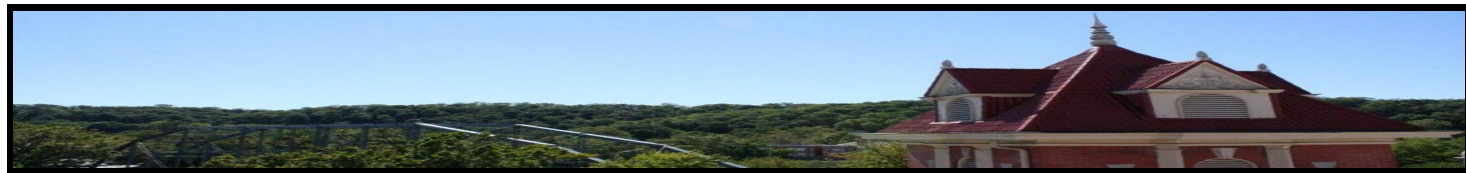
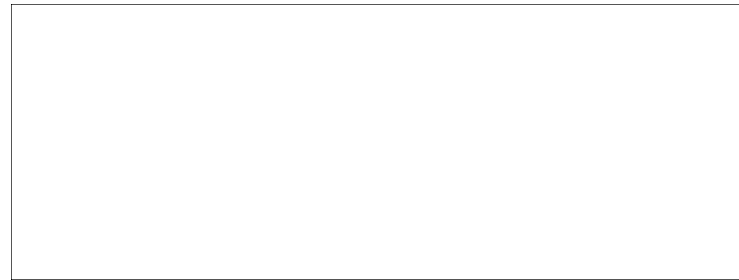


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## YOUTH MINISTRY

Dear Church,

Church camp 2017 was an incredible time for our students. This was the first time in recent years that we went to *Passport Missions*, which offers an entirely different setup than what we have been used to. At all camps, our students experience worship and bible study, as well as fun and adventure. But at Missions we forgo the typical activities of music, art, drama, and games and spend our time engaged in intentional mission projects that the camp arranges for us.

Our students, along with almost 200 others, swept Danville, VA with eight different mission projects. We were the first session of the summer,

meaning we started projects that will be continued on for the rest of the camp season. Some of those projects were; working at a food bank warehouse and distribution center, landscaping and minor repairs to several sites that work with elderly, young kids, and one group that worked specifically with women that had been previously incarcerated. They helped sort donations at a locally run thrift store that provided basic needs like clothes to those in need. They played with kids in underdeveloped areas. They prayed with people whose hearts were broken and uplifted the spirits of many others.

I am very proud of the work that our students did and I look forward to seeing where their hearts pull them to do the same things here in Frankfort.

In Christ,  
Clint Walker

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Joan Curtis and  
Anne Lee would like  
to say

**Thank You!**

to the  
Wonderful People of  
First Baptist Church/  
Frankfort.

With your support  
we have had a great  
year for **Relay  
For Life**, support-  
ing the fight against  
Cancer

At this point we  
have an amount of  
\$5,396.00. We are  
still collecting con-  
tributions until Au-  
gust 1st.

As far as we know  
this is the largest  
amount ever collect-  
ed by FBC for Relay  
for Life. We are the  
top church (and in  
the top five of all  
teams) in contribu-  
tions given.

Join us for a Week of Wonder...  
**Water! Water Everywhere!**

**VBS @ First Baptist Frankfort**  
Monday, July 13 - Thursday, July 16  
5-8 pm

for children who have completed  
kindergarten - 5th grade

to register,  
visit [fbcfrankfort.info](http://fbcfrankfort.info)

FBC Preschoolers and Singing Bridge Academy  
3 and 4 year olds are also welcome!

ALL FBC members are invited to our  
VBS kick-off celebration at  
Lakeview Park,  
Friday, July 7th  
Join us from  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
for water games and watermelon!





| Sun   | Mon                        | Tue   | Wed   | Thu                             | Fri  | Sat                                      |
|---|----------------------------|---|---|---------------------------------|--|--|
|   |                            |   |   |                                 |  | 1  |
| 2<br>9:45 am Bible Study<br>10:50 am Worship Service<br>5:00 pm Youth Activities  | 3                          | 4<br>OFFICE CLOSED<br> | 5<br>NO ACTIVITIES<br>OR CLINIC   | 6                               | 7<br>6:00 pm VBS Kick-off<br>Lakeview Park @<br>Hancock Pavilion | 8  |
| 9<br>9:45 am Bible Study<br>10:50 am Worship Service<br>5:00 pm Youth Activities  | 10<br>←                    | 11<br>Week of Wonder for Children◀  | 12<br>6:00 p.m. Clinic & Clothes Closet<br>6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting<br>Handbells<br>6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir             | 13                              | 14   | 15<br>Children's Passport<br>Camp Begins |
| 16<br>9:45 am Bible Study<br>10:50 am Worship Service<br>5:00 pm Youth Activities | 17                         | 18<br>Children's Passport<br>Camp Ends  | 19<br>6:00 p.m. Clinic & Clothes Closet<br>6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting<br>Handbells<br>6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir             | 20<br>6 pm Finance Team Meeting | 21   | 22                                       |
| 23<br>9:45 am Bible Study<br>10:50 am Worship Service<br>5:00 pm Youth Activities | 24<br>9:30 am Soup Kitchen | 25  | 26<br>6:00 p.m. Clinic & Clothes Closet<br>6:00 p.m. Business/Prayer<br>Meeting<br>Handbells<br>6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir | 27                              | 28   | 29                                       |
| 30<br>9:45 am Bible Study<br>10:50 am Worship Service<br>5:00 pm Youth Activities | 31                         |                     |   |                                 |  |  |

SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS

| NURSERY |               | DOWNSTAIRS |                     | FRONT DOOR |              | WORSHIP HOUR |                   |
|---------|---------------|------------|---------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|
| July 02 | Beverly Lovan | July 02    | Linda Divine        | July 02    | Ralph Divine | July 02      | Christina Keyes   |
| July 09 | Laura Hendrix | July 09    | Susan Hopkins       | July 09    | Mary Hines   | July 09      | Jane Mason        |
| July 16 | Martha Wade   | July 16    | Helen Tipton        | July 16    | Bob Tipton   | July 16      | Tamela Biggs      |
| July 23 | Linda Gaby    | July 23    | Linda Divine        | July 23    | Ralph Divine | July 23      | Sarah Glenn Insko |
| July 30 | Cindy Fogg    | July 30    | Mark & Mason Little | July 30    | Gary Forman  | July 30      | Susan Hopkins     |

DEACON OF THE WEEK

|         |                |
|---------|----------------|
| July 02 | Lena Columbia  |
| July 09 | Laura Columbia |
| July 16 | Rich Crowe     |
| July 23 | Vicky Mitchell |
| July 30 | Dan Shouse     |

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP HELPERS

| INFANTS & TODDLERS |                              | 3 YR OLDS - KINDERGARTEN |                                  |
|--------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| July 02            | Marka, Caroline & H. Harrell | July 02                  | Jenny Luscher & Megan Little     |
| July 09            | Erica, Marka & Frost         | July 09                  | J. Luscher, M. Little & C. Insko |
| July 16            | Marka, Caroline & Hopkins    | July 16                  | Jenny Luscher & Megan Little     |
| July 23            | Marka, Erica & Hendrix       | July 23                  | J. Luscher, M. Little & C. Insko |
| July 30            | Marka, Caroline & L. Stevens | July 30                  | J. Luscher, M. Little & C. Insko |



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Thanks to all who have volunteered to lend a hand for our VBS week: **Water! Water Everywhere!.**, July 10-13, 5-8 p.m.

I could use your help in two ways:

Invite a friend! Ask those you know who have completed K-5<sup>th</sup> grade to register through the church website or by calling the church office!

We need several more people to help on one or more nights @ 4:45 p.m. to serve and clean up dinner. Please contact Christina Keyes for details, 502-316-2706

Thanks to Tony Hager for painting and helping prepare a **new nursery space for our creepers and crawlers and toddlers beginning in August.** In the meantime, our 3 and 4 year old Sunday School class will meet up on the third floor in July. Thank you, Cindy McCann for teaching this group.

As a **thank you** to all our **children’s Sunday School teachers** we will give them a month of sabbatical in July.

**Summer Sunday School** in July will be a combined 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade Godly Play experience on third floor. Come hear some new stories of Old Testament characters!

**Summer worship** in July will include our 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders in 10:50 Sunday worship with adults. A special resource shelf will be located outside of the main sanctuary entrance for children to pick up some tools to help them participate in worship. 3 year olds through K will exit for children’s worship after the children’s sermon as usual.

**All are invited to attend our WATERmelon VBS kickoff party** at Lakeview Park on Friday, July 7, 6-8pm at the Hancock Pavilion and Splash Pad. Join us for some water games and invite friends!

**Passport Kids Camp is Sat, July 15-Tuesday, July 18 in Maryville, TN.** Please be in prayer for our children and chaperones as we learn more about what it means to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God (Micah 6:8). Details of departure and packing lists will be emailed to participants next week. We look forward to reporting about our trip on Wed, July 19 at 6 p.m. prayer meeting.

**SAVE the Dates for August:** Sunday, August 13 is Sunday School promotion day and Blessing of the Students in Morning Worship. Wed, August 23 we will resume missions and music programs for children.

Spiritual Formation

**I am thankful for the beautiful Sunday afternoon hike at Cove Springs on June 25.** 32 folks of all ages participated! It was perfect weather and fun fellowship. The experience reminded me that God’s beauty and love is revealed to us through God’s artistry and creation. (see Psalm 8) It also reminded me that as we journey through life, one foot in front of the other, each step is an opportunity for spiritual formation. Every day we face opportunities to become more like Christ with the help of the Holy Spirit at work in us. We also journey alongside others who offer friendship, encouragement and fun along the way. I hope this summer you make time to get outdoors and walk or sit for a while and pay attention to the beauty of the Lord’s presence and the faithfulness of Christ’s work in and through us.

During July our younger adult classes will continue to meet for Bible Study on Sunday mornings in fellowship hall beginning at 9:50 a.m. Join our Facebook group **Animate Bible Group** to view videos and updates on the discussion each week.

**Pastor Bob’s Sunday School teacher discussion** and training will be cancelled for Wed, July 5, along with all of our Wed night activities but will resume on Wed, July 12 @ 5:30 in the Keystone Classroom.

~Cynthia Insko



While our book club may be taking off for the summer, mark your calendar for September! We’ll gather to discuss Fredrick Backman’s book, *A Man Called Ove*.

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What role(s) does music play in your life? Have you ever considered that question?

Music is around us so much that there are many times that I don't even recognize it is there. On several occasions Lois and I have been in a store and she either mentions a song or begins to sing a portion of a song and I realize it is playing in the store and I didn't even know it. We are bombarded with music in radio and television ads and shows. We know when the bad characters are coming as well as when the good ones are arriving to save the day by the sound of the music being played. Music is powerful! It has the ability to move us and influence us. That is both a good thing and a bad thing, especially in church music. Church music can inspire us, give us a means to express our faith, edify us, and allow us to worship in ways words alone cannot. But it can also be used to manipulate us. I have experienced times when music was used to create emotional responses for the purpose of manipulating persons to make decisions they may not be ready to make.

Healthy church music is never meant to

manipulate. It is rather a means to express ourselves to God and to each other in ways words alone cannot. Music cannot help but be emotional at some level, but should never be manipulative. It should engage the mind as much, if not more, than our emotions. It should represent all aspects of worship such as praise, confession/repentance, assurance of forgiveness, relay God's word to us, and allow us to respond. That is why not all songs are upbeat, which by the way, is what most people want to hear. Our music must also reflect our confession and repentance as well as tell the story of Jesus' life and ministry, therefore leading to slower tempos and songs we can't tap our toes to.

What role does music play in your worship experience? Think about it. Do you judge the music on whether you like it or not? Do you study the text and determine whether it is theologically sound? Do you engage in the singing of the hymns or just listen? Does the instrumental music lead you to worship? Do you make a conscious effort to engage in what the choir is singing?

My prayer is that you will be fully engaged in all aspects of the music as we gather to worship.



Many of you know of the financial crisis with the **MISSION FRANKFORT CLINIC**. We received news at the first of this year that the Frankfort Regional Medical Center has cut its funding in half for the MFC (\$3,500 a month to \$1,750 a month). While this was disappointing news, we are grateful for the ongoing support and the generosity of the hospital for many years. We received more bad news at the first of June when the Good Samaritan Foundation informed us that they were reducing their funds by over half (\$45,000 to \$20,000). In anticipation of the shortfall of funding from the hospital, we submitted a grant proposal to the city and were turned down. We asked for additional funds from the county, but more than likely will receive what we have in previous years - \$10,000 - of which we are extremely grateful.

A 'perfect storm' of defunding has hit the MFC. There are a couple of ways to look at this kind of news. On the one hand, it is devastating and depressing. We could be upset about losing funds or not getting funds that seem to fit well within the parameters of the organizations to whom we are submitting proposals. OR... we can view this situation as an opportunity to diversify our base of those supporting the MFC and discover new partners of those wanting to help those in need.

On June 22, I received word from the **BAUGH FOUNDATION** out of Texas that we had located such a partner. I submitted a grant proposal to the Baugh Foundation at the first of June. The Director told me that their Board meeting would be on June 21 where the proposal could possibly be reviewed but more than likely will have to wait until the first of 2018. I received word on the 22<sup>nd</sup> that they did get to review the proposal and will be sending a check before

the end of the year in the amount of **\$40,000!!** While this doesn't completely cover our shortfall, it is some great news in the midst of a season of disappointing news. Take a moment to thank God with me for his amazing provisions. Even though you may not know the Baugh family, take a moment to thank God for their generosity to help those in need. Thank YOU for your continued support of the MFC - we need you now more than ever!!

- Keith Felton



## Discipleship

Recently, I preached on the Great Commission, Matthew 28:16-20. I want to share with you an excerpt from this sermon.

**“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”**

I am intrigued by the use of the word, disciples. Why was this word chosen? What is a disciple?

A disciple is a person who chooses to adopt Jesus' values, priorities and lifestyle while working with other disciples to continue the work Jesus began. In addition, a disciple is a lifelong student who desires to learn everything Jesus taught so it can be obeyed and shared with others.

Specifically, disciples of Jesus value serving over being served, sacrifice over self-indulgence, truth over deception, justice over injustice, inclusion over exclusion, generosity over greed, love over hate, humility over arrogance, forgiveness over revenge, healing over hurting and peace over violence.

They also mobilize to confront evil, to right wrong, to lift up the lowly, to liberate the oppressed, to heal the sick, to feed the hungry, to comfort the grieving and to build bridges of goodwill, understanding, reconciliation and hope to all people on earth.

Every disciple wears many hats throughout the course of his or her day, at home or in the marketplace. At times a disciple is a prophet, a priest, an ambassador, an advocate, a teacher, a mentor, a role model, a student, a peacemaker, a counselor, a comforter, an encourager, a doctor or a nurse. At all times, a disciple is the presence of Christ.

For several months, the staff has been discussing Mark Tidsworth's book, Shift: Three Big Moves for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Church. We attended a conference the author led last fall at St. Matthews Baptist Church that focused upon the characteristics of healthy churches that are relevant, effective and productive.

In his book and lectures, Tidsworth emphasized the need for followers of Jesus to see themselves as disciples, eager to learn everything Jesus instructed them to do and to follow in his footsteps.

Tidsworth shared a statistic at this seminar that certainly intrigued me. “The word Christian is found in the New Testament three times,” he said. “The word Christianity is never mentioned. The word disciple is mentioned 263 times.”

Those who were closely connected to Jesus knew from experience that transforming the world through the power of redemptive love would require the highest level of commitment, the kind a disciple was willing to make. I believe we know this, too.

Ask God to help you to be a faithful disciple. I am convinced it is our highest calling.

Until Sunday,

Bob