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The Mission Frankfort Clinic received word that our grant application with the Baugh Foundation out of Texas was approved for 2018 in the amount of \$40,000!! The Baugh Foundation has truly been a miraculous connection for the MFC. With the local hospital scaling back funds (again) for 2018, we are extremely grateful for new partners in this life-saving ministry. Thank you for your designated gifts and the budgeted FBC line item to help us continue a high level of care for our patients. What a privilege it is to work alongside Dana Nickels, our professional and lay volunteers, and interns as we provide basic healthcare for the uninsured of Franklin County and beyond.

Tis the season for writing grant applications for the upcoming fiscal year. Please pray during this time as research and writing are critical to securing the funds we need to continue our charitable clinic. If you come across information for a 'new partner' for the MFC, please let me know. This could be a business in town that donates to organizations like ours. You may know of a foundation that would line up with our

medical mission. You may come across an individual(s) that is looking for a worthy cause to fund. Thank you.

Would you be interested in serving in our Clothes Closet? Would you be willing to be one of our receptionists for the Mission Frankfort Clinic? Would you be willing to head up a team to serve through the Emma Quire Mission Center this spring or summer? Do you know someone who is trapped in a Payday Loan and would be willing to tell them about our ministry to help with this type of need? Would you be willing to donate a toy, book or stuffed animal for our Christmas Toy Store or be someone to help our customers shop when the Toy Store opens? Would you be willing to teach piano for a child that cannot afford private lessons? Would you be willing to tell someone about our community of faith this week and invite them to join you on a Wednesday or Sunday? Would you be willing to share the message of Jesus to someone who needs Him? –Let me know if the answer is 'yes' to any of these questions so we can get you plugged in to FBC missions.

~Keith

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It is finished.

## Holy Week 2018

During Holy Week, there are several opportunities for you to engage with the stories of Jesus' last week. We invite you to join us.

**Lenten Guides:** Adults and families, continue to utilize your Lenten Devotional following our theme: FBC263 A Call to Discipleship. Families of young children, don't forget to use your Lenten calendar with your child through the season. Parents of older children and youth, ask your child what they've enjoyed in their Wreck This Lenten Journal book.

**Palm Sunday, March 25:** At our 10:50 am worship service, our children will process in with the Palms, and our Sanctuary Choir will lead us in the Easter portion of Handel's *Messiah*. Childcare for 2nd grade and younger will be provided after the processional.

**Maundy Thursday, March 29:** At 7:00 pm, you are invited to our Tenebrae service. This Service of Shadows marks Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples through the crucifixion. We will share in scripture and song, extinguishing candles in preparation for Good Friday. Childcare is provided.

**Community Services:** The Community of Frankfort offers a service at Frankfort United Methodist Church each day, Monday—Friday, of Holy Week. Service is at noon with a light lunch to follow. No reservations necessary.

MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1  6:30 pm Deacons Meeting	2	3
4 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship Service 12:00 pm Marshmallow Heads Field Trip 4:00 pm Financial Peace; Book Study	5	6  12:00 pm Book Study	7 5:00 pm Family Night Activities 6:00 pm Clinic; Clothes Closet 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting and Handbells 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir	8  ▲	9	10
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SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS

NURSERY	DOWNSTAIRS	FRONT DOOR	WORSHIP HOUR
Mar 04 Beverly Lovan	Mar 04 Susan Hopkins	Mar 04 Mary Hines	Mar 04 Jane Mason
Mar 11 Laura Hendrix	Mar 11 Helen Tipton	Mar 11 Bob Tipton	Mar 11 Tamela Biggs
Mar 18 Pam Manning	Mar 18 Linda Divine	Mar 18 Ralph Divine	Mar 18 Lee Insko
Mar 25 Linda Gaby	Mar 25 Mark and Mason Little	Mar 25 Gary Forman	Mar 25 Susan Hopkins

DEACON OF THE WEEK

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP HELPERS

INFANTS & TODDLERS	3 YR OLDS - K	1ST- 3RD GRADE
Mar 04 Janie Forman	Mar 04 Elaine Shryock-Allen	Mar 04 Sarah Glenn Insko
Mar 11 Cindy Fogg	Mar 11 Sarah Whitworth	Mar 11 Joretta Crowe
Mar 18 Larry Cleveland	Mar 18 Elaine Shryock-Allen	Mar 18 Julie Roberts
Mar 25 Danny Branham	Mar 25 Sarah Glenn Insko	Mar 25 Vicky Mitchell

This week as I attended the Tuesday lunch discussion I was privileged to take part in a conversation about how important it is that those who follow Jesus learn to be with others in their suffering. In other words, a call to discipleship is a call to see suffering around us and to be with those in emotional, physical and spiritual pain without rushing past their difficulties and grief. Jesus was a master at this. He came close to people no one else wanted to come close to. This is a challenge in our society that seeks to take the edge off of suffering and move on quickly to the next happy experience.



It struck me as I listened to folks discussing this truth that the Season on Lent helps us to spend some time, however awkward or uncomfortable it may be, in the difficult life and suffering of Jesus. We want to rush on to the joy and hope of Easter and yet, paying attention to the difficulties of loving God and others with our whole heart is a necessary part of growing as disciples.

Spring is almost here so I'd like to thank those who have participated in our winter small groups and announce the beginning of a new missions study in March for our children and their families:

A huge thanks to our Psalms study leaders, Erica Galyon and Dwight Lovan! Over 20 folks learned about discipleship and the Psalms for 7 weeks together. Look for new upcoming opportunities for small group studies after Easter.

Many thanks also to Financial Peace University facilitators Jenny Luscher and Jeff Fogg who continue to lead their 9 week group on Sunday evenings at 4:00 pm. A group of 10 people are learning together how to be good stewards of God’s gifts as they journey in discipleship.

During the month of March our children will explore the life of four children following Jesus in discipleship who are living in poverty in the Philippines. Interactive lessons from Compassion International will be part of our Wednesday missions times. Wonderful family devotionals and virtual reality goggles will be provided for each family to follow along at home. Step into their shoes and see what it is like to follow Jesus in the Philippines!

~ Cynthia

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANNING MEETING

What an exciting adventure we’re going to have at this year’s Vacation Bible School! Our first planning meeting will be Sunday, March 11, 4:00 - 5:00 pm. Come hear about the new format we will be using as we offer an overnight trip for families to a nearby retreat center in late July. Volunteers of all ages will be needed for assistance this year. See Cynthia with questions.

WANTED: PEOPLE WHO CAN BE ENCOURAGERS!

We need people to encourage and teach our youngest disciples! More volunteers are needed to teach Godly Play. If you are curious, we invite you to notify Cynthia or Jenny and observe our classroom one Sunday. A special training is available in April for those interested. Please prayerfully consider being part of this special ministry that will change how you hear Scripture!

PASSPORT KIDS’ CAMP REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MARCH 1

Passport Kids’ Camp is coming back to Maryville, TN, June 26-29. This wonderful experience is available to our current 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders. The total cost is \$288. \$144 is due as a deposit by March 1. The balance of \$144 is due May 1. Scholarships are available upon request. If you would like to see more about camp, go to [passportcamps.org](http://passportcamps.org).

MARSHMALLOW HEADS AT MALIBU JACKS

All Marshmallow Heads (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders) Sunday Schoolers are invited on a fun afternoon out together at Malibu Jacks in Lexington on Sunday, March 4, immediately following morning worship. Those who have accumulated Bible Bucks will earn extra points to use on games. We will return to the church by 4:00.



GLOBAL WOMEN

The next Global Women meeting will be Monday, March 12, 6:00 - 7:30 pm to plan our mission fair which will highlight FBC missions and volunteer opportunities for all. All ladies are welcome to participate. Contact Cynthia if you can bring food to share for our planning meeting.



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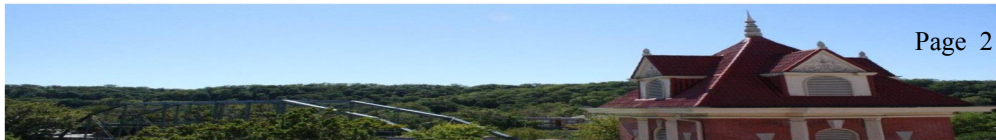
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"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom;

and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:16-17.

These two brief passages of scripture hold some of the reasons I believe so strongly in the music ministry. First, our music must always be based on the word of God and the texts should come from either scripture or as a result of authors dwelling on scripture and writing appropriate texts. As singers and instrumentalists, our offering of music should come from the depths of our souls which have dwelt on God's word. It should be visceral.

Second, our gifts should be offered out of gratitude in our hearts for what God has done and continues to do in our lives and in our world!

Third, it should be done in the name of Christ!

This offering leaves no room for pride or self-aggrandizing. Its intent is for the honor and glory of God. God is worthy of nothing less than our very best offering. I have quoted F. Pratt Green several times in this column over the years but I do so again with this great hymn "When In Our Music God Is Glorified." This is our goal!

*When in our music, God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride, it is as though all creation cried Alleluia! How often, making music, we have found a new dimension in the world of sound, as worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!*

*So has the church, in liturgy and song, in faith and love, through centuries of wrong, borne witness to the truth in every tongue, Alleluia!*

*And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night when utmost evil strove against the light? Then let us sing, for whom He won the fight: Alleluia!*

*Let every instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise! And may God give us faith to sing always Alleluia!*

Text: Fred Pratt Green  
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Hey Everyone!

It's hard to believe we already have almost two full months of 2018 behind us. There has been a lot of crazy weather these past few weeks that have thrown our schedules out a bit but we are still plugging along. On behalf of all the students, we extend our gratitude for the support and participation in the Ash Wednesday Service. Our students worked hard preparing for that worship experience, and it means a lot to them to have such support.

In the weeks to come we will be business as usual. The next major calendar event for our student ministry is an overnight retreat and mission trip on April 14 and 15. We will spend Saturday hiking at Natural Bridge, then spend the night at the Emma Quire Mission Center. On Sunday we will host a lunch for a local church. I'm looking forward to the opportunity to spend some time in service and fun with our students.

I could still use a few volunteers for various meetings and events. If you are interested please see me and we will find a place for you to plug into our ministry more directly. Thanks for all the support we already receive.

In Christ,  
Clint Walker



Recently, I preached on forgiveness as part of the sermon series around our theme for 2018: **FBC263 A Call to Discipleship**. My sermon was based upon the first words of Jesus on the cross described in Luke's gospel.

"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." (Luke 23:34a)

**Why is forgiveness such an important part of our faith?** Perhaps it is because one of the things we all have in common is that we are sinners.

For this reason, it is impossible to overestimate the importance of forgiveness in healthy relationships. None of us is perfect, which means all of us say and do things that undermine our relationships. Without forgiveness, these relationships will not survive.

**What is forgiveness?** Let me begin with what it is not.

Forgiveness is not ignoring what someone has done to hurt you and neither is it minimizing the pain you feel from their behavior. This is denial.

Forgiveness is choosing to value the person who has disappointed you more than your right to be angry at their unfaithfulness. Forgiveness says to the person who has offended you, "I can't erase what you have done and the pain you have caused me, but I can choose to embrace the possibility of transcending them and repairing this broken relationship. So, I am committed to restoring this relationship in the midst of the pain I feel. Will you work with me?"

When people and the relationship we have with them become more important to us than harboring feelings of resentment and seeking revenge, then forgiveness can occur. It is not that these negative feelings and desires go away. We feel them every day in the beginning, but we refuse to let them control our response, eliminating all hope for reconciliation.

The process of forgiveness, and it is a process, breaks the vicious cycle of anger, hatred, resentment, hostility and violence so prevalent in society, beginning in our homes. It paves the way for achieving reconciliation and healing broken relationships.

Forgiveness makes starting over and beginning again possible, something we all need to do periodically. When someone who has wronged another sees the sacrifices that person is making on their behalf, knowing they don't deserve it, the potential for changes in their behavior and a new path forward increases dramatically.

This is why the call to follow Jesus is a call to forgive. The power forgiveness unleashes in a marriage, a family, a classroom, a workplace, a church and a neighborhood melts hearts, changes lives, restores relationships and builds healthy communities.

Richard Rohr, an American Franciscan friar and inspirational speaker and author, reminds us in his book, Breathing Under Water: Spirituality and the Twelve Steps, "God does not love us **IF** we can change. God loves us **SO** we can change."

Love precedes change. Change occurs when someone chooses love over hate.

**Will you do this?**

Until Sunday,

Bob

From the desk of



Brother Bob