



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH | JANUARY 2021

Good Bye and Hello!

If you are anything like me, you are ready for this dumpster fire of a year – 2020 to be over with. We can all agree that this has been one year for the history books. Lots of stress whether it was politics, the virus, the lockdowns, the economy or what – it was a ride!! I was reading a news article that stated that this year wasn't even one of the toughest America has faced. Matter of fact it ranks 8th among the tough times we have faced as a nation.



But what has me hopeful but concerned is the status of the body of Christ. I remain hopeful because many have remained faithful to the church in involvement via prayer, calls, in-person attendance, on-line attendance and your giving. Oh my!!! Your giving. First B saints you have been so faithful in the midst of a pandemic year and our finances have been met. Thank you for being faithful.

On the flip side what has me concerned is that current research suggests that 1 in 5 churches will not survive COVID and shut their doors permanently. Regardless of what church closes that just means one less church sharing the good news of Jesus. Granted some of these churches have probably been on life support anyway due to various reasons from leadership issues, bad theology and lack of vision, but closures are still closures.

Paul wrote to the church in Corinth about body life and stated in chapter 12 v 18 the following words, **“But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired.”** And again in v20, **“But now there are many members, but one body.”** We are all one body in Christ and as such let's make sure as we move forward into 2021 that we the “body” support one another, care for one another and simply –

BE THE CHURCH

For the Church,
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I have

LOVED

you

with an

EVERLASTING

Love

- JEREMIAH 31:3



**NEW
MEMBER'S
CLASS**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17TH

5:00PM—Fellowship Classroom

Contact Pastor Dave or the church office for more information

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jan Miller	Diana Williams	Darien Moya	Twyla Hawkins
Derek Norris	Braden Moya	Donna Eastman	Kathy Glashower
Mandi Grayum	Bob Adams	Tricia Blatchford	Joe Brown
Charlotte Gee	James Miller	Marissa Stanley	Kathy Harris
Curt Massey	Colin Taylor	Mak Graham	Jerry Johnson
Jake Giger	Eva Onelio	Shirley Adams	

Dial-A-Devotion

Call (620) 442-5000 for a new devotion every day!

1 Twyla Hawkins	11 Kathy Foust
2 Dick Reedy	22 Frankie Meek
3 Suzanne Moore	23 Susie Bolf
4 Larry Longshore	24 Suzanne Moore
5 Judy Reedy	25 Arthetta Kimmell
6 Janet Sparks	26 Judy Reedy
7 Shawna Foust	27 Phyllis Bradfield
8	28 Jacque Ramirez
9 Dorothy Johnson	29 Mark McGuigan
10 Frankie Meek	30 Kathy Foust
	31 Richard Wamego



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

In The Nursery

Jan 3	Taylor Graham
Jan 10	Morgan Munson
Jan 17	Spring Shrum
Jan 24	Mandi Grayum
Jan 31	Madyson Broce

Kingdom Kids Volunteers

Jan 3	Foust
Jan 10	Vickers
Jan 17	Lawson / Grayum
Jan 24	Morgan
Jan 31	Hedgecock

First Baptist Church,

We want to send a big thank you for providing us such a wonderful meal after Lance's service. We appreciate your kindness.—Family of Lance Kendrick

Prayers and Squares Ministry,

Words cannot express how moved I was when my sister-in-law, Helen Czaplinski, presented me with my exquisite prayer quilt just before Christmas. It was easily the most spiritually meaningful gift I have ever received. Every time I look at it or touch it I am warmed by the knowledge that it is surrounded by God's love in the form not only of your considerable skill, but also your many prayers. Those prayers will be a great comfort when I have my surgery on Feb. 10th in Oklahoma City. The quilt will have a place of honor in our home long after my surgery is behind me. Thank you again for your devotion to others.

In Christ—Jeff Mullin