

FEBRUARY 2022

FBC

First Baptist Church would like to say Thank You with a

**PUBLIC SERVANTS RECOGNITION DINNER**  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23**  
**6:15PM**



We are inviting, on February 23rd,  
all of the Louisburg public servants

**FIRE & POLICE DEPARTMENT, EMT'S, AND**  
**CITY WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES**

to a special dinner on their behalf. This will be an  
opportunity for our church to express our gratitude for the  
never ending service that they provide in this great city.

We will have plenty of ways that anyone and everyone  
can join in this special time to serve and to thank those  
who daily serve us. Keep watching for more details.

# CALENDAR FOR THIS MONTH

## Tuesday, February 1

1:00 PM—Women's Bookworm Café—FLC  
(*Before We Were Yours—Wingate*)

## Wednesday, February 2

7:50 AM-8:15 AM—Pastor Kami at LHS FCA  
**6:00 PM-7:30PM—YOUTH GROUP**  
7:00 PM—1st Service Praise Team Practice

## Thursday, February 3

*JESSE SMITH BECAME OUR LEAD PASTOR 3 YEARS AGO TODAY*  
9:00 AM—Staff Meeting (off Site)  
**3:30 PM-5:00 PM—Kids' CLUB 4:12**

**CLUB 4:12 Winter Weekend Retreat**  
starts on Friday, February 4 at 6:00 PM  
ends on Saturday, February 5 at 8:00 AM

## Sunday, February 6

### REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:15 AM—WORSHIP  
9:45 AM—KIDS' BIBLE ADVENTURE  
9:45 AM—SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES  
(YOUTH & ADULT ELECTIVES)  
11:00 AM—WORSHIP & KIDS' KONNECTION  
11:00 AM—Deaconess Meeting

## Monday, February 7

7:00 PM—AA Meeting

## Tuesday, February 8

6:30 PM—Church 150th Anniversary Planning Team

## Wednesday, February 9

7:00 PM—1st Service Praise Team Practice

## Thursday, February 10

9:00 AM—Staff Meeting (off Site)  
**3:30 PM-5:00 PM—Kids' CLUB 4:12**

## Saturday, February 12

8:00 AM—Men's Breakfast—FLC  
10:00 AM—Love FBC Cooking Baking—FLC & kitchen

## Sunday, February 13

*SOUPER BOWL OF CARING*  
**REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE (see February 6)**  
5:00 PM—YOUTH—"BIG GAME" PARTY

## Monday, February 14

12:00 PM—Ministerial Alliance  
6:30 PM—Deacon Meeting  
7:00 PM—AA Meeting

## Tuesday, February 15

*DEADLINE FOR MARCH NEWSLETTER*  
7:00 PM—Christian Ed & Trustee Meetings  
8:15 PM—Finance Committee

## Wednesday, February 16

7:50 AM-8:15 AM—Pastor Kami at LHS FCA  
**6:00 PM-7:30PM—YOUTH GROUP**  
7:00 PM—1st Service Praise Team Practice

## Thursday, February 17

9:00 AM—Staff Meeting (off Site)  
**3:30 PM-5:00 PM—Kids' CLUB 4:12**

## Saturday, February 19

4:00 PM—American Heritage Girls Event

## Sunday, February 20

### REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE (see February 6)

## Monday, February 21—President's Day

*CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED*  
12:00 PM-5:00 PM—Scrapbooking—FLC  
7:00 PM—AA Meeting

## Tuesday, February 22

Meal Prep—FLC & kitchen

## Wednesday, February 23

7:50 AM-8:15 AM—Pastor Kami at LHS FCA  
**6:00 PM—YOUTH GROUP (ASSISTING AT MEAL)**  
**6:15 PM—PUBLIC SERVANT RECOGNITION MEAL**  
7:00 PM—1st Service Praise Team Practice

## Thursday, February 24

9:00 AM—Staff Meeting (off Site)  
**3:30 PM-5:00 PM—Kids' CLUB 4:12**

## Saturday, February 26

8:00 AM—Men's Breakfast—FLC

## Sunday, February 27

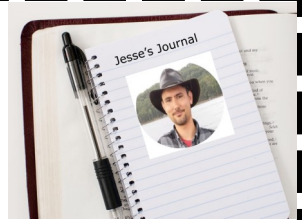
### REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE (see February 6)

## Monday, February 28

7:00 PM—AA Meeting



## Celebrating 150 years of ministry; Starting the next 150 years.



This year we are taking special time each month to celebrate our long history as a church and look forward to the continuation of that ministry. In February we are going to have a unique opportunity to celebrate through service and thanksgiving.

We are inviting, on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, all of the Louisburg public servants [Fire & Police department, EMT's, and city workers] and their families to a special dinner on their behalf. This will be an opportunity to express our gratitude for the never ending service that they provide in this great city that we love and serve. As the event starts to get a little closer we will have plenty of ways that anyone and everyone can join in this special time. Stay tuned for more information.

Other things to look forward to:

**All Saint's Cook Book:** We are memorializing your family's history and memories in the form of a cook book. We would love to include some of your favorite family recipes in a special edition cookbook. You can send your recipes to Marla, Joann, or Del Jo. Start bringing your recipes as soon as possible so the team has time to format the cookbook.

**Timeline:** Each month we will have an ever growing timeline of the church history on the wall between the bathrooms. Each month will be a new 12-13 year segment of history/church history. If you have anything that we can add to the timeline, like photos, records, or special memories, please get them to Marla and we will include it on our timeline.

**Share a memory:** We would also love to hear some of y'all's favorite memories of your time here in the church. We would like to get those memories recorded for a special video later in the year. If you have a treasured memory, or even just a funny good time memory of this church please let Marla or me know and we will get that recorded. It doesn't have to be long. It can be a very quick story of what you remember. The idea is to try and capture all those things that have gone on throughout the years that we often don't know about or forget about.

And, as always, make sure to join us, tune in, or swing by the website as we take on the big task of traversing through the book of Romans.

## ONE YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN— OLD TESTAMENT & NEW TESTAMENT

DAILY READINGS INCLUDE PASSAGES FROM BOTH THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS  
[https://www.heartlight.org/devotionals/reading\\_plans/otandnt/](https://www.heartlight.org/devotionals/reading_plans/otandnt/)

2/1	Genesis 36, 37, 38;	Matthew 21:1-22
2/2	Genesis 39, 40;	Matthew 21:23-46
2/3	Genesis 41, 42;	Matthew 22:1-22
2/4	Genesis 43, 44, 45;	Matthew 22:23-46
2/5	Genesis 46, 47, 48;	Matthew 23:1-22
2/6	Genesis 49, 50;	Matthew 23:23-29
2/7	Exodus 1, 2, 3;	Matthew 24:1-28
2/8	Exodus 4, 5, 6;	Matthew 24:29-51
2/9	Exodus 7, 8;	Matthew 25:1-30
2/10	Exodus 9, 10, 11;	Matthew 25:31-46
2/11	Exodus 12, 13;	Matthew 26:1-35
2/12	Exodus 14, 15;	Matthew 26:36-75
2/13	Exodus 16, 17, 18;	Matthew 27:1-26
2/14	Exodus 19, 20;	Matthew 27:27-50
2/15	Exodus 21, 22;	Matthew 27:51-66
2/16	Exodus 23, 24;	Matthew 28
2/17	Exodus 25, 26;	Mark 1:1-22
2/18	Exodus 27, 28;	Mark 1:23-45
2/19	Exodus 29, 30;	Mark 2
2/20	Exodus 31, 32, 33;	Mark 3:1-19
2/21	Exodus 34, 35;	Mark 3:20-35
2/22	Exodus 36, 37, 38;	Mark 4:1-20
2/23	Exodus 39, 40;	Mark 4:21-41
2/24	Psalms 90; Leviticus 1, 2;	Mark 5:1-20
2/25	Leviticus 3, 4, 5;	Mark 5:21-43
2/26	Leviticus 6, 7;	Mark 6:1-29
2/27	Leviticus 8, 9, 10;	Mark 6:30-56
2/28	Leviticus 11, 12;	Mark 7:1-13

There they are, everywhere you look – hearts and flowers... and chocolate! This could only mean that February, the traditional month of love, is here!



As Jesus followers, we know that there is a far deeper and more poignant love than the romantic and whimsical love this month promotes. While romantic love can be unpredictable at best, we are blessed with a love that never fades or fails. Lamentations 3:22-23 proclaims:

"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

Just as February serves as a reminder to give the ones we love a little extra attention, it serves a similar function for the children of God. Unfortunately, we can forget that we have such an amazing love to run to in our times of distress. Martin Luther explains it well:

"The sin underneath all our sins is to trust the lie of the serpent that we cannot trust the love and grace of Christ and must take matters into our own hands" ~ Martin Luther

We all do it! We get into a tough spot and let sin get a foothold. To make matters worse, we convince ourselves that we can handle the situation on our own. No need to bother God, or more significantly, no need to admit to him our failure.

There is a better way! We can take ANYTHING to our loving Father and he WILL be there with His loving arms outstretched. Paul assured the Romans (and us):

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
~ Romans 8:37-39

Let's relish in THAT love this month. (Ok, and a little chocolate.)

Pastor Kami



**"Church" doesn't happen only within these walls...**

Did you see several men having breakfast and prayer at Miss B's Café on Saturday, January 15? Yes, *MEN'S BREAKFAST* has started up once again. Breakfast is normally at the church every other Saturday.



**But "Church" also happens in this building...**

Pastor Kami started our year off with *"THE ONLY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION YOU WILL EVER NEED"* which included the video "A Love Letter from God."

The second week of January, Pastor Jesse reminded us that our church's 150th Anniversary is this year and challenged us to just make this the mid-way point in our church history *"HALFWAY THERE: 150 DOWN, 150 TO GO"*.

Pastor Jesse has now begun an extended sermon series on *"THE BOOK OF ROMANS"*. You can review all the Sunday morning messages on the church website: [louisburgfirstbaptist.org](http://louisburgfirstbaptist.org).

In *KIDS' KONNECTION* the children have been examining Parables of Jesus.

The kids in *CLUB 4:12* continue to learn about the books of the New Testament and each book's basic theme.

During January the *YOUTH GROUP* explored "CLEAN SLATE" - finding that we don't need to drag our baggage with us into the new year.

in person  
**ATTENDANCE**

	<u>8:15</u>	<u>11:00</u>
Jan. 2	24	16
Jan. 9	44	27
Jan. 16	35	21
Jan. 23	51	32



**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

11:00 AM—Deaconesses

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

6:30 PM - Deacons

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

7:00 PM - Christian Education & Trustee Boards







**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

**1:00 PM**

**WOMEN'S BOOKWORM  
CAFÉ**

**FAMILY LIFE CENTER**

Book to be reviewed:

*Before We Were Yours*

by Lisa Wingate



**FEBRUARY 3**

Jesse Smith  
became our Lead  
Pastor 3 years

ago today. Be sure to let Pastor  
Jesse know how much he is  
loved & appreciated!



**TUESDAY,**

**FEBRUARY 8**

**6:30 PM**

**150TH ANNIVERSARY  
PLANNING**

All are welcome to join in brain-  
storming and planning to make  
the 150th Anniversary of First  
Baptist something spectacular!



**SUNDAY,**

**FEBRUARY 13**

**SOUPER BOWL  
OF CARING**

Bring an extra dollar (or two or  
twenty) with you to worship on  
February 13th. Soup pots will  
be located at the exits to receive  
your donations. Every dollar  
collected will go directly to  
Louisburg's Agape Food Pantry.

Twelve youth enjoyed an *OVERNIGHT LOCK-IN* January 21-22. The retreat theme was "Who Has Your Back" and included messages of God's love and faithfulness, team building exercises and a mini mission project of organizing storage in part of the church. The kids also set up tables and chairs for a funeral dinner.

Boxes have been arriving regularly containing curriculum and supplies for this summer's *VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL*. Mark your calendar for June 13-17 when we will be exploring how we are "Created in Christ. Designed for God's Purpose." Be thinking about how you want to be involved in spreading God's Word to the children of our church and community before, during and after the week of VBS. Be watching for more info in the coming weeks.

*CHURCH NURSERY* is officially OPEN! Catie & Olivia are anxiously awaiting the arrival of your children, infant to age 4 on Sunday mornings.

Church life also includes being family during the *TOUGH TIMES*. "*Grief is perhaps the most difficult of human emotions to face, though it has the potential for being the most therapeutic, as well ... grief is not a bad thing—for grief is the cost of having loved. If we had not cared, we would not grieve.*" We would like to extend sympathies and prayers to:

**The Family of Scot Morgan**

Scot was born on December 24, 1950. He joined our church by statement of faith in 2007. Scot passed in to the arms of Jesus and was reunited with his beloved son Jake on January 16, 2022. He was 71 years old.

**The Family of Beverly Horn**

Beverly was born May 24, 1947. She joined our church (again) by Transfer of Letter in 1980. Beverly passed in to the arms of Jesus on January 16, 2022. She was 74 years old.

# Just for KIDS

## The Bible Speaks of Love

The words found in 1 John 4:16 are important for everyone every day.

To find out what the verse says, find a word that fits each description and write the letters in the boxes. Next, write the letters on the lines below (use the numbers to match the letters to the correct lines). Read the verse.

A place to live

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1 2 3 4 5

Opposite of dark

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6 7 8 9 10

Companion

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11 12 13 14 15 16

Hand greeting

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17 18 19 20

Male adult

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21 22 23

“ 8 2 16 13 4 6 2 19 5 .  
 17 9 2 5 19 5 12 6 7 19 5 4  
 13 15 6 2 19 20 6 7 19 14 4  
 13 15 8 2 16 , 18 15 16  
 8 2 16 13 23 1 7 21 .”

Answers: house; light; friend; wave; man; “God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.”

## Kids' Konnection

SUNDAYS  
(SECOND SERVICE ONLY)

KIDS' KONNECTION

KIDS AGE 4 THRU 5TH GRADE



YOUTH GROUP (GRADES 6-12)

WEDNESDAYS

6:00 PM-7:30 PM

Don't miss food, friends and fun as we explore what the Bible has to say to us today.



KIDS' CLUB 4:12

THURSDAYS

3:30 PM-5:00 PM

KIDS K THROUGH 5TH GRADE

Games, snacks, surprises and fun Bible experiences! We are exploring the New Testament book by book.

VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS  
WELCOME!!

Check with Pastor Kami to see where you can help 816-916-KAMI (5264).



**FIRST BAPTIST BAKERY & BUFFET**

If you have a recipe you would like to share, please turn it in to Joann Hook, recipe coordinator.

**SUGAR FREE****CARROT CAKE MUFFINS**

from the kitchen of Joann Hook

1 sugar free yellow cake mix  
 1 sugar free vanilla instant pudding  
 2 Tbsp sugar substitute  
 (I use Truvia)  
 2½ tsp ground cinnamon  
 4 eggs, whipped  
 ⅔ cup water  
 ¾ cup vegetable oil  
 3 cups carrots, grated  
 chopped pecans, optional

Preheat oven to 325°; line muffin tin with cupcake liners.

In a mixing bowl, use a whisk to combine cake mix, pudding mix, sugar substitute, and cinnamon.

In another bowl, mix together eggs, water, and oil.

Add half of dry ingredients to the egg mixture, stirring gently to blend; add rest of dry ingredients, mixing until blended.

Fold in nuts, if using.

Fill muffin tins ¾ full; bake 35-40 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean.

Cool before serving or frosting with a sugar free frosting; since these are muffins, there is no need to frost.

**ABW Bible Book of the Month****Philemon**

*Purpose: To provide a model of how the gospel can restore broken relationships.*

*How do you get past the wall? Someone offends us—whether intentionally or not—and we allow a wall to be built up against that person. Unless we deal with the problem and seek reconciliation, we might end up regarding someone we once considered a close friend as an enemy. Those who follow Jesus are supposed to live in love with one another, but too often we choose our own way and allow differences to come between us. Life in Paul's day was no different.*

*Onesimus was a runaway slave. Such a crime was punishable by death. Paul wanted to see Philemon reconciled with Onesimus because now everything had changed—Onesimus had become a Christian.*

*One of Paul's most personal letters, the intended purpose is to create a situation where Philemon would be moved, due to Paul's gentle prodding, to welcome back his runaway slave Onesimus as a brother in the Lord (1:17) - and not have him executed.*



**...welcome him  
 as you would  
 welcome me.**

PHILEMON 1:17



## Laura & David Parajon - ABC Global Servants in New Mexico & Nicaragua

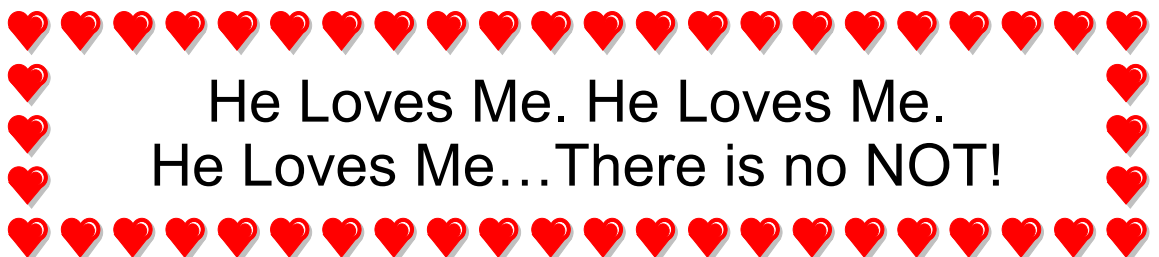
We are thankful for you and all the ways in which you have touched our lives and the lives of people in Nicaragua. While Laura and I have been spending most of our time in New Mexico, we have been trying to do what we can to help our aging parents at a distance by plane or by Zoom. Our daughter Cristina moved from New York and got a job here, Scotty is a college senior and David is a sophomore in NY.



Your missionary support to IM is helping to save lives. Aura Rivera is health promoter in Tapasle, Matagalpa, Nicaragua and shared this story: "I got an emergency call. They were asking me to go visit a 3-yr-old boy who had diarrhea and fever. Neymar lives with his parents and 2 older siblings an hour away from the community clinic. It's a difficult path to walk to the house. When I arrived at the house, they informed me Neymar had been sick for a day. After examining him I gave him oral rehydration salts, acetaminophen and zinc tablets for the diarrhea. I visited them for 3 days to check on Neymar's progress. Thanks to God he got better!"

As an AMOS board member, I am thrilled that we finalized a Strategic Plan with an exciting vision for the next 3 years. AMOS plans to expand to 5 more rural communities, work with government and medical schools to train doctors and nurses and keep on partnering with churches to improve health.

This year will be my final year serving as an IM missionary and Christy Lafferty will be supporting the AMOS ministry as a new Global Servant with International Ministries.



# Birthdays & Anniversaries

February 3     Rosemary Golden  
 February 4     Morgan Tibbetts  
 February 5     Joann Hook  
 February 7     Logan McClellan  
 February 10    Jaden Scott  
 February 11    Andie Masten  
 February 12    Jackie Mack  
 February 18    Barbara Kerr  
                      Hope Anderson  
 February 19    Tyler Baham  
 February 25    Jordan Smith  
 February 27    John Clark

*Laura & Dennis Scott—February 18*  
*Patty & Andy Sauber—February 22*  
*Debbie & Richard Francy—February 25*  
*Allison Apple & Charley Puhr—Feb. 29*



*Makhi Amir Bey was born on Friday, January 14, 2022 at 8:39am. He weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces and was 19¼ inches long. Parents are Ryan Caldwell and Garrick Bey. Grandparents are Shannon & Rodney Caldwell; Great-Grandparents are Judy & Fletch Kelly; Great-Great-Grandparents are Merilyn & John Kelly.*

We try to include those who are actively attending our church; please let us know if we have missed your special day.

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