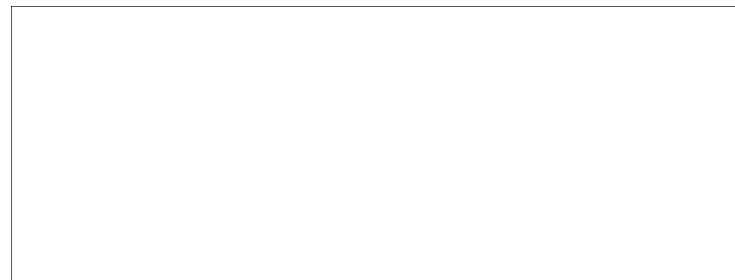


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## MISSIONS

**PAYDAY LENDING MINISTRY UPDATE:** The following is a recent report from VICKY MITCHELL and our PAYDAY LENDING MINISTRY COMMITTEE – “We just hit our two-

year anniversary February 1! We have helped a total of 35 people and loaned over \$19,000. Fourteen of the 35 have paid in full. Eighteen of the loans are still in progress and the balances have dwindled to just over \$5k. So that means we have a full \$5,000 we could loan!! We started our program with an initial \$5,900 deposit. In 2018 we received five deposits – four of those totaled \$1,000, and then we had the generous gift of \$5,000. Our account balance is currently \$10,623.” We are very happy with the progress of the program and God has connected us to folks who have greatly benefitted from our program. Please be in prayer for our committee and help us spread the word about what we are doing. We have more money to help individuals get out of the payday debt trap.

**EMMA QUIRE MISSION CENTER UPDATE:** Vanessa Garland (Emma Quire Mission Center Director) and I spoke on the phone this week about all the incredible ministries being planned for spring and summer. Most dates for April, June, July and August are filled with mission teams coming to take on various projects to help the good folks of Owsley County. One project that will be ongoing throughout most of the summer will be to help with a particular housing situation for a family. I asked Vanessa to send me some info about the project and what they need. There is a major part of this project that needs a financial benefactor, a team to do the install - or both would be fine, too!

Spread the word and pray that God will place this family and need on someone's heart who has the resources to assist. THANK YOU. (The septic tank portion of this letter is the special request I'm referring to)

~Keith

*Three years ago, a wonderful family moved to Owsley County from Texas hoping to build a home and a life. The Mom and Dad have one son who is in elementary school. They purchased land, built a small shed (no running water or electricity) to live in and then began work on their home. The couple has done all the work on the house to date. The house is under roof with sub flooring installed.*

*Through the assistance of work teams coming to stay at the EQMC this year, we hope to help them be able to go into the next winter with electricity and water. The first team in April is going to wire the house. We have a prospective team to help with basic plumbing.*

*At this time, we are looking for a team that can assist with the installation of a septic tank.*

*Blessings,  
Vanessa Garland  
EQMC*

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WEDNESDAY

March 6  
Service at 6:15 pm

## CHURCH-WIDE RETREAT



“FBC Connect:  
Loving God and Neighbors”  
Saturday, March 23  
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

ALL AGES are invited to join us for a church-wide retreat at First Baptist Church as we think deeply about our theme, FBC Connect: Called to Love and, specifically, about loving God and our neighbors.

**CHURCH-WIDE RETREAT FOCUS:** We will reflect on two stories in Luke, *The Good Samaritan* and *Jesus at the home of Martha and Mary*, as examples of how we can love God and our neighbors, as a church and as individuals. The retreat will include worship, prayer experiences, Godly Play Stories with the children and time for reflection and sharing, intergenerational games, and lunch.

**CHILDREN'S RETREAT:** The children will join the adults for Godly Play Stories on *The Parable of the Good Samaritan* and *Jesus at the Home of Mary and Martha* (a new story for our Godly Play room). The children's retreat will also include a Veggie Tales movie, art, games and more.

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND:** This is not just a retreat for families with children, even though we are conducting a children's retreat at the same time and will share some intergenerational activities together. Adults, and youth if they choose, will be thinking deeply about what these stories can teach us about what it means for FBC Frankfort to “love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself” (Luke 10:27, NRSV). We hope that many of our church family of all ages will join us in this important conversation.

**REGISTRATION:** Registration is free (donations will be accepted to help with lunch expenses), but please sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office by Wednesday, March 20. FRIENDS WELCOME!

# MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 10:00 am Disaster Response Training at Immanuel Baptist
3 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship	4	5	6 5:00 pm Wed Night Activities 6:15 pm ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE	7 9:00 am ROMEOS	8	9
10 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship	11	12	13 5:00 pm Wed Night Activities	14 9:00 am ROMEOS	15	16
17 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship 	18	19	20 5:00 pm Wed Night Activities 6:15 pm BUSINESS MEETING	21 9:00 am ROMEOS	22	23 9:00 am Clinic 9:00 am Church-Wide RETREAT at FBC
24/31 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship	25 9:30 am Soup Kitchen	26	27 5:00 pm Wed Night Activities	28 9:00 am ROMEOS	29	30

## SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS

## INVOCATION

### NURSERY

### DOWNSTAIRS

### FRONT DOOR

### WORSHIP HOUR

Mar 03 Helen Tipton	Mar 03 Susan Hopkins	Mar 03 Helen Tipton	Mar 03 Jane Mason	Mar 03 Clay Mason
Mar 10 Martha Wade	Mar 10 Helen Tipton	Mar 10 Bob Tipton	Mar 10 Tamela Biggs	Mar 10 Keith Felton
Mar 17 Marla White	Mar 17 Linda Divine	Mar 17 Ralph Divine	Mar 17 Mary Hines	Mar 17 Amy Smith
Mar 24 P Manning, K Olson	Mar 24 Jason Johnson	Mar 24 Gary Forman	Mar 24 Susan Hopkins	Mar 24 Ralph Divine
Mar 31 Linda Gaby	Mar 31 Dan Shouse	Mar 31 Tammy Shouse	Mar 31 Connie Crowe	Mar 31 Dan Hughes

## DEACON OF THE WEEK

## GODLY PLAY HELPERS

## SCRIPTURE READERS

### 3 YR OLDS - K

### 1st - 3rd GRADE

### SCRIPTURE 1

### SCRIPTURE 2

Mar 03 Clay Mason	Mar 03 Marla White	Mar 03 A. Thomas, K. Bayes	Mar 03 Dan Hughes	Mar 03 Larry Cleveland
Mar 10 Angie Scott	Mar 10 Vicky Mitchell	Mar 10 A. Smith, M. Simpson	Mar 10 Student Ministry	Mar 10 Janice Jackson
Mar 17 Laura Branham	Mar 17 E. Shryock-Allen	Mar 17 A. Thomas, K. Bayes	Mar 17 Children's Ministry	Mar 17 Laura Hughes
Mar 24 Connie Crowe	Mar 24 Emilee McCann	Mar 24 A. Smith, D. Stillwell	Mar 24 Olivia McKown	Mar 24 Elaine Greer
Mar 31 Jeff Fogg	Mar 31 Marla White	Mar 31 A. Thomas, D. Wallace	Mar 31 Cooper Hendrix	Mar 31 Peggy Williams


I've spent some time recently thinking more about worship. Our Lenten devotional guide will focus on worship on Sundays this year. Worship is multi-faceted involving praise/adoration, confession and repentance of sins, assurance of forgiveness, hearing God speak, and responding. I've thought a lot lately about how we approach God in our corporate times of worship. For most of us we have gone to church on Sundays since childhood and rarely think about it in advance. Yet how tragic it is if we miss experiencing God because we are not prepared to encounter Him or don't expect to. How expectant are you when you arrive on Sunday mornings that you are going to experience God?

My granddaughters have given me a tiny glimpse into what it should look like. When Hannah knows I'm coming to pick her up from daycare on Fridays, she gets excited. When I walk into her room, she jumps up and runs to me and leaps into my arms. When Crosley knows I'm coming to visit her, I know when I pull into her driveway she will be at the window literally jumping up and down with excitement and glee! I can't explain in words what that means to me.

What if we were that excited about encountering God when we gather on Sundays? We are missing something when we are less excited about meeting God than three year olds are about meeting their grandfather. I'm certainly guilty of this. So many things capture my attention, and I miss out on the greatest thing. This Lenten season, may we all become as children again and recognize the joy of coming into the presence of God; and with praise, confession, repentance, assurance of forgiveness, worship God, hear Him speak and faithfully and courageously respond!

~Richard





### DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM LEADER AND MEMBER TRAINING

Connect with those in need by learning how to respond more effectively to disasters. CBF Kentucky is offering basic Disaster Response training for both team leaders and members on Saturday, March 2, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at Immanuel Baptist Church.

The training will consist of three consecutive sessions:

1. Basic Disaster Response Training
2. Muck/Mud-Out Training
3. Team Leadership Training

Refreshments will be available upon arrival and lunch will be provided by CBFKY.

If you have never participated in Disaster Response, this is a good place to start. Although this training is not required to participate on a team, it will be of great benefit when you join a team. If you are experienced, I encourage you to come to learn the particulars of CBF's Disaster Response practices and to share your expertise with us.

If you want to sign up for the training or want more information, email Charles White at [disasterresponse@cbfky.org](mailto:disasterresponse@cbfky.org).

## LENTE DEVOTIONALS



2019 Lenten Devotionals will be available on FBC's entrance tables beginning Ash Wednesday, March 6. If you prefer, you may pick up an MP3 cd or read/listen to the daily devotionals on our church website, [fbcfankfort.org](http://fbcfankfort.org).

Thank you to our many writers. You have shared your heart, wisdom, and experiences and have enhanced our observance of Lent and our reflection on the FBC Connect theme.



## COMING SOON...

Our Spiritual Formation team is hard at work planning new book studies to help us grow and CONNECT in 2019. Be watching for your chance to take part in a group!

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**HOLY WEEK CHALLENGE ANSWER KEY**

Answers: 3, 12, 4, 1, 6, 9, 2, 11, 8, 5, 7, 10



Hello, church!  
 As we enter the spring and Lenten season, I pray for God's blessings upon you!  
 Here's what you can look forward to with this month's youth activities:

The youth's Sunday school lessons and discussions will come from several resources from my friend's, Andrew Noe, website called "Youth Ministry Conversations". While details of what we'll discuss are still in the works, you can check the website out at: [www.youthministryconversations.com](http://www.youthministryconversations.com).

Wednesday evenings will include a variety of activities, such as our youth-led Ash Wednesday service. The service will be at 6:15 pm on March 6 where we'll reflect on several Ash Wednesday Lectionary texts. Lord willing with the weather being warmer and sunnier, we'll also be looking into opportunities to get outside in the community.

Our weekend activities for March will have a missional mindset of going out and serving the community. The youth will get the chance to help clean our church's clothes closet, as well as hopefully serve lunch at the Access Soup Kitchen or Food Pantry. From March 22-24, the youth will also get the opportunity to engage in CBF's Youth Missions Weekend (huge shout-out and thanks to our own Dr. Keith Stillwell for passing this information off to me!). Please visit <http://cbfky.org/youth-missions-weekend/> to find out more information about this weekend.

As always, if you'd like to get involved in some way, shape, or form with our youth- whether if it's volunteering for a Sunday morning or Wednesday evening, or even chaperoning an activity- please contact me by phone at (502) 642-6146 or e-mail at [marcus.pernell0@gmail.com](mailto:marcus.pernell0@gmail.com). I'd love to get you plugged in somewhere!

In the meantime, peace be with you all!

~ Marcus



**THE BARNABAS GROUP**

The Barnabas Group (TBG) now has a link on the church webpage where you can find out who we are, what we do, see pictures of our adventures, and find information about upcoming events. Go to the church home page: [fbcfrankfort.org](http://fbcfrankfort.org), then go to "Ministries" in the purple banner. In the drop down menu, you will find "The 55+ Adult Group". There are several pictures from our January "Tea" on the webpage now. Pictures from our February luncheon will be there soon.

We have TWO events coming in March. (1) On Thursday, March 21, First United Methodist Church at 211 Washington St has invited TBG to a Health Fair from 1:00-3:00. There will be a flyer with more information on the bulletin board. (2) On Sunday, March 24, we are going to a play at the Woodford County Community Center. The play is "Rumors", a farcical play by Neil Simon. The matinee is at 2:00. Tickets are \$22. Reservations, with payment, need to be made by March 14. I will try to get us seated together. There will be a light sandwich/salad lunch for ticket holders in the Fellowship Hall, then we will leave together on the church bus. This will be a blast! Be prepared to laugh a lot.

As always, if you have any question or comments, please contact me at [TheBarnabasGroupFBC@gmail.com](mailto:TheBarnabasGroupFBC@gmail.com).

~Mona Carpenter

**HOLY WEEK CHALLENGE**

The 3rd - 5th grade class recently talked about how Jesus showed us God's love. In preparation for Lent, they worked on sequencing events that occurred during Holy Week. Now we want to challenge you to see how well you can remember how these events played out.



Listed below are 12 events. Put them in sequence from first to last. Hint: You may use the scripture reference to help. Answers are located on page 2.

Sequence Number	Event Description
	Jesus sent Peter and John to prepare the Passover meal for the disciples. [Luke 22:8-13]
	Jesus appears to two disciples on the road to Emmaus. [Luke 24:13-35]
	The disciples eat the Passover supper with Jesus. [Luke 22:14-19]
	Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey. [Luke 19:28-38]
	Jesus is betrayed by Judas and arrested. [Matthew 26:47-56]
	Jesus is nailed to a cross. [John 19:16-18]
	Jesus clears the temple from people selling things. [Luke 19:45-46]
	The women go to Jesus' tomb and he is not there. [Luke 24:1-8]
	Soldiers beat Jesus and place a crown of thorns on his head. [John 19:1-3]
	Jesus prayed in the garden of Gethsemane. [Matthew 26:36-46]
	Peter says he doesn't know Jesus. [Luke 22:54-62]
	Jesus is buried. [John 19:38-42]



**GODLY PLAY UPDATE**

We are extremely excited to welcome Melinda Simpson and Marla White as our two newest Godly Play story tellers. They went through training in Bowling Green in February and will be starting to work with our children this month. Wahoo!

For anyone who might be interested in joining this amazing group of storytellers and door keepers, there is another Godly Play training coming up in April in Danville. We already have one person, Dianne Stillwell, who will be attending; but, I'm sure she would love some company.

Please prayerfully consider whether this ministry would be a good fit for you.



**ASH WEDNESDAYS NEWS**

All of the preschool through 5th grade children will be learning what Ash Wednesday is all about and why we celebrate it in our church. We will be explaining this is a special day beginning the 40 day journey of Lent, which helps us come closer to the Mystery of Easter. During this journey we will remember, reflect, and repent. We remember who Jesus was and the work God gave him to do. We reflect on ways we can be more loving to God and others. And finally, we repent from unloving ways in order to become love.

The 1st - 5th graders will hear the Godly Play Ash Wednesday story on February 27 and will attend the church-wide Ash Wednesday service on March 6. Our preschool - kindergarten class will hear the Godly Play story on March 6 instead of going into the service that night. I hope all our children will be able to come and hear this very special story.

**From the Pastor Search Team:**

The Pastor Search Committee has received responses to written questions we sent to some of the candidates as we try and discern the calling of the right person for FBC right now. We have also watched or listened to multiple sermons from the candidates. We continue to become more and more focused on candidates, and after meeting on Feb 17, have further narrowed our focus. Our next step is to have face to face conversations with some of these individuals with the expectation this will lead us closer to a recommendation. Continue to keep us in your prayers and pray for those who believe they are being called toward First Baptist Church.