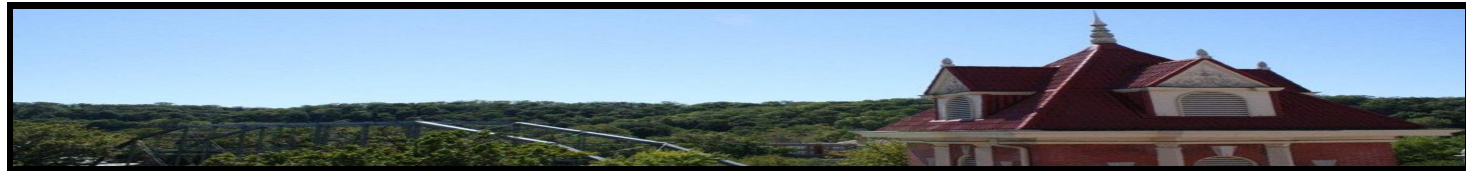
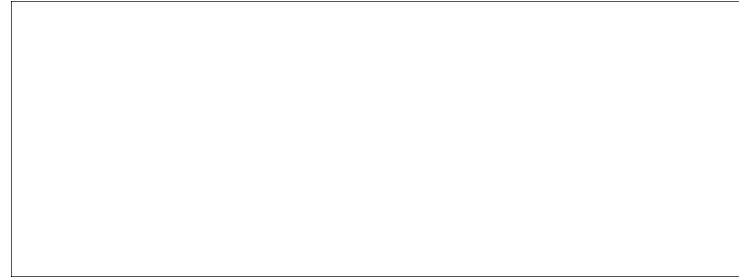


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YOUTH MINISTRY

Dear Church Family,

Amid the many terrible things that have occurred in our world, it is my deep pleasure to be able to report on the wonderful things that have been going on in the Youth ministry. Blessing of the students was a beautiful moment that we got to see and share with the many students that are involved with our church community. It is a great reminder of the value of the student and family ministries we have here.

In other news, I am excited about the return of our regular Wednesday evening and Sunday evening. We have been preparing for weeks with worship practice and planning meetings, as well as working with new small group teachers for the fall

semester. There are many things to be excited about for this semester.

We've had our first Sunday evening at Prince Hall Village. I'd like to thank both Cynthia and Keith for helping make our first event with them a success. We shared a meal, made a craft, heard the bible study and had discussion, and played games. We worked toward building great relationships and I look forward to seeing where this partnership continues to go.

Labor Day weekend the youth and several others will be in Owsley county on mission. We have a construction project for a family in the community on Saturday. Then we will help lead in service at First Baptist Booneville and also serve lunch for the church and community afterwards.

Thank you again to all who support the Youth program both financially and in prayer. We couldn't do this without you.

In Christ,
Clint Walker

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Leslie Crowe

CHURCH PICNIC

Sunday, September 24
Hancock Pavilion at Lakeview Park
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.



Come join in fellowship as we play games and share a meal! Chicken and drinks are provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Invite some friends to come along and join in the fun and games!

2017 Blessing of the Students



Blessing of the Students took place August 13 during our morning worship service. If you were not able to attend, please stop by the church office and draw a student's name from the basket. Our children need your love and prayers as they go through their school year.



SEPTEMBER

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1 Youth in Owsley County, Sept 1 - 3	2
3 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship Service 5:00 pm Youth Activities	4 Labor Day - Office Closed	5	6 5:00 pm Family Night Activities 6:00 pm Clinic & Clothes Closet 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting and Handbells 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir	7 6:30 pm Deacon's Meeting	8 Singing Bridge Academy Grandparents Day!	9
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SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS

NURSERY

Sep 03 Beverly Lovan
Sep 10 Laura Hendrix
Sep 17 Martha Wade
Sep 24 Linda Gaby

DOWNSTAIRS

Sep 03 Helen Tipton
Sep 10 Mark & Mason Little
Sep 17 Herald Bolling
Sep 24 Susan Hopkins

FRONT DOOR

Sep 03 Bob Tipton
Sep 10 Ralph Divine
Sep 17 Jennifer Lewis-Bass
Sep 24 Linda Divine

WORSHIP HOUR

Sep 03 Sarah Glenn Insko
Sep 10 Bob & Helen Tipton
Sep 17 Bill Dawkins
Sep 24 Stephen Bass

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Sep 03 Rick Mason
Sep 10 Tom Midkiff
Sep 17 Cindy Fogg
Sep 24 Ralph Divine

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP HELPERS

INFANTS & TODDLERS

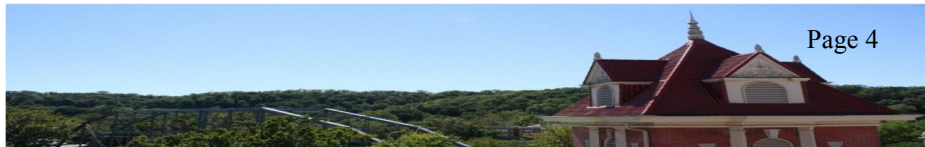
Sep 03 Holly Harrel
Sep 10 Frost Family
Sep 17 Holly Harrel
Sep 24 Hendrix Family

3 YR OLDS - K

Sep 03 Caroline Insko
Sep 10 Emilee McCann
Sep 17 Elaine Shryock-Allen
Sep 24 Laura Stevens

1ST - 3RD GRADE

Sep 03 Megan Little
Sep 10 Julie Roberts
Sep 17 Glenn Thomas
Sep 24 Joretta Crowe



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

As we begin a new school year, lots is going on in our world that can cause anxiety and stress on us and our children. One of the ways we can discuss topics of racism, bullying, kindness and respect is through reading picture books to our children and relating them to Jesus' example and to our values. One very helpful website I recommend in helping you identify such books is **picturebooktheology.com**. Search for a topic or scripture passage of interest and you will find suggestions of books that are available at your public library.

We continue to **search for a new teacher** to join our teaching team for the Marshmallow Heads, 3rd-5th grade Sunday School Class for this school year. Teaching responsibility rotates month to month. If you would be interested in having fun with these children and investing in their spiritual growth, please contact Cynthia Insko.

Wednesday Family Nights: Make your dinner reservations for your family by Sunday for Wednesday nights. Supper is served 5-6pm with a price of \$3 per child and a child's menu option for those who don't like what is offered to the adults. Cost per family is limited to \$20. Children's missions and choirs are meeting on Wednesdays, 5:30-7pm. Childcare is offered 7-8:15pm for children of adult choir members.

Save the date for Godly Play Day! On Saturday, October 21 we will host a 9-2 session for those from FBC and several other churches who want to learn more about Godly Play and how it meets the needs of our children. If you are a current teacher, want to know more about this program, have heard Jenny or Cynthia tell a story and are curious about it, or have a child in Godly Play, you are invited to come and participate. Lunch is included. Sign up by contacting Cynthia.



Global Women will meet
Tuesday, September 19, 6:00
-8:00 pm in Fellowship Hall
for soup and sandwiches.
We'll have Bible study and prayer time as we talk
about Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Missionaries.



Ladies' book club will gather to discuss Fredrick Backman's book, **A Man Called Ove**, on Thursday, September 14, 7:00 pm, at the home of Kara Johnson. All ladies are welcome.



Spiritual Formation:

Spiritual Formation is the process of being conformed in the image of Christ for the sake of others. In other words, as followers of Jesus, we strive to live lives marked by love for God and for others. The Holy Spirit works within us to lead, guide and shape us into all God created us to be. And yet we cannot grow in love without the help of community. God created us to live in relationship with others.

One of the ways we encourage one another along our faith journey is by sharing our stories and listening to others. In small group settings we have the opportunity to affirm God's presence with us each step of the way through life's joys and challenges. I invite you to be a part of one or more of our small groups this Fall.

Tuesdays, 12-2 beginning Sept.19 a group will be meeting in fellowship hall for lunch and discussion of the book **The Life You've Always Wanted** by John Ortberg. Dwight Lovan will be the facilitator of this 8 week session for men and women.

Save the date: On Saturday, Oct. 28 we will offer an **all day retreat** for men and women of all ages to the Sisters of Charity Retreat center in Nazareth, KY near Bardstown. Cost is \$15 for the day and includes lunch at the center and transportation. We will focus on the topic, Breathe: Preparing our Hearts and Minds for the Holiday Season and we will enjoy time exploring the inspiring beauty of the indoor and outdoor facilities.

Our Spiritual Formation Advisory team will meet Sunday, August 27 for lunch and a planning meeting for 2018. If you have not connected with a **Sunday morning adult Bible study group**, please check out our wonderful options at www.fbcfrankfort.org and look at the class descriptions under ministries.



REEL FAITH
September 17
3:00 p.m.



Current events have us thinking about and discussing topics of racism, war, and suffering. How do we deal with such topics in light of our faith in God? Join us to view and discuss **God on Trial**, a movie following a group of Auschwitz inmates. Realizing their extermination is imminent, the prisoners attempt to make sense of their fate by putting God on trial. The questions posed during the inquest are profoundly difficult and deeply complex, and as the hour draws near when they will face death at the hands of their captors, the thoughtful prisoners finally reach a verdict.

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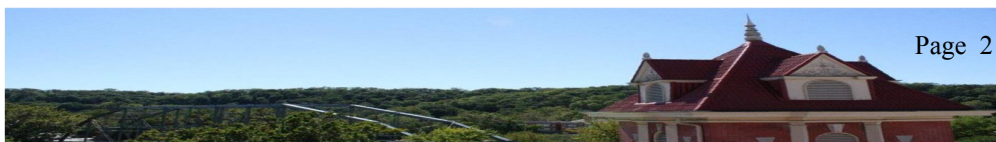
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This summer I had the privilege of leading the college age class in Sunday School for seven weeks. I am extremely impressed with our college students. They are so intelligent and impressive. My outlook for the future, as well as the present, is brightened because of them.

We used a curriculum entitled "A Calling of the Beloved: Entering a Life of Vocation." It was an excellent set of lessons calling us to take the time to search our own passions and desires to find what God was calling us to do. In other words, the writers felt that God instilled in us passions to be lived out in vocation. A quote from Frederick Buechner helps us understand the goal; "The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet."

My prayer is that these fine young men and women will have the courage to not stop looking until they find their calling. I would also pray that regardless of age each of us would have the courage to do the same. I cannot express to you how

grateful I am that you allow me the privilege and joy of living out my "deep gladness" here at F.B.C. I do not take for granted this great gift and recognize how blessed I am.

Perhaps you can find "deep gladness" in participating in a Music Ministry Team. For some of you music is certainly a passion. Are you using your gifts? If not, may I suggest you seek to do so as soon as possible. Whether you play an instrument or sing, there is a place for you to use the talent God has entrusted to you. I'd be thrilled to talk to you about it, or see you come to a rehearsal. Pray about it. I hope to see you soon!

Wednesday Night Supper Team

My heartfelt thanks to the members of the Wednesday Night Supper Team for securing Mike Vaughn to cater our Wednesday evening meals. They have worked extremely hard over the past three months. Please express your appreciation to: Kara Johnson, Laura Columbia, Linda Divine, Dwight Lovan, and Ben McKown. I hope you will join us on Wednesday evenings for a wonderful meal and even better fellowship. Be sure to have your reservation in by Sunday for the following Wednesday.



In an effort to better educate our congregation regarding our support of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, I will occasionally include in our worship bulletin and Wednesday Prayer List a resource about CBF Field Personnel called 'Mission Moments'. When you read these brief articles about these missionaries and ministries we support through the Missions portion of our budget, I encourage you to say a prayer for these servants of Christ as they advance the Gospel in their settings. Here is an example of a 'Mission Moment' and my prayer is that we will become more knowledgeable and connected to these sisters and brothers we support.

- Keith Felton

"Recently we hosted the youth group from a local church partner to work at Welcome House, an apartment setup for arriving refugees awaiting long-term affordable housing. After we shared briefly with the youth we sent them out into the apartment community to meet other youth and children. The youth were all over the place playing and making friends with their international neighbors. It was an amazing scene. The next morning I got an email saying some of the youth had been asking when they would be going back. This is what mission engagement looks like sometimes in North Raleigh."

-Kim and Marc Wyatt
CBF field personnel in the Research Triangle of North Carolina



Blessing of the Students

Our sixth annual *Blessing of the Students* was wonderful. Clint preached an excellent sermon that challenged our students, their parents and all of us. I want to thank Cynthia, Jenny and Clint, along with their many helpers, for coordinating this event and making it a special Sunday for all our children.

The image of our students on the platform at the end of the service is always impressive, and it certainly was again this year. This beautiful picture will be posted outside the fellowship hall beside the five previous pictures. What a treat it is to see how our kids have grown and to see new children in the pictures.

Every year, I have members who come up to me after the service and say, "I had no idea we had this many kids in our church! To see all these children on the platform at one time puts our mission as a church in perspective."

What we are about at First Baptist is crucial for the well-being of our children and the betterment of society. We work alongside the homes, schools, neighborhoods and civic clubs of Frankfort to mold our children into responsible adults who will make this world better for all people.

With so many children and young people at First Baptist, we can see how important it is that all of us do our part to keep our church strong and healthy. These children are depending upon us to be there for them offering words of encouragement and praying for them every day. God has entrusted these children to our care. We must not let God or them down!

In light of this, ask God to show you what you can do to strengthen our church so we can provide what our children need.

Be eager to help our leaders when they ask for volunteers.

Be a wise and faithful steward who tithes each week to support the ministries of our church.

Be a good role model who helps our children understand what it means to be a faithful disciple and follower of Jesus.

Include First Baptist in your will so you can support the programs and ministries future generations will need.

Invite family members, neighbors and friends to be a part of our student ministries. Tell them about our children and youth programs and welcome them warmly when they come.

Pray for our children and their parents every day, especially the student whose name you received as you left the sanctuary Sunday.

I thank God for each child and his or her family. I thank God for church members who make the spiritual welfare of children a priority. God will honor and bless this level of commitment.

Until Sunday,

Bob

