience to his command to love as we have been loved. Chances are very good that you have to deal with some "difficult people" (Goff's word) on a daily basis. It's hard to love them much less like them, but maybe if we spend some time listening to the life of Jesus these Wednesday nights, we will be a little more able to love the way Jesus loved.

Peace,  
David

Robeson County Arts Council presents  
**12th Night Concert of  
Healing and Hope**  
with: Lumberton High School  
Chorus, Bella Venti Orchestra  
Ensemble, Carol Deloach &  
Mark Andersen

Free to the public.  
Sunday, January 6, 2019  
4:00 p.m.—First Baptist  
Sanctuary  
Donations graciously accepted.



## Preparing for Sunday . . .

“Keep Reading”  
Matthew 2:1-23

In this Sunday’s scripture the magi arrive at the nativity. The scene is complete but the story is nowhere close to finished. Once the magi leave, Joseph is told to take his family to Egypt in order to escape the murderous threats of King Herod. It’s tempting to stop reading with the return of the magi, but doing so denies the reason Jesus came into the world. As we read on we learn that Jesus did not come to receive gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. He came to right injustice and to redeem the sins of the world. We cannot close our eyes to the problems of the world in which we live. If we are going to follow Jesus we need to **Keep Reading** until we get to the redemptive end.



## This Week . . .

### Sunday, January 6, 2019

8:45 a.m. **Worship**  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. **Worship**

### Monday, January 7

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
10:45 a.m. Glen Flora Circle  
11:45 a.m. Baptist Women’s Luncheon

### Tuesday, January 8

7:00 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group  
6:00 p.m. Youth Committee Meeting

### Wednesday, January 9

5:15 p.m. Family Night Supper  
5:45 p.m. Music Makers Choir (1st-3rd Grade)  
Young Musicians Choir (4th-6th Grade)  
6:00 p.m. Family Night At Prayer WYD (Grades 7-12)  
6:30 p.m. 1st-3rd Grade Bible Study  
4th-6th Grade Handbells  
7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, January 10

11:00 a.m. Fun & Fellowship

January 11-12—Deacons Retreat

# January 13, 2019

# Deacon

## ORDINATION

# and Installation

### Servants this Sunday, January 6, 2018

**ETC**—8:45 a.m. —Casey Williamson, Christy Strickland & Alli Branch

11:00 a.m.—Casey Williamson & Pattie Ramsaur

#### **Entrance Greeters**

Children’s Building — Shirley Hickman

Walnut Street— Jimmy & Billie Dail

6th Street — Linda Collins

Senior Entrance — Jim Driscoll

**Welcoming Committee**—Tony & Becky Thompson, Billie Dail

**Security Monitor**—Ross Driscoll

**Sound**—Amy Gibson

As I have loved you...  
*Love one another.*

-John 13:34

# FUN & FELLOWSHIP

January 10, 2017  
 11:00 a.m. in the Activity Building  
 Sheryl Taylor will present  
 "The Upside of Aging"  
 Bring a sandwich and a friend!

## Family Night Supper Menus January 2019

January 9—Red Ticket: Chicken & Rice, Sweet Peas, Rolls, Salad, Strawberry Shortcake (Sugar-free)  
 Blue Ticket: Chicken Nuggets, Chips, Fruit

January 16—Red Ticket: Vegetable Soup, Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich or Pimento Cheese Sandwich, Salad, Lemon Pie  
 Blue Ticket: Hot Dogs, Chips, Fruit

January 23—Spaghetti, Green Beans, Toast, Salad, Apple Pie (Sugar free)

January 30—Red Ticket: Pork Loin, Wild Rice, Grilled Vegetables, Rolls, Salad, Chocolate Cake  
 Blue Ticket: Pizza, Chips, Fruit

THIS IS THE DAY  
 THAT THE LORD  
 HAS MADE; LET US  
**REJOICE**  
 & BE GLAD IN IT

PSALM 118:24

## Baptist Women's Luncheon Monday, January 7, 2019

11:45 a.m. in the Activity Building  
 Our speakers will be Caleb & Sarah Waller, Missionaries to Bulgaria. We will collect an offering for the Wallers. Please bring a sandwich.

The Glen Flora Circle will meet  
 at 10:45 a.m.



**The Senior Adults will go out for lunch to Webster Manor in Mullins, SC on Tuesday, January 15th.**

**Trip cost is \$5 per person and lunch will be Dutch treat.**



## Community Café Volunteers Needed!

Groups are needed to host our Community Café on the 3rd Saturday each month. Host groups provide a meal, devotion and fellowship for Community Café guests.

If your Sunday School Class, Mission Group, etc. would like to host please contact the church office (739-4336 or [daphnefletcher@fbclumbertonnc.org](mailto:daphnefletcher@fbclumbertonnc.org)).

## First Sunday Food Drive

The first Sunday of each month we collect non-perishable foods for local charities. Our next food collection is Sunday, January 6. Place your donations in the collections bins near the entrances or bring them to the church office.

Donation suggestions: Canned vegetables, canned fruits, Vienna sausages, canned meats (such as chicken breast), pork & beans, rice, dried beans, boxed meals, baby foods, bottles of water and juices.





## For the Record

Budgeted 2018 .....	\$700,000.00
Weekly Need (2018).....	\$13,461.54
Received December 30, 2018 .....	\$32,546.35
Need to date .....	\$700,000.00
Received to date .....	\$686,377.21
Over (Under) Budget .....	(\$13,622.79)

Sunday School Attendance,  
December 30—133

## *Coming up. . .*

- Jan. 7—Baptist Women’s Luncheon  
Final Youth Ski Trip Payment Due  
Jan. 8—Youth Committee Meeting  
Jan. 10—Fun & Fellowship  
Jan. 11-12—Deacons Retreat  
Jan. 13—Deacon Ordination & Installation  
Knit Wits (3 pm)  
Worship Committee Meeting (4 pm)  
Jan. 15—Senior Adults Lunch Out to  
Mullins, SC  
Jan. 18-21—Youth Ski Trip  
Jan. 19—Community Café hosted by  
Asbury UMC  
Jan. 21—Finance & Deacons Meetings  
Jan. 23—Quarterly Church Conference  
Jan. 27—Children’s Committee Meeting  
Youth Summer Trip Parent Meeting
- Feb. 1—Robeson County Teacher Work Day  
Feb. 1-2—5th & 6th Grade Getaway  
Feb. 4—Baptist Women’s Luncheon  
Feb. 9—Valentine Banquet  
Feb. 10—Knit Wits (3 pm)  
Feb. 11—Friends of Jesus Valentine Party  
Feb. 12—Mission Team Meeting (6 pm)  
Feb. 14—Valentine’s Day



Mark your calendar for the Summer Trip Meeting on **Sunday, January 27th**. Parents, if your Youth is interested in any of the summer trips, this meeting is for you!

- Youth Music Retreat—June 2019
- Wilderness Trail — July 2019
- M-Fuge, Louisiana — July 2019

Contact Doug for more information:  
739-4336 or [dougreedy@fbclumbertonnc.org](mailto:dougreedy@fbclumbertonnc.org).

The Valentine Banquet will be held Saturday, February 9.

## *Flower Calendar*

Contact the church office at 739-4336 or [daphnefletcher@fbclumbertonnc.org](mailto:daphnefletcher@fbclumbertonnc.org) to place flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one.

### 2019

Jan. 20, 27	July 7, 14, 21, 28
Feb. 17, 24	Aug. 4, 25
March 10, 17, 24	Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
April 28	Oct. 6, 13
May 5, 12, 19, 26	Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24
June 2, 16, 23, 30	



## **CHURCH STAFF**

Contact us at 739-4336 or [daphnefletcher@fbclumbertonnc.org](mailto:daphnefletcher@fbclumbertonnc.org)  
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**Mrs. Nancy Bass — Financial Coordinator**

**Rev. Erin Collier — Associate Pastor of Families and Worship**

**Dr. David Elks — Pastor**

**Mrs. Daphne Fletcher — Administrative Assistant**

**Rev. Tim Little — Minister of Music and Facilities**

**Mrs. Kandace Ramsey — Administrative Assistant**

**Rev. Doug Reedy — Associate Pastor of Youth, Young Adults and Missions**

## **Person of the Week**

Barbara Andrews  
5212 McLeod Rd.  
Lumberton, NC 28358

\*Send a card, letter, or other remembrance to Barbara to thank her for a job well done as our Deacon chair in 2018.