



The Outlook

First Baptist Church Clayton

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WMU equips missionaries

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Woman's Missionary Union (WMU), an auxiliary of the Southern Baptist Convention, began in 1888 in the hearts of visionary leaders to pray and systematically raise money for missions.

Over the years through WMU's leadership, Baptist churches across the country have contributed over \$7.5 billion to support missionaries in North America and around the world through the Annie Armstrong Easter and Lottie Moon Christmas offerings. You probably have seen the Armstrong and Moon offering envelopes in the pew racks. Our church has been a long-time supporter of these wonderful ministries.

WMU's unwavering focus of making disciples of Jesus who live on mission bears fruit through discipleship, leadership development, and compassion ministries, with kingdom impact in every state and in nearly 50 countries.

WMU's goal is to work alongside churches to accomplish the mission of God and share the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. God issued the mandate for us to be involved in missions through the Great Commission. Our desire is to see all ages energized and motivated and equipped for missions.

We carry out this mission by providing missions discipleship resources for churches and individuals, offering opportunities to engage with compassion ministries, and equipping people through leadership development experiences.

- WMU is Biblically rooted. Scripture guides us in knowing God, His ways, His character, His mission, His redemptive acts and His purpose for the church.
- WMU is missions focused. Jesus commissioned His disciples to proclaim the Good News to people of all nations.
- WMU is church based. Christ gave the church authority to act on His behalf. Teaching the Gospel to all ages prepares the church to fulfill God's mission.
- WMU is world aware and denominationally supportive. God is always at work among all people, and no one church can do alone what many churches can do together. Our voluntary cooperation extends the missions reach of our church.

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GAs and Acteens to be honored on May 5

First Baptist Church has a long tradition of honoring the young ladies who participate in GAs (Girls in Action) and Acteens, and that will continue on Sunday, May 5 at 5 p.m. with the annual recognition service. GAs and Acteens prepares participants for mission work and spreading the Good News.

GAs, girls in 1st through 5th grades, will cite their memory verse and talk about what the GA experience has meant to them. They will then receive certificates and roses.

Acteens, girls in 6th through 12th grades, will have one speaker from each grade level to talk about their “Quest for Confidence.” First year Acteens are presented crowns and graduated seniors are featured honorees.

About 30 young ladies from First Baptist Church will be recognized. Everyone is invited to this special occasion. It will take place in the sanctuary.

Missionaries

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Here at First Baptist Clayton, we have 10 WMU groups that you can be a part of. Below is a list with names of the facilitators.

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| Bill O’Neal (Multi-focus) | Diane Johnson, Lou Woodard |
| Eph Whisenhunt (Bible Study) | Diane Carroll, Pat Zullo |
| Dr. Jean Allen (Multi-focus) | Dolores Bagley |
| Gladys Creech (Prison Ministry) | Susan Parker |
| Patrick Moore Mission Group | Jill Razor |
| Dorothy Nappier Lifestyle | Linda Blackmon, Kathy Wilkerson |
| Sarah Beddingfield Ministry | Joy Tribble, Lynette Worlds |
| The Missionary Round Table | Judy Wood |
| Lattie Mae Morgan Group | Whitney Keith |
| Frances Carroll Group | Lauren Razor |

If you know a facilitator, please reach out to them if you are interested in being a part of this ministry, or contact FBCC WMU co-directors Jennifer Blackley at 919-215-7401 or Lynn Matthews at 919-971-2814 and they will be happy to assist you.

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. - Mark 10:45

<u>2024 Weekly Reports</u>	
Baptisms this Year.....3	New Members.....9
Worship Attendance	
Sunday, April 21.....210	Sunday, April 14.....145
Sunday School Attendance	
Sunday, April 21.....121	Sunday, April 14.....110
General Fund Giving	
Sunday, April 21.....\$15,438	Sunday, April 14.....\$11,336
Weekly Needs.....\$14,860	

Join the seniors for a screening of “The Quiet Man”

Senior Adult Movie Night is set for Friday, May 10 at 5:30pm. The main entrée will be Zaxby’s Chicken Fingerz. Chips, popcorn and drinks are provided. Please bring a dessert or snack to share. The featured movie is “The Quiet Man,” John Ford’s 1952 masterpiece starring John Wayne and Maureen O’Hara. Sean Thornton (Wayne) an Irish-born American retired boxer, returns to his birthplace of Inisfree to purchase the old family farm. He soon falls in love with fiery red-headed Mary Kate Danaher (O’Hara), but also runs afoul of her bullying brother, “Red” Will Danaher. This romantic comedy-drama is a true classic! In order to get an accurate count for food, please notify the church office no later than May 8 if: 1) you are on the permanent list but cannot attend or 2) you are not on the permanent list but plan to attend.

On Tuesday, May 14, the First Baptist Church seniors will be traveling to the Sylvan Heights Bird Park in Scotland Neck. Join us for a stroll through this beautiful sanctuary that houses a vast diversity of birds from all over the world. The path totals one mile and is mostly paved and level with numerous benches and rest areas. It’s wheelchair and rollator accessible. Lunch will follow the tour at K&W Cafeteria in Rocky Mount. The bus leaves the church parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and will return by 5 p.m. Admission is \$12. Space is limited so sign up now.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, June 6. The seniors will be going to dinner at Lane’s Seafood and Steakhouse in Angier.



SAVE THE DATES!

Sunday, July 7 – Wednesday July 10

5:30 pm – 8:00 pm

FBC Clayton

REGISTRATION COMING SOON...

Memorials and Honorariums

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR GIFTS TO THE GENERAL FUND

In Memory of

Ami Moon by Brandon and Vicky Andrews

Ami Moon by the Earl and Hope Johnson

In Honor of

Dr. and Mrs. Len Keever and FBCC Staff by Joe and Linda Hester

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR GIFTS TO THE ORGAN FUND

In Memory of

Ami Moon by Teresa Calton

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR GIFTS TO BAPTIST CHILDRENS HOME

In Memory

Our Parents by Jerry and Diane Johnson

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR GIFTS TO THE HECK JONES FUND

In Memory

Ami Moon by Lowell and Dorothy Harris

YOU'RE INVITED TO A

Graduation

..... RECEPTION IN HONOR OF

*Keeley Tarkington &
Stephanie Parker*

May 5, 2024

Fellowship Hall

between Church and Sunday School

*Please bring a breakfast dish to share
if you plan to attend.

