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PASSPORT



Our Youth recently attended PASS-PORTMISSIONS in Virginia and our Children attended PASS-PORTKIDS in Tennessee. The theme for both weeks, ENOUGH, was based on the 2 Corinthians 12:9a scripture:



He said to me, "My grace is enough for you,
because my power is made perfect in weakness."

Students explored the idea that God is enough for whatever comes our way and that through Christ, we are enough. What a great message for our young people AND our church!

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New Members by Letter

Doug and Mona Carpenter
May 27, 2018

Tony and Linn Sholar
May 27, 2018

New Member by Baptism

Logan Hawkins
June 3, 2018

Pastor Search Committee

Please be in prayer for our
Pastor Search Committee:

Erica Galyon
Beth Keith
Dwight Lovan
Stephen Mason
Sam McKown
Vicky Mitchell
Julia Rhorer
Dan Shouse
Amy Smith

MISSIONS

I was fully expecting to tell you bad news in my article. Two weeks ago, the Good Samaritan Foundation, who has been one of our largest grant contributors to the **MISSION FRANKFORT CLINIC**, informed me that we would not be receiving any funds this year. I contacted as many folks as I could at the foundation and pleaded our case. I asked them to please reconsider and they did. We will be receiving the full amount initially requested which is **\$35,000**. What a blessing! Thank you, Lord! Thank you for your prayers and support.

I want to remind you of an ongoing type of gift that benefits the **MISSION FRANKFORT CLINIC**. The **Kroger Community Rewards** program is a wonderful way for anyone with a Kroger Plus Card to help our ministry. Simply sign up online at www.krogercommunityrewards.com – Designate Mission Frankfort Clinic as the charitable cause you would like to assist. This does not affect your costs or discounts. The Kroger company makes a donation to us based on how much our folks spend at their stores. Every quarter we receive a nice 'shot in the arm' gift. Here's

the email I received last week – "Dear Mission Frankfort Clinic -- The Kroger Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to local communities. We do this through a variety of activities, including charitable giving, sponsorships and the unique Community Rewards Program of Kroger. Your supporters (27 households) who shopped at **Kroger** between **3-1-2018** and **5-28-2018** (Cycle 4, Qtr 3) have contributed to your **\$389.20** total donation. Your organization will be receiving a Kroger check in this amount within 30 days from 6-15-2018."

The **EMMA QUIRE MISSION CENTER** hosted one of its largest events of the year last week, the 2nd annual Basketball Camp for Owsley kids. This past week was exceptional as Vanessa Garland, EQMC Director, relayed to me, "**73 students attended Basketball camp with 5 accepting Christ. 150 attended parent meal at end of week! 2 homes were repaired, 700 pairs of shoes and underwear was given away to community. Senior adult ministry in two communities! A great week of camp! Thanks for the prayers of support!**" Praise be to God!!

~Keith



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship	2 7:00 pm Pastor Search Committee	3	4 Independence Day - Office Closed	5	6	7 Youth Canoe Trip
8 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship	9	10	11 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting, Clinic, Clothes Closet 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir	12	13	14
15 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship	16 Youth Kings Island Trip	17	18 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting, Clothes Closet 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir	19 6:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Enneagram Discussion Group	20	21 8:00 am Clinic
22 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship	23 9:30 am Soup Kitchen	24	25 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting, Clinic, Clothes Closet 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir	26	27 VBS 2018—The Great Family Getaway	28
29 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship 5:00 pm Youth Family Cookout	30	31				

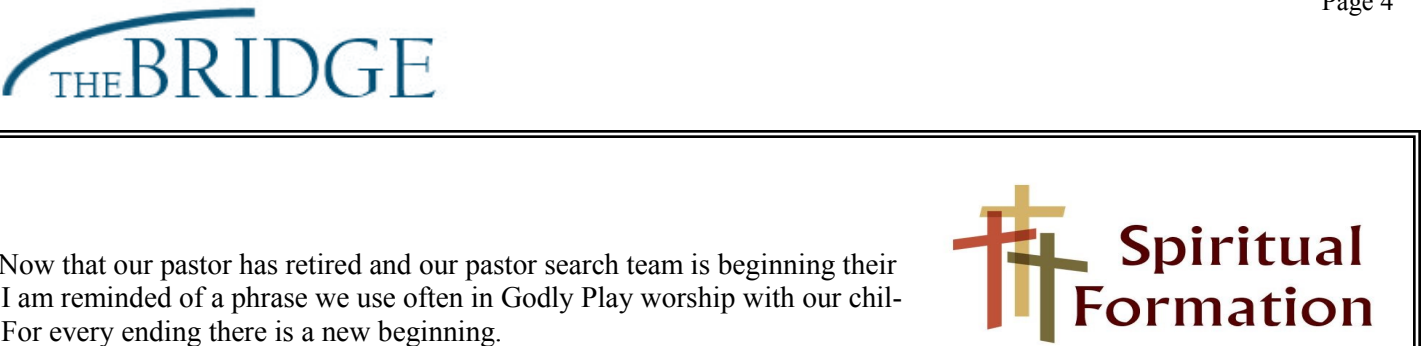
SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS

NURSERY	DOWNSTAIRS	FRONT DOOR	WORSHIP HOUR
July 01 Beverly Lovan	July 01 Susan Hopkins	July 01 Helen Tipton	July 01 Jane Mason
July 08 Pam Manning	July 08 Helen Tipton	July 08 Bob Tipton	July 08 Tamela Biggs
July 15 Helen Tipton	July 15 Linda Divine	July 15 Ralph Divine	July 15 Lee Insko
July 22 Linda Gaby	July 22 Jason Johnson	July 22 Gary Forman	July 22 Susan Hopkins
July 29 Martha Wade	July 29 Dan Shouse	July 29 Tammy Shouse	July 29 Connie Crowe

DEACON OF THE WEEK

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP HELPERS

INFANTS - KINDERGARTEN	3 YR OLDS - 3RD GRADE
July 01 Laura Branham	July 01 Elaine Allen, Cynthia, Jenny
July 08 Gary Scott	July 08 Cynthia Insko, Jenny Luscher
July 15 Connie Crowe	July 15 Elaine Allen, Cynthia, Jenny
July 22 Clay Mason	July 22 Cynthia Insko, Jenny Luscher
July 29 Angie Scott	July 29 Jenny Luscher, Julie Roberts



Now that our pastor has retired and our pastor search team is beginning their work, I am reminded of a phrase we use often in Godly Play worship with our children: For every ending there is a new beginning.

In my family we have recently celebrated Sarah Glenn’s ending high school. Soon we will be launching her into a new beginning at Centre College. Turning 50 this Spring has caused me to reflect on the passing of my youth, and yet I celebrate the new life of our first grandchild.

Endings and beginnings are full of meaning when we take time to pay attention, stop and reflect. Community helps us do that. When we journey together in the transitions of life we can rely on each other to support and encourage and notice God’s faithfulness to us in all seasons. We can celebrate what has been and anticipate what is to come, all the while growing in our love for God and one another.

When has God turned an ending into a new beginning for you? Look for ways to share your story with someone in transition this summer. Take a moment to ask an older, wiser person to share what they learned in a time of change.

Sometimes I read a familiar Scripture passage in a new paraphrase or translation. This is Philippians 4:4-7 from the Contemporary English Version. It has become my prayer for all of us in this season of endings and beginnings.

“Always be glad because of the Lord! I will say it again: Be glad. Always be gentle with others. The Lord will soon be here. Don’t worry about anything, but pray about everything. With thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God. Then, because you belong to Christ Jesus, God will bless you with peace that no one can completely understand. And this peace will control the way you think and feel.”

The Spiritual Formation Advisory Team will meet on Sunday, August 5, immediately following morning worship to do some important planning for the Fall.

Save the Dates:

- Third Thursday Enneagram discussion group will meet Thursday, July 19, 7-8:30 at Starbucks on the West Side of Frankfort. This month's topic: What are the Childhood messages that are important for each type and how can the Enneagram help us in Parenting? Anyone is welcome to join in the conversation. Invite a friend!
- Friday-Saturday, July 27-28, is The Great Family Getaway at Kavanaugh Retreat Center. Families and volunteers will soon receive details about packing lists and schedules.
- Sunday, August 5, will conclude the adult summer class, Animate Practice. Children will wrap up their year in their current classes. The Marshmallow Heads (3rd-5th grade) will have their Bible Bucks auction.
- Sunday, August 12, is Promotion Sunday for children’s Sunday School and The Blessing of the Students in morning worship.

Thank you to Volunteers! Much of my June was spent enlisting volunteers for camp, vacation bible school, nursery and children’s Sunday School, adult Sunday School Classes and youth activities. I have never been so thankful for the positive attitudes and energetic “Yes!” that I received from everyone I asked. My heart is full of gratitude and thanksgiving for the way we work together as the Body of Christ, each doing our part to embody the love of Christ.

~Cynthia

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Wednesday Summer Schedule

June 6 - August 8

5:30 pm - Formations Preview
6:00 pm - Prayer Meeting
Clothes Closet
Clinic
6:30 pm - Sanctuary Choir



Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, our Father. There is no shadow of turning with Thee.

Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not, as Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.
Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see. All I have needed Thy hand hath provided. Great Is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Summer and winter and spring-time and harvest, sun, moon and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Refrain
Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth. Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow. Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

This text, by Thomas O. Chisholm, was sung by the choir and congregation this past Sunday. These words are worthy of our contemplation as we enter this season of transition at First Baptist. The refrain alone speaks of God's goodness to us every single day and reminds us that everything we have ever needed He has provided. We can count on Him to continue to do so as the first stanza reminds us that there is no shadow of turning with Him! The very seasons remind us of His faithfulness to us and this season of transition will be no different. The last stanza is my personal favorite as we are reminded that God's own presence, GOD'S OWN PRESENCE, will cheer and guide us and provide strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow! I have no doubt God will continue to bless this congregation! I look forward to seeing it!



What a great time we had at Passport Missions Camp! As most of you know, 18 of us (14 students and 4 chaperones) travelled to Danville, VA, June 10-15. Our schedules were full from 7am to 11pm. We participated in morning celebrations, Bible study groups, mission projects all over Danville, nightly worship, church group devotions and a plethora of other activities – both fun and deeply meaningful. I can't say enough good things about our students. I would go with that group anywhere! They are well behaved, respectful, disciplined, spiritually hungry and a joy to be around! This speaks volumes about them personally, but also tells a story about some incredible parents as well. A special thanks goes to Justin Bradley, Andrea Masters and Laura Hughes for taking time out of their summer to help with the trip. Thank you for continuing to pray and support these amazing students. They were first class representatives of FBC!
~Keith

Our youth are busy spending lots of time in fellowship together this summer. July brings a canoe excursion and trip to Kings Island along with spiritual growth each Sunday morning.

Congregation, please continue to pray for our students and our Youth Ministry program at First Baptist Church. Pray for guidance of how YOU can be involved WITH our youth and an example of Christ FOR our youth.

From the desk of Brother Bob

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 1:3-6)

I always wondered how Paul felt as he penned those words to his friends in Philippi. I think I know now.

His heart was overflowing with gratitude to God and to the dear people who worked alongside him while he was in Philippi. He wanted them to know how much they meant to him and how grateful he was their paths crossed.

He also wanted them to know he was convinced the work God began in them would continue even after he was gone. Paul knew God would be faithful to lead them, and he was confident they would rely upon the Holy Spirit to empower them.

I feel the same way Paul did.

You know the difference our church is making in this community and places far beyond here. Quite frankly, I don't know another church who is making hope visible in more ways than First Baptist. After seven years, I am still amazed at your compassion and generosity.

Truly First Baptist is the church that says yes when others say no. This level of faith and faithfulness is what sets our church apart from others.

What a joy it has been to watch you give yourself away in service to others in Christ's name. You have inspired me to be a better person and minister. I cannot thank you enough.

You now have the opportunity to do this for another pastor. I know you will and can hardly wait until that person calls me and says, "I feel blessed in so many ways. What a gift God has given me."

This will be the first of many things we'll have in common.

Until Sunday,
Bob



P.S. Thank you for the beautiful breakfast reception last Sunday along with your gifts, cards, prayers and well-wishes. The worship service was inspiring and uplifting, just as I hoped it would be. Jackie and I are grateful for your contributions to the Mission Frankfort Clinic in our honor. We love you and will return often to visit and worship with you.