



FBC Family News

2024

When they had completed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The boy grew up and became strong, filled with wisdom, and God's grace was on Him." (Luke ,40–2:39 HCSB)

"Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them. His mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and with people." (Luke 2:51–52, HCSB)

The two selected passages listed above form transitions in Luke's gospel surrounding the early years of our Lord, Jesus. In the prior passage, Jesus had been taken to the Temple to be circumcised according to the Mosaic Law. The latter passage follows the story of Jesus' visit to the Temple when he was 12 years of age. He apparently became separated from his family during a festival and remained behind in the Temple conversing with the teachers of the Law. They were amazed at his understanding.

Both passages point out that Jesus was growing spiritually. Yes, it was necessary for the incarnate Son of God to study and learn. In becoming a man, the Son of God placed limits upon himself and had to learn many things like ordinary men. He had to learn to walk, talk, read, and write just like we do. It was necessary for him to have those experiences in order to acquire affinity with mankind. I do not believe that Jesus, the Son of God, divested (or put off) his divine nature. He is the eternal Son of God, who was with the Father in the beginning. He could not cease to be the Son of God at any moment and remain eternally the Son of God.

I truly believe that Joseph, whom the Bible stated, was a righteous man, played an enormous role in teaching Jesus. We know that Joseph was a carpenter by trade and that Jesus was also trained in this profession. Jesus would have learned that trade from his adopted father. Jewish fathers taught their sons their trade. That was common, whether they were fishermen, farmers, or some type of craftsmen.

Devout Jewish men also taught their sons about life and God's Law. Their mothers would have played a role in their spiritual training as well. Timothy's grandmother and mother, for example, were instrumental in his spiritual development (2 Tim 1:5; 2 Tim 3:14-16). Timothy's father was described as being Greek, which many believe was a way of describing him as a non-believer. If that was the case, then Timothy's grandmother, Lois, and mother, Eunice, filled the void that the traditional Jewish father would have played in his son's religious education.

Parents cannot overlook the tremendous responsibility and opportunity to be the primary role in their children's Christian education. Certainly, we are grateful for pastors and Sunday school teachers that invest in our children. However, if parents do not take their God-given role seriously, their children will suffer for it. Someone will teach and invest in our children, even if we fail to do so. The question is, "Who will be instructing our children?" And furthermore, "What will they teach our children?" "God entrusted His Son, Jesus, into the care of a righteous man and woman. Joseph and Mary remained faithful parents. As a result, Jesus grew in wisdom.

thank you

On behalf of our church staff, thank you for your generous Staff Appreciation/Christmas offering. May God bless each of you for your affection shown to us.



Sunday School Leadership Training, Jan 16, 6 pm

If you are involved in our Sunday school as a teacher, substitute, or you just care about your study group, please join us. A light meal will be provided.

Children's Ministry News

Hello Church family! What a wonderful 2023 year we had and I can't wait to see what the new year, 2024, has in store for us! On behalf of the Children's Committee, we would like to thank you for supporting our ministry. We are so blessed to see this ministry grow and

have new children join us each Sunday and Wednesday night in Sunday School, Kids Style and Wonderful Wednesday's. We covet your prayers for the new year and again, thank you for supporting our children.

Below you will find a tentative schedule for 2024. If you have any questions, ideas, or if you would like to help assist with our children's ministry, please feel free to reach out to me.

God Bless and Happy New Year,

Lori Rogers



upcoming events

Children's Director Children's "Tentative" Schedule for 2024 *Subject to change*

January 10	Wonderful Wednesdays start back
February	VBS planning luncheon (date TBD)
February 14	Valentines Day Kids Camp and Youth Camp Fundraiser
March 20	NO Wonderful Wednesdays (Spring break)
March 24	Kids Style Easter Party
March 31	Easter Brunch– Kids Camp and Youth Camp Fundraiser
April	VBS Meeting and Luncheon (TBD)
May 15	End of the Year Wonderful Wednesday's Party
June 9	Parents Kids Camp Meeting immediately following service
June 11-14	Lake Forest Ranch Kids Camp 2024
July 14-17	Vacation Bible School/ 5:30-8:30pm– More information to come
July	Back to School Party (date TBD)
August	Wonderful Wednesday's Kick Off Party (date TBD)
October	Fall Activity (date TBD)
November	Lake Forest Ranch Kids Camp 2025 registration begins
December	Kids Style Christmas Party/ Wonderful Wednesday's Christmas



Hello Church Family! I hope you all have had a wonderful Christmas and hope you all have an amazing New Year! My family and I are beyond thankful for you, and all that you do for us. We are blessed to have such an amazing Church Family. We love you all and can't wait to serve you again this year.

I will have a county wide youth meeting in the upcoming weeks, and after that meeting will have a schedule of all the youth events for the year. We are excited for all we have going on this year.

June 17th-21st we will be attending a Student Life camp in Orange Beach, AL. For all youth wanting to attend we will be asking for a **\$100** deposit by **January 15th**. The deposit for the camp is due **January 31st**, so need that deposit to save our spot. The remainder of the balance per child will be due **April 1st**. This will be one of the best camps these guys and gals have ever been to. If anyone has any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at any time.



Ensemble practice will begin Sunday, January 14, 2024 at 6pm in the choir room.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Men's Sunday Afternoon Bible Study, Jan 7, 4 pm

We will resume our study of David Jeremiah's *The Great Disappearance*.



January 16, 2024

Plan to leave the church at 8 am to go to the Choices Clinic of Laurel.



Clothes Closet January 6 & January 20 -8am-noon

Food Pantry Work Day -January 16 at 6:00pm

Food Pantry Distribution Day -January 18 at 2:30pm-5pm

FBCTCS is currently creating a second order of sweatshirts to be placed in January!! If you are interested in purchasing one please print the order form, attach a check- make it out to FBCS and give it to the church secretary , Kelsey Holloway. Thank you for supporting and helping us raise money for our school!!!



Adult Size
\$30

for 2x add

\$2

for 3x add

\$4

Youth Size

\$25



MEN'S Outing

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Friday, January 26, 2024

Plan to leave at 4:30pm to eat at Edgars Steakhouse/ golf course in Laurel, MS.



January 10, 2024	Team 4- Ken Odell
January 17, 2024	Team 5- Mary Ann Hill
January 24, 2024	Team 6- Marilyn Moran
January 31, 2024	Team 1- Frankie Clark
February 1, 2024	Team 2- Jamie Robinson
February 7, 2024	Team 3- Gwen Creel
February 14, 2024	Valentine's Day Banquet
February 21, 2024	Team 4- Ken Odell
February 28, 2024	Team 5- Mary Ann Hill
March 6, 2024	Team 6- Marilyn Moran
March 13, 2024	Team 1- Frankie Clark
March 20, 2024	Team 2- Jamie Robinson
March 27, 2024	Team 3- Gwen Creel
April 3, 2024	Team 4- Ken Odell
April 10, 2024	Team 5- Mary Ann Hill
April 17, 2024	Team 6- Gwen Creel
April 24, 2024	Team 1- Frankie Clark
May 2, 2024	Team 2- Jamie Robinson
May 8, 2024	Team 3- Gwen Creel

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Johnnie Arender– Nell Harrison's Sister

Ethan A Blakeney

Mitchell Blakeney

Linda Lancaster Beech– Niece of Ray Lancaster, cousin of Jamie Robinson

Chris Camella-(Malerie Jones' Husband)-Colon Cancer

Hope Eason

Heather Flynt

Ann Susan Hamm

Gary Hodge

Nick Hillman

Amanda Jordan

Sandra King

Angela Knight

Katelyn Luckey

Shirley Moran

Kristie Stringer Morgan

Charlie Nichols

Leah Pardue

Dodie Pike

Susan Pierce

Rebecca Pierce

Darren Santenny

Marion Simmons

Lee Stockton

Steve Strebeck– throat cancer (Jan Harrison's brother)

Carol Upton

Phyllis Whitlock

Harry & Linda Whitney

Cancer/Long Term

Kyle Aultman

Marilyn Blakeney

DeeDee Cassell

Wyth Collins

Beth Cowart

Cancer/Long Term

Doug Dickerson

Kay Fallin

Barbara Ford

Jennifer Hagan

Elaine Hankins

Chris Hudson

Hannah Hudson

Wendell James

Ray Lancaster

Cristal Lott

Bonnie Lowery

Jason McCallum

Dorothy Mullins

Carolyn Norris

Nathan Parker

Linda Hull Purnell-Cancer

Kay Robertson

Shirley Scott

Merle Sharp

Sandra Sims

Steven Slesinger

Lane Smith

Ashli Stringer

Bruce Stringer

Sydney Stringer

Tonia Williamson

River Yarborough

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Sheila Bowman

Nicky Blakeney

Patsy Bryant

Martha English

Pat Lancaster

Susan Pierce

Tommy Moran

Gracie Smith

Arnold Smith

Diane Sullivan

Joe Daniel Stringer

Sarah Stringer

Janelle Wagner

Yank Weathersby

Vera Windham

Rachel Wilson

All Military/Law Enforcement

Heath Robinson—US Marshall relocation

Brandon Stringer– Alaska

PRAYER
list...

Help us out by keeping our prayer list current! If you know of someone on the list that has recovered and can be taken off the list, please let us know. We welcome updates on those on our prayer list too. **Just email Kelsey at sec@fbctaylorsville.org**. Thanks!

Christian School NEWS



Happy New Year from the First Baptist Church of Taylorsville Christian School staff! We would like to thank you for supporting our ministry for the past 3 1/2 years and we pray that all of you have a blessed 2024! We would like you to mark your calendar for February 1, 2024! Registration for the 2024-2025 school year will open to our current students, K5

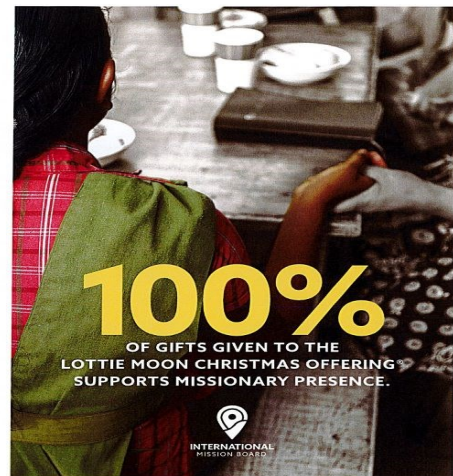
preschoolers, and church members for grades K5-9th, on February 1, 2024. More information about the 24-25 Christian School registration process will be available in the February newsletter.

Happy New Year and God bless,
Lori Rogers
Administrator
FBCTCS



ITEMS TO COLLECT FOR 2024:

- 2-4 year old girls and boys socks, underwear, and clothing items.
- 5-9 year old girls and boys socks, underwear, and clothing items.
- 10-14 year old girls and boys socks, underwear, and clothing items.
- Yoyos, small baby dolls, toys and stuffed animals, flashlights, batteries, calculators, sewing kits, notebooks, pencils, crayons, glue sticks, small coloring books, scissors, combs, hair items, & tooth brushes. These are the items to look for through out the year to help with OCC.



IMPACTING LOSTNESS THROUGH YOUR GENEROSITY

OUR CHURCH GIVING GOAL
LA META DE NUESTRA IGLESIA
우리 교회의 헌금 목표
本教會獻金目標

\$ 12,000



Given to date \$2,575

JANUARY CHILDCARE VOLUNTEERS

Date	Nursery	Toddlers (2-3 Years Old)	PreSchool (4-5Years Old)	KidStyle Worship (1st-3rd Graders)
1/7/2024	Rita Kelly	Larissa King and Deshawn Swindle	Danielle Jones	Lori
1/14/2024	Melissa Evans	Lisa Clark	Delia Flynt	Lori
1/21/2024	Maggi Harrison	Emily Evans	Caitlin Boykin	Lori
1/28/2024	Gwen Creel	Carrie Webb	Danielle Jones	Lori



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 9:00am - 11:00am Men's Bible Study Group	6 8:00am - 12:00pm Clothes Closet
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