

THE BRIDGE

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Have you heard the singing? Do you know the song? The tune has been playing for a long time now. In fact, it has been sung to you, all your life, even while in your mother's womb, from the moment of your birth and every day since. The melody is familiar. The harmonies are glorious. The lyrics are profound. Some say the song is a ballad. Others hear a jazzier style. At times the song was so thunderous you would have thought the orchestra and vocalists were in the same room. On other occasions, you could barely hear the faint chorus. Whether loud or soft, fast or slow, the song has always been ringing in your heart - through your surroundings, through creation, through family, loved ones, friends, strangers, through a sunset, a smile, an encouraging word - through Holy

Scripture, the Holy Spirit and Holy Jesus - but ultimately the song has been sung by our creator, God the Father. He has been singing a song to not only you, but to all of us, all the while. The song will continue to play throughout eternity to all of humanity inviting each person to sing along, to dance, to engage in a relationship of hope. The song is simply entitled, 'Grace'... grace. Do you know the tune? Do you recognize the words? Are you singing the grace song to others? The song is so beautiful that once you have heard it, it is difficult not to want others to hear it. The grace song is the only song that every human being will hear. "Oh for a thousand tongues to sing my great redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his... grace." Can you hear the grace song? Listen carefully, God is singing.
~Keith

MUSIC MINISTRY

God has blessed our church in so many ways, especially with persons who give their gifts back in service! We are blessed with instrumentalists. I do not know a church with more talent for our size. To have the Instrumental Ensemble and Handbell Ensembles we have, as well as our organist and pianist, is truly a blessing from God. Not only do we have incredible musicians, but we have such a great variety of instruments among them. I'm especially pleased with the intergenerational makeup of our Instrumental Ensemble as we have ages beginning with middle school! I am in awe of the gifts of our instrumentalists and am grateful to God for every one of them! They are such an intricate part of our corporate worship!

Be sure to mark your calendar for our annual "Hanging of

the Green" service Sunday, November 25 at 6:00 p.m. Our children's choirs and Instrumental Ensemble will lead us as we prepare our sanctuary and our hearts for the Advent season.

Also mark your calendar for December 9 when our children's choirs and adult handbells will lead us in worship and December 16 when our Sanctuary Choir will present "Festival of Carols" and our Instrumental Ensemble will play. In fact, plan to be part of all of our worship services as each one is important as we gather together as a family of faith to worship our God!

Thank you for your great congregational singing! You inspire me each week. May we continue to lift our voices together as we worship God and encourage one another.

~Richard

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New Members

Jamie Lynn Davis
October 14

Rick and Brenda Wilson
October 21

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Janice Yeast
October 17, 2018

Carolyn Mason
October 20, 2018



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 4, 2018
10:50 a.m. Worship Service

All Saints Sunday, November 4, is a special day to thank God for all who have gone before us and showed us what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Each of us have people we can name who have shown us what it means to love God and to love others as ourselves. The 3rd-5th grade children have prepared banners for the people of our FBC family who have died since November last year and have gone on to form a great cloud of witnesses that cheer us on as we live and love as Jesus did (Hebrews 12).

Prior to the service, the banners will be on display in the hallway by the nursery for all to see. Our children will process the banners into the service, and our Saints' families are encouraged to take their banner home with them following the service.

David Wade

Michael Rudder

Bill Gardner, Jr.

Doug Thompson

Herald Bolling

Janice Yeast

Tillie Mitchell

Carolyn Monday

Carolyn Mason

WHAT DOES CHURCH MEAN TO YOU?

Have you noticed the bulletin board in the front hallway that talks about the difference in *attending* church versus *being* the church? What DOES church mean to you? Our youth were recently asked that same question. As you think about how you would answer, please read some of the responses our young people shared.

- Church feels like, to me, a community of friends there to help each other.
- Coming to church to believe in God, and worship him, making new friends, having faith in him
- Church means a community of people who are diverse but united in their love of Christ and desire to carry out his mission.
- Church is a time of reflection. It is a time to worship.
- Church is a place that I can go to where there are people like me. I can learn about God.
- Fellowship. A place where I can broaden my knowledge about God and the Bible.
- Church is being in a community of many different people worshipping together.
- Church means family and fellowship to me. It also means spiritual enrichment and enlightenment and friendship to me.
- To me church is a quiet place to worship God and pray.

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 6:30 pm Deacon's Meeting	2	3 9:00 am Spiritual Formation Team
4 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship 2:00 pm Enneagram Book Study	5	6 12:00 pm Baptist Identity Book Study	7 5:00 pm Wed Night Activities	8	9	10 9:00 am School for Discipleship
11 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship 2:00 pm Enneagram Book Study Youth—Disc Golf	12	13 12:00 pm Baptist Identity Book Study	14 5:00 pm Wed Night Activities	15	16 10:45 am The Barnabas Group to Science Hill Inn	17 8:00 am Clinic
18 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship 12:00 pm Youth Team 2:00 pm Enneagram Book Study 6:00 pm Youth Family Thanksgiving	19	20	21 NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES	22 OFFICE CLOSED THANKSGIVING Day	23	24
25 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship 6:00 pm Hanging of the Green	26 9:30 am Soup Kitchen	27	28 5:00 pm Wed Night Activities	29	30	

SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS

INVOCATION

NURSERY	DOWNSTAIRS	FRONT DOOR	WORSHIP HOUR
Nov 04 Beverly Lovan Nov 11 Martha Wade Nov 18 Manning, Olson Nov 25 Linda Gaby	Nov 04 Susan Hopkins Nov 11 Helen Tipton Nov 18 Linda Divine Nov 25 Jason Johnson	Nov 04 Helen Tipton Nov 11 Bob Tipton Nov 18 Ralph Divine Nov 25 Gary Forman	Nov 04 Jane Mason Nov 11 Tamela Biggs Nov 18 Sheila White Nov 25 Susan Hopkins

DEACON OF THE WEEK

GODLY PLAY HELPERS

SCRIPTURE READERS

3 YR OLDS - K	1st - 3rd GRADE	SCRIPTURE 1	SCRIPTURE 2
Nov 04 Ralph Divine Nov 11 Doug Hendrix Nov 18 Laura Hendrix Nov 25 Laura Columbia	Nov 04 Elaine Shryock-Allen Nov 11 M. White, E. McCann Nov 18 Elaine Shryock-Allen Nov 25 Vicky Mitchell	Nov 04 Dan Hughes Nov 11 Youth Ministry Nov 18 Children's Ministry Nov 25 Olivia McKown	Nov 04 Larry Cleveland Nov 11 Janice Jackson Nov 18 Kara Johnson Nov 25 Elaine Greer



Lots of times we rush through November on our way to December when Christmas events fill the calendar. While Thanksgiving is officially a national holiday, as Christians we don't want to miss the opportunity to open our hearts to its impact on us spiritually. November can be a month in which we cultivate gratefulness.

A few years ago I heard a TED talk by Benedictine Monk, David Steindl Rast, on gratefulness. In it he explains that happy people may not be grateful people. Instead, they may always be wanting more and more of what makes them happy. However, we know people who experience difficulties in life who are nonetheless radiant with gratitude. Rast says this is because gratefulness makes us happy. We are grateful when we recognize that something valuable has been given to us that we either haven't earned or don't deserve. With this mindset, every moment of our lives can be an opportunity for gratitude. Each minute of our life is an undeserved gift to us full of possibility.

Rast gives a simple formula for gratefulness. 1. **Stop.** Slow down. Stop rushing. Set an alarm; make a time in your daily schedule to rest a moment. 2. **Look.** Pay attention. Open your eyes, ears, heart and mind to enjoy the opportunity in front of you. 3. **Go.** Do something in response to what you see. Most of the time, Rast says the thing to do is to enjoy the moment. Sometimes, though, our response is more difficult, such as developing patience or kindness or serving others.

What does gratefulness look like when we develop it? Gratefulness is not fearful or violent, but peaceful and self assured. Gratefulness is not focused on getting more and more for fear there will never be enough. Instead, gratefulness knows there is abundance: enough time, money, resources, love and grace to share. And last, gratefulness can enjoy the differences in people and respect those differences. Sounds like the Kingdom of God to me!

Rast envisions a revolution of gratefulness changing the world. A good dose of gratefulness may be just what we need. Isn't this what God's gift of Jesus is all about? How will you develop your gratefulness? And from that fullness of gratitude how will you share joy with others?

~Cynthia



SCHOOL FOR DISCIPLESHIP The Birth of Jesus

Rick White will be teaching an in depth Bible study at our final School for Discipleship this year. Rick is a professional educator, ordained minister and new church member at FBC. Sign up on the bulletin board to join us for this day of learning on November 10, 9:00 - noon, to help prepare us for the Advent season.

Rick says about our study:

Mark opens his Gospel with John the Baptist. John's Gospel transports us back to "In the beginning..." It is left to Matthew and Luke to voice the story of the infant Jesus. Their accounts of his birth are crammed with theological insight into the one called Immanuel, God with us. Join us for an in-depth study of the Infancy Narratives of Matthew and Luke as together we revisit the birth of the Messiah.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

Advent devotionals will first be available at our Hanging of the Green service, November 25. Thanks to all who have agreed to write a devotional for our booklet. Please contact Cynthia if you are willing to write an entry. Some slots are still available!

SPIRITUAL FORMATION: LOOKING AHEAD

We will finish our *Baptist Identity* book study and our *Road Back to You* enneagram study in November. Then we will take a break from book studies until 2019. Thank you to all who are facilitating and participating in these discipleship groups. Our Spiritual Formation Team is planning new opportunities for groups and learning for the new year. Look for a new theme and plans in the upcoming December newsletter!

Our Spiritual Formation Committee will meet Saturday, November 3, 9:00 am - noon, at the Kentucky Coffeetree Café.

SAVE THE DATES

Make sure you mark your calendar for some important dates happening in the following months.

- Saturday, November 10: School for Discipleship, 9:00-noon
- Sunday, November 25: Hanging of the Green, 6:00 pm
- Sunday, December 2: Advent begins.
- Sunday, December 2: Family Advent Breakfast! Children toddler-5th grade and their families are welcome to join us in fellowship hall. We'll make an ornament for our children's tree and hear the Godly Play Advent story.
- Sunday, December 9: Children's Choirs sing during morning worship, and all children are invited to help present the Living Nativity following the service. Costumes are provided.
- Sunday, December 16: Sanctuary Choir presents "Festival of Carols," 10:50 am

NOTE TO CHILDREN'S FAMILIES

Our Wednesday nights in November are not only fun but are also extremely important as key preparation time for Christmas! Please make every effort to bring your child at 5:30 for choir and missions. Children use this time to prepare to lead our congregation during the Hanging of the Green service, November 25, 6:00 pm, and to lead worship through their song on December 9.

If you don't already attend our family evening meal, this is another great time on Wednesdays for you and your children. Claim your spot by submitting the reservation in the bulletin on Sundays. On Wednesday, there's no cooking or cleanup necessary and you're already here when activities begin! Join us!

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From the Youth Ministry Search and Transition Team:

FBC has approximately 30 students from the 6th grade to the 12th grade. They represent nine different schools. They are involved in all sorts of clubs, sports, bands, drama, work, etc. You name it, someone in the youth is doing it. WOW!

In case you haven't noticed, the Youth are involved in all facets of our church, too. Have you seen some of them in the choir, the instrumental ensemble, playing hand bells or reading during worship? What about working in the Children's department helping with Godly Play and assisting in the nursery, in the Clothes Closet during the summer hanging clothes, or at Prince Hall interacting with the children? They even serve on both search committees! WOW!

The Youth Transition and Search Team is so impressed with the desires that the Students have expressed to us. They really, really, really want to do more missions! They want to get beyond the walls of the church and help others! Does that sound like a normal teenager? WOW!

No way one person alone can lead the students with their wide variety of ages and needs!

The Youth Transition and Search Team is doing more than just searching for a Minister of Students. Before he retired, Pastor Bob challenged the parents of the students to set up a more structured program with church wide involvement to serve as a support system for the new Part Time Minister of Students. Along with the Students, we have been "brainstorming" about the things they want and need as well as the things the parents want and need. The Youth Transition and Search Team is ready to start accepting resumes for our Minister of Students. The next Minister of Students has a big job and we stand ready to help!

Thank you for joining us in prayer as we "Transition and Search." We are so grateful for these amazing young people and have learned so very much from them! WOW!

CHECK OUT WHAT OUR YOUTH HAVE TO SAY ABOUT CHURCH ON THE COVER OF THE BRIDGE!



Hello, church! Just to offer up a brief update on the life of the youth group, here's some of the things we've gotten into over the past several weeks:

In Sunday school, we just finished up our in-depth exploration of the life of Abraham - the covenant established between him and God, the importance of his obedience to God, and what his story means for our personal stories today.

Sunday evenings have been filled with gathering over at some of our youth's homes watching movies and playing games. We watched and discussed the movie Soul Surfer at our last movie night and had a game night playing Jackbox Party Games and Just Dance. I'd like to extend a special thank you to the parents of our youth for both hosting and feeding us during these occasions - you all are amazing!

Wednesday evenings have been filled with exploring different elements of worship, including quiet prayer walks, Lectio Divina readings, and even enjoying the beauties of nature by playing outside on the Old Capitol lawn.

I encourage you all to stay tuned for upcoming youth events, as well as for opportunities to volunteer for these events if you feel led to! Peace be with you!

~Marcus

From the Pastor Search Committee:

The Pastor Search Committee is receiving resumes. We have advertisements in various publications and provided information to both CBF National and CBFKY. The pastor profile and church profile is on the FBC website and included below. These were developed with contributions by every member of the pastor search committee, church staff, and members of the Youth Transition and Search Team. If you know of anyone you think might be a good candidate to serve as our senior pastor, please contact them and encourage them to look at our website. The pastor and church profiles are as follows:

First Baptist Church of Frankfort seeks an experienced senior pastor called to follow Jesus' example as a servant leader. Minimum education is a Master of Divinity with a preference given to a person pursuing or possessing a doctorate. Using strong theological and biblical knowledge to address the challenges of Christian discipleship, this individual will join with our staff and lay leaders in spiritually mentoring our congregation and community; supporting our existing ministries and encouraging growth of our footprint within our community and beyond.

FBC Frankfort is a moderately sized downtown church affiliated with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. We believe all people are created in the image of God and should be treated accordingly. We serve the Christ's mission by holistically and courageously ministering to the spiritual and physical needs of our neighbors. We affirm that God calls intergenerational men and women as ministers, lay leaders and disciples. We worship reverently and wholeheartedly in a liturgically traditional service while exploring the mysteries of faith.

Cover letter with resume should be sent to pastorsearch@fbcfrankfort.org.

From the Interim Pastor:

In Sunday's sermon, I mentioned I would like for you to read a piece Dr. Keith Felton recently wrote. I share his thoughts here:

I've thought for a long time that the way we argue says a lot about who we are, our maturity level and ultimately our relationship with God. We can be emotional...and passionate without being combative and mean. We can be confident and bold without being a know-it-all and condescending. We can be smart, even clever without coming off as arrogant and distasteful. We can make our case without name-calling, disrespect and ridicule. Mockery, personal attacks, vilification and even profanity might win some points - but those points will always be won with the wrong people.

Civil discourse, healthy debate, and what is really a Christ-like way of communication are all so rare these days. Hiding behind screens and lashing out or making cruel, derisive jokes without the accountability of speaking face to face has stirred up an evil in our world that I'm afraid cannot be undone or shut down. Jesus looked at his followers, his friends and said, 'You are the light of the world.' Can we, who are Christ-followers in this time and space, spread the light of civility and respect to the darkness of what is found in our current virtual discourses?

And, hey, I get it - I'm not innocent in what I am trying to help alleviate. It is tempting to verbally fist fight and rip someone to shreds. Can't we do better? Shouldn't we do better? Especially as Jesus followers, we should rise above the muck, the mire, the nastiness. I read somewhere that blessed are the meek. I'm not saying to say nothing. I'm not saying to stay quiet about our convictions. Just please let them know we are Christians by our love, our kindness, our respect, our humility, our understanding, our hope in each other. Help ME, Lord - help us all - we are drowning in our disdain and disparaging way of disagreeing with one another and it is dividing us quite possibly beyond repair.



THE BARNABAS GROUP

The Barnabas Group had to cancel the October outing for a variety of reasons - not the least of which was unexpected windy and cold weather - but we have great plans for November and December, so we are back on track.

On Friday, November 16, we're going to Shelbyville for lunch at Science Hill Inn. The menu is very Old South: Hot Browns, Shrimp & Grits, Fried Catfish, Bread Pudding...you get the idea. After lunch, we will spend some time walking through the beautiful Wakefield-Scearce Gallery, which will be decorated for Christmas. Meet the church bus at the Elder Beerman parking lot at 10:45 AM. This will be a lovely outing. Please sign up on the church bulletin board by Sunday, November 11, so our reservations can be made.

December 16 we will join the church to go caroling (that includes a warm meal before caroling and hot chocolate after). More details as we get closer.

Feel free to contact me at TheBarnabasGroupFBC@gmail.com.

~Mona