

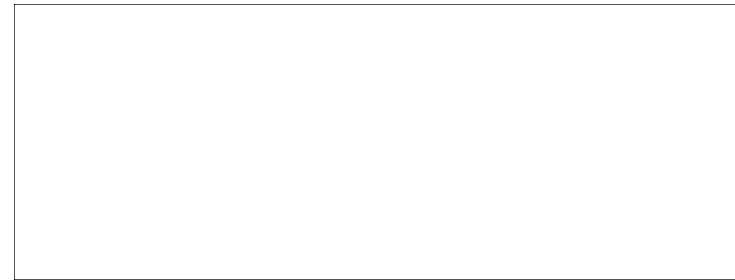
## THE BRIDGE

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## MISSIONS

We learned at the beginning of January that a mission group from our area and other parts of Kentucky going on a Dental Mission Trip to Honduras had to cancel their trip at the last minute. Mary Ann Burch, who heads up this annual mission trip, called me and asked if that group could serve the patients at the **Mission Frankfort Clinic** for a couple of days since their trip was cancelled and they had the time already blocked off. It was a 'no-brainer' for **Dana Nickles** (Mission Frankfort Clinic Administrator) and me to extend the invitation especially since we have been perpetually backed up trying to see all the dental patients on our waiting list. Dana began scheduling patients and we had over 60 patients scheduled for Jan. 22 and 23! This is by far the largest two day event our clinic has ever hosted and we are grateful for this answer to prayer in attempts to take care of all those on our waiting list. What a great blessing it is to have all of the dedicated dental volunteers who were heading to Honduras to serve those in need in our community. I'm sure they were probably and understandably disappointed about not getting to serve in Honduras, but with the needs in Frankfort and the existence of the Mission Frankfort Clinic, they were still able to do missions right here.

For 2017, the **Mission Frankfort Clinic** had 732 medical patient visits and 128 dental patient visits. Dana Nickles is entering her second year as our Clinic Administrator and doing an excellent job. We have added a few medical and dental volunteers. We have three outstanding interns – two from Georgetown College and one from Transylvania University. Every time I go up to the clinic, I think of Matthew 25 and Jesus saying, *“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”* Thank you for your continued prayers and support of the MFC.

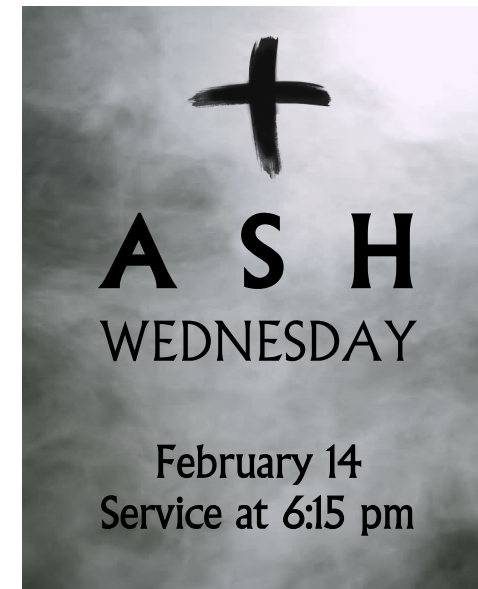
During our Sunday morning worship service on Feb 11, we will hear from **Vicky Mitchell** who will give us a report on our **Payday Loan Ministry** which is coming up on our one year anniversary. The sneak peak is the ministry has been very successful and life changing for those we've helped. Thank you for supporting this ministry as we do our best to help individuals get out of the predatory payday lending industry.

~Keith



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## WHY I LOVE FBC

We are excited to announce our February 2018 outreach project, “WHY I LOVE FBC.” During this month so famously associated with love and Valentine’s Day, we want YOU to share with the world what you love about First Baptist Church. Whether you are a social media wizard or you refuse to touch the internet, YOU can take part in this project and help spread the word of the magnificent things at FBC.

### FOR THOSE ON SOCIAL MEDIA:

Each day during February, please share (on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.) one thing you love about First Baptist. This could simply be one sentence such as, “I love that FBC houses the Mission Frankfort Clinic which provides health care to people without insurance.” If you have time, though, we encourage you to expand your statement with further explanation. At the close of your statement, add the following hashtags to unify our project from day to day and person to person:

#whyilovefbc  
#firstbaptistchurchfrankfort  
#fbc263  
#fbcathesingingbridge

### FOR THOSE NOT ON SOCIAL MEDIA:

For the 28 days of February, please reach out to one friend each day. You might call, text, email, or write them a letter. Tell them something you love about First Baptist and invite them to attend a church event with you. What would your friend enjoy doing with you? Would they attend Sunday morning Bible study and worship? Maybe they'd like to join you for one of our Wednesday evening meals and stay for prayer meeting and the pastor's Bible study.

LET'S ALL SHARE WITH THE WORLD:  
WHY I LOVE FBC!

# FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Don't forget to share EACH DAY of February WHY YOU LOVE FBC!				1 6:30 pm Deacons Meeting	2	3
4 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship Service 4:00 pm Financial Peace; Book Study 6:00 pm Souper Bowl	5	6 12:00 pm Book Study	7 5:00 pm Family Night Activities 6:00 pm Clinic; Clothes Closet 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting and Handbells 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir	8	9	10
11 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship Service 4:00 pm Financial Peace; Book Study	12 6:00 pm Global Women	13 12:00 pm Book Study	14 5:00 pm Family Night Activities 6:00 pm Clinic; Clothes Closet 6:15 pm Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir	15	16	17
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## SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS

NURSERY	DOWNSTAIRS	FRONT DOOR	WORSHIP HOUR
Feb 04 Beverly Lovan	Feb 04 Dan Shouse	Feb 04 Mary Hines	Feb 04 Betty Gardner
Feb 11 Laura Hendrix	Feb 11 Linda Divine	Feb 11 Ralph Divine	Feb 11 Jane Mason
Feb 18 Pam Manning	Feb 18 Mark and Mason Little	Feb 18 Tammy Shouse	Feb 18 Stephen Bass
Feb 25 Linda Gaby	Feb 25 Linda Divine	Feb 25 Ralph Divine	Feb 25 Christina Keyes

## DEACON OF THE WEEK

Feb 04 Angie Scott  
Feb 11 Dwight Lovan  
Feb 18 Don Hines  
Feb 25 Erica Galyon

## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP HELPERS

INFANTS & TODDLERS	3 YR OLDS - K	1ST- 3RD GRADE
Feb 04 Mayes Family	Feb 04 E. Shryock-Allen, J. Rhorer	Feb 04 C. Insko, S.G. Insko
Feb 11 Frost Family	Feb 11 J. Luscher, S. Whitworth	Feb 11 C. Insko, J. Roberts
Feb 18 Hope Mitchell	Feb 18 J. Luscher, E. McCann	Feb 18 J. Crowe, G. Thomas
Feb 25 Holly Harrel	Feb 25 J. Luscher, E. Shryock-Allen	Feb 25 C. Insko, V. Mitchell

**FBC263 has begun!** Thanks to all who are participating in our Sunday morning series on "A Call to Discipleship" and to all who are involved in small group opportunities over the next 8 weeks. Certainly Lent, the time observed by Christians to prepare us for the wonderful celebration of Easter, is an appropriate time to ask ourselves what it means to follow Jesus' call to be his disciple.



We are also following this theme with our children's programming. We began by telling the story of Jesus' baptism and discussing how and why our church baptizes people. When asked what it must be like to be baptized one child replied, "It feels like becoming a disciple!". Yes it does! All baptized believers in Christ are called to a life journey of following Jesus. How are you making time during Lent to see Jesus more clearly, love him more dearly and follow him more nearly as his disciple? I hope that you will take advantage of opportunities to learn, serve and worship together and privately in this holy season of preparation and study.

~ Cynthia

### FBC263 REEL FAITH AND SPIRITUALITY: ST. VINCENT

Join us Sunday, February 25, 3:00-5:30 pm, as we watch and discuss themes of faith and redemption in the movie *St. Vincent* starring Bill Murray. Maggie, a single mother, moves into a new home in Brooklyn with her 12-year old son, Oliver. Forced to work long hours, she has no choice but to leave Oliver in the care of their new neighbor, Vincent, a retired curmudgeon with a penchant for alcohol and gambling. An odd friendship soon blossoms between the improbable pair. Vincent helps Oliver grow to become a man, while Oliver begins to see in Vincent something that no one else is able to: a misunderstood man with a good

### FBC263 LENTON DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS

Lenten Devotional Booklets will be available beginning Sunday, February 11. Follow along with these daily devotionals from Ash Wednesday, February 14, through Easter, April 1. These are designed to take you deeper into the passages highlighted on Sunday morning in our FBC263 series: A Call to Discipleship. This free resource may be used by individuals or families as a tool for studying the life of Jesus as we prepare for Easter.

### FBC263 T-SHIRTS

Thanks to all who ordered their FBC263 t-shirts! They will be delivered to the church by Feb.5 and made available for you to pick up at that time. Be on the lookout for notices posted in the bulletin and on facebook when they arrive. We will make them available on Wed nights and Sunday morning or in the church office throughout the week. These are for prepaid orders.

### FBC263 SCHOOL FOR DISCIPLESHIP

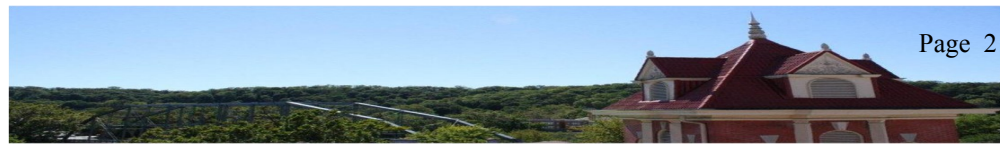
Adults and teens are invited to the first of three **School for Discipleship** days in 2018! On Saturday, February 24, 9:00 - 2:00, Dr. Sheila Klopfer, religion professor from Georgetown College, will lead us in a study of what Jesus meant when he said, "Take up your cross and follow me." (Matt.16). Dr. Klopfer shares, "It's a discussion that can help us better understand [Christ's] life and ministry and, as such, better understand our own place in God's reconciling work in creation. I'm not talking about merely the historical event of the cross, but it's ultimate significance. Jesus didn't die of pneumonia. He wasn't killed by King Herod as an infant. He lived a life that led to a particular death, and called his followers to discover the power of the cross." Don't miss this opportunity to learn from her and one another! The study will include several sessions and breaks, time for questions and discussion, snacks and lunch. Please RSVP by emailing [Cynthia.insko@gmail.com](mailto:Cynthia.insko@gmail.com) by Wednesday, February 21. There is no cost for the event, but donations will be accepted to help cover the cost of lunch.

### PASSPORT KIDS' CAMP JUNE 26 - 29

Passport Kids' Camp is coming back to Maryville, TN, June 26-29. This wonderful experience is available to our current 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders. The total cost is \$288. \$144 is due as a deposit by March 1. The balance of \$144 is due May 1. Scholarships are available upon request. If you would like to see more about camp, go to [passportcamps.org](http://passportcamps.org).

### Global Women GLOBAL WOMEN

The next Global Women meeting will be Monday, February 12, 6:00 - 7:30 pm. All women are welcome to join us as we discuss ideas and plans for a mission fair this spring that will highlight mission endeavors of FBC.



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The Sanctuary Choir has begun work on the Easter portion of the "Messiah" and we would welcome you to join us. We will be presenting this great work on Sunday morning, March 25. We are using the first 30 minutes of our regular rehearsal time on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. so guests can join us and leave once that portion of the rehearsal is over. Please come and join us in singing the "Messiah!"

On a frigid Sunday night in January our Sanctuary Choir sang at the community service honoring the late Martin Luther King, Jr. at the Grand Theatre. Thirty two choir members gave selflessly of their time and talents to help lead the worship service. I am so grateful for their contribution and for the way they represented our Lord and First Baptist Church at the Singing Bridge.



In case of inclement weather please check the following for announcements concerning First Baptist Church:

Our Facebook Page  
 Our Website  
 WLEX-18 in Lexington  
 FROGGY 104.9



Hey FBC, Hope you are staying warm on the cold days and cool on the hot days this winter. It's been a crazy one so far! Our students have missed a lot of school and even a little church due to the bad weather. Even so, we continue to plug along. We are back into the full swing of things from the holidays and ready to dive into 2018. The youth are also following the Discipleship theme "FBC 263" on Wednesday nights as well as a study in prayer on Sunday nights.

I have said it before and will continue to say it, I am extremely grateful for all the volunteer help that we receive. However, I still have quite a few volunteer needs for this semester. Because my Youth families can sometimes get overwhelmed I'll make a wider plea for help. I need a myriad of volunteers ranging from someone to provide a small meal on Sunday nights, to anyone that may potentially want to teach a small group. If you are willing to sacrifice a little of your time, I can find a spot for you to plug into our Youth program. Let me know if you are interested.

Of course, the biggest news for February is the coming Ash Wednesday service on Feb. 14. The service of Ash will be from 6:15-7:00 in the sanctuary, led by our students. We hope that everyone will make the time to attend. It is a unique worship experience that sets the stage for Lent. Our students work very hard in preparation for this service and look forward to the opportunity to worship with you all.

In Christ,  
 Clint Walker



**FBC263**

The call to follow Jesus is a call to...  
 We feed Jesus' sheep when we...

These are the two statements we are working on this year and will address in sermons and small group studies. They are part of our theme for 2018—**FBC263: A Call to Discipleship.**

263 is the number of times the word disciple or discipleship is repeated in the New Testament. This is in contrast to the word Christian, which is mentioned only three times and Christianity, which is never written.

This year our goal is to discover why the word 'disciple' was chosen so often by biblical writers to describe those who followed Jesus. What message were they sending their readers about what it means to follow Jesus and feed his sheep?

Make a point to be in worship on Sundays and to sign up for small group studies that will be offered throughout the year. If you do, I am confident you will develop a clearer understanding of who a disciple is and what followers of Jesus are supposed to do.

**End of the Year Financial Report**

The final figures are in for 2017, and I want to thank you for your generosity. Your attentiveness to our finances and faithful giving each week humble and please me.

The 2017 Budget was \$887,056. Given through tithes, offerings, income from trusts, estates and fees totaled \$958,823.

I am overwhelmed by your generosity. Your faithfulness makes it possible for us to meet the needs of those who are struggling to survive and to strengthen the faith of those who look to our church for spiritual education and guidance.

I am also grateful for the members of our church who remembered our church in their wills. We received gifts near the end of the year from the estates of two of our former members. Their confidence in us and desire to support God's work after they were called home mean more than words can adequately express.

There is a verse in Hebrews that speaks to me about estate giving. "By faith Abel was commended as a righteous man when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith he still speaks, even though he is dead." (Hebrews 11:4)

Through estate planning and giving, our voices can still be heard, and our support of the ministries of our church can continue. The same transformative ministries we invested our time, talents and resources in while we lived can thrive after we are gone if we remember the church in our wills.

I encourage you to revisit your will to see if you have remembered the church in the distribution of your possessions and resources. In my opinion, this is an important part of being a faithful steward.

Jackie and I have done this and periodically review and update it. Both of us want the vital and life-changing ministries of First Baptist Church and other organizations to continue after the Lord calls us home.

How grateful we are to be a part of a church that takes discipleship and stewardship seriously. This is the kind of fertile soil in which faith grows.

Until Sunday,

Bob

