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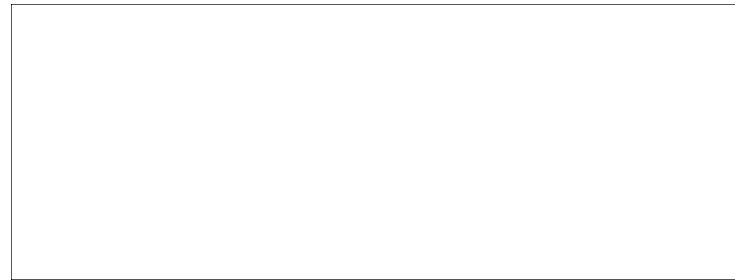
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I have thoroughly enjoyed serving alongside Bob these past two years. Our church has been greatly blessed to have him as our Pastor. God has used him in so many ways in our lives individually and collectively. For me personally, it has been like attending a master's class of preaching and pastoral care. Albert Wilson reminded me of a quote from Dr. Seuss that I think is perfect for this season in the life of FBC. Dr. Seuss wrote, "*Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened*." Thank you, Bob, for answering God's call to ministry and providing guidance and care to countless individuals. I am grateful I got to be one of the many to cross paths with you, to know you and to have received from you.

Our **EMMA QUIRE MISSION CENTER** Spring Cleaning day was very productive. I'm thankful for the crew that made it down to Booneville on May 19: **Linn Sholar, Ben and Caroline McKown, Gary and Janie Forman, Steve Gordon and Beverly Lovan.** The outdoor repair project that Gary Scott and his crew were planning on doing was postponed due to the rain. It will be rescheduled.

Our **PAYDAY LOAN MINISTRY** received an enormous blessing last week. A donor gave us a check for **\$5,000!** I have witnessed first-hand how transformative this ministry is

for the individuals we are helping and this gift will expand our reach to many more. When we received this donation, it reminded me how First Baptist Church put their money towards things like buying an old motel in one of the poorest counties in the country to do missions or renovating an abandoned portion of our building to create a charitable clinic. We don't just talk about missions, we incarnate ministries that, in my opinion, do what Jesus would do if he walked the earth today. **THANK YOU FOR MAKING THESE AMAZING MISSION ENDEAVORS HAPPEN!**

Please continue to pray for those making decisions about funding the **MISSION FRANKFORT CLINIC**. A handful of organizations are reviewing our applications for grants to the MFC and we need every dollar to continue this life-saving ministry. Every week, I talk to patients who are so grateful because without our clinic, they would not receive the basic healthcare they need. God is healing through the MFC and we get to be part of this critical ministry.

"Not to us, Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness." Psalm 115:1

~Keith

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New Members by Letter

Rick and Marla White
April 29, 2018

Wednesday Summer Schedule June 6 - August 8

5:30 pm - Formations Preview
6:00 pm - Prayer Meeting
Clothes Closet
Clinic
6:30 pm - Sanctuary Choir
Childcare is available for families
attending prayer meeting and/or
choir rehearsal.

Office Summer Schedule June 1 - July 31

Monday-Thursday: 8:00-4:30
Closed Friday

A Thankful Celebration

We give grateful thanks for the seven years
Dr. Robert F. Browning
has given of his time, talents, and wisdom to the
members of First Baptist Church and the forty-
nine years he has given in ministry. You are
cordially invited to join us in celebrating
Dr. Browning and his wonderful works
as he enters retirement.

Breakfast Reception
Sunday, June 24
9:30 a.m. ~ 10:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

In lieu of gifts to the pastor,
Bob and Jackie request donations be made to the
Mission Frankfort Clinic.



JUNE



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div> <div>CALLED BUSINESS MEETING</div> <div>A called business meeting will be held Wednesday, June 13, at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing a Pulpit Search Committee.</div> </div>					1	2
3 <div>9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship 12:00 pm Youth Family Luncheon/Meeting</div>	4	5	6 <div>6:00 pm Prayer Meeting, Clinic, Clothes Closet 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir</div>	7 <div>6:30 pm Deacon's Meeting</div>	8	9
10 <div>9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship 12:00 pm Passport KIDS meeting</div>	11	12	13 <div>6:00 pm Called Business Meeting, Clinic, Clothes Closet 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir</div>	14	15	16
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17 <div>9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship</div>	18	19	20 <div>6:00 pm Prayer Meeting, Clothes Closet 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir</div>	21 <div>7:00 pm Book Discussion at Starbucks West</div>	22	23 <div>8:00 am Clinic</div>
24 <div>9:30 am RECEPTION 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship</div>	25 <div>9:30 am Soup Kitchen</div>	26	27 <div>6:00 pm Prayer Meeting, Clinic, Clothes Closet 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir</div>	28	29	30
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SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS

NURSERY	DOWNSTAIRS	FRONT DOOR	WORSHIP HOUR
June 03 Beverly Lovan June 10 Pam Manning June 17 Helen Tipton June 24 Linda Gaby	June 03 Dan Shouse June 10 Linda Divine June 17 Mark and Mason Little June 24 Linda Divine	June 03 Lena Columbia June 10 Ralph Divine June 17 Tammy Shouse June 24 Ralph Divine	June 03 Betty Gardner June 10 Jane Mason June 17 Stephen Bass June 24 Christina Keyes
DEACON OF THE WEEK	CHILDREN'S WORSHIP HELPERS		SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS
	INFANTS & TODDLERS	3 YR OLDS - 3RD GRADE	3 YR OLDS - 5TH GRADE
June 03 Laura Columbia June 10 Karen Sigler June 17 Jeff Fogg June 24 Curt Wallace	June 03 Marka and Erica June 10 Julia Rhorer June 17 Hope Mitchell June 24 Holly Harrel	June 03 Elaine Shryock-Allen June 10 Sarah Glenn Insko June 17 Jenny Luscher June 24 Jenny Luscher	June 03 Amy Smith June 10 Amy Smith June 17 Jenny Luscher June 24 Jenny Luscher



I'd like to thank Bob Browning for shepherding our staff and our congregation. He has become a trusted mentor, friend, and pastor to me the past 7 years. I thank him for engaging the children of our church on a personal level. He made them feel loved, valued and important. I also want to express gratitude for the way Dr. Browning has helped develop an atmosphere of spiritual formation and growth. He has set the tone for FBC to be a place where matters of faith and questions can be explored in an atmosphere permeated with grace and love. He has modeled what it means to be a good listener and an enthusiastic student of Scripture. He has practiced what he preached. I pray that his hospitality and warmth and desire to love God and others well will continue to permeate our congregation in the days ahead.

~Cynthia

FORMATIONS PREVIEW

On Wednesday nights in June, adult Sunday School classes (teachers AND class members) using the Formations Curriculum are invited to join Bob Browning and Rick White in the Keystone classroom, 5:30 - 6:00 p.m., to discuss and prepare for the upcoming Sunday lesson.

CHILDREN'S SUMMER CONNECTIONS

Children's families are encouraged to enjoy each other's company while getting to know each other better. Invite friends and come meet some of your church family in a casual setting!

Thursday, June 14: Meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Lakeview Park Hancock Pavilion and Splash Pad. Popsicles provided! This is for kids of all ages and families. If you want to stay and eat a picnic lunch, please do so. Watch the church facebook page for weather changes.

Sunday, June 24: Meet at 4:00 p.m. at the parking lot picnic area on the upper side of Cove Springs. Bring your own water and we'll have a great hike!

ANIMATE PRACTICES VIDEO SERIES Begins June 17

Younger adult Sunday School classes are invited to participate in our summer video and discussion series, *Animate Practices*, beginning Sunday, June 17, 9:45 a.m. in fellowship hall through Sunday, August 5. Each summer this is a relaxed and also challenging time for growth and community.

BOOK DISCUSSION

As a follow up to the last School for Discipleship session on the use of the enneagram for growing in our relationships, Cynthia will lead a discussion of the book *The Road Back To You* by Ian Cron and Suzanne Stabile on Thursday, June 21, 7:00-8:30 at the west side Starbucks. The book is available on Amazon and is a great introduction to the enneagram. If you can, read in advance of the meeting or simply join us to learn more. Let Cynthia know if you plan to attend.

CHILDREN'S BUCKET LIST

What's on your bucket list for the summer? May has been packed full of celebration and end of the year events. Now we're ready for a bit of barefooted, laid back summertime! **On Sunday, June 3, each children's family will be provided with a Family Bucket full of some fun summer activities for your family.** Each activity is designed to help you soak up your summer and have some meaningful conversations and family time about loving God and others. While we are spread out doing many things during this season, this will help us all remember that God is with us everywhere we go and family relationships are often where we experience God. Please take your bucket from the table in the hallway outside the nursery on June 3.

MUSLIM CHRISTIAN RELATIONS A Course from Baptist Seminary of Kentucky

Interested in auditing a class at BSK? This summer they offer an exploration of the ways in which Christian and Muslim relationship have evolved through history. Through patterns of conflict and cooperation, both religions have formed theological frameworks with which Muslims and Christians continue to engage each other to the present. Attention will be given to ways in which scholars and adherents of each tradition are engaged in rethinking the relationship between the two faiths, and the reality that theological perceptions are colored by the particular contexts in which Muslims and Christians interact.

For more information or to enroll, go to bsk.edu/summer-course-offering2

SUNDAYS IN JUNE: CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sunday School: During the month of June, children ages 3 - 5th grade will meet with Ms. Cynthia, Ms. Jenny, and Amy Smith on the third floor at 9:45. We'll have fun stories and crafts that help us learn more about Jesus' teachings. Children ages 2 and under will be in the nursery near the sanctuary.

Children's Worship: When children leave the sanctuary during the service in June, we'll focus on picture book theology. Each week we will read a story and wonder what it teaches us about God. You may want to look at this resource for your family when checking out summer library books that can stimulate conversations about God at home.

www.picturebooktheology.com

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For the past six and a half years I have had the incredible honor and privilege of serving along side Dr. Robert F. Browning. It does not take more than a couple of minutes of being in his presence to recognize that he is a genuine, compassionate pastor. He felt God's call on his life early and for 49 years has faithfully served Him. We have been the recipients of God's grace here at First Baptist Church for having him as our pastor. I personally have had the unique and inspiring privilege of working with him. He has taught me much about loving people more and ministering to their deepest needs. He has allowed me to live out my calling and has been a constant source of encouragement. He has held, what I believe is, the hardest job in the world for 49 years and has done so with great integrity, wisdom, and grace. He has loved and led us well and I will miss him greatly. Well done thy good and faithful servant!

I would certainly be remiss if I didn't also express my deep appreciation for Jackie Browning. Jackie has been an integral part of our music ministry and she will be sore-

ly missed. She has been a member of the Sanctuary Choir and our Handbell Ensemble. Jackie is the epitome of grace and joy! If being a pastor is the hardest job in the world, then being a pastor's spouse has the be a close second! Well done thy good and faithful servant!

Thank you for your prayers for my Mom over the past several years. She is now in the presence of the Lord and I am most thankful that she has been made whole again. I celebrate her life and thank God that He allowed me the privilege of having her as my Mom! I could spend days telling you about her servanthood and about her faith. My Mom told me on multiple occasions that she prayed for me every single day of my life, and I believed her. What a gift! Thank you for your prayers and concern for my family. We are deeply moved by them and appreciate you, our family of faith, more than you can fathom!

Summer is a great time to come and join the Sanctuary Choir! We move to a slightly shorter rehearsal schedule in June and July (6:30-7:30) and we do not have the pressure of seasonal music. Prayerfully consider joining this summer. Come and give it a try!

YOUTH MINISTRY

In this season of change, there are still SO MANY EXCITING THINGS happening in the FBC Youth Ministry!

Sunday, June 3: Youth Family Meeting/Luncheon

Immediately following the morning worship service on June 3, our youth and their families are invited to the fellowship hall for lunch and a planning meeting. Pray for a productive meeting and fellowship!

Sunday-Friday, June 10-15: Youth at Passport Camp

The youth will be attending Passport Missions Camp in Danville, Virginia. Pray for safe travels and for youth to grow in Christ throughout the week!

In addition, we continue to make plans for the entire summer...time to learn and time to relax, time to grow and time to laugh!

Congregation,
Please continue to pray for our students and our Youth Ministry program at First Baptist Church. Pray for guidance of how YOU can be involved WITH our youth and an example of Christ FOR our youth.

Senior Recognition

My heart swelled with gratitude and pride as our seniors were recognized in last Sunday's service. What a fine group of high school and college graduates we honored.

How proud I am of them for this achievement and all they have already accomplished. I look forward to seeing how God will continue to help them to use their many gifts and talents to make the world better.

Pray for our graduates as they embark on their new journeys: Aaron Bradley, Morganne Burns, Jodi Dejohn, Macaulay Hendrix, Ben Hinson, Isaac Hopkins, Bradley Hughes, Sarah Glenn Insko, Walker Lee, Hal-lee Mason, James Mason, Sam Midkiff, Lindsey Morris, Olivia Simpson, Courtney Thompson, Angela Whitis.

Youth Ministry

Monday morning, Clint Walker submitted his resignation as our Youth Minister. I appreciate the relationship Clint has developed with our youth and the bonds of friendship they will share for years to come. He and Hannah have a special place in our hearts.

Being a part-time Youth Minister is a big challenge, especially when you have another full-time job. There never seems to be enough time in a day. Clint and I have had several discussions about this since last fall.

This is why I want to take advantage of this new season in our Youth Ministry to talk to our youth, youth parents, deacons, the Personnel Team and other church leaders about an alternative model for developing and sustaining a strong Youth Ministry. It relies heavily upon parental support and lay leadership.

A part-time Youth Minister needs a lot of volunteer support. Specific ministry components and responsibilities need to be identified, and teams of volunteers need to be enlisted and trained that will work closely with a Youth Minister to ensure all the bases are covered at all times. This support team needs to be in place before a Youth Minister is hired.

A ministry without an infrastructure is like a body without a skeleton. Looking back for several years, I feel we have not done as much as we should have to provide the structure and support needed to sustain a flourishing Youth Ministry. Now is the time to make this adjustment, and I am confident our church will.

Continue to pray for our young people and our Youth Ministry. I am so proud of our students and enjoy watching them grow and mature. How impressed I am with their many gifts and talents. They are exceptional!

Until Sunday,
Bob

