

# The Messenger

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## Connected

### Being the Body of Christ

Join us in this very important study as we examine the nature of being connected as the Body of Christ. Through a facilitated study with break-out groups for students and adults, we will explore with one another:

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|-------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| (1) The Trinity.  | (4) Our Membership. | (6) Our Talents.       |
| (2) The Gospel.   | (5) Our Place in    | (7) Our Opportunities. |
| (3) Our Identity. | the Family.         | (8) Our Values.        |

Then, the conclusion of this church-wide study simply asks: **Are We All In?**

**Sundays beginning Jan. 22 at 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

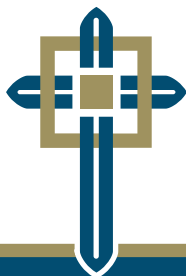
## Welcome to First Baptist Oxford

### Jeff Holeman, Student and Missions Pastor

Be in prayer for Jeff and Liesa along with their children, Haylee and Jackson, as they make the transition to serve on our church staff beginning January 1.

### Jim Watson, Interim Pastor of Music and Worship Arts

The Personnel Committee has selected Jim Watson as the Interim Pastor of Music and Worship Arts. Before retiring as Minister of Music at Columbia Baptist Church in Falls Church, Virginia, Jim served churches in Tennessee and Mississippi. Jim and his wife Judith now live in Germantown, Tennessee. Jim will begin on Sunday, January 15, with the first choir rehearsal on Wednesday, January 18. Be in prayer for Jim as he comes to lead this vital ministry of our church.



## FIRST BAPTIST Oxford

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# January

Check out featured events at [www.gotofirst.org](http://www.gotofirst.org)

## JANUARY 1 *New Year's Day*

8:30 a.m. Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes  
11 a.m. Worship Service  
*No evening activities*

## JANUARY 2

*Church office closed*

## JANUARY 2-4

Passion Worship Conference for college students and high school seniors

## JANUARY 6-7

Winter Retreat for youth

## JANUARY 8

8:30 a.m. Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes  
11 a.m. Worship Service  
6 p.m. Deacon Ordination Service

### DEACONS TO BE ORDAINED

Brandon Beckett, Andy Field, Ben Hellums,  
Mike Tomes, Hugh Trussell

## JANUARY 11

Noon Prayer Meeting  
5 p.m. Fellowship Meal  
5:30 p.m. AWANA - Can Can night  
6 p.m. Rev.o.lu.tion Youth Worship  
6 p.m. Adult Bible Study  
6 p.m. Women's Explorers Bible Study  
6 p.m. English as a Second Language

## JANUARY 15

8:30 a.m. Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes  
11 a.m. Worship Service  
4 p.m. Grief Share  
5:30 p.m. Dinners for 8

## JANUARY 16 *Martin Luther King*

*Church office closed*

## JANUARY 18

Noon Prayer Meeting  
5 p.m. Fellowship Meal  
5:30 p.m. AWANA - WUTS Up night  
6 p.m. Rev.o.lu.tion Youth Worship  
6 p.m. Women's Explorers Bible Study  
6 p.m. English as a Second Language  
6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
7:15 p.m. Band Rehearsal

## JANUARY 21

7:30 a.m. Men's Ministry Work Day

## JANUARY 22

8:30 a.m. Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes  
11 a.m. Worship Service  
12:30 p.m. Sunday School Teacher  
Appreciation Luncheon  
4 p.m. Grief Share  
4 p.m. Children's & Youth Bible Drill  
5 p.m. Children's Choir  
5 p.m. Life U: Connected  
6 p.m. Evening Worship  
7 p.m. Quarterly Business Meeting

## JANUARY 25

Noon Prayer Meeting  
5 p.m. Fellowship Meal  
5:30 p.m. AWANA - BARF/Glow night  
6 p.m. Rev.o.lu.tion Youth Worship  
6 p.m. Women's Explorers Bible Study  
6 p.m. English as a Second Language  
6 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
7:15 p.m. Band Rehearsal

## JANUARY 29

8:30 a.m. Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. Bible Study classes  
11 a.m. Worship Service  
4 p.m. Grief Share  
4 p.m. Children's & Youth Bible Drill  
5 p.m. Children's Choir  
5 p.m. Life U: Connected  
6 p.m. Evening Worship



Wednesday night activities  
return January 11

Sunday night activities  
kick off January 22

# Our Family

Providing flowers for the Sunday service is the perfect way to...

***Celebrate. Honor. Remember.***

Call Pat Inmon at 662-234-3515 for available dates.

## Sunday school attendance

Dec. 4 - 475

Dec. 11 - 497

## Budget December 1 - 11 , 2016

Budget	\$80,989.25
Building	\$2,685.00
Designated	\$21,017.00
Total	\$104,691.25
Building Fund to date	\$5,819,151.36

## Jan. Deacons of the Week

- Jan. 1-7** Andy Fields, Brian Harvey, Mark Moore, Mike Quarles
- Jan. 8-14** Dan Reed, Chris Riley, Brodie Burns, Ben Hellums
- Jan. 15-21** Thomas Herrington, Walter Locke, Rick Mize
- Jan. 22-28** Breese Quinn, Jim Vinson, Brandon Beckett, Jamie Hopson
- Jan. 28- Feb. 4** Kevin Howell, Martin Locke, Matt Moore, Mike Tomes

## Congratulations

To Julie & Kevin Cooper on the birth of a son, **James Willis Cooper**, on December 1. Proud big sister is Anna Grace and proud grandparents are Sylvia & Russell Finley.

## Our Sympathy

- To Anne Otts & family in loss of her nephew.
- To Cindy Reed & family in the loss of her father, Mr. Wayne Ward, of Abbeville.
- To Mrs. Louise Renfroe & family in the loss of her aunt, Mrs. Ann Busby.

## A Journey through Grief

Grief is a journey and people grieve differently in their own time and in their own methods. You will find that you are not alone and that God is the God of all comfort. *For more information contact Dr. Glenn Waller at 662-701-7226.*

## Grief Share

**Sundays beginning Jan. 15 from 4-5:30 p.m. in the old church office building across Van Buren Ave.**

**2016 CONTRIBUTIONS:** In order to receive credit for charitable contributions made in 2016, they must be received in the church office by Friday, December 30, 2016 or have been postmarked by December 31, 2016. Other contributions (stocks, bonds, etc.) must be transferred by December 27, 2016 for credit in 2016. Electronic transfers need to be made by December 27 in order to provide clearance by December 31. For more information, contact Pat Freeman or Robert Allen at 234-3515. All donations to FBC are handled according to IRS rules and regulations.

# LMCO

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING™

National Goal: \$155 million

First Baptist Oxford Goal: \$90,000

Given to date: \$26,565.56

# Bulletin Board

## MISSIONS UPDATE

### Medical Mission Trip to Oaxaca: Feb. 4-10

Be in prayer for our mission team: Anna Burns, Farrah McAlexander, David McCullen, and Jeff Holeman.

*During January, there will be box in the atrium for sunglasses and hat donations. Our team will be distributing these to the Zapotec people of Oaxaca for eye protection.*

### Oaxaca Spring Break Trip for College Students: Mar. 11-18

Anyone interested contact Glenn and Ruby Wilson for information.

## Dinners for 8 JANUARY 15

12:30-2:30 p.m. or 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Grab a chair and pull up a seat! So much of life together happens around a table. And at First, we want to do life together. Young or seasoned, single or married, we desire to connect with each other as the Body of Christ.

What is it exactly? Eight adults (along with any children) will meet in a host family's house to share a meal and to fellowship with each other. The host family will provide the main dish, while the other attendees will bring an appetizer, salad/side, and/or dessert. Most of these meals will take place from 5:30-7:30 p.m., but a few gatherings will happen over lunch from 12:30-2:30 p.m.

To sign up, fill out the card inserted in a Sunday morning bulletin or contact Pastor Timothy at the church office, [tgibson@gotofirst.org](mailto:tgibson@gotofirst.org) or 662-234-3515. Timothy will notify you of your dinner group and location.

## Sunday School Teacher Appreciation January 22

We want to take the opportunity to thank each individual who committed to teach Sunday School in 2016. It is impossible for us to communicate how appreciative we are for the investment you make in our educational ministries at FBC, but we have scheduled a luncheon for 12:30-1:45 p.m. on Sunday, January 22, as a small token of our gratitude. Your family members are invited to attend.

Please RSVP to Pam Carter ([pcarter@gotofirst.org](mailto:pcarter@gotofirst.org)) or Timothy Gibson ([tgibson@gotofirst.org](mailto:tgibson@gotofirst.org)), or call (662) 234-3515. It would also prove tremendously helpful for us to know how many will be coming with you to the luncheon.

*Don't forget, we will have a few door prizes to give away, too!*

# PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S NEWS

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 [FirstBaptistOxfordChildrensMinistry](#)  
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OXFORD  
**LOVE  
PACKS**

For the month of January, FBC Children's Sunday School classes will be collecting

**Applesauce Cups**

## Library & Media Center

Open Sundays 9:30-11 a.m. and Wednesdays 5-7 p.m.

Check out our large selection of children and adult books.

# MEN'S MINISTRY NEWS

*Save the Date*

**Dr. Dennis  
Swanberg**

**MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP WEEKEND**

**February 18-19**



*Mark your calendars for an exciting weekend in the life of First Baptist Church.*

On February 18, renowned Christian comedian and Baptist pastor Dennis Swanberg will be coming to our church. First, he will kick-off a men's discipleship initiative at a Saturday morning breakfast from 8-10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Then, in the sanctuary that night from 5-6:15 p.m., he will perform a comedy routine that promises to leave you in stitches.

We will begin selling tickets to men for the event for \$5 on January 15. That price will include the cost of breakfast, a book, and entrance to the comedy routine on Saturday night. Individual tickets for the comedy routine for all other adults will be \$1 each. *(Childcare will be available for children from newborn - Pre-K. Other children are welcome to attend Saturday night at no cost, as Dennis Swanberg is a family friendly performer).*

Pastor Swanberg will remain with us to preach both morning services on Sunday, February 19. We hope you will make it a priority to take part in this scheduled event the weekend of February 18-19.