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Almost 100 (97 to be exact) volunteers, professional and lay, rotate through the Mission Frankfort Clinic on Wednesdays and one Saturday a month to take care of the uninsured

of Frankfort, Franklin County and beyond. Medical, dental, pharmaceutical, translators, receptionists, interns, administrative, secretarial help and a host of other duties are carried out by some of the finest examples of Christlikeness this side of Heaven. We had 352 patient visits between 7/1/18 – 12/15/18, including 76 dental visits. We also had 422 laboratory tests completed during this time. As you know, there is no cost to the patient. The reason for this is because of the generosity of organizations and individuals like the

Baugh Foundation out of Texas who wrote us a \$50,000 check for 2019, the Good Samaritan Foundation - \$35,000, City of Frankfort - \$15,000, Franklin County Fiscal Court - \$15,000, Frankfort Regional Medical Center - \$6,583, Delta Dental Foundation - \$10,000, FBC Frankfort - \$10,000 and additional organizations helping our funding and a great number of individual contributions. It is immeasurable, in my mind, what this ministry has done for thousands of patients over the years. Your willingness to follow Jesus by helping those in need through this free clinic is one of the brightest lights of God's love that I have ever seen. Thank you for being who you are. Keep praying. Keep giving. Keep taking risks. Keep shining for Jesus.

~Keith



I heard a sermon many years ago on a passage of scripture from 1 Chronicles 21 where God is punishing Israel because David, the king, had disobeyed Him. David was instruct-

ed to build an altar and offer a sacrifice, but he did not have an animal, or an altar from which to offer it. David went to Ornan to acquire the necessary things and place to offer the sacrifice and Ornan, being a loyal subject of the king, offered to give everything needed for the sacrifice, including the land, to the king. But David refused and said that he would not offer God that which cost him nothing! That phrase and that sentiment have been with me since the day I heard that sermon. I will not offer God that which costs me nothing. In essence, God deserves our best, nothing less!

I write this because of my deep appreciation to those members of the music ministry who understand that to offer our God our best requires commitment, hard work, and sacrifice! I am in awe of the number of individuals who graciously give of their time and talents and work so hard week after week to offer God our best. I recognize I'm partial here, but they sing and play beautifully week after week. Yet what I think sets them apart is the heart and spirit from which the music flows! I have experienced so many holy moments because of their leadership and I am eternally grateful!

Is God leading you to join us? It is not easy, nor should it be. We will not offer God that which costs us nothing! I hope to see you in rehearsal this week!

~Richard



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## **New Members**

Brianna Jones December 23

Tom Manning December 23

School for Discipleship
"Helps for Praying with C.S. Lewis and Others"
Saturday, February 9
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Led by Dr. Wallace Williams

Join us for our first School for Discipleship day in 2019! Dr. Wallace Williams\* will draw on his vast teaching experience and his study of prayer and the writings of C.S. Lewis and others, as he leads us to consider how we can deepen our understanding and practice of prayer. Dr. Williams will reference C.S. Lewis writings such as Letters to Malcolm on Prayer, Mere Christianity and The Efficacy of Prayer. The session will include time for prayer experiences and small group reflection.

The class will be held Saturday, February 9, 9:00 am-noon, and a continental breakfast will be available beginning at 8:45 a.m.

Sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office to register.

\*See our Spiritual Formation page for more information about Dr. Williams



## Order your "FBC Connect: Called to Love" Travel Mug

This 16 oz travel mug will be a regular reminder of our theme for the year and may provide opportunities to talk with family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers about the ministry of FBC Frankfort.

The mug will be imprinted with our "FBC Connect: Called to Love" logo. The symbol of the cross clearly illustrates our call to love and to connect with God and with others. The vertical beam stretches from heaven to earth, representing a disciple's ever deepening love for God. The horizontal beam reaches outward like the arms of Jesus to embrace the world, representing a disciple's growth in love for others.

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3 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship 6:00 pm Souper Bowl Party	4	5 12:00 pm Grateful Book Study	6 5:00 pm Wed Night Activities	7 9:00 am ROMEOs	8	9 9:00 am School for Discipleship
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#### **SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS**

#### **INVOCATION**

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	NURSERY	DOWNSTAIRS	FRONT DOOR	<b>WORSHIP HOUR</b>	
	Beverly Lovan	Feb 03 Dan Shouse	Feb 03 Lena Columbia	Feb 03 Doris Harrod	Feb 03 Keith Felton
Feb 10	Marla White	Feb 10 Linda Divine	Feb 10 Ralph Divine	Feb 10 Jane Mason	Feb 10 Keith Stillwell
Feb 17	P Manning, K Olson	Feb 17 M. and M. Little	Feb 17 Tammy Shouse	Feb 17 Janice Jackson	Feb 17 Cindy Fogg
Feb 24	Linda Gaby	Feb 24 Lena Columbia	Feb 24 Lena Columbia	Feb 24 Christina Keyes	Feb 24 Susan Hopkins

## **DEACON OF** THE WEEK

## **GODLY PLAY HELPERS**

## **SCRIPTURE READERS**

	3 YR OLDS - K	1st - 3rd GRADE	SCRIPTURE 1	SCRIPTURE 2
Feb 03 Laura Hughes Feb 10 Beverly Lovan Feb 17 Amy Smith Feb 24 Dwight Lovan	Feb 03 E Shryock-Allen	Feb 03 A Thomas, J Rhorer	Feb 03 E. Shryock-Allen	Feb 03 Gene Rose
	Feb 10 Vicky Mitchell	Feb 10 A Smith, J Roberts	Feb 10 Glenn Thomas	Feb 10 Jeff Fogg
	Feb 17 E Shryock-Allen	Feb 17 A Thomas, M Simpson	Feb 17 Kara Johnson	Feb 17 Marcus Pernell
	Feb 24 Marla White	Feb 24 A Smith, K Bayes	Feb 24 Laura Columbia	Feb 24 Tom Midkiff



## **Our Journey from Frankfort to Frankfort**

Dianne and I are blessed that our life's journey has brought us back to you. Thirty years ago you were our church family while I attended seminary. Our first child, Brittany, was born here. We remember fondly our time with you and how you cared for us. A Paul Sawvier print of FBC has since been displayed prominently in our living room, wherever we have called home. After



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eighteen meaningful years of ministry at Lexington Avenue Baptist Church, I stepped aside because the church needed to reorganize its staff. We felt good that this was the right decision for us and Lexington Avenue Baptist Church, even though I had no place to go. I had no real job prospects when my time at Lexington Avenue Baptist ended. As we thought about a new church home and wanting to be part of a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship church, FBC Frankfort seemed like the obvious choice, even though an hour from our home. We did not come here to get a job, but after we joined, Cynthia told me of her plans and asked me if I might consider a part-time interim position. In the meantime, I received an offer to serve as part -time coordinator of Together for Hope (TFH) Appalachia, with the possibility the job will become full-time once additional funding is secured. I have been involved with TFH since its inception, and FBC has been an important church in the mission of TFH through the Emma Ouire Mission Center in Owsley County. Hopefully (prayerfully), when my time as your interim minister of spiritual formation comes to an end, Together for Hope will be ready for me to move into a full-time role. For over a year I had been seeking a job, coming very close a number of times, but with no job offers. Now I am thankful for missed opportunities, because I am doing what I love and feel called to do. I am in awe of how God has guided our journey. Thank you for the opportunity to serve God with you, to work alongside your awesome staff, and to be part of this family of faith. Cynthia Insko is a talented, creative, wise and spiritually mature leader. I have admired her ministry for years. You have built together an excellent ministry of spiritual formation. I will do my very best, working with the capable spiritual formation advisory team, to help keep it that way for as long as I serve in this capacity.

Blessed, Keith (#2) Stillwell

P.S. If you don't mind being added to my email contact list, send me an email to kstillwell@fbcfrankfort.org.



## **Disaster Response Team Leader** and Member Training

Connect with those in need by learnfbcconnect ing how to respond more effectively to disasters. CBF Kentucky is offering basic Disaster

Response training for both team leaders and members on Saturday, March 2, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at Immanuel Baptist Church.

The training will consist of three consecutive sessions:

- 1. Basic Disaster Response Training
- 2. Muck/Mud-Out Training
- 3. Team Leadership Training

Refreshments will be available upon arrival and lunch will be provided by CBFKY.

If you have never participated in Disaster Response, this is a good place to start. Although this training is not required to participate on a team, it will be of great benefit when you join a team. If you are experienced. I encourage you to come to learn the particulars of CBF's Disaster Response practices and to share your expertise with us.

If you want to sign up for the training or want more information, email Charles White at disasterresponse@cbfky.org.



## Meet Dr. Wallace Williams **School for Discipleship Leader**

called to love

The most important thing to know fbcconnect about Wallace Williams is that he is Cynthia Insko's father. Dr. Williams has lived in 10 states during his lifetime but calls Kentucky

home. In 2007 he retired to the Georgetown College area where he had earned his first degree, met and married his wife Judith, a professional pianist and organist, and has daily access to his three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. His daughter, Cynthia Williams Insko, was Minister of Children and Spiritual Formation at First Baptist Church, Frankfort, Ky. Son, Peter, and his wife live in Philadelphia where he is a librarian at the Curtis Institute of Music.

Dr. Williams holds an M.Div. and Ph.D. in Christian Ethics from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and a B.A. (Georgetown College) and M.A. (University of Kentucky) in English Literature. In his last full-time position Williams was an Associate Dean and Associate Professor at Beeson Divinity School of Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama, for 14 years. Before moving to Birmingham, Dr. Williams had been a pastor in three states for over twenty-two years and for five years the State Executive Director-Treasurer for the Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey. He has enjoyed serving as interim pastor in 8 churches in 3 states.

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Pianist

**Anthony Hager** Building Superintendent

#### Seldon Jackson

Assistant Custodian

#### WELCOME, SELDON!

We welcome Seldon Jackson as our new assistant custodian. He will be a valuable asset to us as he helps Tony 3 days/week. Please thank Seldon for joining us when you see him!



Hello, Church! I hope all is well when you're reading this!

As a preface to this article, our youth transition team met on January 6 to discuss youth events through March, along with trying out a different format for Sunday evening youth group. Instead of meeting every Sunday evening, depending on the event, our team decided to meet twice a month- whether it be on a Friday night, Saturday

afternoon, or a Sunday evening. Our hope is to not only take the stress off of our volunteers, but to also increase our attendance to said events.

That said, here's some updates on what the youth are doing and getting into within the next several weeks:

In Sunday school, the youth are talking about a multitude of topics-from King David's story in 1 Samuel, changes they'd like to see in renovating the youth rooms, and even preparing for our Ash Wednesday service in March. There's also been the usual "Would You Rather?" questions that have made for some laughs and fun times as well.

Wednesday evenings are also filled with a wide variety of things, including *Lectio Divina* readings, prayer walks over specific passages in Scripture, and even discussing how the youth would respond to real-life scenarios that they're bound to encounter.

Regarding weekend events, the youth recently went to Champ's in Lexington on Friday, January 18, to play mini-golf, laser tag, and roller skate. We're also looking into hopefully cleaning our church's clothes closet within the next couple of weeks on a Saturday morning/afternoon as a way to help give back to the church. Lastly, the youth are also getting into our Souper Bowl Party on February 3 and then taking a trip to Perfect North either on February 15 or 17 (more details to come!).

If you would like to volunteer with our youth, whether it's sitting in on Sunday school, Wednesday evenings, or hosting an event at your home, I'm more than happy and willing to get you plugged in somewhere. Please contact me either by phone at (502) 642-6146 or e-mail at mpernell@fbcfrankfort.church if you'd like more information.

Until then, peace be with you!

~ Marcus J. Pernell



# THE BARNABAS GROUP

At our first meeting in the new year, we went over the proposed schedules for 2019. Since then, two items have been changed - the date for February and an event change in October. Copies of the updated list are in Sunday School rooms, and more copies will be available at our luncheon in February.

The <u>new date</u> for our February luncheon is <u>Thursday, the 21st</u> instead of Tuesday the 19th. We will gather at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall. Chicken and drinks will be provided. In good Baptist tradition, please bring "a covered dish" to share. Linda McKinley will be presenting a talk on her work with Therapy Dogs. She is also bringing her dogs as a bonus for us! This will be a lot of fun. Please sign up on the bulletin board so we will know how much chicken to order.

~Mona Carpenter TheBarnabasGroupFBC@gmail.com



### "SOUPER" BOWL PARTY Sunday, February 3 6:00 pm

Please join us for our annual "Souper" Bowl Party on February 3 at 6:00 pm. We will meet for food and fellowship while we watch a little football and a lot of commercials. We'll have inflatables for the kids and friends

letin board to enter our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili/Soup Contest and vie for the coveted green jacket! The church will provide chicken and drinks but you are welcome to bring sides and desserts to share. Cost of Admission: Canned goods for our local food pantry.

are welcome. Sign up on the bul-



# FBC WORSHIP SERVICES ON FACEBOOK LIVE

We invite you to connect with us, even if you can't be here on Sunday morning. You can now watch our services, LIVE, on our Facebook page, First Baptist Church at the Singing Bridge, each Sunday. The service goes live at approximately 10:55 a.m. and all you have to do is watch and worship! There is a direct link to our Facebook page on our website, fbcfrankfort.org.

### Thank You's

I would like to thank the church for allowing me to serve in the capacity of Interim Children's Minister. I commit myself to continue the good work already begun with our children, to help them further their understanding of and closeness to God, and to help them as our church navigates the anticipated changes coming over the next year. The children of our church are each unique and amazing and are a blessing to work with.



~Jenny

Thank you to our Volunteers! As we have moved into this season of transition, I have been especially thankful for all those church members who have answered the call for help in our children's classes. We have a core group of approximately 30 teachers and volunteers who give their time on Sunday mornings and/or Wednesday evenings to help our children learn more about God's love for them and how they can share His love with others. We appreciate each and every one of you and your love and support of the children of First Baptist Church!

#### Call for Volunteers

We are always looking for special, loving individuals who are willing to help in the children's classes throughout the year. If you would be able and willing to give an hour of your time on either Sunday morning or Wednesday night, please contact Jenny Luscher. This gift of time could be every week, once a month, one month every quarter, etc. Don't worry, we will find a perfect spot for you.

#### **Save the Date**

I can't believe that we are already thinking about things coming this Spring, but it will be here before we know it. So, please put these dates on your calendars.

February 26 [Wednesday] - All the children's classes will be discussing the meaning of Ash Wednesday

March 6 [Wednesday] – Ash Wednesday service lead by the Youth Easter, April 21 [Sunday] – All children's choirs will be singing in the service

April 24 and May 1 [Wednesdays] – Preparation for Children's Day in all children's missions classes

May 8 [Wednesday] – Dress Rehearsal for Children's Day for all children

May 12 [Sunday] – Children's Day and Graduate Recognition – All children's choirs will be singing and children will be leading worship in the service