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## BLESSING OF THE STUDENTS

August 13, 2017

Please be present for our sixth annual Blessing of the Students during morning worship. Pre-school through graduate level students will be recognized, and we will ask God to be with each of them in the coming year. You will also be given a slip of paper with the name of a student we ask you to specifically pray for each day of the school year.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Hey Everyone,

I hope that your summer has been as productive as ours has been, or at least that you've been able to enjoy the beautiful weather. Our students and parents have been very busy these past several weeks. We've had a canoe trip down the Elkhorn that was incredible, we've been to Kings Island and rode the best roller coasters (in my opinion), and engaged in some local missions with the Summer Feeding Program. Each Wednesday in July our students and a few adults have been going out to Prince Hall Apartments off East Main Street to help serve lunch to the kids there. We led them in games and activities while we built relationships and laid the ground work for a longer partnership in this coming year. I

will have some more information about opportunities for our entire church to get involved soon.

August will be just as busy for our students with school starting back. Some things to watch for, August 13 will be blessing of the students Sunday. We will also have a back-to-school pool party that evening at the home of Justin and Tammy Bradley. August 23, which is a Wednesday evening, we will have a Youth Open house for families to come and receive information about the fall and answer any questions they might have. Anyone is welcome to come poke around from 5:00-8:00 if you haven't seen the Youth Room in a while. As always, we could not do this ministry without the church as a whole, so we say thank you.

In Christ,  
Clint Walker



Children's Passport



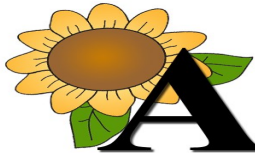
Passport Youth



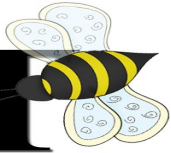
## SINGING BRIDGE ACADEMY BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

SBA will welcome back its 4 year olds with an open house on Sunday, August 13, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. If you would like to help host this event, please contact Cynthia Insko.





# AUGUST



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1	2 6:00 p.m. Clinic & Clothes Closet 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting	3 6:30 pm Deacon's Meeting	4	5
6 9:45 am Bible Study Bible Bucks Auction 10:50 am Worship Service	7	8	9 5:30 p.m. Family Movie Night (Beauty & the Beast) 6:00 p.m. Clinic & Clothes Closet <b>NO PRAYER MEETING!</b> 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir	10	11	12
13 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship Service Blessing of the Students 1:00 pm Singing Bridge Open House	14	15	16 6:00 p.m. Clinic & Clothes Closet 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting Handbells 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir	17	18	19
20 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship Service 5:00 pm Youth Activities	21	22	23 <b>FAMILY NIGHT RESUMES</b> 5:00 p.m. Youth Open House 6:00 p.m. Clinic & Clothes Closet 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting Handbells 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir	24 6 pm Finance Team Meeting	25	26
27 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship Service 5:00 pm Youth Activities	28 9:30 am Soup Kitchen	29	30 5:00 p.m. Family Night Activities 6:00 p.m. Clinic & Clothes Closet 6:00 p.m. Business/Prayer Meeting Handbells 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir			

## SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS

### NURSERY

Aug 06 Beverly Lovan  
Aug 13 Laura Hendrix  
Aug 20 Martha Wade  
Aug 27 Linda Gaby

### DOWNSTAIRS

Aug 06 Dan Shouse  
Aug 13 Bob Tipton  
Aug 20 Laura B. Branham  
Aug 27 Jennifer Lewis-Bass

### FRONT DOOR

Aug 06 Tammy Shouse  
Aug 13 Helen Tipton  
Aug 20 Mary Hines  
Aug 27 Larry Hadley

### WORSHIP HOUR

Aug 06 Connie Crowe  
Aug 13 Don Hines  
Aug 20 Christina Keyes  
Aug 27 Stephen Bass

## DEACON OF THE WEEK

Aug 06 Adam Columbia  
Aug 13 Clay Mason  
Aug 20 Doug Crowe  
Aug 27 Adell Kemper

## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP HELPERS

### INFANTS & TODDLERS

Aug 06 H. Harrel  
Aug 13 Frost Family  
Aug 20 Hopkins Family  
Aug 27 Hendrix Family

### 3 YR OLDS - K

Aug 06 J. Luscher, M. Little  
Aug 13 J. Luscher, M. Little  
Aug 20 J. Luscher, E. Allen  
Aug 27 J. Luscher, L. Stevens

### 1st - 3rd Grade

Aug 06 A. Thomas, V. Mitchell  
Aug 13 C. Insko, J. Roberts  
Aug 20 C. Insko, J. Crowe  
Aug 27 C. Insko, S. Whitworth

# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

It's hard to believe the new school year is around the corner! As I reflect on the summer, I am grateful for the many opportunities we have had to play together, serve together and deepen our friendships with one another.

We have hiked, canoed, camped, danced, picnicked, sung, traveled and served. We have prayed, worshiped, talked, listened, taught and learned. We have served the hungry, sick, young and old in our community and beyond. We are finishing our summer loving one another well and loving God and others even better than we did when summer started.

### SAVE THE DATE

- Sunday, August 6, 9:45 a.m.** younger adult classes will resume meeting in their small groups for the Fall. Thanks to all who have participated in our summer combined class.
- Sunday, August 6, 9:45 a.m.-** All children will return to their classrooms. The 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders will hold their annual Bible Bucks Auction.
- Wed, Aug 9, 5:30-8:00 p.m.** we will enjoy a family movie night of **Beauty and the Beast**. We will provide free pizza, popcorn and drinks in fellowship hall. Kids should bring a pillow or sleeping bag for comfy viewing. Tables and chairs will be provided for adults. At the end, kids will move across the hall to share in a craft time together while adults have a brief discussion about the movie and how its themes intersect with our faith. If you would like nursery care for infants or toddlers please rsvp to Cynthia Insko by Mon, Aug. 7.
- Sunday, August 13 is a Big Day!**

Sunday School at 9:50 a.m. is promotion day. Our new 6<sup>th</sup> graders will move to youth, our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will join the Marshmallow Head 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade group, our Kindergartners will move up to join the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> graders and our 3 year olds will move up to our preschool 3 and 4 year old class. Worship at 10:50 a.m. in the sanctuary will include our gift of Bibles to our 1<sup>st</sup> graders and will conclude with the Blessing of the Students at the end of the service.

Our Singing Bridge Academy will hold its annual Back to School Bash and open house 1-3 p.m. in fellowship hall. Let Cynthia know if you'd like to help host this event.

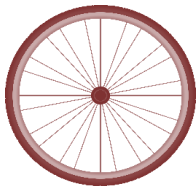
- Wednesday, August 23** children's choirs and missions will begin, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

**Thank you to the dozens of folks who volunteered to make our VBS Week of Wonder a success. We had 40 children in attendance.**



# Spiritual Formation

Everything we have done together this summer has enriched our spiritual formation as we seek to be conformed in the image of Christ for the sake of others. Allow me to share this image.



Imagine a bicycle wheel with spokes that form radii that reach the center. Picture each of us on the rim of the wheel, moving along a spoke towards the center (Jesus) as we journey through life and grow in our love for Jesus. As our love deepens we move towards Jesus as our center. But think carefully. In addition to growing closer to Jesus, as we move towards Christlike-ness along our spoke, we are also moving closer to one another as the spokes connect at the center of the wheel. Our relationship with Jesus and with one another is inseparable. What a joy it has been to see our love for the Lord and each other grow this summer!

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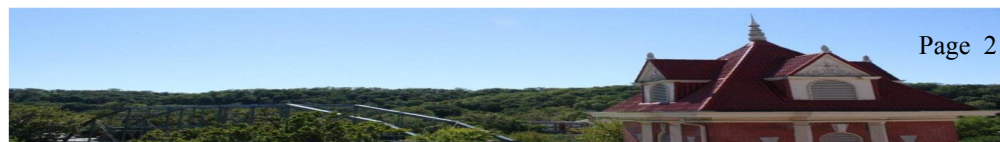
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While our book club may be taking off for the summer, mark your calendar for September! We'll gather to discuss Fredrick Backman's book, *A Man Called Ove*, on Thursday, September 14.





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I am extremely proud of the faithfulness of our Sanctuary Choir. Summer is always a difficult time to maintain attendance due to the large number of vacations planned in an ever shortening season. Without exception our choir has risen to the occasion and has been great at being present on Wednesday evenings to rehearse and on Sunday mornings to lead in worship. They take their ministry position seriously and I am forever grateful! I can't say thanks enough for their faithfulness! Well done!

August brings the beginning of new seasons for our music ministry teams and is the absolute best time to join a music ministry team. The Instrumental Ensemble and Handbells will be resuming rehearsals in August. Watch the bulletin for more information on specific dates. Our children's choirs will resume on Wednesday, August 23rd. I strongly encourage parents to have your children in choir each week. The lessons learned from being in a choir are far more than musical. Plan now to make

Children's Choir a priority at your house!

The Center for the Arts will also be resuming toward the end of August. If you are available on Wednesdays from 2:45-3:45 and are willing to teach beginning piano lessons, please let me know. It is important for me to know how many teachers we will have so that I can let the school know how many students we can allow in the program this Fall. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are willing to commit to teach. If you cannot make a full time commitment but would be willing to substitute at times, I'd love to know that as well.

Through a very generous donation our entire five octave set of handbells has been refurbished this summer. They look brand new and have been reset to factory settings. All new springs have been installed as well as new clapper heads. They have been factory polished inside and out! I'm excited to get back to ringing again this Fall and look forward to premiering the refurbished bells soon!

Please pray about your involvement in the music ministry! We'd love to have you come and join us!

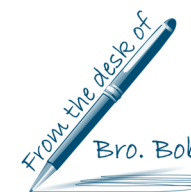


Thank you for your prayers and continued support of the Mission Frankfort Clinic. In the last newsletter, I wrote about the wonderful news from the Baugh Foundation and their commitment of \$40,000 to fund the MFC. We recently received more good news as the Delta Dental Foundation has approved my grant proposal of \$10,000. Also, the Franklin County Fiscal Court raised their funding to \$15,000 (they have given us 10k the last two years). God has provided in a big way and we are excited to continue the excellent level of care for our patients in this new fiscal year. – Psalm 115:1

I appreciate the efforts of those coordinating our drive for the annual TOY STORE for families who come to our Clothes Closet. Each year the Toy Store has been in operation, over 300 children have been given nice toys, stuffed animals and books for Christmas. I believe this is such an important ministry as Christmas is the season in which we celebrate the greatest Gift ever given. The families contributed to catch a glimpse of the true meaning of the season as they are provided for through these gifts of grace. You can still donate a new or gently used toy to help make Christmas a little brighter for children in need.

We are almost at capacity regarding the number of persons we can help through our PAYDAY LOAN MINISTRY. We currently have ten individuals we are assisting. Our committee is excited about the progress of this movement to get people out of the payday loan industry's debt trap. At the end of August, our committee will reconvene to evaluate where we need to go from here. All of you who helped raised the initial \$5,000 need to know that your gifts are doing exactly what we hoped and that money will get 'recycled' as participants pay back the fair loan with Commonwealth Credit Union. Plans are also underway for a group from Scott County to partner with Commonwealth to do the same type of payday loan ministry and they are using us as a model.

- Keith Felton



## Summer 2017

What a great summer we are having at First Baptist. I continue to get good reports from those who helped with Vacation Bible School or have gone on mission trips and camps. I look forward to hearing more stories as members return.

A great amount of planning goes on all year long to prepare for these summer activities. I appreciate every leader and the many volunteers who make all of them successful.

## Blessing of the Students

It is almost time for the sixth annual *Blessing of the Students*. The date is Sunday, August 13. Let me remind you what we'll do on this day in worship.

At the end of the service, our students will be asked to come forward, beginning with college and graduate students, then high school, middle school, elementary and pre-school. They come in this order so the older and taller students will be at the back of the platform, and all the students will be lined up for the picture which will be taken and later hung on the wall outside the fellowship hall.

Teachers and administrators will be asked to stand so we can recognize them for their good work with our students and express our appreciation. At this time, a prayer will be voiced for the students, teachers and administrators, asking God to be with each of them in the coming year.

As you leave the sanctuary that day, you will be given a slip of paper with the name of a student. I want you to put this in your Bible and pray each day of the school year for this student.

As I mentioned earlier, the picture of our students will be on the wall outside the fellowship hall so the kids can see how they have grown through the years and to remind us to pray for our students during the school year.

This is a very meaningful service for the students and all our church. It is a reminder of how important our children are to us at First Baptist, and how much confidence God has in us to nurture and mentor them.

Mark this day, August 13, on your calendar. You don't want to miss it!

## Stewardship

Thank you for the financial support of our ministries. All we do to advance the Kingdom of God is made possible when you faithfully bring your tithes and offerings or give on-line. I deeply appreciate your generosity.

Generosity is at the core of our faith, modeled by God as Creator and Jesus as Redeemer. We give because this reflects the heart and nature of God, and it expresses our gratitude for all God's blessings.

I continue to find it a joy and a privilege to turn in my offering each week in worship. Making this a priority and being a faithful steward draw me closer to God, connect me to my church family and give me peace of mind.

Nothing I could buy with the money I place in the offering plate every Sunday would even come close to meeting my deepest needs for meaning and purpose, guidance and direction, peace and security, courage and confidence, forgiveness and hope for a better life on earth and in heaven. Neither could any purchase I make with my tithe give me the satisfaction I get knowing my gift will make a difference in the lives of people struggling to survive. I hope you feel the same way, too.

Until Sunday,

Bob