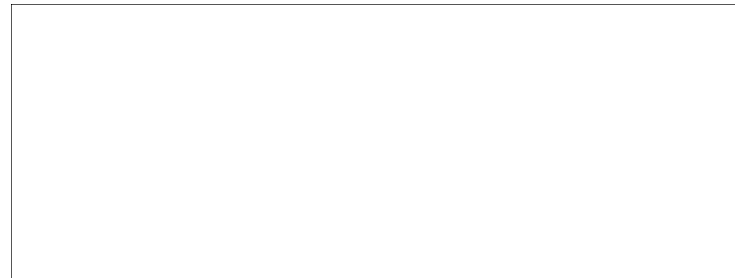


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I want to thank those who have given testimonies during our worship services the past few weeks – DANA NICKELS, ADELL KEMPER, and VICKY MITCHELL. There are other vital missions that we are part of – CLOTHES CLOSET, CHRISTMAS TOY STORE, EMMA QUIRE MISSION CENTER and others we will share about in the future. FBC, you are a courageous church and I am extremely thankful to serve alongside each of you as we seek to advance the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. “Not to us, Not to us O Lord, but to your Name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness.” – Psalm 115v1

I ask for your continued prayers as we await decisions on grant applications through the Baugh Foundation and Delta Dental for the Mission Frankfort Clinic. As most

of you know, we depend upon these types of funds to sustain this life giving ministry. We are hoping to expand the clinic by refurbishing some additional rooms behind what was the old Hispanic worship space. We are also looking into the possibility of creating a dental lab for prosthodontics (dentures, partials, etc.). Our Mission Frankfort Clinic Board met last week and it is exciting to be involved with such hard-working, creative and missions-minded individuals as we seek to help those in need in our community.

I also ask for your prayers as the Board of the Emma Quire Mission Center will meet on September 27. We will be discussing some very important developments as a group has offered its services to expand our facilities. We are looking at constructing additional storage space and a deck for an outdoor gathering space for mission groups. THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT!!

~Keith

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## Wednesdays in October

Please take special note we have a town hall meeting October 17 and business meeting the next week, October 24. Both will be in fellowship hall at 6:15.

Also, please note there are no children or youth activities October 3 due to fall break or October 31, Halloween. All other activities, including dinner, will still occur those nights.

## ANNUAL CHURCH SOCIAL

Sunday, October 28  
5:00 - 7:00 pm  
Happy Jack Farm, 966 Hickman Hill Road

Join us for a fun evening with a free hotdog supper and trick or treating. Adults bring lawn chairs and candy to share with our kids. Children and youth wear your costume (we love to see adults in costume, too)! Friends are welcome and encouraged to attend!



## THE BARNABAS GROUP TRIP TO EVANS ORCHARD


Saturday, October 13  
10:30 departure


The Barnabas Group (TBG) is headed to Evans Orchard in Georgetown on Saturday, October 13. At the orchard, our 55+ group can pick apples, pears or pumpkins, go on a hayride around the farm, enjoy lunch in the café, or stroll around the market — the specialty at the market right now is fresh apple cider and apple cider donuts!

TBG will depart at 10:30 am from Crestwood Baptist Church parking lot and will return after about two hours at the orchard. Please sign-up on the bulletin board by Wednesday, October 10. We will take the church bus but MAY need additional drivers. If you are willing to drive, please indicate so on the sign-up sheet.


For more information about Evans Orchard, visit [evansorchard.com](http://evansorchard.com).







# OCTOBER



| SUNDAY   | MONDAY                     | TUESDAY                                    | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY                                | FRIDAY | SATURDAY                              |
|--|----------------------------|--|--|---|--------|---------------------------------------|
|  | 1                          | 2  | 3<br>5:00 pm Wed Night Activities<br>Note: NO CHILDREN OR YOUTH ACTIVITIES | 4<br>6:30 pm Deacon's Meeting           | 5      | 6                                     |
| 7<br>9:45 am Bible Study<br>10:50 am Worship<br>No evening Youth   | 8                          | 9<br>6:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting     | 10<br>5:00 pm Wed Night Activities   | 11                                      | 12     | 13<br>Barnabas Group to Evans Orchard |
| 14<br>9:45 am Bible Study<br>10:50 am Worship<br>12:00 pm Youth Team<br>2:00 pm Baptist Identity Book Study; Enneagram Book Study<br>5:30 pm Youth Movie Night | 15                         | 16<br>12:00 pm Baptist Identity Book Study | 17<br>5:00 pm Wed Night Activities<br>6:15 pm TOWN HALL MEETING            | 18<br>6:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting | 19     | 20<br>8:00 am Clinic                  |
| 21<br>9:45 am Bible Study<br>10:50 am Worship<br>2:00 pm Baptist Identity Book Study; Enneagram Book Study<br>5:30 pm Youth Game Night                         | 22<br>9:30 am Soup Kitchen | 23<br>12:00 pm Baptist Identity Book Study | 24<br>5:00 pm Wed Night Activities<br>6:15 pm BUSINESS MEETING             | 25                                      | 26     | 27                                    |
| 28<br>9:45 am Bible Study<br>10:50 am Worship<br>5:00 pm Happy Jack Church Outing  | 29                         | 30   | 31<br>5:00 pm Wed Night Activities<br>Note: NO CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES       |   |        |                                       |

### SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS

| NURSERY               | DOWNSTAIRS                | FRONT DOOR           | WORSHIP HOUR           |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Oct 07 Beverly Lovan  | Oct 07 Dan Shouse         | Oct 07 Lena Columbia | Oct 07 Don Hines       |
| Oct 14 Helen Tipton   | Oct 14 Linda Divine       | Oct 14 Ralph Divine  | Oct 14 Jane Mason      |
| Oct 21 Manning, Olson | Oct 21 Mark, Mason Little | Oct 21 Tammy Shouse  | Oct 21 Janice Jackson  |
| Oct 28 Linda Gaby     | Oct 28 Lena Columbia      | Oct 28 Jaime McKown  | Oct 28 Christina Keyes |

### INVOCATION

|                      |
|----------------------|
| Oct 07 Keith Felton  |
| Oct 14 Olivia McKown |
| Oct 21 Cindy Fogg    |
| Oct 28 Susan Hopkins |

### DEACON OF THE WEEK


|                       |
|-----------------------|
| Oct 07 Vicky Mitchell |
| Oct 14 Dan Hughes     |
| Oct 21 Greg Gaby      |
| Oct 28 Ralph Divine   |

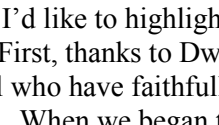
### GODLY PLAY HELPERS

| 3 YR OLDS - K               | 1st - 3rd GRADE      |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Oct 07 Luscher/Insko        | Oct 07 Luscher/Insko |
| Oct 14 E Allen, M White     | Oct 14 Julia Rhorer  |
| Oct 21 V Mitchell, E McCann | Oct 21 Amy Smith     |
| Oct 28 E Allen, C VanHouton | Oct 28 Julie Roberts |

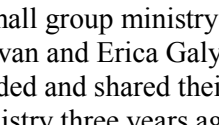
### SCRIPTURE READERS

| SCRIPTURE 1                 | SCRIPTURE 2                |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Oct 07 Elaine Shryock-Allen | Oct 07 Peggy Williams      |
| Oct 14 Glenn Thomas         | Oct 14 Jeff Fogg           |
| Oct 21 Kara Johnson         | Oct 21 Children's Ministry |
| Oct 28 Laura Columbia       | Oct 28 Tom Midkiff         |







# OCTOBER



This month I'd like to highlight our small group ministry and celebrate the growth we have seen. First, thanks to Dwight Lovan and Erica Galyon for facilitating groups, and thanks to all who have faithfully attended and shared their personal faith journeys with one another. When we began this ministry three years ago we started with a weekly group of 3-6 people for a study on prayer. This Fall we just finished up a book study that engaged two groups. A total of 22 people participated. We also expanded to provide child care during the group meetings to allow for more to attend. Another wonderful time of discipleship and learning was our third School for Discipleship led by Dr. Felton on Baptist Faith and Heritage. 25 people participated in this three hour class and even more watched the video of it on our church facebook page. In these groups I have heard people give voice to their deep questions of faith, I have seen them deepen friendships, and I have witnessed the beauty of fellow disciples sharing their journey of becoming people who love the way Jesus loves. ~Cynthia






### SELF-DISCOVERY BOOK STUDY

#### A look at the Enneagram

By popular demand from our membership, we are offering a five week book study of *The Road Back to You: An Enneagram Journey to Self-Discovery*. The Enneagram helps us see our story clearly, continuously acknowledge the ways we push away love, and intentionally work to stand in our transformed identity in Christ. Instead of being at odds with God's Word, the Enneagram propels us to heed to Scripture and be connected to its Author. The book study begins Sunday, October 14, 2:30-4:00, and \$10 covers your book and study guide. Please sign up on the bulletin board.




### BAPTIST IDENTITY BOOK STUDY

#### Four Fragile Freedoms

We are offering a four week book study of *The Baptist Identity: Four Fragile Freedoms*. This Walter Shurden book visits four freedoms: Bible Freedom, Soul Freedom, Church Freedom, and Religious Freedom to help answer the questions of what makes a Baptist a Baptist and what is the shape and feel of Baptist Christianity. Join us on Sundays, beginning October 14, 2:30-3:30, or on Tuesdays, starting October 16, noon-1:00. Cost is \$10 for your book and you may sign up on the bulletin board.

### ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

In past years our FBC family has enjoyed the creative work of folks who have helped compile an Advent Devotional booklet for use during the weeks leading up to Christmas. This year we will use Scripture to take a closer look each day at the themes of hope, peace, joy and love as we journey together toward Bethlehem where we receive the infant King and celebrate Emmanuel, God With Us. If you would like to write an entry for our devotional book, please contact me and I will give you a Scripture passage to reflect on and instructions for submitting your writing. Thanks in advance for making this a special season for us to share!



### SCHOOL FOR DISCIPLESHIP

#### The Birth of Jesus

Rick White will be teaching an in depth Bible study at our final School for Discipleship this year. Rick is a professional educator, ordained minister and new church member at FBC. Mark your calendar now to join us for this day of learning on November 10, 9:00 - noon, to help prepare us for the Advent season. Rick says about our study: Mark opens his Gospel with John the Baptist. John's Gospel transports us back to "In the beginning..." It is left to Matthew and Luke to voice the story of the infant Jesus. Their accounts of his birth are crammed with theological insight into the one called Immanuel, God with us. Join us for an in-depth study of the Infancy Narratives of Matthew and Luke as together we revisit, the birth of the Messiah.

### SAVE THE DATES

Make sure you mark your calendar for some important dates happening in the next few months.

- Saturday, November 10: School for Discipleship, 9:00-noon
- Sunday, November 25: Hanging of the Green, 6:00 pm
- Sunday, December 2: Advent begins
- Sunday, December 9: Children's Choirs sing and present the Living Nativity, 10:50 am
- Sunday, December 16: Sanctuary Choir presents "Festival of Carols," 10:50 am

### With Thanks...

Thank you, friends, for all the prayers, kindness, food (my, my, so good), cards, calls, joy, and visits. Thank you for caring about us.

"For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations." Psalm 100:5

With love,  
Charles and Patsy Smith



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I almost missed it! I almost missed the meaning of our anthem this

past Sunday. I read the text many times and heard it rehearsed by our choir during several rehearsals, but it wasn't until I was thinking about the anthem on Saturday that it hit me. I thought the message was all about unity and in a large part it is, but the much deeper and richer message is that what we need is harmony. In case you missed it, here is the text:

*Behold, how good, behold, how wonderful, behold how pleasant to dwell in harmony. Behold, how good, behold, how wonderful, behold how pleasant to dwell in harmony, together all as one. From one he made all nations to live on all the earth. In one we move and have our being, our life, our strength. Behold, how good, behold, how wonderful, behold how pleasant to dwell in har-*

*mony, together all as one.*

*Behold, how good, behold, how wonderful, behold how pleasant to dwell in harmony. Behold, how good. Behold.*

The text, by Michael John Trotta reminds us that we are all unique and have different gifts and thoughts, yet those differences can, if we allow it, create great harmony! Our church is unique in how we live in harmony even though we are very diverse in our thinking, employment, economic status, etc. Those differences lead to a harmony that is incredible to hear and a unity of mission that is inspiring. I'm thankful you are different from me, just as I am thankful that I don't have a choir made up of only one voice type. I thank God for our unity of purpose to serve God by serving the least of these.

I'm glad I didn't miss it. I'm glad the truth of this inspiring text finally dawned on me. I hope you will recognize and appreciate our harmony and unity.



In Sunday school, we've started discussing different biblical characters and their significance within Scripture as a whole. For the past couple of weeks we've been exploring Abraham. Wednesday evenings have been centered around worship- moments of quiet reflection, times of sharing, Scripture reading, and even finding a quiet place in the church to pray and commune with God. These past several Sunday evenings have been pretty fun playing games like

Spoons (which got very intense) and trivia with the Jackbox Party Pack.

I'd also like to give you a quick look at upcoming youth events for October:

Sunday, September 30 and October 7: No evening youth group due to fall break.

Sunday, October 14: Movie Night at the Rhorer's at 5:30PM. We'll be watching and discussing *Soul Surfer*. Dinner will be provided.

Sunday, October 21: Board Game Night at the Johnson's at 5:30PM. Bring a friend and your favorite board game! Dinner will be provided.

That's all I've got on my end. Stay tuned for more youth group events and updates! Peace be with you!

~Marcus

## THE BARNABAS GROUP



The Barnabas Group (TBG) had a wonderful, well-attended kickoff breakfast on September 9. The interest is high and the suggestions are pouring in for TBG. We are so excited to get this up and running. Our first event was a luncheon at First United Methodist on September 20. It was a great time of fellowship, good food, and an encouraging talk by Paul Prather. We have three future events to put on your calendar:

- October 13: Our trip to Evans Orchard is just around the corner. See the front page for all the details and join us for a wonderful day!
- November 16: We'll travel to Shelbyville that Friday for lunch at Science Hill Inn and will include time to walk through the Inn and Wakefield-Searce Galleries. The gallery will be decorated for Christmas and is always beautiful.
- December 16: On that Sunday we will join the church to go caroling. A warm meal will start the evening and hot chocolate will be served after caroling.

I'm looking forward to all of these events and hope you are too. If you need to contact me, call 859-948-1238 or you can email me at [TheBarnabasGroupFBC@gmail.com](mailto:TheBarnabasGroupFBC@gmail.com). See you soon!

~Mona

## From the Pastor Search Committee:

We had a great response to the congregational survey. By using the survey system, we were able to break-down the information quickly and in a beneficial manner. It will help us finalize the church and pastor profiles and enable us to design questions for prospective senior pastors to increase our ability to discern God's will for our church at this time. We have met with the leadership on the Youth Transition and Search Team and they gave us additional insight into how we can work together. We will both use the same church profile so we will have a consistent description of FBC. Beginning October 1, we will start formally publicizing our search and officially accepting resumes. We are confident God is now at work in the heart and mind of our next senior pastor.

As we begin receiving resumes we may appear to become more tight lipped about our activities. Rest assured we will continue to be as open with the sharing of information as we possibly can. You will not, however, hear the names of any prospective candidates from members of the Search team. This is for everyone's protection in the process. Lives and careers are involved and we believe we are called to protect candidates in this process. The first time you hear a name from us will be when we have a final candidate to recommend.

A special thank you to Kara for always being willing to help us and to all the staff for sharing their wisdom with us. We will continue to be engaged with the staff and Youth Search team.

You are a wonderful community of believers. We thank you for your ongoing prayers and trust in us. May God bless us all in our efforts to serve him by serving and loving others.

## From the Youth Ministry Search and Transition Team

The Youth Transition and Search Team is working to develop an updated Student Minister Job Description. After much discussion, we will be voting on the final product at our next meeting on Sunday, October 14, 2018.

The Student Ministry weekly programming plan generally consists of Sunday morning Bible Study, Sunday evening fun and fellowship, and Wednesday evening worship. Operating procedures require that the Student Minister have another adult present at all times during any Student Ministry activity. The Youth Transition and Search Team is developing guidelines for those wishing to Volunteer in our Student Ministry.

In addition to prayers for the committee and for the new Student Minister who will be joining us sometime in the future, would you please be in prayer about how you might be able to help our students as they journey toward graduation? Think about what is important to us as a congregation and how you might fit into the intergenerational plan to share God's love not only with the world around us but also with the young people with our congregation.

If you have any thoughts or special interest that you would like to share with this committee, please feel free to contact the church office, Marcus Pernell, or any committee member. We covet your prayers!

The Youth Transition and Search Committee: Clara Bradley, Allyson Taylor, Doug Hendrix, Wilson Insko, Cindy McCann, Dana Nickles, Karen Rhorer, Glenn Thomas.