



# The Lamplighter

January 2022

## From The Pastor's Desk . . .

Before I began to write this article for this edition of "The Lamplighter", the Doxology, "Praise God from whom all blessings Flow", flooded my soul as we have just come through 2021 and have entered 2022. A year none of us ever dreamed or Imagined we would go through. Several of our members did not make it through. We miss them, and some did make it and are still not able to be with us in person for our services, and we miss them also. Even in our struggles last year we can still sing The Doxology. God is so good. February 6th I will begin my 29th year as Pastor of this Great Church. As a church you have been strong through the storm. We are making plans for the New Year that will need your prayers and commitment.

Our Baptist Men's Day Weekend will be January 29th & 30th. Evangelist, Jon Reed, will be speaking to the men on Saturday, January 29th. The Men will be leading both Sunday Services in Music and Testimonies. Great Weekend!

Pastor David Fisher



**David B. Fisher**  
**Senior Pastor**



## Thoughts From the Associate Pastor:

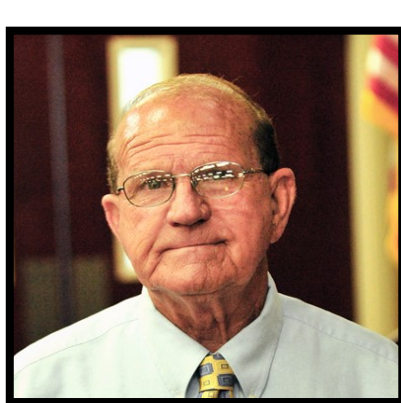
"Back to the Future" was a 1985 American science fiction film featuring a teenager, Marty McFly, who is accidentally sent back to 1955 in a time-traveling DeLorean automobile built by his eccentric scientist friend Doctor Emmett "Doc" Brown. Marty, while returning to the past, is challenged with fixing some future events that he has some control over. Being trapped in the past gives Marty the opportunity to make sure that the future is successful and rewarding.

We came through some tough times in 2021. The COVID pandemic, the neglect of our moral compass, and the persecution of believers are just a few of the concerns we have faced and are now facing. Christians, more than anyone else, have every reason to view the coming year as opportunities to succeed in our ministry pursuits. 2022 gives us an opportunity to look at the past year and see where we can improve in the exercise of our unique gift we have been given ("As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God" I Peter 4:10 KJV). There are many areas in our church where believers can rise up and take part in the overall outreach of our church fellowship. Looking back to see where we have been, can give us some positive inclinations as we live out 2022. There is a place of ministry for each one of you in our church. Let this be the year you rise up and be counted as one who will exercise your gift.

Brother Winfred



**Winfred Huff**  
**Associate Pastor**



**John Fowler**  
**Senior Adult Minister**

## Senior Adult Ministry

Happy New Year to all of you. The year, 2021, was a year filled with troubles and trials, but praise God, He is still on his throne and still in control. Our church family had a lot of deaths and sickness, but God blessed all of us beyond measure. Some of our dearest saints of God are in heaven with Jesus, and even though we miss them so much, we can rejoice over their homegoing.

Thank all of you for supporting our church ministries this past year. We are looking for even better things to come this year of 2022. Please make every effort to attend all of our services and functions and support them with your tithes, offerings and your prayers.

We would like to see you personally, but if you cannot be present, please join our services on Facebook. Also, our Senior Adult Sunday School will continue to be shared on Facebook.

Our "JOY" Senior Ministry will continue to meet the third Thursday of every month in the Family Life Center at 6PM. Invite your friends to come join us for a meal, fellowship and Bingo.

We really wanted to plan some trips for this year but with COVID still showing it's ugly head, we will keep everything local, for a while anyway.

We are planning to honor all of our Senior Citizens at the February "JOY" meeting (Feb 17th) with a **"Valentine Banquet"**. Looking forward to seeing all of you.

Don't forget to pray daily for our Pastor, Church staff, Deacon body, and each other. God bless each of you. We love you more than words could ever say.

Bro. Tubby & Lavonia

Hello to *all the* students and parents of First Baptist Church Haynesville. I wanted to take a few minutes of your time at the beginning of this new year to tell you a little about what the youth group has and will be up to. I would also like to end with a challenge to you. As you all know, the last two years have been a trying time. We have seen numbers fluctuate as well as faces. I want to start off by encouraging any of you that have not been back to church in a while to come back and join us. On Wednesday nights we meet from 6:30-7:30pm. We have just started working through the book of Genesis. We have also just started back our Friday Night Bible Study where the students meet at our house every other Friday night and we eat, play games, and study the Word. The first on this Friday, January 14th from 6 -8pm. The Youth also meet on Sunday nights from



I am beyond excited to see what the Lord is going to not only do in our youth group this year but in our church as a whole!

“But one thing I do; forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Jesus Christ.” -Phil. 3:13-14

FBCH Youth Pastor

Eph 4:14 So that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

## A group of six men in suits standing in front of a large, modern church building with a prominent steeple under a blue sky with clouds. The men are arranged in a row, smiling for the camera. The church building is constructed of red brick with white trim around the windows and doors. It features a large, white, multi-tiered steeple. The sky is bright blue with scattered white clouds. The overall scene is well-lit, suggesting a sunny day.

These are the six new Deacons who were ordained last Sunday night. From left to right are Rusty Yansom, Rayford Spires, George Harris, Juan Ortiz, David Knowles and Mike Horton. Please pray as they begin a new chapter in their lives.