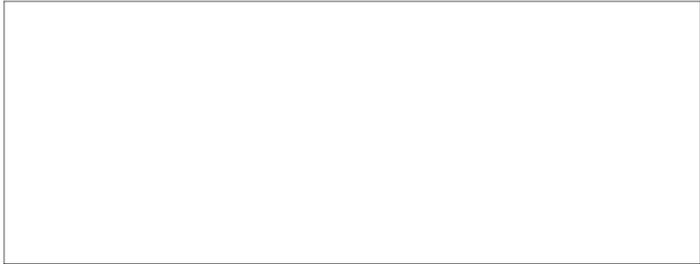


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Hey Everyone,

On behalf of the students we hope that you are enjoying the incredible transition to spring time. Greenery is flowering all around us, the birds are singing their melodies, and our incredible bakers are dusting off their old cookbooks. That's right; it's time for the annual Pie and Cake Auction! May 24, beginning at 6:00 p.m. we will hold the Youth fundraiser. Bring your favorite baked item prior to the auction. All proceeds go to offset the cost of camp

and other summer activities. It is essential to our ministry and it's just a whole lot of fun for everyone involved.

Another date to know, May 21, will be graduate recognition day. We are grateful for the many students, both high school and college, that are associated with our church and this is an opportunity to express our support for their milestone achievements. As such, if you are aware of a college student that we may not know is graduating this semester please call the church office and alert us.

As always, we thank you for your continued support and prayers and hope that you and your family have a blessed month.

In Christ,
Clint Walker

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FBC DIRECTORIES ARE AVAILABLE

Most families have picked up the new directories. If you are a member and have not gotten yours yet, you may come by the office and pick one up at your convenience.

Lena, Adam and Tom Columbia did a fantastic job.

WANTED: 2017 GRADUATES

If you have a 2017 graduate (high school, college, graduate school) in your family, please notify our office immediately! We want to make sure all 2017 graduates are included as we honor them on May 21.

NEW! Summer Sunday School Class for College Age Students

We are excited to announce Rev. Richard Summers will teach a Sunday School class for college age students beginning May 14, 9:45 a.m. in the Nexus Room. Please let your student (and their friends!) know we welcome them to join us during their summer break!



EQMC CELEBRATION

Vanessa Garland, Emma Quire Mission Center Director and Ms. Emma Quire's daughter's, Freda Quire and Linda Gregory.

Wednesday Night Meal Surveys NOW AVAILABLE!

The Wednesday Night Meal Committee wants to hear your voice as future plans are made. Please either pick up a survey copy (available in the vestibule and Fellowship Hall) or go to fbcfrankfort.org for an online survey. Return surveys to the baskets in the vestibule or Fellowship Hall. You may also give completed surveys to a staff member or return them to the office.



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal 5:30 p.m. Youth/Children's Activities 6:00 p.m. Clinic & Clothes Closet 6:15 p.m. Prayer Meeting Handbells 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir	4 6:30 pm Deacon's Meeting	5	6
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21 <i>Children's Day</i> 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship Service 5:00 pm Youth Activities	22 9:30 am Soup Kitchen	23	24 5:00 p.m. Family Night Meal 5:30 p.m. Youth/Children's Activities 6:00 p.m. Pie/Cake Auction Clinic & Clothes Closet 6:15 p.m. Prayer Meeting Handbells 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir	25 Center for the Arts Recital	26	27
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DEACON OF THE WEEK

May 07 Erica Galyon
May 14 Danny Branham
May 21 Larry Cleveland
May 28 Cindy Fogg

GREETERS - DOWNSTAIRS

May 07 Helen Tipton
May 14 Mark and Mason Little
May 21 Herald Bolling
May 28 Susan Hopkins

GREETERS - FRONT DOOR

May 07 Bob Tipton
May 14 Ralph Divine
May 21 Jennifer Lewis-Bass
May 28 Linda Divine

GREETERS - WORSHIP HOUR

May 07 Sarah Glenn Insko
May 14 Bob and Helen Tipton
May 21 Bill Dawkins
May 28 Stephen Bass

NURSERY GREETERS AND CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

NURSERY GREETER

May 07 Martha Wade
May 14 Cindy Fogg
May 21 Linda Gaby
May 28 Kara Johnson

NURSERY - 2 YEAR OLDS

May 07 Marisa & Richard Frost
May 14 Holly Harrell
May 21 Susan & Russ Hopkins
May 28 Laura Hendrix

3 YEAR OLDS - KINDERGARTEN

May 07 Jenny & Emilee McCann
May 14 Jenny & Elaine Shryock-Allen
May 21 Jenny & Sarah Glenn Insko
May 28 Jenny & Laura Stevens

1ST - 3RD GRADE

May 07 Cynthia & Donna Roberts
May 14 Cynthia & Joretta Crowe
May 21 Children's Day, No Godly Play
May 28 Cynthia & Sarah Whitworth

Heartfelt
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Day is Sunday, May 21. Join us for worship at 10:50 a.m. as our children lead us! We will continue to prepare on Wednesday nights and our run through in the sanctuary will be Wed, May 17. This will conclude our Wednesday night children's programming until Fall.

Families of children are invited to order **t-shirts** to be worn on May 21. The theme of the day and the shirts is: We are the Sheep of God's Pasture! A \$5 donation is welcome. Place your order and size by going to fbcfrankfort.org.

Final Camp payments are due by June 1. Please make your check to FBC Frankfort with Kids' Camp on the memo line.

Summer Plans are underway for Bible School. This year, we will host a **Week of Wonder: Water, Water Everywhere, Monday-Thursday, July 10-13, 5-8 p.m.** for preschoolers through those who just finished 5th grade. This fun week will be centered around Godly Play stories that include water. Music, art and dinner will be provided as well.

Advocacy days in June will provide opportunity for our kids who will have completed 2nd-5th grade to learn how Jesus advocated for those in need. We will enjoy hands on mission activities locally. Save the dates: June 14 & June 21, 9:00-12:00 p.m.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

It takes 30 or more adults each week to provide our children's programs! Our growing number of children requires a growing number of volunteers! Are you willing and able to invest in teaching our young ones?

For our Bible School Week of Wonder we need people willing to:

- decorate the space and prepare materials
- serve & clean up dinner for the children
- assist Jenny in the preschool through K classroom
- assist Cynthia in the elementary classroom
- guide craft time for preschoolers or elementary children
- lead fun music and games

We need several to join a teaching team of 4 adults for our K-2nd Grade Sunday School Class beginning in August. This group will rotate teaching responsibilities for this wonderful group of children. Excellent material and training provided.

We need nursery greeters who will be available during the Sunday School hour every 6-8 weeks to welcome families dropping off infants and preschoolers.

Spiritual Formation

The Spiritual Formation Advisory Team will meet Sunday, June 4, immediately following morning worship.

Nametags in May: Back in November we had a wonderful month of wearing nametags each Sunday to help welcome one another at FBC. We got such great feedback that we decided it's time to do it again! In May stick on nametags will be available at the front and back entrance of the building on Sundays. Please stop by and help us deepen our friendships with one another in this way!

A new College Sunday School Class will begin on Sunday, May 14. It will meet in the Nexus room and will be taught by Richard Summers. We look forward to our college students returning home and being a part of this group. Please give Richard your student's contact info so he can invite them personally!

Summer Intern: I am delighted to announce that one of our own college students, Megan Little, will serve as our summer intern for children's ministry! She will begin in June and I know you will welcome her back as she shares her energy and love for our children!

LADIES BOOK CLUB

Please join us in reading Wendell Berry's novel, Jayber Crow. We will meet Thursday, June 8, 7:00 p.m., at Cynthia Insko's home for discussion. New participants are welcome!

Global Women is leading a collection of supplies to help fill needs of the Franklin County summer feeding program for children in both city and county schools. Feeding stations with fun activities will be provided all over our city to help children get a healthy meal. **During May we will collect the following supplies: Clorox Wipes, Paper towels, Bubbles, & Sidewalk Chalk.** Please place in collection bins near the rear entrance of the church by Sunday, May 21.





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On Sunday, May 21, our two older children's choirs will be joining with the Sanctuary Choir to sing "Shepherd's Song" for worship on Children's Day. It's hard to believe that we are quickly approaching the end of another Children's Choir year. I am so grateful for the children who faithfully come each week and for the parents who bring them. I am also extraordinarily proud of the teachers of these children. We are blessed with phenomenal leadership in all three of our children's choirs and I am extremely grateful. I hope you will express your appreciation to them as well.

I know it is a long way off, but I hope you will go ahead and mark November 5 on your calendar and plan to be present for worship. Our Sanctuary Choir will be presenting "Requiem" by John Rutter for All Saints Sunday. We will have guests instrumentalists joining us for this presentation that I know will be

a blessing. Mark your calendar now! One of the joys of my position as Minister of Music is watching our Ministry Teams rise to challenges placed before them. I firmly believe that we are to offer our very best to God in all we do. Therefore we must always be working to better ourselves to offer our best. Each of our Music Ministry Teams are challenged to grow each week. I am so blessed to see them rise to the occasion week after week. The Instrumental Teams and choirs give so sacrificially of their time and work so hard. I cannot help but believe that God is glorified by such effort. It is a lesson for all of us in all we do. We must offer our best to God!

I will be teaching a Sunday School class for college age students beginning May 14. We will meet in a room off of the new Nexus Room downstairs. Please let your student know or give me their email or phone number so I may contact them. I look forward to this wonderful opportunity.

MISSIONS

We now have four people we are helping with our Payday Lending Ministry! Most of you got to see the article in the State Journal about this ministry. The purpose of that article was to get the word out to the community in order to locate more individuals to help. The article has done that and more! Since the article was online and quickly distributed through social media, I've had several contacts from folks wanting to do this type of ministry in their churches. Also, I was invited to speak at the meeting of the Kentucky Coalition for Responsible Lending. As I was talking about the ministry, one of their board members emailed the State Journal article to his pastor at a church in Louisville. Once again, FBC is a model for missions and YOU are demonstrating to others what it means to follow Christ in our time and space.

The Emma Quire Mission Center is busy with incoming mission teams helping those in need in Owsley County. A generous gift was given in order for us to renovate the 'multi-purpose room' in the facility. The new room looks beautiful and from a practical standpoint, it will be extremely beneficial for our teams. We finally have an indoor space for eating and fellowship. Vanessa (our Director) is already planning on facilitating a reading program and summer feeding program in the room. We will host continuing education classes on a variety of subjects to help improve the lives of those in Owsley.

I would like to thank the Global Women for hosting such a wonderful Sunday afternoon celebration in honor of Ms. Emma and the Emma Quire Mission Center. Vanessa Garland came and spoke about the ongoing missions and activities of the EQMC. Over \$1,000 was raised to support the EQMC and we are grateful for the efforts of our FBC Global Women to bring attention to this vital ministry.

- Keith Felton



Celebrating "Celebration Catering"

How grateful I am for the meals and receptions Celebration Catering has provided our members and many guests for twenty-five years. Their "Last Supper" will be on May 31 at 5:00 p.m.

Peggy Williams, Joyce Tuggle, and Ronnie Jump, along with Jean Pettway, have been faithful stewards of their talents and resources. Their delicious meals every Wednesday evening have made it possible for people to get to know one another, and their receptions have made special events even more special.

Words cannot express my appreciation for all they have done at First Baptist. They have been hospitable, cooperative and generous. I'll miss interacting with these dear friends at the church each week.

Express your gratitude to them when you see them at church or out in the community. We'll have a formal recognition of their faithful service in May, so check the bulletin for details.

By the way, a team was appointed in the last Business Meeting to research our needs and map out our strategy as we move forward. They will be seeking your input, so respond to their forthcoming survey and offer your suggestions.

Sermon Excerpt

Recently, I preached a sermon titled "The Rebirth of Hope" based upon John 20:19-23. This passage describes the appearance of Jesus to the disciples on Easter evening as they gathered in fear behind locked doors.

Obviously, forgiveness was a major topic of discussion during their time together. The disciples let Jesus down when he needed their support the most, and Jesus wanted them to know he had forgiven them for their abandonment just as he forgave those who crucified him.

Forgiveness may be the most essential component of every healthy relationship. No one is perfect, and without forgiveness every relationship will unravel. With the offer of forgiveness, however, the potential exists for fractured relationships to be repaired and restored.

"If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven," were Jesus' parting words that evening. What do you think Jesus meant? Perhaps it was this.

Each of us has the power to heal or to hurt. We can make a bad situation better or worse. We can build bridges of goodwill, understanding, hope and reconciliation to those who have wronged us, or we can adopt a vindictive attitude and seek revenge.

Jesus challenged his disciples that night to choose healing over hurting, just as he had done. He instructed them to leave that room and to offer the same forgiveness they had received to everyone they met, including those who were responsible for the crucifixion.

He knew loving people at their worst and forgiving those who hurt them would not be easy. They would need a new heart and more will-power and courage than they had ever possessed.

This is why he instructed all of them to receive the Holy Spirit. This challenge was bigger than they were, which meant they would need to rely upon God to help them do the difficult and to be the role models the world needed to follow.

This challenge is bigger than us, too, but the same offer Jesus made to the disciples that night in Jerusalem is ours today. The Holy Spirit stands ready to help us rebuild our lives and faith. The one who restored the relationship with the disciples who let him down will help you reach out to those who have hurt you.

I pray you will accept this offer that leads to the rebirth of hope, both yours and theirs.

Until Sunday,
 Bob