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Opportunities at First Baptist

**Sunday, January 13**

- 8:15 AM Baraca Sunday School Class (record)
- 9:30 AM Worship
- 10:00 AM Baraca Service 107.7WHQA-FM; 1280 WANSAM
- 10:30 AM Bible Study
- 5:30 PM Sunday Youth Fellowship/ the Frye's Home

**Monday, January 14**

- 7:30 PM Girls Basketball/ First Baptist

**Wednesday, January 16**

- 12:00 PM Bible Study/Luncheon
- 4:00 PM Youth Open Gym
- 5:00 PM Supper
- 5:30 PM M & M Check-In - 3rd Floor
- 5:45 PM Children's Music and Missions
- 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study - Gym
- Praise Team Rehearsal
- Conversation Café Room 212
- 6:15 PM Adult Bible Study - Chapel
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- GA & RA Check-Out - 3rd Floor

**Thursday, January 17**

- 6:30 PM 13U Basketball/First Presbyterian

**Sunday, January 20**

- 8:15 AM Baraca Sunday School Class (record)
- 9:30 AM Worship
- 10:00 AM Baraca Service 107.7 WHQA-FM; 1280 WANS-AM
- 10:30 AM Bible Study
- 11:30 AM Deacons' Meeting

**Monday, January 21**

- No School
- 6:00 PM Stewardship Meeting

**Tuesday, January 22**

- 10:00 AM Margaret Williams Bible Study
- 6:30 PM MS Coffee Conversations/ Figs
- 8:30 PM 17U Basketball/First Baptist

**Wednesday, January 23**

- 12:00 PM Bible Study/Luncheon
- 4:00 PM Youth Open Gym
- 5:00 PM Supper
- 5:30 PM M & M Check-In - 3rd Floor
- 5:45 PM Children's Music and Missions
- 6:00 PM Youth Bible Study - Gym
- Praise Team Rehearsal
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- 6:15 PM Adult Bible Study - Chapel
- 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
- GA & RA Check-Out - 3rd Floor

**Thursday, January 24**

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**Friday, January 25 - Sunday, January 27**

- Festival by the Sea
- Youth Ski Retreat



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**CHURCH BASKETBALL LEAGUE GAME SCHEDULE**

January 2019

Date	Class	Time	Location
01/14	Girls	7:30 PM	First Baptist
01/17	13U	6:30 PM	First Presbyterian
01/22	17U	8:30 PM	First Baptist
01/28	17U	8:30 PM	First Baptist
01/29	13U	7:30 PM	First Presbyterian
01/31	13U	6:30 PM	First Presbyterian

**Come Out and Support Our Teams!**

**FIRST BAPTIST CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Mrs. Shannon Griffin, CDC Director  
Mrs. Ramona Hallman, Organist  
Dr. Josh Hunt, Associate Pastor  
Mr. Jamie Smith, Assistant Music Director  
Mrs. Kelly Smith, Pianist  
Dr. James R. Thomason, Pastor  
Mr. Addrian Wilson, Minister of Music

MINISTER ON CALL: (after hours & weekends)  
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and the MINISTER ON CALL will return your call promptly.



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**DEACON ORDINATION**  
For Kelly Neal and Katherine Wilson  
Sunday, January 13

Message:  
*The Power of Potential*  
(Isaiah 40:21-31)

**SUNDAY YOUTH FELLOWSHIP**

Sunday, January 13  
5:30 - 7:00pm  
Youth will be meeting at the Frye's home.

**FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK**

January 27 - February 3  
(Contingent upon families enrolled in the program.)  
Check your Sunday bulletins for sign-up information.

**NEW SERMON SERIES BEGINS JANUARY 20TH**  
IN CONCLUSION...

- STAY STRONG* (II Timothy 1:1-7)
- REMAIN FAITHFUL* (II Timothy 1:11-18)
- TAKE RESPONSIBILITY* (II Timothy 2:1-13)
- BE YOUR BEST* (II Timothy 2:14-26)
- PERSEVERE* (II Timothy 3;1-5, 10-17)
- FINISH WELL* (II Timothy 4:1-8)

**CHURCH CONFERENCE/LUNCHEON**

January 27 - 11:30AM  
(Fellowship Hall)

Elect Church Council and  
2018 Stewardship in Review

Menu: Oven Fried Chicken, Tossed Salad,  
Squash Casserole, Green Beans,  
Creamed Corn, Dessert, Tea/Coffee  
(Adults \$5.00 and children \$2.50)

To make a reservation, please call 224-1622  
or email: sharon.royals@andersonfbc.org



### From one Minister to Another...

What a wonderful "first Sunday of the new year" we shared together, complete with the baptisms of Thomas Roach and Ethan Wilson, and the announcement of a large donation to the church from the Baraca Radio Bible Study Class.

Leaders of the class asked Charlie Thornton, our church Treasurer, to help get some CDs that had been "rolling over" and accumulating interest for several years back into the class's regular account. The total amount of these certificates, however, far surpassed what the class was expecting.

Because of this, the class has chosen to contribute to the church \$100,000 in gifts and proceeds that have accumulated in these accounts over the years. These funds will cover the cost of the new boiler in the McConnell Building where the class meets (\$67,500) with the remainder going toward funding for our new Harrison Pruitt Park.

AND, there are still plenty of funds available for the Baracas to continue their weekly broadcast of Gospel music, prayer concerns, and Bible study. First aired in 1934, these broadcasts have continued now for over 84 years—a remarkable record of faithfulness! Thank you, Baracas!

Now, as I've planned my final eight messages before retiring, I've been focusing on Biblical truths that will help sustain and strengthen this fine church as its ministries continue faithfully into the future. Last Sunday, our focus was on wisdom. The topic, "Wisdom beyond Our Years," came from a phrase I applied to Josh Hunt after his first interview with our Associate Pastor Search Team.

I reminded us all how well this wisdom will serve Josh and First Baptist Church going forward. Again, I don't know exactly what "wisdom beyond our years" means for a church that's in its 198<sup>th</sup> year, but this should be our prayerful desire. Wisdom, friends, is a precious gift from God in the midst of a world that seems to be growing increasingly unwise.

Some years ago, Robert Fulghum commented on wisdom in a book he wrote called "All I Really Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten." Listen to what he says:

"Most of what I really need to know about how to live and what to do and how to be I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate-school mountain, but there in the sand pile at Sunday School. These are the things I learned:

- \*Share everything.
- \*Play fair.
- \*Don't hit people.
- \*Put things back where you found them.
- \*Clean up your own mess.
- \*Don't take things that aren't yours.
- \*Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.
- \*Wash your hands before you eat.
- \*Flush.
- \*Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you.
- \*Live a balanced life—learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some.
- \*Take a nap every afternoon.
- \*When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together."

Fulghum provides us here with some good, down-to-earth wisdom. It's interesting reading—and it's helpful. But in order to learn about the wisdom of God, we need to turn to the Bible and find what God's word has to say on the subject. In case you weren't with us Sunday, the book of James is good place to start—we spent some time together in chapter 3.

This Sunday, we turn our attention to one of the great passages from the prophet Isaiah that speaks of "soaring eagles." I look forward to speaking to you about "The Power of Potential." At the close of the service, it will be our privilege to ordain Kelly Neal and Katherine Wilson as Deacons. I look forward to seeing you with us!

In a Spirit of Partnership...

James R. Thomason, Pastor

### Our Members in Action

#### January 13

##### Worship Childcare:

Jan Page

##### Deacons of the Week:

Joe Drennon, Offertory Prayer  
Glenn Torbert, Visitor Outreach

##### Security:

Chad Waters and Jim McCombs

#### January 20

##### Worship Childcare:

Lynne Eaves

##### Deacons of the Week:

Timothy Clardy, Offertory Prayer  
Guy Eichman, Visitor Outreach

##### Security:

Donny Campbell and T. J. Fusco

#### January Collection Committee

Joe Drennon, Charlie Ballentine,  
John Nichols, Marian Moorhead,  
Larry Mitchell, Glenn Torbert

### Wednesdays

#### January 16

##### Lunch

Soup, Cornbread, Potato Bar,  
Dessert, Tea/Coffee

##### Supper

Chili, Cornbread, Potato Bar,  
Dessert, Tea/Coffee

#### January 23

##### Lunch and Supper

Meat Loaf, Creamed Potatoes,  
Lima Beans, Fried Squash,  
Dessert, Tea/Coffee

**Lunch and Supper Reservations:**  
Please contact the church office  
by Noon on Tuesdays to make  
or cancel your reservations.

# 2019 NEW YEAR'S DAY COMMUNITY MEAL

Thanks to all who volunteered for prep and service.  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

