



# Messenger

## From the Pastor's Desk

You've probably heard it before. I have. But I always find slowly reading it again is forever a redemptive challenge. I hope you do also – for the first time or the hundredth time.

We find many men and women in scripture who rise to the occasion, but perhaps none as Jesus the Christ does. What a challenging way to think about following Jesus. Because Rudyard Kipling wrote in a previous century I always like to add the *italics* for the sisters and daughters with whom I live in this century. We need men and women to be shaped by these thoughts.

If you can keep your head when all about you  
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,  
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,  
But make allowance for their doubting too;  
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,  
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,  
Or being hated, don't give way to hating,  
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise:

If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;  
If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim;  
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster  
And treat those two impostors just the same;  
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken  
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,  
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,  
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out tools:

If you can make one heap of all your winnings  
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,  
And lose, and start again at your beginnings  
And never breathe a word about your loss;  
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew  
To serve your turn long after they are gone,  
And so hold on when there is nothing in you  
Except the Will which says to them: 'Hold on!'

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,  
Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch,  
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,  
If all men count with you, but none too much;  
If you can fill the unforgiving minute  
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,  
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,  
And—which is more—you'll be a Man/*Woman*, my son/*daughter*!

*Grace and Peace,*  
*Craig*

## Youth Update

Have you ever seen the look on someone's face when God answers prayer? The joy and love they are experiencing at that moment is contagious and causes us to offer thanks and praise to God. I want to share with you a quick story about an answered prayer in our church family.

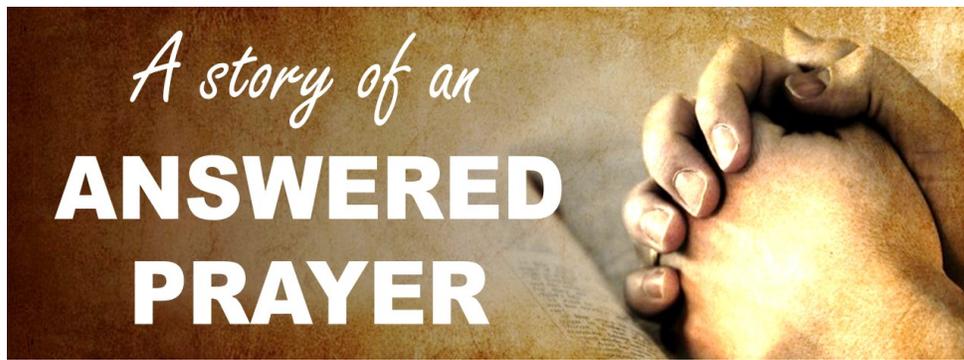
The youth group has a prayer wall where we ask students to place prayer requests and, as they are answered, take them down over the school year. I save them so the youth can see the indivial things we have prayed for over the years. This year Will Rainey placed his Mom and the whole family on the prayer wall as Marie went through her treatments. I am thankful to say praise be to God Marie is cancer-free.

The awesome part of this answered prayer is on Marie's first Wednesday night back at church with her family, Will ran down to the youth room and moved his momma's prayer card to answered. One of my greatest joys is seeing any student take off their prayer request and place it in the answered prayer side. However, this one was special; there was no big crowd that night, but to see Will's excitement, joy and relief is something you cannot accurately express in words. The sheer happiness and thankfulness shown at that moment is truly life-changing. I think of the relief he must have felt in that moment, knowing his Mom is safe and placing the request as answered.

All I can say is WOW! We are so blessed when we see Christ move in families and experience the joy of answered prayers. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we all share that same joy and excitement when seeing an answered prayer. I am thankful for the Cross and Praise Be to God to answer Marie's prayer and knowing the joy, excitement, and relief their family must feel.

**What a Mighty God We Serve!**

*Rev. Jacob Roberts*



Who wants to  
work with a cute  
kid, like me?

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF EATONTON IS LOOKING FOR A PART-TIME CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

If you are interested, please email your resume to  
[frontdesk@firstbaptisteatonton.org](mailto:frontdesk@firstbaptisteatonton.org)

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF EATONTON PART-TIME CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

First Baptist Church of Eatonton is prayerfully looking for a part-time children's director.

The Children's Director is responsible for leading the church's children's ministry which includes Sunday's Children's Church and Wednesday children's programs.

The Director is responsible for envisioning, leading and planning with volunteers a children's ministry that leads to the development and formation of Christian faith among children from nursery through elementary school age.

The Children's Director works in partnership with the leadership of the Associate Pastor, the Music Minister and the Senior Pastor.

If you are interested please email your resume to [frontdesk@firstbaptisteatonton.org](mailto:frontdesk@firstbaptisteatonton.org) or contact us at 706-485-3331.



## THANK YOU

Dear FBCE,

Stepping Stones would like to thank all of FBCE church members who graciously donated to our families during Christmas time. We were able to assist 18 children with tuition relief anonymously through your gracious giving. 2020 was a very stressful year for many of our families due to COVID pandemic and job loss in our area. Many tears were shed when we shared the gift of a week free of tuition provided by our loving church family at FBCE. May God continue to bless our families, church, members, ministry, and community for the upcoming year ahead.

*In His Name,  
Denise Carmichael*

Pam and I would like to thank the members of First Baptist Church for your expressions of concern for me during the past 100 days following my gall bladder surgery. We are grateful to our Church Family for your thoughts and prayers.

*Tom Thompson*

Steve and I would like to thank each and every one of you that prayed for us, sent cards, texted or called. We cannot begin to tell you how much that meant to us. We have been so blessed by your prayers and concerns.

*Thank you again.  
Mary and Steve Culberson*

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Weeks of January 10 and January 17, 2021

|                            |                  |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| <u>Budget Needs Weekly</u> | <u>20,144.00</u> |
| <u>Budget Receipts</u>     | <u>15,079.00</u> |
| <u>Budget Needs YTD</u>    | <u>30,216.00</u> |
| <u>Budget Receipts YTD</u> | <u>22,209.00</u> |

## WORSHIP REPORT

|                          |     |
|--------------------------|-----|
| Sunday, January 10, 2021 | 101 |
| Sunday, January 17, 2021 | 67  |

## BIRTHDAYS

1-15 Nancy Chambers  
1-17 Shelley Hardin  
1-18 Pam Douglas  
1-21 Judie Kitchen  
1-21 Glenda Ridley  
1-23 McKenzie Cardwell  
1-23 Carl Haizlip  
1-23 Reagan Prance  
1-27 Janice Turner  
1-29 Gwen Ralston  
1-30 David Giddens



*Happy Birthday*

2-01 Jimy Williams  
2-02 Lee Dupree  
2-03 Steve Culberson  
2-03 Tifton Willis

## ANNIVERSARIES

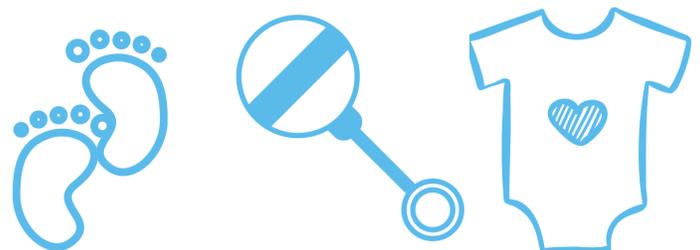


1-16 James and Sylvia Cheney  
1-21 Guerry and Joan Key  
1-21 Steven and Rebecca Prance  
2-04 Mike and Sherry Lyons



## WELCOME

We welcome  
Steve and Sheri Dew  
to our church.



## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jarred and Alexie Camp upon the birth of their son John Tatum Camp on January 21.

The proud grandparents are Tim and Kim Camp.

The proud great grandmother is Jo Ann Clay.

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Return Service Requested

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Building Entry Codes:**

The building code is subject to change without prior notice. Call the church office during office hours to get the code. Parts of the building will not be accessible - only the areas needed.

### **Congregational Song List:**

John Cotten is compiling a 2021 Congregation Song List and wants your input! What are some songs you would like for us to sing this year? Old or New favorites are fine, they just need to be congregation friendly.

Please email them to the church office. (We also welcome suggestions for soloists, choirs, and other groups, but right now we're focusing on music for our congregation to sing in worship.) We look forward to receiving and singing your suggestions!

### **Join us for Family Connections on Wednesdays**

Everyone will gather in the sanctuary at 6:30p.m. for music, prayer, Bible Study and games.

### **Join us for Worship on Sunday Mornings**

Come worship with us In Person or Online at 10:50a.m. Each service will also be uploaded each week to Facebook, YouTube, and our website.

## COVID-19

We assume you are following the ongoing story of the spread of the COVID-19. We are doing everything we can to provide a safe, healthy environment here at our church. We want you to know we are taking the following proactive steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other illnesses. We will appreciate your help in doing your part.

- Wear a mask
- Socially distance yourself at least 6 feet from others
- Wash your hands thoroughly using soap and water for 20-30 seconds.
- Utilize the hand sanitizer stations conveniently placed throughout our building.
- Our cleaning team is working diligently to keep all surfaces clean.

If you have been exposed to Covid-19 or have symptoms, like a fever, cough, sneezing, shortness of breath, we respectfully ask you stay home.

