

# The SENTRY

*A Newsletter of First Baptist Church*

**February 21, 2024**

## **Special Ministries and Silent Class Beginnings**

First Baptist Church has been involved with *Special Ministries* even prior to the ministry meeting at our church campus. The *Love Class* originated with Iva Nicholson, who had a special needs daughter, and was a part of the Special Ministries group that met at the Children's Center in Sanford in the mid to late 1960's. The Love Class later moved to the Mental Health Center in Sanford

The Love Class met on Sunday mornings at the Children's Center. Joan Womble became involved in the mid 60's and Karen Rhyne Morgan became involved when she was a high school freshman. *Karen remembers it was through this ministry that Mark Rosser's deafness was discovered.*

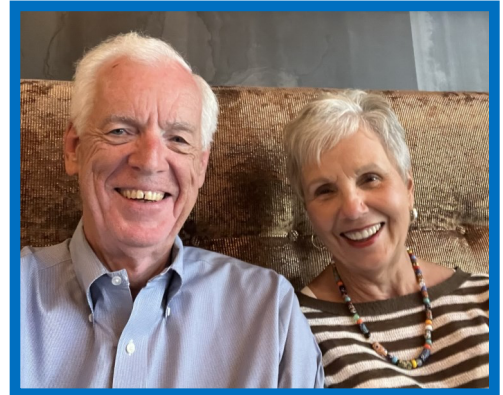
Joan worked with Iva Nicholson, Jane Stevens and Karen Rhyne Morgan (*daughter of Clyde & Eunice Rhyne*) and Geyemell Campbell Shepherd (*sister of Robby Campbell*). Jane Stevens was the leader of the Love Class prior to the move to First Baptist Church.

Original members were Robert Heck, Mike Martis, Lavetrice McIver, Charles and Mark Rosser, Charlie Brown and Marty Oldham.

We always read Bible stories and enjoyed crafts with the young children. Mike would drop Joan off at the children's center Sunday mornings on his way to church to take their youngest son to the FBC nursery. After the birth of their second son, Joan decided she needed to be with her family at church but never lost her love for the special young children.

Delvin and Mildred Maddox were both deaf residents of Lee County and were graduates of the North Carolina School for the Deaf in Morganton, NC. They were the parents of Phil Maddox (wife Jo) and knew several other members of the deaf community in and around Sanford. Being committed Christians, they felt the need for a Sunday School/Bible Study class that would help fill the spiritual needs of their deaf friends. Thus began the "Silent Class" at First Baptist Church.

Classes were initially held at the church on Sunday afternoon. As age and health issues began to hinder their ability to continue teaching the class, Hal Siler and Clyde Rhyne agreed go to Raleigh and take sign language classes, taking over as teachers of the class in the early 1960s. Mike Womble joined the class as a co-teacher in 1967 with Dennis Porch joining shortly thereafter. During the 60's and early 70's, there were usually 7–10 class members in attendance on any given Sunday with approximately 12–15 members on roll. Early class members included Mack and Iona Morrison, Judd and Nina Riddle, Mark Rosser, Rodney Dinkins, Peggy Teal, Ronnie Spivey and others including hearing impaired individuals from Mexico.



*Mike & Joan Womble*

# Nursery Schedule

**2-25-24**

**8:45**  
Jason Ziebart

**11:00**  
Donna Utley  
Carolyn Lee  
Brian Stalder

**3-3-24**

**8:45**  
Susan Oldham

**11:00**  
Luke & Maggie  
Cranford  
Rachel McLean  
Chadwick Moore

# Usher Schedule

**8:45 Service**

**2-25-24**

Jamie Thomas  
Phil Yarborough

**8:45 Service**

**3-3-24**

David Lamb  
Drayton Lamb

## Mike's Musings

**Music and Worship** - This excellent article is a great follow-up to my comments in the last Sentry, and offers a glimpse into one of the purposes of the Lenten season:

How often do we choose to put other things before our relationship with God? To fashion idols that reflect the true focus of our heart. For instance, does money, or its pursuit, have a dearer place in our hearts than God? Even in the pursuit of our Christian lives we might ask, is the Bible, or a church building, a denomination, a Saint, perhaps even a member of the clergy, no longer a pointer to God, but instead the focus of our attention - an idol?

Lent offers us a time to remove the idols that we have erected between ourselves and God. It's a time to seriously evaluate our priorities, and the place we have made for God in our lives and to bring a healthy balance to our lives, in mind, body, and spirit.

**Triple L** - We now have thirty-one signed up to go on our dinner theatre outing in April! That will be a record number for my time here. We will continue to accept reservations through March 10th with the understanding that those reservations are pending the availability of getting more seats.

## 11:00 Services

Offertory Team - for FEBRUARY

Richard Oldham - Chair

Greg Spivey      George Perkins

Glenn Jones      Pat Marion

Tony Lett      David Spivey

Drew Lucas

## FEBRUARY 11, 2024

Weekly Budget Requirement	\$20,577.00
Weekly Budget Received	14,989.25
Building/Capital Improvement	235.00
Other	630.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15,854.25</b>

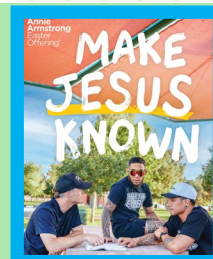
## FEBRUARY 18, 2023

Weekly Budget Requirement	\$20,577.00
Weekly Budget Received	20,957.91
Building/Capital Improvement	50.00
Other	25.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>21,032.91</b>

## "Make Jesus Known"

2024 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering  
and Week of Prayer begins March 3.

The Week of Prayer for North American Missions is observed annually by SBC churches to pray for missionaries, their ministries and their families. Offering envelopes have been placed in the pews of the Chapel and Sanctuary.  
Our goal this year: \$25K      Collected to date: \$500.00



# Worship at First Baptist

**February 25**

**8:45 & 11:00**

**Dr. Sam Roach**

*"Calm Before the Storm"*

**Revelation 8:1-13**

**Music**

**8:45**

**Upper Room**

**11:00**

**"Lord, From Sorrows Deep I Call"**

**arr. Phillip Keveren**

**Chancel Choir**

**w/ Bill Hall, Cello**

**"Jubilance"**

**by Kevin McChesney**

*"The Power of the Cross"*

**arr. Peggy Bettcher**

**Jubilation Ringers**

**March 3**

**8:45 & 11:00**

**Dr. Sam Roach**

*"Refusal to Repent"*

**Revelation 9:1-21**

**Music**

**8:45 & 11:00**

**Rupert Ainsley**

**Solo**

## Upward Tournament

**Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**

6pm Girls 5th-8th

7pm Girls 5th-8th

8pm Boys 7th-8th

**Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**

6pm Boys 5th-6th

7pm Boys 5th-6th

8pm Boys 7th-8th

**Thursday, February 29<sup>th</sup>**

6pm Boys 5th-6th

7pm Boys 5th-6th

8pm Boys 7th-8th

9pm Boys 7th-8th

**Friday March 1<sup>st</sup>**

6pm Girls 5th-8th

7pm Boys 5th-6th

8pm Boys 7th-8th

## Beginners Pickleball Clinic

March 16, 2024 10am-12pm, for more information or to sign up, contact Kelly Vernon

919-356-6596 or

Susan Oldham 919-708-8345.

Space is limited, reserve yours today!

## End of Upward Season Celebration

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**11:00am**

**All our church family are invited to attend.**

## 2024 Baptist Mission Conference

*"Living Sent:*

*Every Christian is a Missionary"*

**April 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Charlotte**

**General Session: Friday April 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**7pm-9pm**

**General Session/Breakout Sessions: Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**9am-4pm**

**Cost is \$30—Please contact Lee Johnson @ 252-562-5878 for more information**

## New Church Pictorial Directory

We are working with Unique Church Solutions on electronic and in person signup dates and will let you know when details are finalized.

Wednesday	April 17	2:00pm-8:40pm
Thursday	April 18	2:00pm-8:40pm
Friday	April 19	2:00pm-8:40pm
Saturday	April 20	10:00am-4:40pm





Feb. 25th

Lesson Verse:

Hebrews 5:13 NLT ... someone who lives on milk is still an infant and doesn't know how to do what is right.

Mar. 3rd

Lesson Verse:

Romans 12:16 NIRV ... be a friend of people who aren't considered important. Don't think that you are better than others.

Mar. 10th

SPECIAL MINISTRIES SUNDAY

Family Worship

**No Children's Church**

Great job...Music & Movement Choir!

