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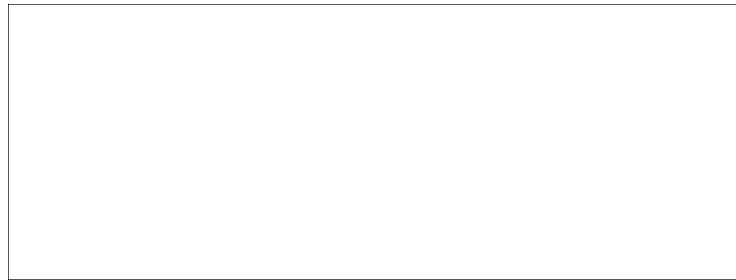


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HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

FBC looks forward to seeing you Easter Sunday,
April 1: Bible study at 9:45 and worship at 10:50.



I hope you will come and invite a friend to our **FBC MISSIONS DAY** on **April 22** which will feature the **Executive Director of the national Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, SUZII PAYNTER**. We will also enjoy a **MISSIONS FAIR** in the Fellowship Hall highlighting several of our mission endeavors. This would be a great opportunity to be able to show your neighbors and friends who might be looking for a church home what we are about in various areas of helping those in need.

The numbers are staggering as I've been looking back on the past year of FBC missions. Over **4,300** people served in our **Clothes Closet** – Over **500** children served through the **Christmas Toy Store** – Close to **800** patients in the **Mission Frankfort Clinic** – Over **\$100,000** raised through grants and contributions for operating the Mission Frankfort Clinic - **28** mission groups went to serve Owsley County through the **Emma Quire Mission Center** helping many, many families – **16** individuals were unchained from the payday loan industry through our Payday Ministry – **Soup Kitchen** ministry averaged **80 to 100** every fourth Monday as they bought, prepared and served lunch at the

Access Shelter. I dare you to find a church our size doing this amount of missional work in its community and state. Many folks are worried about how many are in the pews on Sunday mornings. I'm more worried about how those people in the pews are serving outside of Sunday mornings. Where are you plugged in to the mission work our Lord has called us to? I will be glad to help you find a place.

During March we had two important groups visit FBC to learn about our mission work. Dr. Roger Ward, a Professor at Georgetown College, brought his Vocational Seminar class to tour the Mission Frankfort Clinic, Clothes Closet and Toy Store and hear about our Payday Loan Ministry. In addition, Erica Whitaker, the Pastor of Beuchel Park Baptist Church in Louisville, brought her Missions Committee to learn about the Payday Loan Ministry of FBC. They also toured the clinic, Clothes Closet and Toy Store. This is a fulfillment of one of my goals for FBC Missions which is to be such a missions-centric place and people that others want to come learn about our ministries to hopefully replicate them in their communities. ~Keith

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David Wade
February 21, 2018

New Member by Baptism

Braydon Galyon
February 25, 2018

FBC MISSIONS DAY

Sunday, April 22

9:00 am Missions Fair in Fellowship Hall
9:45 am Bible Study
10:50 am Worship Service with guest speaker Suzii Paynter,
Executive Coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship
Noon Missions Fair continues in Fellowship Hall

The Mission Fair will have booths featuring
Mission Frankfort Clinic Global Women
Clothes Closet and Toy Store Center for the Arts
Emma Quire Mission Center Payday Lending Ministry
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Global Soup Kitchen
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Kentucky

Booths will not only have information regarding the mission but will also share specific prayer requests and information for those interested in volunteering.

This is a tremendous opportunity for you to learn more about just a few of the missions we support. Missions Day is also the perfect occasion to invite our community to FBC (pick up invitations at the church entrances). We can utilize the day to share with our friends and neighbors about being a missions minded church while worshipping side by side.



Celebrate Ms. Timmy Campbell

for her decades of dedication to the children of the Singing Bridge Academy



We hope you will drop in Sunday, May 6, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. as we express our thanks to Ms. Timmy for her years of dedication and love to the students of the Singing Bridge Academy. Bring cards or letters with you! If you would like to submit photos for our slide show, please email as a jpeg to Cynthia.insko@gmail.com.



APRIL



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 EASTER 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship Service	2	3	4 6:00 pm Clinic; Clothes Closet 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting	5	6	7
8 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship Service 12:00 pm Finance Team Meeting	9	10	11 5:00 pm Family Night Activities 6:00 pm Clothes Closet 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting and Handbells 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir	12 6:30 pm Deacons Meeting	13	14 8:00 am Clinic Youth in Owsley Co.
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22 MISSIONS DAY 9:00 am Missions Fair 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship Service 12:00 pm Missions Fair 4:00 pm Book Study	23 9:30 am Soup Kitchen	24 NOON Book Study	25 5:00 pm Family Night Activities 6:00 pm Clinic; Clothes Closet 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting and Handbells 7:00 pm Sanctuary Choir	26	27	28 9:00 am School for Disciple-ship
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SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS

NURSERY

Apr 01 Beverly Lovan
Apr 08 Laura Hendrix
Apr 15 Martha Wade
Apr 22 Linda Gaby
Apr 29 Pam Manning

DOWNSTAIRS

Apr 01 Dan Shouse
Apr 08 Bob Tipton
Apr 15 Laura Branham
Apr 22 Jennifer Lewis-Bass
Apr 29 Helen Tipton

FRONT DOOR

Apr 01 Tammy Shouse
Apr 08 Helen Tipton
Apr 15 Mary Hines
Apr 22 Larry Hadley
Apr 29 Bob Tipton

WORSHIP HOUR

Apr 01 Connie Crowe
Apr 08 Don Hines
Apr 15 Christina Keyes
Apr 22 Stephen Bass
Apr 29 Lee Insko

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Apr 01 Dan Shouse
Apr 08 Ken Mitchell
Apr 15 Vicky Mitchell
Apr 22 Dan Hughes
Apr 29 Greg Gaby

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP HELPERS

INFANTS & TODDLERS

Apr 01 Mayes Family
Apr 08 Frost Family
Apr 15 Hope Mitchell
Apr 22 Holly Harrel
Apr 29 Marka and Erica

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Apr 01 Elaine Shryock-Allen
Apr 08 Sarah Whitworth
Apr 15 Elaine Shryock-Allen
Apr 22 Sarah Glenn Insko
Apr 29 Jenny Luscher

1ST- 3RD GRADE

Apr 01 Sarah Glenn Insko
Apr 08 Joretta Crowe
Apr 15 Julie Roberts
Apr 22 Vicky Mitchell
Apr 29 Cynthia Insko



Is FBC263 over? No! This is a year long theme for 2018. Dr. Browning has finished the first sermon series and will present a new series for us in the Fall. In the meantime, we continue to offer small groups and other programming to nurture our growth as disciples of Jesus as we seek to follow him in life and in love.

Easter Season begins on Sunday, April 1, as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord! In our Godly Play worship with children we talk about how Easter is white, the color of pure joy and celebration. We will enjoy the Easter lilies and white table covering in the sanctuary as a reminder. However, Easter is such a marvelous time that it can't be contained in only one Sunday. Instead, it overflows into 6 Sundays all the way to the day of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit and birthday of the Church (May 20 this year).

During Godly Play for the remainder of April and into May we will hear stories of the resurrection appearances of Jesus and the struggle of the disciples to know Jesus in this new and different way. What did the disciples think when Jesus left them to ascend to Heaven? How were they going to continue the work Jesus gave them? How did Jesus feel entrusting them with this work to spread the Gospel? These are all questions we can consider together on our journey of discipleship.

It's my prayer that this Easter season would awaken in each of us a new appreciation for the way Jesus has entrusted us, his disciples, to spread his love throughout the world. I hope it will nudge us to step out in faith in new ways, trusting the equipping power of the Spirit to remind us of Jesus' life and teachings and to give us courage to follow him and minister to others.

~ Cynthia

FBC263
A CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

THREE WEEK BOOK STUDY

What does it mean to be on this journey of discipleship in community? How did God design us to be followers of Jesus together? Join us for a three week study in April of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's little book called *Life Together*. In this work, the author seeks to describe the nature of Christian community through five concepts: Community, The Day with Others, The Day Alone, Ministry, and Confession and Communion.

Erica Galyon will facilitate one group meeting Sundays, 4:00 - 5:30 pm, April 15, 22, and 29. Dwight Lovan will facilitate the second group meeting Tuesdays, 12:00 - 1:30 pm, April 17, 25, and May 1. Sign up by contacting Cynthia.insko@gmail.com or on the bulletin board. Books, \$10 each, will be available beginning Sunday, April 1, to pick up in the church office.

FBC263
A CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

SCHOOL FOR DISCIPLESHIP: APRIL 28, 9:00 - NOON

Part of the call to follow Jesus is the call to love God and others as we love ourselves. What does this mean for us today? What can we learn about ourselves that will help us to better love others? What are some areas of growth that God is cultivating in my life and relationships? Using the popular personality profile known as the enneagram, Cynthia Insko will guide us in teaching and discussion designed to help us identify the gifts God has given each of us and how together we reflect the image of God and the light of Christ. This day will enrich your relationship with spouse, family, friends, and church family and will encourage you to become the best and most loving you that God created you to be. Sign up by Wednesday, April 25 on the bulletin board or by emailing Cynthia.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018: THE GREAT FAMILY GETAWAY

What an exciting year to participate in FBC's VBS! Our overnight trip for preschool - 5th grade and their families to Kavanaugh Retreat Center (near Louisville) is scheduled for July 27 and 28. Registration is now open! Please visit our website, fbefrankfort.org and click on the scrolling VBS slide for more information and to claim your spot for this year's adventure!

COLLEGE STUDENTS AND YOUNG SINGLES

It was wonderful having you home for Spring Break! Your church family is praying for you as you finish your semester. Richard Summers will be offering a special Bible study for you on Sunday mornings at 9:45, May 13 - June 3. Please join in once you return for the summer. After June 3 you are invited to join our combined adult class in fellowship hall for our summer Animate Faith series, *Animate Practices*.

SPRING BREAK SCHEDULE

On Wednesday, April 4, we will have Clinic and Clothes Closet at 6:00 and Prayer Meeting at 6:15. Dinner and all children and youth activities are cancelled that evening. In addition, there will be no evening youth activities on April 1 or 8.

Thank You
What a blessing to be a member of First Baptist Church at the Singing Bridge! Mollie, Ashley, and I have been so uplifted by your prayers and support during our loss of David. Many thanks and please continue your prayers as we adjust to our "New Normal"!
With love,
Martha, Mollie, and Ashley Wade

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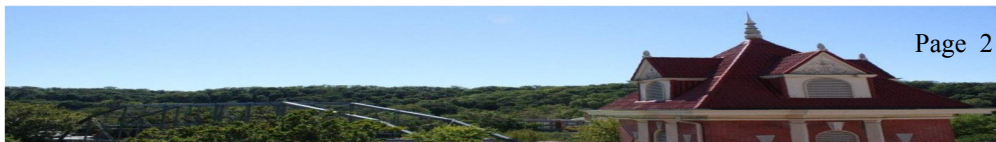
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Organist

Lois Summers
Pianist

Timmy Campbell
Preschool Director

Anthony Hager
Building Superintendent

Michael Quincy
Assistant Custodian



This Sunday, March 25, the Sanctuary Choir and guest orchestra will present Handel's "Messiah" in our morning worship service. I hope you will invite your family and friends to join you.

On Thursday, March 29, at 7:00 p.m. we will have a Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae Service in our sanctuary. We will share in the Lord's Supper and hear the scripture read of Jesus' last hours. This service of darkness ends with the Christ candle being recessed out of the sanctuary signifying Christ's death on the cross.

On Easter Sunday, April 1, the Christ candle will be processed in as the darkness of our sin and the cross gives way to the light of Christ's resurrection from the dead! I hope you will make a special effort to be at all three of these services!

This past Sunday our three children's choirs sang for worship. I am so proud of each of them and so grateful for parents and grandparents that bring them to

choir on Wednesday evenings. They sang beautifully. I had a different vantage point while the younger two choirs sang than most of you. I was behind them and could see the congregation's reaction and it was a beautiful sight. The smiles, nods of approval, and singing along of texts made me very joyous. It was a snapshot or what the kingdom of God is like as you loved those children through your expressions and encouragement. We are blessed to have those children, but they are also greatly blessed to have you supporting them. I can only imagine that God looks on us trying to do our best and smiling and encouraging. I love how you love our children!

A special word of thanks to all those who work with our children weekly in choir, and in all areas of the children's ministry. Your influence in the lives of these children cannot be over-stated. I'm sure there are days when it is difficult, but your labors are certainly not in vain. Thank you, and may God use the seeds you plant and tend grow to be strong disciples of our Lord!



Dear Church,

Spring is here, and with it all the excitement and hustle of spring activities. Still, amid the chaos of our busy lives, the student ministry rolls on. We have been grateful for Rich Crowe leading several small group meetings on Sunday evenings. He has led our students through in-depth looks at the life and ministry of Jesus. We also wrap up our Youth lessons on FBC263 the week before Holy Week.

In March we found time to go see *Black Panther*, the latest film in the Marvel franchise, built popsicle stick bridges, had fun with unfamiliar words, and did our usual worship and study.

The first week of April is Spring Break so there will be no evening activities on April 1, 4, or 8. We come back strong with an overnight trip to Owsley County April 14-15. I look forward to hiking Natural Bridge, and spending time with our partners in Owsley County.

Please mark your calendar for two dates in May. By May 1, we need all names of 2018 graduates turned in to the office or sent to me. If your student is graduating high school, college, or any graduate level institution, please let us know! On May 20, all graduates will be honored during our Sunday morning worship service.

In Christ,
Clint Walker



Holy Week

The last week of March will bring Lent to an end as we reflect upon the events that led up to Jesus' arrest and crucifixion. I continue to be amazed each year with Jesus' courage and compassion. He paid the ultimate price in the pursuit of a better life for all of us.

Below is an excerpt from a recent sermon that highlights the sacrifice Jesus made on our behalf. It reminds us of our responsibility to follow his example and make sacrifices on behalf of those of who look to us for help.

The sermon was titled, "The Cost of Discipleship" and taken from Mark 14:32-42 and Mark 8:34.

The call to follow Jesus is a call to sacrifice.

There is something unique to us and to our faith about this sacrifice, though. We choose to do the difficult out of faithfulness to God and in service to others in Jesus' name.

There is a difference between this sacrifice, where we "deny ourselves and take up our cross and follow Jesus," (Mark 8:34) and a calamity.

A calamity is something negative thrust upon us, often beyond our control or even brought on by mistakes we have made or bad habits we have pursued—an illness, an accident, a loss, a rejection, a failure. These certainly bring us stress and anxiety and disrupt our lives. They can even shatter our dreams and leave us devastated.

God understands and stands ready to help us in these times of need. God is eager to walk with us to provide comfort, strength, courage and guidance.

The cross we take up to follow Jesus is a sacrifice we choose to accept on behalf of Jesus in service to others. It always requires the best of us and the most from us.

It demands that we interrupt our schedules and agendas and reallocate our resources. It urges us to become advocates for those who have no place at the table where decisions are made.

The cross we take up to follow Jesus may take us places we have never been or thought we would ever go, as it did Jesus. It compels us to expose injustice and to be an agent of change.

We can choose not to take up this cross. We can say no when it comes our way. We can walk away from it instead of into it. We can ignore it and let it pass.

However, because of our love for God and desire to be a faithful disciple of Jesus, we say yes and take up this cross. We choose to be the presence of Christ in a broken world by sharing our time, talents, resources, energy and influence with those who are hurting and crying out for help.

We do this because a call to follow Jesus is a call to sacrifice, as Jesus frequently modeled. This man who continually emptied and humbled himself, as Paul described in Philippians 2:5-8, taking upon himself the form of a servant, redefined the meaning of the word sacrifice.

This man who submitted to the will of God after asking God to take away this 'cup' redefined the meaning of the word sacrifice.

This man who met his accusers at the entrance to Gethsemane and secured the disciples' release while being arrested redefined the meaning of the word sacrifice.

I hope we do, too.

Until Sunday,
Bob

