

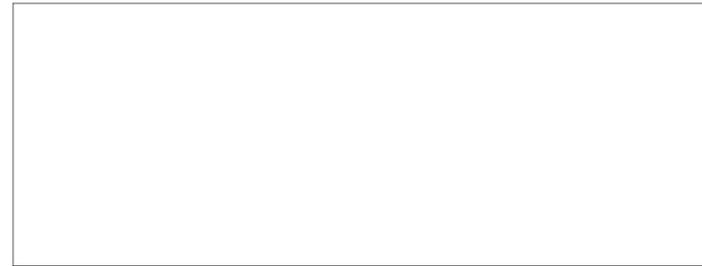
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## YOUTH MINISTRY

Dear Church Family,

Fall is coming! The leaves have started to fall, just like the attention span of our Youth Ministry. Mid-terms are approaching, stresses from school and life are weighing down, and our students and families are feeling the strain. Please include our families in your prayers. There is a glimpse of rest on the horizon. Fall break is the first week of October. There will be no youth activities Wednesday October 4, but we will have Sunday Night activities on October 1 and 8.

We went to Prince Hall again on September

17. It was, as always, a great time. We had great response from the residents at Prince Hall as well as a good representation from FBC. After our lesson time, led by Cynthia, we had a Prince Hall vs. FBC basketball game. Despite our beloved Pastor taking the side of Prince Hall, we were able to pull out a one-shot victory. I'm sure they will be ready for a rematch at our next visit on October 22. I want to extend a special thank you to the other volunteers that went, helping to make this visit one of our best yet.

As always, we appreciate your continued support of both the youth and their families. We couldn't have a Youth Program without the support of such a wonderful church.

In Christ,  
Clint Walker

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### Breathe: Preparing Our Hearts and Minds for the Holidays

All are invited to join us in a day of rest and retreat at the beautiful Sisters of Charity Retreat Center in Nazareth, Kentucky, near Bardstown. We'll spend a day calming our mind, body, and soul in preparation for the busy months to come.

Saturday, October 28

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

\$15 (includes lunch and transportation)

Sign-up on the bulletin board

### Wednesdays in October

Mark your calendar for the following Wednesdays in October. All will take place in Fellowship Hall during our regularly scheduled Prayer Meeting time, 6:15-7:00 pm.

October 11: Clay Mason will address Identity Theft and how to avoid it, detect it, and remedy it.

October 18: Town Hall Meeting to present the proposed 2018 budget

October 25: Business Meeting

### In Memorium

Jean Johnson

Sam McElroy

### Annual Happy Jack Family Halloween Party

Join us Sunday, October 29, 5:00 - 7:00 pm at Happy Jack Pumpkin Farm for our annual Halloween party. Free hotdog supper and trick or treating for all. Adults bring lawn chairs and candy to share with our kids. Please invite friends for this fun evening. Hayrides and pumpkins are available. A huge thanks to Peggy Williams, Karen Sigler and Lara Mason who serve our meal and make it a special tradition each year! Costumes welcome and encouraged!





# October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship Service 5:00 pm Youth Activities	2	3 12:00 pm Book Study	4 <b>Note: No Children's Activities</b> 5:00 pm Family Night Activities 6:00 pm Clinic & Clothes Closet 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting and Handbells 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir	5 6:30 pm Deacon's Meeting	6	7
8 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship Service 12:00 pm Finance Team 5:00 pm Youth Activities	9	10 12:00 pm Book Study 6:00 pm Finance Team	11 5:00 pm Family Night Activities 6:00 pm Clinic & Clothes Closet 6:15 pm Identity Theft discussion and Handbells 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir	12 7:00 pm Ladies Book Club	13	14
15 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship Service 5:00 pm Youth Activities Women's Bible Study	16	17 10:00 am Senior Lunch Departure 12:00 pm Book Study 6:00 pm Global Women	18 <b>Note: No Clinic Tonight</b> 5:00 pm Family Night Activities 6:00 pm Clothes Closet 6:15 pm Town Hall Meeting 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir	19 6:00 pm Finance Team	20	21 8:00 am Clinic 9:00 am Godly Play Training Day
22 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship Service 5:00 pm Youth Activities Women's Bible Study	23 9:30 am Soup Kitchen	24 12:00 pm Book Study	25 5:00 pm Family Night Activities 6:00 pm Clinic & Clothes Closet 6:15 pm Business Meeting 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir	26	27	28 8:00 am Day of Retreat (Sisters of Charity Nazareth, KY)
29 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship Service 5:00 pm Happy Jack Pumpkin Patch	30	31 12:00 pm Book Study				

## SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS

NURSERY	DOWNSTAIRS	FRONT DOOR	WORSHIP HOUR
Oct 01 Beverly Lovan	Oct 01 Laura B. Branham	Oct 01 Jennifer Lewis-Bass	Oct 01 Don Hines
Oct 08 Laura Hendrix	Oct 08 Dan Shouse	Oct 08 Mary Hines	Oct 08 Betty Gardner
Oct 15 Linda Gaby	Oct 15 Linda Divine	Oct 15 Ralph Divine	Oct 15 Jane Mason
Oct 22 Martha Wade	Oct 22 Mark and Mason Little	Oct 22 Tammy Shouse	Oct 22 Stephen Bass
Oct 29 Kara Johnson	Oct 29 Linda Divine	Oct 29 Ralph Divine	Oct 29 Christina Keyes

## DEACON OF THE WEEK

Oct 01	Greg Gaby
Oct 08	Laura Hendrix
Oct 15	Dan Hughes
Oct 22	Ken Mitchell
Oct 29	Janie Forman

## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP HELPERS

INFANTS & TODDLERS	3 YR OLDS - K	1st - 3rd GRADE
Oct 01 _____	Oct 01 Elaine Shryock-Allen	Oct 01 Combined with 3yr - K
Oct 08 Frost Family	Oct 08 Emilee McCann	Oct 08 Combined with 3yr - K
Oct 15 Keyes Family	Oct 15 E. Allen, V. Mitchell	Oct 15 Sarah Whitworth
Oct 22 Hendrix Family	Oct 22 SG Insko, J Rhorer	Oct 22 Glenn Thomas
Oct 29 Hope Mitchell	Oct 29 Elaine Shryock-Allen	Oct 29 Joretta Crowe

You may notice a change in the way this page looks. We are including our children and family ministry news under the umbrella of spiritual formation. Why? Because we are all, even from a very young age, learning to love God with our heart, soul, mind and strength and our neighbor as ourselves. We are created in God's image for relationship with God and with others. I hope you'll look below at all the ways we are growing spiritually at FBC and all the ways you can help others grow spiritually.



The programs and ministries of FBC are to help us all, no matter what our age, to pay attention to the work of God in our lives. We often rush through life and forget to notice ways in which the Spirit is nudging us to love God and others more. A journey with Jesus is always a journey of becoming more like him.

I was baptized as an 8 year old in October. Each October I like to ask myself, "Do I love God and others more than I did this time last year?" Then I ask for help from God and from trusted friends to help me grow. I pray that each year my life would be marked more and more by the love of Jesus because to me this is the goal of discipleship. I pray for you, my FBC church family that you will find joy in the journey as you see Jesus more clearly, love him more dearly and follow him more nearly, day by day.

-Cynthia Insko

### WANTED: YOU! (YES, YOU!)

The children's ministry is in need of an additional Sunday School teacher for 3rd - 5th grade and for toddlers and twos. Lesson plans are provided and with enough volunteers, we can rotate to provide flexibility.

These volunteer positions can be filled by a man or a woman. We've always been proud to have both men and women teaching our children's classes. If you are interested or want to come and visit one Sunday and see what it is all about, contact Cynthia Insko.

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

#### Present Over Perfect: Embrace a Simpler and More Soulful Way to Live

All women are invited to join a 5 week session beginning Sunday, October 15, 5:00-6:30 p.m. at the church. Cynthia Insko will lead group members through Shauna Neiquest's video teachings and encourage participants during discussions.

Sign up by contacting Cynthia or signing up on the bulletin board. Study guides are \$10 and will be distributed at the first meeting.

### GLOBAL WOMEN

All women are invited to attend our next Global Women meeting Tuesday, Oct 17, 6:00-8:00 pm. We will continue our CBF global missions study: Cultivating Beloved Community. Let Cynthia Insko know if you'd like to contribute to the meal.

### LADIES' BOOK CLUB

We invite all ladies to join us in reading Jamie Ford's *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*. We will meet Thursday, October 12, 7:00 pm to discuss. Place to be determined. If you have any questions, please see Cynthia.

### GODLY PLAY DAY

If you are a parent, grandparent, current volunteer, or anyone just curious about Godly Play, please join us and guest trainer Lois Howard in exploring spirituality of children and how Godly Play stories are told.

Saturday, October 21  
9:00 am - 2:00 pm  
\$10 cost includes lunch  
Sign up on bulletin board

### ALL SAINTS DAY PREPARATION

Our 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders will spend time each Wednesday night of October preparing banners for our All Saints Sunday service, November 5. This is a special time in which we learn more about those in our church family who have gone before us and set an example in following Jesus. We look forward to sharing these banners with the church family soon. Please make sure to attend our morning worship November 5 as we remember these special souls who have meant so much to our church.

### SENIOR ADULT LUNCH TRIP

We hope all senior adults will travel to Hidden Waters Restaurant at Blue Licks Battlefield State Park in Carlisle, Kentucky, with us on Tuesday, October 17. We will depart from Crestwood Baptist Church at 10:30 am and return by approximately 3:00 pm. A buffet lunch will be available for \$6.99. Please sign up on the bulletin board by Sunday, October 15.



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A few years ago our church began recognizing All Saints Day. Our Children's Ministry has made banners

with the names of those of our congregation who have gone home to be with the Lord during the past year along with symbols of their lives and have processed them during the prelude. The families are then invited to take the banners home after the service as a reminder of their loved one.

This year in addition to the banners, the Sanctuary Choir will be presenting John Rutter's "Requiem" during the worship service. This composition is comprised of texts from the Psalms as well as prayers. Part of the work is in Latin, and translations will be available in the bulletin. The work will be accompanied by organ, cello, oboe, flute, harp, timpani, and glockenspiel.

All Saints Day is a time for us to re-

member the saints who have gone before us and each of us has those individuals who have profoundly impacted our lives who have now gone home to be with the Lord. My prayer is that this service on November 5 will be a time of prayer and praise as well as a time of remembering those precious lives and their influences in our lives. May it also spur each of us to live our lives more fully so that we may impact those whom we come into contact with each day.

I encourage you to invite others to join you for this beautiful service. The service will conclude with us sharing the Lord's Supper together, remembering the ultimate sacrifice. I sure hope to see you then.

The Sanctuary Choir has spent a great deal of time preparing for "Requiem," but soon our attention will shift to Christmas music. If you have been thinking about joining the choir, this is a great time to do so. We'd love to have you. Come this Wednesday and give it a try. Rehearsal is from 7:00 - 8:15!

**John Rutter's**  
**REQUIEM**  
 Presented by  
**Sanctuary Choir**



**Mission Frankfort Clinic** is part of the Kroger Community Awards Program. Every quarter we receive a check from Kroger because folks simply signed up. This doesn't affect your discounts or cost you anything. Our supporters (21 households) who shopped at Kroger between June and August of this year have contributed to our \$269.75 total donation. Go to <https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow#!> Tell your family, friends, and neighbors to sign up their Kroger Plus card to help those in need in our community.

The **Missions Advisory Team** met Aug 30 and discussed an opportunity for First Baptist to give towards the Disaster Response efforts of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. The team approved a **\$1,000** gift to the Disaster Response office of the CBF from the Benevolence line item in the FBC Missions budget. The Benevolence line item is normally used for local needs, but the team considered the historically devastating effects of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma and decided this would be an appropriate exception. The Fellowship seeks to be a long-term presence, helping communities recover and rebuild. Thank you for all of your gifts to FBC!

Regina Wink Swinford is the Food Drive Coordinator for our local food pantry. Here is a note from her about the Fall Food Drive... **"The Fall Ecumenical Food Drive will be held on Sunday, November 12 - Thank you for all you have done in the past. Traditionally the Ecumenical Food Drives provide us with enough food alone to assist local families in need for 1-2 months. The monies raised then help us to purchase food in other months. We couldn't put food on the tables of our hungry neighbors without you."** Be on the lookout for a cart by the Fellowship Hall during the last of October and the first week of November where you can donate to this important cause for those in need in our community.

- Keith



### Fall Programs and Ministries

I am grateful for the good work our staff has done planning our fall and holiday ministries and programs. The schedule is full of opportunities to worship, learn, fellowship and serve.

Take note of dates and times published in this newsletter and posted on-line. Call the office if you need more information.

### Janice Jackson Retiring

Janice recently submitted her letter of resignation effective the end of the year. She has served us well for ten years as our Office Manager, and we are grateful for her faithful and productive years of service. Let me share the first paragraph of her gracious letter.

"The time has come for me to retire as Office Manager at First Baptist Church. This church has been a wonderful place to work, and I will miss everyone. First Baptist is truly a mission church, and I have been blessed to have been associated with those who help others in many ways."

Well done, Janice! I have enjoyed working alongside you and will miss you in the office.

### Sermon Excerpt

In a recent sermon from Exodus 1:8-2:10, I focused upon the contrast between decisions Pharaoh and the women in this story made. Pharaoh declared all male Hebrew babies should be thrown into the Nile. Moses' mother, the midwives and even Pharaoh's daughter refused to carry out his order.

Here is the way I summed up that sermon:

"Good and evil have always existed side by side in this world, and they always will. Every generation lives in "the best of times and the worst of times," as Charles Dickens reminded us in his historic novel, A Tale of Two Cities.

It is up to us to decide which side we'll be on every day. Will we pursue justice or promote evil? Will we heal wounds or cause them?

Will we build up or tear down? Will we be honest and trustworthy or deceptive and conniving?

Will we be generous or greedy? Will we be kind or rude? Will we be compassionate or indifferent?

Will we be humble or arrogant? Will we be inclusive or exclusive? Will we forgive or seek revenge?

Will we promote peace or create chaos? Will we love or hate?

Will we be like Moses' mother, those brave midwives and that courageous daughter, or will we be more like Pharaoh, the kind of corrupt, greedy, power-hungry, paranoid leader who made despicable decisions that forced good people like these two midwives to lie?

I wish we could make a one-time decision to be like these heroic women and settle this issue once and for all. It doesn't work that way, however. Every day, we'll face the temptation to be more like Pharaoh than the women in this story.

When you come face to face with this choice this week, look the person in the eye who needs you to be at your best. When you put a name, a face and a story with your decision, it will change your perspective.

Just ask Moses' mother, the midwives and Pharaoh's daughter."

Until Sunday,

Bob

