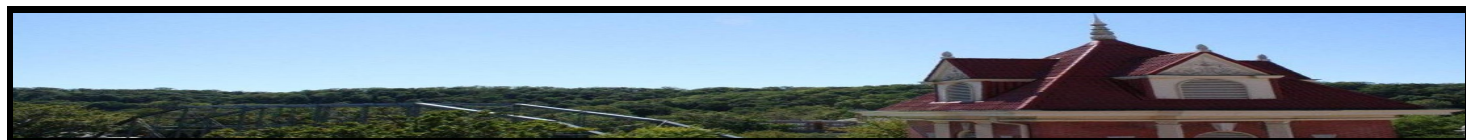
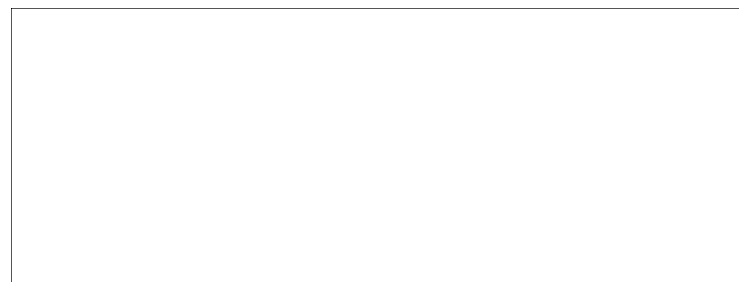


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YOUTH Ministry

Dear Church,

The last weeks of winter have passed like spring. The warm weather and sunshine have invigorated our students and sparked a few new ideas. A basketball goal has been added to our collection of engaging tools, much to the chagrin of the classrooms below us I'm sure! If you are in one of those classes I apologize, we will try to be respectful during your meeting times. And of course you are more than welcome to come shoot a few rounds with our students if you think you've got what it takes!

In the months ahead we have some interesting things planned. Of course at the top of that list is the Ash Wednesday service that will take place on March 1 at 6:15 p.m. The students have worked diligently to prepare for this service. It will surely be a

time of worship that you will not want to miss. We will also host a ministry team from Georgetown College the last Wednesday of March. As always we thank you for your continued prayers and support, we couldn't do this without you.

In Christ,
Clint Walker



REEL FAITH will meet at 3:00 p.m. on a Sunday in March, TBA soon. We will be viewing the movie *Babette's Feast* while enjoying free popcorn and drinks along with a discussion of the themes of life and faith in the movie. Dwight Lovan will facilitate. All adults welcome!

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Lenten Devotional books which include daily scripture, prayer and family activities are available for free at the entryways of the church building. Please take one!

In Memorium
Calvin Smith

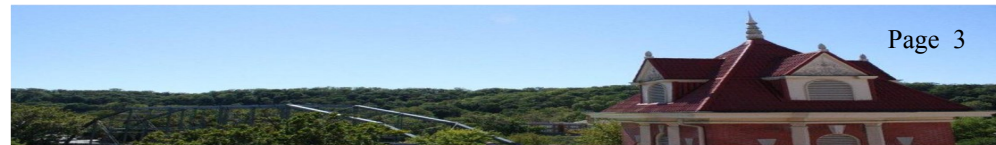


Please join us on Ash Wednesday, March 1, at 6:15 p.m. Our youth will help lead this special service in helping prepare our minds and hearts for this season of Lent.

Young Adult Sunday School Class

Dr. Keith Felton and Ben and Jaime McKown have formed a new, young adult Sunday School class. Now is the perfect time to join if you have not yet found a Bible Study group on Sunday mornings!

Please join us, across from Fellowship Hall, on Sunday at 9:45 a.m. Couples and singles are welcome. Invite your friends!



MARCH 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:00 pm Meal 5:30 pm Clinic/Clothes Closet 6:15 pm Ash Wednesday Service	2 6:30 pm Deacon's Meeting	3	4 4:30 pm - Marshmallow Heads @ Malibu Jacks
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DEACON OF THE WEEK

- Mar. 05 Rick Mason
- Mar. 12 Tom Midkiff
- Mar. 19 Bob Tipton
- Mar. 26 Adell Kemper

GREETERS - WORSHIP HOUR

- Mar. 05 Christina Keyes
- Mar. 12 Jane Mason
- Mar. 19 Tamela Biggs
- Mar. 26 Sarah Glenn Insko

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

- Mar. 05 Nursery-2's - Hopkins, Laura Hendrix
3's-K - Elaine Shryock-Allen, Sarah Glenn Insko
1st-3rd - Cynthia Insko, Sarah Whitworth
- Mar. 12 Nursery-2's - Allyson Taylor, Julia Rhorer
3's-K - Jenny Luscher, Donna Roberts
1st - 3rd - Cynthia Insko, Amy Thomas
- Mar. 19 Nursery-2's - Brandy and Larry Mayes
3's-K - Jenny Luscher, Elaine Shryock-Allen
1st-3rd - Cynthia Insko, Joretta Crowe
- Mar. 26 Nursery-2's - Frost and Keyes
3's-K - Jenny Luscher, Laura Stevens
1st-3rd - Cynthia Insko, Julie Roberts

GREETERS - DOWNSTAIRS

- Mar. 05 Linda Divine
- Mar. 12 Susan Hopkins
- Mar. 19 Helen Tipton
- Mar. 26 Linda Divine



GREETERS - FRONT DOOR

- Mar. 05 Ralph Divine
- Mar. 12 Mary Hines
- Mar. 19 Bob Tipton
- Mar. 26 Ralph Divine



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The Marshmallow Heads (3rd-5th graders) have memorized the books of the Bible! To celebrate, we will meet at Malibu Jacks in Lexington, 4:30 pm, Saturday, March 4. Reserve your spot with Cynthia.

We welcome new babies and preschoolers into our church! We are excited to spruce up our baby area and add a new changing/nursing area across from fellowship hall. Look for signs pointing to the last room on the right inside the large classroom.

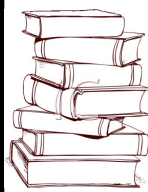
More babies means more volunteers are needed for Sunday School and Worship! What a wonderful opportunity! Please let Cynthia know immediately if you are willing to volunteer once every 4-6 weeks for either: Playing with toddlers 9:45-10:40; Playing with toddlers 10:40-12 or Greeting families with babies and preschoolers 9:30-10:55.

Passport Kids Camp payments of \$145 are due March 1 to hold your spot! The balance of \$145 is due May 1. Please write kids camp on the memo line of your check.

On Ash Wed, March 1 children 3rd-5th grade are invited to participate with their parents in the service led by our youth, 6:15 p.m., in the sanctuary. All younger children will be on the third floor until the conclusion of the service. Please pick up your babies through 2nd graders as usual on the third floor.

Our children's choirs are busy rehearsing Easter music and will lead us in worship in April. Please bring them on Wednesdays to experience the joy of music together in March!

- Cynthia

 **LADIES' BOOK CLUB** will meet Thursday, March 9, 7:00 p.m., to discuss The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak. All women are invited! Place to be announced. Let Cynthia know if you want to be added to the group email list.



Thank you to all who participated in our prayer emphasis during January and February. The younger adult Bible Study classes were challenged to grow in our prayer lives through videos, discussion around the tables, practical suggestions and personal testimonies from one another. Others gathered on Wednesday evenings to pray the Psalms and offer intercession for our FBC members and friends and still others utilized our daily prayer calendar. Our group study of Richard Foster's, Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home will conclude on Tuesday, March 7.

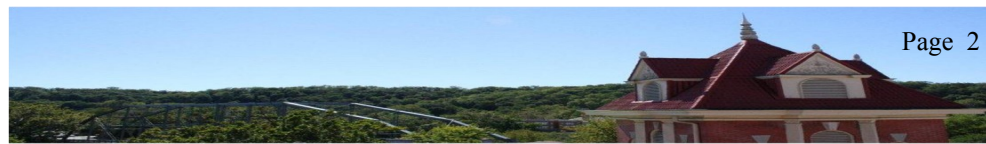
We soon enter the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, March 1, through Easter, April 16. I hope that you will consider how you might join much of the Christian community around the world in a time of reflection, repentance (changing of our ways), and renewal. The forty days of Lent (excluding Sundays which are always a celebration of Jesus' resurrection) mirror forty years of wilderness wandering for the people of Israel and the forty days Jesus endured in the wilderness after his baptism. The early church would spend the 40 days of Lent teaching candidates for baptism about the basics of the faith and then celebrate Easter with the baptism of these new Christians. Today Lent still helps us mindfully prepare to come closer and closer to the awesome mystery of Easter!

For those seeking a small group or simply 'formational friendships' with people willing to make 6 weeks of Lent a time of an intentional journey of grace together, I will facilitate 2 groups on the topic, Less Is More. The weekly themes and brief daily readings are outlined here.

Confession: less guilt/more grace; Solitude: less stuff/more freedom; Frugality: less spending/more peace; Intercession: less me/more others; Reflective Reading of Holy Week story: less fear/more love. **A breakfast group will gather Tuesdays beginning March 7, 6:45-7:45 a.m. A lunch group will gather on Thursdays beginning March 9, 12-1pm. Meeting time and place will be finalized according to the participants. If you have interest, but neither of these times suits you, please let Cynthia know. Sign up by e-mailing or calling Cynthia by Sunday, March 5.**



GLOBAL WOMEN will meet on Monday, March 27, 6-8 pm, to hear from Amy Nance about the summer feeding program for children in our community.



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The Sanctuary Choir is busy preparing to lead us in a Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae service on Thursday, April 13th. Please mark this date on your calendar as well.

We will remember our Lord through the Lord's Supper, anthems reflecting on the Passion of our Lord, and through the extinguishing of candles throughout the service reminding us that the Light of the World was crucified. We will then gather on Easter Sunday, April 16, as the Christ candle is processed in reminding us of the resurrection!

Have you ever explored your hymnal? I encourage you to go to the back of the hymnal sometime when you have the opportunity and see the wealth of information that is there. Immediately following the last hymn in the hymnal is an Outline of the Christian Year which is helpful if this is new to you. Following that is a three page essay on Worship and the Christian Year. Following that are

several indexes which you might find helpful if you are searching for a particular hymn or scripture reference within a hymn. The indexes are:

- ◆ copyrights (a legal necessity)
- ◆ Authors, Composers, and Sources—listing the names of the text writers, tune composers and other sources of the songs.
- ◆ Scriptural Readings—Texts from scripture found for unison or responsive readings
- ◆ Topical Index of Readings
- ◆ Metrical Index of Tunes by Poetic Meter—The poetic meter is the number of syllables in a line of text in a hymn. Hymns with the same poetic meter can be sung interchangeably with the tune from the other.
- ◆ Alphabetical Index of Tunes
- ◆ Scriptural Bases of Hymns
- ◆ Topical Index of Hymns
- ◆ First Lines and Titles—easiest way to look up a hymn!

Explore your hymnal! Perhaps you might even want to purchase one for your devotional use. If so, please see me and I'll be glad to order one for you!



PAYDAY LOAN MINISTRY: We reached our preliminary goal of \$3,000! *Thank you* for contributing to an important mission endeavor to help individuals caught in the predatory lending traps of the payday loan industry. We are now hoping to reach our ultimate goal of \$5,000! Would you consider contributing? Also, if you or someone you know is involved in a payday loan, please contact me to see if this ministry can be of assistance. As of the writing of this article we have raised over \$4,000.

EMMA QUIRE MISSION CENTER: On February 25, a team from FBC headed to the EQMC to renovate the 'multi-purpose' room. I am very thankful for those of you who give of your time and talent to help make our facilities in Owsley County the best it can be. The calendar is filling up with reservations of mission teams from all over who will serve those in need. We are excited about their ministry and know their stay at the EQMC will be enjoyable and meaningful. Please pray for these incoming teams and the people they will serve.

MISSION FRANKFORT CLINIC: As most of you know, the MFC received unsettling news at the first of the year that our funding from the local hospital will be cut in half beginning May 1. We are grateful for the many years of generous financial assistance of the hospital. We are also thankful for several medical professionals from the hospital that volunteer in the MFC. We are urgently searching for other sources of funding in order to continue this vital ministry to the uninsured of Franklin County and beyond. Please pray for God to reveal to us ways in which we can secure the financial future of this mission. If you would like to help, please sign up your Kroger Plus Card with the Kroger Community Awards and check the Mission Frankfort Clinic as the organization you would like to support – www.kroger.com – look for the link to Community Rewards. THANK YOU!

- Keith



New Sunday School Class

The buzz last Sunday morning was in the former Kid's Kingdom room across from the fellowship hall. One class has been meeting in a room off of the larger assembly room for several years. Last Sunday three classes met in that area.

The Hill Climbers Class moved to a room in that part of the building, and a new class began Sunday morning in another one. This new class, under the direction of Keith Felton and Ben and Jamie McKown, is for young adults who do not yet have a Sunday School class. This class is open to couples and singles.

Ten were in attendance for this first class, and others who expressed an interest in this class but were unable to come to the first one plan to join. We look forward to seeing them in coming weeks, along with anyone else who wishes to be a part of this meaningful time of Bible study and fellowship.

Last Sunday, Cynthia had refreshments in the assembly room. There was a festive atmosphere and warm, welcoming spirit in the room.

I felt the energy the moment I walked in and began speaking to all who came. How exciting it was to see new faces as well as those who are faithful attenders! Thanks, Cynthia, for coordinating all this and so much more in your role as our Spiritual Formations Minister.

Nursery, Preschool and Children

There is more good news. Cynthia reported that last Sunday we had a nursery full of babies and toddlers and the largest group of Godly Play kids' worship attendees in a long time.

My heart is overflowing with gratitude for all our members who work with our children to teach them about God's goodness and faithfulness. I can think of no greater responsibility or higher privilege than this!

Payday Lending Ministry

I am also pleased to hear that we have deposited over \$4,000 into the Pay Day Lending Account at the Commonwealth Credit Union. This money will be used to help people caught in a predatory loan where they are paying an exorbitant amount of interest, sometimes as high as 400%.

Approved applicants will be able to take out a loan with Commonwealth Credit at a 3% interest rate. The money we have deposited at Commonwealth Credit will be used as secured collateral.

The loan with the predatory lender will be paid off and the applicant will begin paying Commonwealth Credit. As this loan is paid back, this money will go back into our secured collateral account and be used to help others struggling to pay off a debt with such a high interest rate.

I am excited about this new ministry the church endorsed in a January business meeting. First Baptist is one of the first churches in Kentucky to address a growing need among the poorest of our citizens.

I especially appreciate Keith Felton and our lay leaders who have worked diligently to get this ministry off the ground. Helping people get out from under an insurmountable debt and teaching them how to manage money and take care of their families is another way FBC is making hope visible.

Thanks be to God!

Until Sunday,
 Bob