



“The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: “This month is to be the beginning of months for you; it is the first month of your year.” (Exodus 12:1–2, HCSB)

By divine decree, Israel marked the month of Abib (Mar/Apr) as the beginning of their religious calendar. The term, “Abib” can be translated “fresh young ears” and probably referred to the barley harvest during that time. Later, following their Babylonian captivity, the month was called Nisan. This is the month in which they were set free from their Egyptian bondage in the 13th Century BC. It is associated with the Feast of Unleavened Bread and Passover.

With a new calendar, the Israelites were to identify themselves as the favored people of God. The new calendar, along with the accompanying festival would remind them each year of their redemption and God’s providence to set them free. The Passover would point to a time in the future of God’s promised Messiah.

Israel’s history is fraught with failures and successes. The golden era under King David, wasn’t perfect by any means, but it was devoid of idolatry. Beginning with the reign of Solomon, we begin to notice the slide away from a monotheistic worship of Yahweh. Solomon succumbed to the temptation of his many wives, who enticed him to worship other deities. The divided kingdom records many kings and false prophets that led the nation further away from God. Both the northern kingdom of Israel, and the southern kingdom of Judah fell into dark spiritual periods that ultimately led to God’s judgment.

The period of Ezra-Nehemiah brought hope and a return to the worship of the One True God. The nation never dabbled in idolatry again. It was during this time that the focus was placed on the study of the Law in an effort to win back the favor of God. Like the

pendulum of a grandfather clock, the shift to win God’s favor took on certain excesses. In addition to the written Law, that was divinely given, the religious leaders developed Oral Traditions that they viewed just as important as the written Law itself. These Oral Traditions were rejected by Jesus.

The point is, that in an attempt to win God’s favor and protect God’s Law, they missed the One who came to fulfill that Law. These religious leaders did not escape the scorn of Jesus. ***“Then Jesus spoke to the crowds and to His disciples: “The scribes and the Pharisees are seated in the chair of Moses. Therefore do whatever they tell you, and observe it. But don’t do what they do, because they don’t practice what they teach. They tie up heavy loads that are hard to carry and put them on people’s shoulders, but they themselves aren’t willing to lift a finger to move them. They do everything to be observed by others: They enlarge their phylacteries and lengthen their tassels. They love the place of honor at banquets, the front seats in the synagogues,”*** Matthew 23:1–6, HCSB)

This is why it is so vitally important to teach the Word of God. This is why we should evaluate everything we do by the Scriptures. Our actions, our motives, and our attitudes should be filtered through the Scriptures. This is why it is so important that we encourage one another to study the Bible and to live accordingly.

Our history as Baptists, and even our church, is also filled with periods of apathy and revival. In an effort to please God, let’s make sure that we allow the Word of God to become our standard, our rule. Let’s pray that the new year will be marked by obedience to what God has revealed through His Word.

Bro Frankie



Happy New Year from First Baptist Church of Taylorsville Christian School! We are entering our third nine weeks of school, and the students are growing academically and spiritually. Students participated in many mission projects throughout the school year, and recently, Mrs. Bynum's 4th, 5th, and 6th graders participated in a clean water project. The students learned about different countries that don't have clean drinking water and paid fifty cents, per day, as a payment for their drinking water. Throughout the project, the students collected \$150.00! The amount collected will be sent to communities worldwide hit with disasters like those the students learned about. Please be in prayer with our students as we seek communities to help.



ITEMS TO COLLECT FOR JANUARY:
BAR SOAP (IVORY PREFERRED) AND BATH CLOTHS

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

OUR CHURCH GOAL: \$11,000.00

RECEIVED TO DATE (12/29) \$8,215

NEEDED TO REACH GOAL \$2,785

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for
International Missions will be received
until Jan 31, 2022

Children's Ministry News

Happy New Year, church family! I hope all of you had an excellent, safe, and blessed Christmas with your family and friends. We had a great time celebrating the true meaning of the Christmas season by taking our kids Christmas caroling, participating in the town parade, making fruit bags, having a fantastic Christmas program, and making many memories to last a lifetime. I am very excited about welcoming in the new year, 2022, and I can't wait to see what God has in store for us! To start the new year, I want to share an excellent opportunity that I would like you to be a part of. One of the most significant

events this year for our children, ages 7-12, includes attending **Lake Forest Ranch Kids Camp scheduled for June 7-10**. Each year we take around 15-20 kids, and I plan to double that number this year! But I need your help! We have many kids who would love to attend camp but paying the required \$100 deposit to hold their spot can be difficult to pay, especially after the holiday season. If you feel led to support a student paying their deposit, please drop by the office and let me or Lisa know. And parents, please remember, the deadline to sign up and pay the deposit of \$100 is due by **Sunday, January 23, 2022. (Children must be seven years old by June 6 to attend)**

As the Children's Committee plans to prepare and encounter a new year full of fun activities and celebrations for our children's ministry, I want to thank you for your continued support and prayers. Again, thank you for helping disciple our children, and I look forward to serving with you and beside you during 2022.

Lori Rogers, Children's Director

2022 Children's Ministry list of events:

Sunday, January 23	Lake Forest Ranch Kids Camp deposit due
February:	Kids Camp Fundraiser
March:	Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt at Lazy Acers
April:	LFR Kids Camp Lemonade Stand Fundraiser
May:	End of the school year celebration
June:	Kid's Camp and VBS
July:	Mississippi Children's Museum
August:	Watermelon & Waterslides Back to School Bash
September:	Sunday Fun Day at the Lake
October:	Boo in the Park



**KIDS SUMMER CAMP 2022
FOR CHILDREN AGES 7—12 @
LAKE FOREST RANCH, MACON, MS
JUNE 7-10
COST IS \$365
DEPOSIT OF \$100 MUST BE PAID ON
OR BEFORE JANUARY 23
THERE WILL BE FUNDRAISERS TO
HELP DEFRAY THE COST**



The Ensemble will begin work on our Easter music on Sunday evening, Jan 16th @ 6 pm in the sanctuary. I'd like to invite anyone who has interest in singing to join us. There's always room for more. Happy New Year!

Jason Walley



After prayerful consideration, we have decided that beginning January 2022, we will play the piano and organ twice a month. Of course, we will be available for special occasions when we are needed.

We have been very blessed to have been playing in churches since we were teenagers. At this point in our lives, we want to be able to attend Sunday School and occasionally attend church with our children and their families.

We are so grateful that our church has many talented members who will continue to provide worshipful music.

Thank you so much for the love and support that each of you have always shown us.

Mary Barron Jordan, Pianist

Mary Lou Robertson, Organist

**ATTENTION PARENTS AND STUDENTS
GRADES 7-12— DEADLINE IS COMING UP
FOR STUDENT LIFE SUMMER CAMP**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26—
\$75 MUST BE PAID IF GOING TO CAMP**



CAMP LOCATION—SCHOCCO SPRINGS, AL

CAMP DATES: MAY 26-30

CAMP COST: \$349 per person

DEPOSIT DUE \$75 BY WED, JAN 26

**MONTHLY PAYMENTS OF \$70 DUE ON THE 15TH
OF FEB, MAR, APR AND MAY**

There will be opportunities for students going to camp to raise funds to help defray cost.

PRAYER REQUESTS

“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.”

Clayton Allen—UMMC

James “Buddy” Anderson

Jimmy Anderson

John David Blackwell

Claudette Bryant

Clayton Brady

DeeDee Cassell

Carl Cason

Larry Craven

Joe Duplantis

Allie Eaton

Benji Ford

Angela Knight

Holly McMullan

Shirley Moran

Susan Pierce—Patient Care, Raleigh

Dodie Pike

Letisha Pittman

Kay Robertson

Anna Kay & Wilton Rogers

Debbie Shelby

Greg Sherman

Sandra Sims

Gloria Stewart

Lee Stockton

Alan White

Cancer/Long Term

Kyle Aultman

Wyth Collins

Beth Cowart

Doug Dickerson

Kay Fallin

Barbara Ford

Scott Grant

Maggie Hill Smith

Wanda Jordan

Ray Lancaster

Cristal Lott

Lynn McDaniel

Bobby Moore

Meg Moore

Tommy Moran

Dorothy Mullins

Nathan Parker

Gwen Pierce

Joyce Prine

Maegan Riley

Kerry Robinson

Shirley Scott

Merle Sharp

Steven Slesinger

Lane Smith

Wesley Snipes

Ashli Stringer

Sarah Stringer

W. L. Sykes

Charlie White

Dale Williams

River Yarborough

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Sheila Bowman

Nicky Blakeney

Patsy Bryant

Bobbie Butler

Martha English

Mary Evans

Sue King

Pat Lancaster

Jimmy Dale Phipps

Arnold Smith

Joe Daniel Stringer

Martha Walker

Yank Weathersby

Vera Windham

Rachel Wilson

Vida Yeager

Jack Yelverton

All Military/Law Enforcement

Bereaved

Family of Ray Prine



**DEACONS FOR THE MONTH OF
JAN 2022 :**

Harry Cassell & Mark Cassell

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Jan 15 Clothes Closet—8 am-Noon

Jan 18—Food Pantry work night—6-8 pm

Jan 20— Food Pantry—2:30-5 pm



Mark Your Calendar!

January 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
15	Clothes Closet open	8 am—noon
16	Deacons Meeting Ensemble Practice	5pm 6 pm
18	Food Pantry work night	6-8 pm
18	WMU Noon Group	Noon
19	Business Meeting	6 pm
20	Food Pantry open	4-5:30 pm
23	DEADLINE TO SIGN UP AND PAY \$100 DEPOSIT FOR KIDS CAMP AT LAKE FOREST RANCH JUNE 8-10	
26	DEADLINE TO SIGN UP AND PAY \$75 DEPOSIT FOR STUDENT LIFE CAMP FOR GRADES 7-12 MAY 26-30	
	2020 Contribution Statements will be mailed/emailed on or before Jan 31st to those who request them	

JANUARY CHILDCARE VOLUNTEERS

Date	Nursery	Toddlers (2-3 Years Old)	PreSchool (4-5Years Old)	KidStyle Worship (1st-4th Graders)
1/2/2022	Gwen Creel	Jamie Robinson	Debbie Eaton	Lori/Gwen
1/9/2022	Mary Ann Hill	Emily Evans	Delia Flynt	Lori/Delia & Joe
1/16/2022	Emily Evans	Yvonne Dees	Caitlin West	Lori/Melissa & Mike
1/23/2022	Rita Kelly	Hope James	Lindsey Langley	Lori/Mary Ann Hill
1/30/2022	Melissa Evans	Lisa Clark	Danielle Jones	Lori/Stefanie Moore



Jan 5– (Frankie Clark’s Group) Fried pork chop, rice/gravy, green beans, rolls, & dessert

Jan 12—(Mary Ann Odell’s)—Loaded Baked potato, green salad, dessert

Jan 19 –Marilyn Moran’s group) —Smoked chicken, turnip greens, baked beans, roll/cornbread, dessert

Jan 26—(Carolyn Harris’ group) -- Hamburger steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, lima beans, roll/cornbread, dessert

This menu is catered by Main Street Café and the cost per meal is \$7.00. Chicken nuggets will be provided for kids each week at no cost. Please make sure you sign up if you plan to eat so that we can know how many to expect.

2022 WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL SERVE TEAMS

	TEAM 1	TEAM 2	TEAM 3	TEAM 4	TEAM 5	TEAM 6	TEAM 7	TEAM 8
LEADER	Mary Ann Odell	Marilyn Moran	Carolyn Harris	Lisa Shelby	Lori Rogers	Jason Walley	Frankie Clark	Jamie Robinson
MEMBER	Ken Odell	Skye Williams	Mary Ann Hill	Russ Shelby	Joel Rogers	Wendy Walley	Lisa Clark	Larry Robinson
MEMBER	Joe Flynt	Debbie Shelby	Debbie Eaton	Joe Parker	Jo Ann Pridgen	Randy Creel	Mark Jones	Pat Sullivan
MEMBER	Delia Flynt	Lindsey Langley	Melissa Evans	Joan Parker	Mary Barron Jordan	Gwen Creel	Linda Jones	Stan Sullivan
MEMBER	Darlene Booth	Darlene Booth	Darlene Booth	Darlene Booth	Darlene Booth	Darlene Booth	Darlene Booth	Darlene Booth
	JAN 12	JAN 19	JAN 26	FEB 2	FEB 9	FEB 16	FEB 23	MAR 2

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	MAR 9	MAR 16	MAR 23	MAR 30	APR 6	APR 13	APR 20	APR 27

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