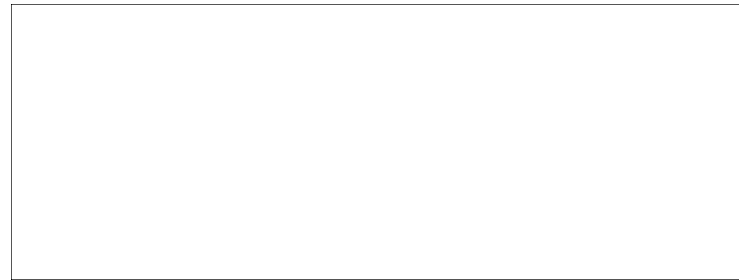


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CHILDREN'S DAY: "GOD'S GREAT GIFTS" and GRADUATE RECOGNITION

May 12, 2019
10:50 a.m.



The First Baptist Church children will be leading in our morning worship service on Sunday, May 12, Mother's Day. The Sunday service will be filled with scripture, readings, singing, hymns, and stories of God's creation. All the children's choirs will be singing, and the older children will be reading scripture, praying, and assisting with the sermon. You won't want to miss the paintings the children have created to be used in the sermon.

We will also recognize our high school and college graduates on May 12. This is a time we specifically set aside to acknowledge our graduates' hard work and pray blessings upon them in reaching such an important milestone.



We hope to see the sanctuary full of smiling, loving faces to help encourage our children in their sharing of God's message and encourage our graduates as they begin a new exciting chapter of their lives!

MISSIONS

The EMMA QUIRE MISSION CENTER will be showcased at this year's COOPERATIVE BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP OF KENTUCKY Spring Gathering. DR KEITH STILLWELL's new work with TOGETHER FOR HOPE will be highlighting some of the ministries happening in eastern Kentucky and the EQMC will be part of his program. We are having an EQMC Board meeting April 23. We will be discussing some important aspects of our strategic plan regarding construction of a deck and an additional building for storage, workshop area and small apartment for possible summer interns/missionaries.

The MISSION FRANKFORT CLINIC has some exciting news! The producers for NBC NIGHTLY NEWS WITH LESTER HOLT have contacted DANA NICKELS about the possibility on doing a story. They are interested in how we are addressing basic care for those without insurance.

There is a very strong chance we could make national news regarding the work we are doing for the Lord.

Our PAYDAY MINISTRY is reaching out beyond our community and even our state! KEEVA CASE, the CEO of BUCKHEAD MINISTRIES in Atlanta, set up a phone call with me concerning how our ministry operates. Buckhead Ministries is the hub of social ministries in the Atlanta area with over 30 churches and other organizations involved. They operate a budget of over 2 million dollars a year, and we might possibly be the model of how they create a Pay-day Ministry of their own.

I was reminded last week of just how important our CLOTHES CLOSET ministry is because of a man who called in need of assistance. He asked if we helped with clothes and I told him about the Clothes Closet. He was in need of a couple of pairs of black pants to wear for his new job. He was recently released from jail and was excited about a fresh start with someone giving him a chance with a new job. I was able to find exactly what he needed – color and size. He was so grateful. Thank you all for being who God desires the church to be in this time and space.

~Keith Felton

In Memorium

Sandy Sandusky
April 5, 2019

Ronnie Jump
April 13, 2019



ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IN HONOR OF LINDA MCKINLEY

Breakfast Reception
Sunday, May 19
9:15 - 9:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Join us for a drop in reception to celebrate 50 years with Mrs. Linda McKinley as our First Baptist Church organist.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 5:00 pm Wed Night Activities 5:45 pm Small Group Bible Study	2 9:00 am ROMEOS 6:00 pm Deacons' Meeting	3	4
5 9:00 am Book Signing 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship	6	7 12:00 pm Book Study	8 5:00 pm Wed Night Activities 5:45 pm Small Group Bible Study	9 9:00 am ROMEOS	10	11 Youth to Owsley Co
12 Mother's Day 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship CHILDRENS DAY, GRADUATE RECOGNITION	13	14 12:00 pm Book Study	15 5:00 pm Wed Night Activities 5:45 PM Small Group Bible Study	16 9:00 am ROMEOS 11:00 am Barnabas Picnic	17	18 9:00 am Clinic
19 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship Recognition of Linda McKinley's 50th anniversary as FBC Organist	20	21 12:00 pm Book Study	22 NEW MAY SCHEDULE: 5:00 pm Family Meal 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir	23 9:00 am ROMEOS	24	25
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SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS

NURSERY	DOWNSTAIRS	FRONT DOOR	WORSHIP HOUR
May 05 Helen Tipton May 12 Martha Wade May 19 Marla White May 26 P Manning, K Olson	May 05 Mark, Mason Little May 12 Curt Wallace May 19 Susan Hopkins May 26 Laura B. Branham	May 05 Linda Divine May 12 Lena Columbia May 19 Tammy Shouse May 26 Linda Divine	May 05 Jason Johnson May 12 Bill Dawkins May 19 Connie Crowe May 26 Don Hines

INVOCATION

May 05 Ralph Divine May 12 Joe Manning May 19 Keith Felton May 26 Glenn Thomas

DEACON OF THE WEEK

May 05 Cindy Fogg May 12 Janie Forman May 19 Erica Galyon May 26 Doug Hendrix
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GODLY PLAY HELPERS

3 YR OLDS - K	1st - 3rd GRADE
May 05 M White, E Allen May 12 Children's Day May 19 D Stillwell, E Allen May 26 M White, E McCann	May 05 A Thomas, K Bayes May 12 Children's Day May 19 A Smith, J Luscher May 26 M Simpson, J Roberts

SCRIPTURE READERS

SCRIPTURE 1	SCRIPTURE 2
May 05 Elaine Greer May 12 Children's Ministry May 19 Kim Bayes May 26 Don Hines	May 05 Keith Stillewell May 12 Amy Smith May 19 Parks Mason May 26 Doug Hendrix

Lenten Devotionals

The Lenten Devotionals have come to an end. Thank you to all our writers and readers for guiding through this season from Ash Wednesday through Holy Week to Easter Sunday. You have taken us on a spiritual journey and helped us think about what it means to be a faithful church, worshipping, caring, praying, serving, growing, and witnessing. After reading each devotional multiple times before the devotional was published, I really enjoyed listening to the devotionals again as I traveled. The recorded voices made the writings come alive in a new way for me. There were so many inspiring words shared that I hesitate to name some, but here are a few random memories from the devotionals: Mike Luscher, a homebound member himself, reminding us of how meaningful it is to be remembered; Richard Summers retelling how Bettye Kerrick spontaneously stood as the Christ Candle entered the sanctuary on Easter; low interest loans saving real people from predatory loans; the efficiency and love of our Clothes Closet workers; Dwight Lovan's walks with his dad; every day I come to work at FBC, I appreciate how Kara Johnson makes our life easier; the first time I've ever heard Popeye quoted in a church devotional and the point was well made; Dianne Stillwell's story of the power of a penny; and Sophie Smith's insights into Peter's bravery after Jesus' death. There were so many more highlights and every devotion brought insight and inspiration. Thank you.



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Theme Wall

Thank you for sharing your thoughts on the theme wall, FBC Connect: Loving God and Neighbors. We will leave the wall up for a few more weeks. We encourage you to add your reflections and read what others have shared. We will compile and share the comments at a later date.

Blessings,
Keith Stillwell

MY FAITH SPARKLES: BOOK SIGNING AND RECEPTION WITH AMY SMITH

Fellowship Hall, FBC Frankfort
Sunday May 5, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. before Sunday morning Bible Study
9:30 a.m. – Presentations with Selected Readings and Greetings

We are thrilled for the release of our own Amy Luscher Smith's book, *My Faith Sparkles: Memoir of a Cancer Survivor*. You can order your own copy at Amazon.com, and you can follow Amy on facebook at www.facebook.com/amyluschersmith/ and on her website: myfaithsparkles.com. A limited number of copies of the book will be available for sale at the book signing.

You are invited to join us for this reception that will include light refreshments and book signing by Amy. At 9:30 there will be a special presentation with some words of greeting and congratulations, readings of selected passages by Amy, and some information on how you can share in a ministry with individuals battling cancer. For every book Amy sells, she will donate one to an oncology office, infusion center, support group, or individual battling cancer.

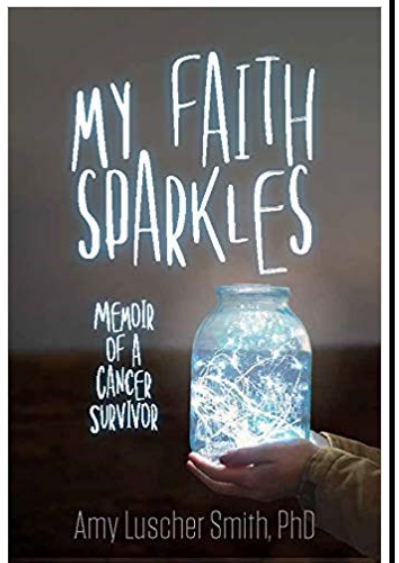
About the book, My Faith Sparkles

When Cancer Happens, Knowledge, Hope, and Support are the Best Medicine.

Have you ever endured something so deeply personal, so horribly radical that it caused you to question things that previously seemed solid and real? Your body? Your mind? Your future? Your beliefs?

This book is for those who have had such an experience — an experience that the world around us considers to be a tragedy, like cancer. It's a book for those who have wondered, "Am I the only one?" It is for those who have faith, want faith, need faith, question their faith in a God who will not leave us to face tragedy alone.

Journey with Amy Luscher Smith to see that it only takes a spark of light to pierce the darkness. That's what makes a single flame so beautiful. A tiny light in the darkness. A flicker of hope that can lead the way. A small faith that sparkles.



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MUSIC MINISTRY

On May 19 we will celebrate Linda McKinley's 50th Anniversary as our church organist! What a tremendous blessing Linda is to us week after week! First Baptist Church has been blessed for a half century to have an outstanding organist who exemplifies Christ in all she does. She is far more than an organist to us, though that is a huge blessing. She is a great teacher of our children through Children's Choir and her outside work with the Frankfort Children's Singers, which she founded! Linda's Christian spirit is evident the minute you meet her and I am honored beyond words to work with her. I hope you will attend the reception planned for her on Sunday, May 19, 9:15 - 9:45 a.m. I thank God for Linda and know you do as well!

If you listen carefully toward the end of May you may hear Christmas music coming from the choir room on Wednesday evenings! Yes, Christmas music! The Sanctuary Choir will be recording a Christmas CD this year during August and September. We hope to have it available to give to you by the Hanging of the Green Service this year. It will involve a lot of work from our choir and accompanists, but I am sure it will be worth it as we will be able to enjoy it for years to come! In December the choir will sing the anthems on the CD for worship. So please don't think we've lost our minds if on Wednesday evening you hear Christmas music when you leave Prayer Meeting!
 ~Richard

WEDNESDAY SUMMER SCHEDULE: Beginning May 22, we will alter our Wednesday evening schedule for the summer. Prayer meeting will be 6:00 - 6:30 and Sanctuary Choir will rehearse 6:30 - 7:45. Our Wednesday night meal will continue through the end of May then resume in August.



YOUTH ministry

Hello, church! Hope all's going well whenever you end up reading this! Here's what the youth will be getting into this month: In Sunday school, we'll be discussing a series called "The Body of Christ at Work". This study will invite students to think about how the church interacts with and responds to justice issues by engaging with the work of several modern theologians and activists.

Wednesday evenings will continue to be more laid back, filled with playing games, going outdoors, and simply taking a break from whatever the day's looked like. Regarding weekend activities, the youth will be going to the Emma Quire Mission Center on Saturday morning, May 11, to do some volunteer work. The youth will be helping paint a senior citizen's back deck, cleaning their backyard, and having a picnic with them. Please note that starting the week of May 22 we will begin our summer schedule for church activities. As such, we will not have Wednesday evening youth activities unless stated otherwise.

In closing, as always, if you're looking to volunteer with the youth in any way, please contact me and I'll get you plugged in somewhere. To those who have volunteered and are currently volunteering- Thank you so much! You are greatly appreciated more than you know!

Peace be with you!
 Marcus



We have a limited number of travel mugs, \$10 each, available in the office if you would still like to purchase one!

THE BARNABAS GROUP



It's Picnic Season again, so to get things started, The Barnabas Group will be having a cookout/picnic on Thursday, May 16, at The Game Farm. We have reserved Shelter 2 (the large shelter) from 11:00 - 3:00 that day. Hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, tea, ice, paper plates, utensils, and charcoal will be provided. Bring a dish to share, a folding chair if you want, and if someone has a corn-hole set, bring that too! Please sign up soon on the church bulletin board. If you are interested in checking out a fishing pole, or wish to purchase a fishing license, you can call the Salato Center (502-564-7863). You can also visit the center while we are there.



Looking ahead: On June 11, we will be going to watch The Lexington Legends play ball. The game starts at 7:05 PM. (It is 25 cent hot dog night!) Tickets will run around \$12. Be sure to put July 13 on your calendar for a "Christmas in July" party at The Carpenter's House. August event is To Be Determined. Our combined luncheon with First United Methodist is on the books for September 19. Pull out your calendars (or phones) and get these dates in your schedule.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me at TheBarnabasGroupFBC@gmail.com.

~Mona Carpenter

WHAT IS THE SEASON OF EASTER?



In Godly Play, part of our discussion of the circle of the church year is the explanation of the Season of Easter. We explain to the children that Easter is such an amazing mystery it cannot be contained in a single week. It flows over into six more weeks until we arrive at Pentecost.

During this time, we are going on a journey with the disciples. This was a time of transition for them. It was between Jesus' earthly ministry and the coming of the Holy Spirit. They met and began to know Jesus in a new way. As Jerome Berryman puts it, during this time "He is neither simply human nor simply spiritual. He is completely both in a way that is anything but simple."

For the six weeks after Easter, we will be talking to the children about how the disciples and other early followers began to see and experience Jesus after his resurrection. This time was frightening and unnerving for the early disciples. What were they supposed to do now? How were they to go on and tell others about God's love without their teacher, their Rabbi, to lead them?

Each of the encounters with Jesus after his resurrection have undertones of a missional call. The disciples are being commissioned to go out and spread the good news to the whole world. This is a scary proposition for a group of mostly uneducated, rural laborers. During the time Jesus was with them after his resurrection, he tried to get them ready for this mission. Then on Pentecost, he provided them (and us today) with the Holy Spirit to be our guide, our teacher, our comforter.

Won't you join us this Season of Easter to think about what our mission should be? How can we show God's love to the whole world? And remember... We are never alone. The Holy Spirit was given to us all to sustain us throughout our journey in this life. We only have to listen closely for its guiding.



LOOKING AHEAD: Mark Your Calendars For First Friday Family Fun Nights
June 7 and July 5 5:00 - 8:00 pm Lakeview Park

Mark your calendars now to join us for the First Friday Family Fun Nights this Summer. Come enjoy an evening of fellowship, play, and maybe a little splashing on the first Fridays in June and July. These events are open to our whole church family. More information will be in the bulletin as we get closer, but we wanted to get these on your calendar early.