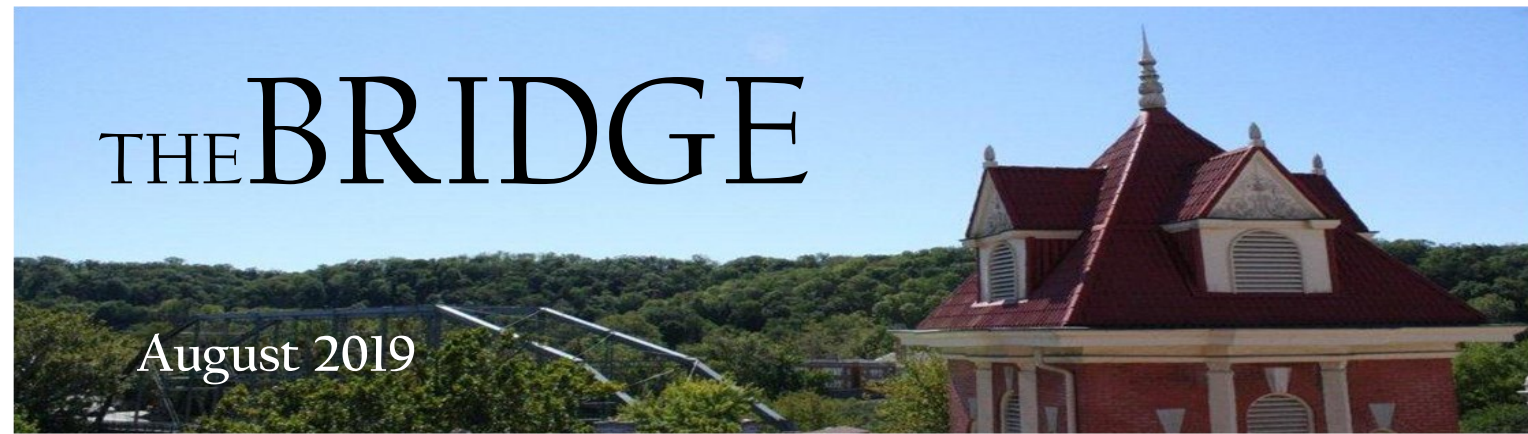
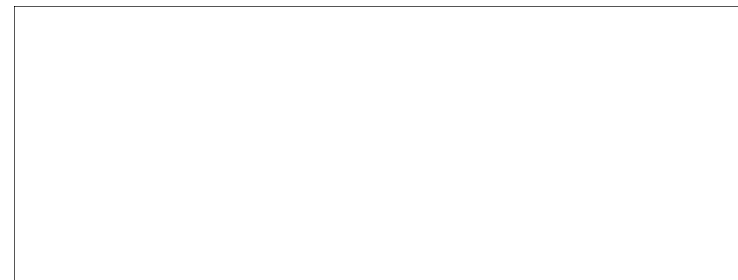


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Wednesday
ACTIVITIES
Resume August 21

So much fellowship, growth, worship, and mission work happens at First Baptist on Wednesday evenings. This year, we hope every congregation member will renew their commitment to be involved in the life of the Church on Wednesday evenings.

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| 5:00 - Family Dinner | 6:15 - Prayer Meeting |
| 5:30 - Preschool Missions | Adult Handbells |
| 1st - 5th grade Choirs | Preschool Choir |
| Youth Handbells | 1st - 5th grade Missions |
| Formations Preview Class | 7:00 - Sanctuary Choir |
| 6:00 - Youth Group | |
| Clothes Closet | |
| Mission Frankfort Clinic | |

Join us and invite friends to worship and grow in faith at First Baptist Church this year!

**MUSIC
MINISTRY**

August is an exciting month in the life of the church! After the brief break of summer, all of

our Music Ministry Teams resume rehearsals. Though summer breaks are important, I personally always look forward to resuming our regular schedule.

It is a great time to join a music ministry team as well. If you are an instrumentalist I hope you will consider joining the Instrumental Ensemble or one of our two handbell ensembles (adult & youth). If you are a singer, we'd love to have you join our Sanctuary Choir. If you are a parent of a preschooler or elementary age child, I hope you will make the commitment to have your child in Children's choir this year! Below is the schedule of our music ministry teams. Prayerfully consider your place!

Sanctuary Choir—For high schoolers through adults. Meets on Wednesday evening from 7:00—8:15 pm. Sings on Sunday mornings for worship.

Instrumental Ensemble—For youth through adults who have at least two years experience on their instru-

ment. Meets on Sunday mornings at 9:00 according to a schedule announced at the beginning of each semester.

Adult Handbells—For adults with music reading experience. Meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:15-7:00 pm.

Youth Handbells—For youth 6th-12th grades. Meets on Wednesday evenings from 5:30—6:00 pm.

Children's Choirs—1st—2nd Grade Choir and 3rd—5th Grade Choir meet on Wednesday evenings from 5:30—6:15 pm. Preschool Choir meets from 6:15—7:00 pm.

A personal word of thanks to everyone for your kindness, through so many ways, during Lois' recovery from her broken leg and surgery. We are deeply touched and grateful. Hoping she will be back at the piano very soon!

~Richard

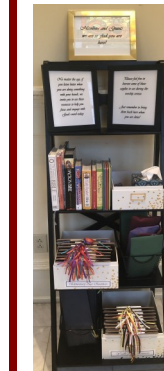
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BLESSING OF THE STUDENTS

Our annual Blessing of the Students will be Sunday, August 18, during morning worship. Children 3rd - 5th grade are invited to remain in worship for the hour. Younger children will be brought in for the special prayer and time of blessing and photo at the end of the service. Adults are encouraged to take the name of a student to pray for throughout the school year as they exit the service. We bless all students whether they are members or visitors, so invite all the students you know to join us!

HELPING YOU WORSHIP TO YOUR FULLEST



We recognize and appreciate that we all learn in different ways. For some, keeping your hands busy helps your mind to focus and improves your listening skills. Our new resource stand in the vestibule not only has items for children that coordinate with our scripture and sermon each week, but it also has items for adults. Those who concentrate better with something in their hands may enjoy the clipboards for coloring or even the knit/crochet scarf projects. You are welcome to try something from the shelves; we just ask you to return the items to their spot after the service.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 9:00 am ROMEOs 6:00 pm Deacons' Meeting	2	3
4 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship 12:00 pm Youth Family Luncheon	5	6	7 5:30 pm Formations Preview Class 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir	8 9:00 am ROMEOs	9	10
11 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship 12:00 pm Spiritual Formation Team Meeting 6:00 pm Labyrinth Walk	12	13	14 5:30 pm Formations Preview Class 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm Sanctuary Choir	15 9:00 am ROMEOs	16	17
18 PROMOTION SUNDAY & BLESSING OF THE STUDENTS 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship 4:00 pm Enneagram Journey 5:00 pm Youth Pool Party	19	20	21 5:00 pm Wednesday Night Activities begin! See front cover for full schedule	22 9:00 am ROMEOs	23	24 9:00 am Clinic
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THE BARNABAS GROUP



The Barnabas Group (TBG) is taking a break in August to prepare for a *very active* Fall Calendar of Events. On September 19, TBG will enjoy dinner and a concert at FBC. We have invited the Senior Adult group (Living Life and Loving It) from First United Methodist to join us. The gospel singing group, Rahab's Rope, will perform that evening. You can hear some of their music on their website: www.rahabsrope.band. This is a concert you want to attend! Dinner will be in Fellowship Hall at 5:00, with the concert to follow in the Sanctuary at 6:00. We will have donation baskets to cover the cost of the food and singers. Please bring a dessert to share.

On October 5, TBG is headed to lunch at Shakertown with a boat ride on the KY River to follow. The cost of lunch is \$19.20 each (that covers all taxes and tips) and the boat ride is \$10. This event needs to be paid in advance. You can go to the lunch and NOT go on the boat ride if you prefer. The sign up sheet will give you that option. Please pay the church when you sign up. The deadline to sign up for Shakertown is September 19 (the day of our September dinner/concert).

TWO sign up sheets will appear on the bulletin board during August. Deadline to sign up for the dinner and concert is September 13. Deadline to sign up and pay for Shakertown is September 19.

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

~Mona Carpenter

Spiritual Formation

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER APPRECIATION AND BREAKFAST CLUB

Everyone of all ages, whether currently enrolled in Sunday School or not, is invited to join us in Fellowship Hall for breakfast and to recognize our Sunday School teachers and children's and nursery volunteers and highlight opportunities for Spiritual Formation in the fall.

- Sunday, August 25
- 9:30 a.m. - Big Breakfast and Teacher Appreciation
- 10:00 a.m. - Bible Study and Fellowship: Some (including children) will dismiss to their regular Sunday School classes while others remain for breakfast, fellowship, and devotion.

Note: We will have activity tables set up for the children if they finish breakfast before being dismissed with their teachers at 10:00.

THE ENNEAGRAM JOURNEY:



A new and stimulating 12-week enneagram study will begin Sunday, August 18, 4:00 - 6:00 pm, led by Cynthia Insko (there are some Sundays the group will not meet). The cost is \$50 for the materials. Sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office to register. Please let your friends know about the study! We have business size cards available on the church entrance tables for you to give to anyone you feel might be interested in joining us.

Are You New to the Enneagram?

If you are not familiar with enneagrams and would like to know more before participating in the 12-week group, *The Road Back to You: An Enneagram Journey to Self-Discovery*, provides a good and readable introduction (available in the church office for \$15).

About The Enneagram Journey

As we seek to connect to God and others by growing in our love, we often discover God nudging us to explore unhealthy patterns and habits that may be impeding our growth and transformation. The enneagram is a popular tool to help us see ourselves more clearly so we can wholeheartedly surrender to the Spirit's transforming work in us as we desire to love God and others as Jesus did.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS OPTION: Transformed Through Love



On July 28, we begin a four session Sunday School series, *Transformed Through Love*, in keeping with our theme, FBC

Connect: Called to Love. Any Sunday School class that would like to participate is welcome to join us. If you are not involved in a Sunday morning Bible study, this may be a good opportunity to connect. As we begin this new chapter in the life of our church, join us in thinking together about God's mission for the church.

Format of the sessions: (1) Prayer, (2) Twenty minute, thought provoking video, *Transformed Through Love*, (3) Guided reflection and table dialogue, (4) Sending forth with a charge and a blessing.

LABYRINTH WALK

August 11, 6:00 p.m.

The Labyrinth Walk is an ancient spiritual formation experience that takes you on an inward and outward journey in prayer. Join us Sunday, August 11, 6:00 p.m., at Dolly Graham Park (225 River Street at the east end of Second Street) for our first FBC Labyrinth Walk. After an introduction to the Labyrinth Walk, you may walk the Labyrinth at your own pace.

You may not have heard of this park in the heart of Frankfort. It has a small wooded area with native flowers and plants (the "Fantasy Forest" and "Pollinator Paradise Island"), a garden, playground, and a picnic area. Drinks and snacks will be provided.



SPIRITUAL FORMATION ADVISORY TEAM

Your Spiritual Formation Advisory Team is meeting after worship on Sunday, August 11, with Dr. Felton, to plan opportunities for Spiritual Formation this fall. Pray for them and let one of them know if you have any suggestions for how we can help our congregation grow in faith. Spiritual Formation Team: Elaine Shryock-Allen, Erica Galyon, Dwight Lovan, Joe Manning, Amy Luscher Smith, Rick White, and Keith Stillwell.

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Online Giving is one of the easiest ways to tithe regularly, even when you can't be present on a Sunday. Visit us at fbcfrankfort.org, and click the GIVE button to enroll!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We have so many important dates as August quickly approaches. Please mark your calendar!

- **PROMOTION SUNDAY AND BLESSING OF THE STUDENTS: AUG 18**
Our kids will promote to their new classes that day in Sunday School. At the end of morning worship, all students will come to the front of the sanctuary for a special blessing. Friends are welcome!
- **WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES RESUME: AUG 21**
We hope all children ages 3 years old through 5th grade will join us for the fun of praising God and learning how we can share God's love in our community and world! Nursery care is available for younger children each week. See the front cover for all the times and ways you can join us on Wednesdays!
- **MARSHMALLOW HEADS BIBLE BUCKS AUCTION: AUG 11**
Marshmallow Heads, bring your Bible Bucks on Aug 11 to Sunday School!!!!

HELPERS NEEDED

We are looking for a couple of people to help in our Children's Ministry areas. Specifically, we are in need of doorkeepers for Godly Play, teaching assistants for our Wednesday night mission classes, and alternates for Sunday School classes. If you feel led to be part of the spiritual formation of the children of FBC, please let me know.
~Jenny

fbc YOUTH ministry

Hello, church! I hope all is going well with you when you read this!

First, I'd like to extend my utmost gratitude to Michelle Little for chaperoning Move It Mondays. Thank you so much for helping make these Mondays happen!

For this month, I'd like to mention we welcome three new youth to our group: Marissa Adcock, Michaela Galyon, and Maya Felton. I am super excited for them to join us! To celebrate our new arrivals into youth group, our current youth families will host a youth family luncheon on Sunday, August 4, immediately following worship.

School's back in session this month, and the Rhorers are throwing a youth back-to-school pool party at their home on August 18, 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Rhorers, thank you so much for hosting!

Along with school starting, so is our Wednesday evening youth group! To give you an idea of my plans, like our theme for the year, we're going to focus on the concept of *narrative* and *storytelling*. I'm thinking *FBC: Called to Love Through Narrative* (working title in progress), where we center part of Wednesday evenings on a worship service, sharing testimonies, and serving the church's Wednesday activities. If you'd like to share your testimony one Wednesday evening, please let me know.

Likewise, if you'd like to serve in our youth ministries- whether it be sharing a testimony, chaperoning an event, or in some other facet- please get in touch with me and I'll plug you in somewhere!

Peace be with you!
Marcus

FROM THE Senior Pastor

Many of you know I attended the General Assembly of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship in Birmingham, Alabama a few weeks ago. On Wednesday of the conference, the First Baptist Church of Frankfort, Kentucky, was recognized for 'Outstanding Service in Christian Mission.' We were one of three churches out of close to 1800 congregations to be honored in this way. As your representative, I walked onto the platform in front of a thousand or so people and received this beautiful award. I thought about you and all of those who have gone before us, who laid a foundation of being a missional church. I was proud and joyous, but in the same breath, I felt a great sense of responsibility and calling, too.

Many observe our family of faith as a model of missions and ministry. This recognition is evidence of being examined by others and their endorsement of how we are advancing the Gospel. As you see this award which will be hung in a prominent place, I want you to have a healthy feeling of pride and be happy that like-minded Christian sisters and brothers acknowledged us in this fashion. I also hope you will consider the great responsibility that comes with being a model for others.

I do not think it is coincidental that God called someone so passionate about missions to be the Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church. To sustain the great history of missions at FBC, we are going to need 'all hands on deck.' I don't believe God leads anyone to FBC to sit on the sidelines. We are on mission. We need everyone to plug-in and find their place, their role, their part of the body, in order to reach our full potential. I don't think we have even scratched the surface of the impact we can have on this community, the Commonwealth and the world. Where is your place of ministry through FBC?

In Christ,
Keith

