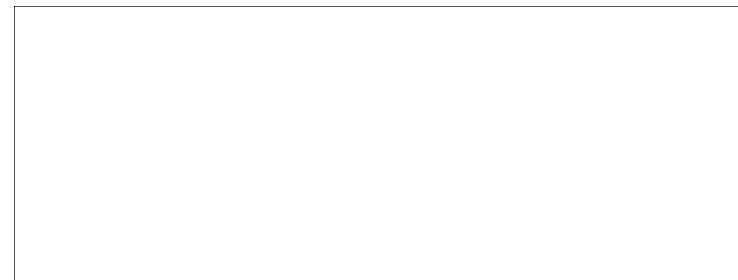


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On Sunday, November 3, the Sanctuary Choir, along with guest instrumentalists, will lead our All Saints Sunday worship service by singing John Rutter's beautiful "Requiem." Requiem means rest and the whole work centers on remembering those who have gone home to be with the Lord. Our children have worked on banners for each of our church members who have died over the past year and have learned about their lives. Those banners will be processed in on that Sunday morning. It has become a cherished tradition in our congregation over the past few years.

The last song in the Requiem is "Lux aeterna" and the text is:

*I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me,
Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for they rest
from their labours: even so saith the Spirit.*

*Light eternal shine upon them, Lord, we pray:
with saints and angels ever dwelling, for thy mercy's
sake, may they rest in peace.*

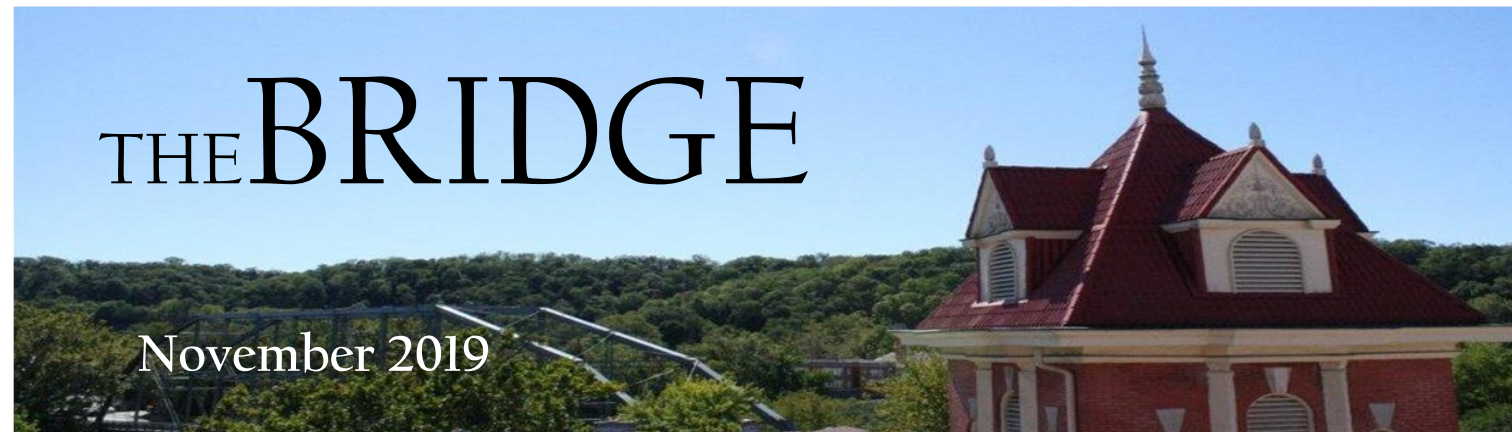
Grant them rest eternal, Lord our God, we pray

to thee: and light perpetual shine on them for ever.

My prayer is this worship service will cause us to pause and remember those saints who have gone before us and remember they are now in the presence of the Lord. I also pray it serves as a reminder of God's great love for us in that he has prepared heaven and "light eternal" for us.

I hope you will be present for this service and that you will invite your friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc., to join you.

~Richard



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New Members

Breahna Thornsberry and
Zyiah Harris
October 6, 2019

In Memoriam

Mary Alvis Powell
October 13, 2019

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 3, 2019
10:50 a.m. Worship Service

All Saints Sunday, November 3, 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, November 2018 - September 2019, 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.

The Sanctuary Choir will present John Rutter's *Requiem* to help us worship during this day of remembrance.

Jo Ann Jenkins

David Rudder

Sandy Sandusky

Ronnie Jump

Rae Vansant

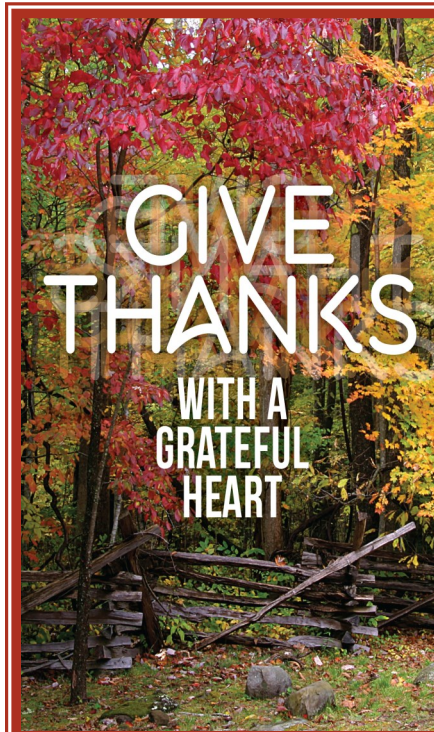
Mike Luscher

Albert Smither

John Lykins

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING from Dr. Keith Felton

God of grace and mercy, I have been one to neglect just how good and faithful you are to me personally and to this world collectively. Forgive me for overlooking your great blessings and carelessly living even a moment without gratitude in my heart. I want to do better and I commit to being more mindful of giving thanks. And so on this day, I offer my gratefulness to you, Lord, my Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Thank you for Jesus – my model for living, my bridge to being in right relationship to you, my hope of abundant life on earth and eternal life in Heaven. Thank you for my family – my personal family, my family of friends, my family of faith. Thank you for my vocation and purpose – whatever stage of life, you have given us all a calling to love doing all we can to further your Kingdom and advance your Gospel. Thank you for our relationship – you give us the capacity to grow in you and commune with you, for your abiding presence and guidance, I give you thanks. Thank you for the wonder and awe of your creation – the laughter of a child, the colors of the fall season, for inspiring landscapes, beautiful animals and magnificence of the skies. Thank you, Lord, that if I confess my sin, you are faithful to forgive my sin and cleanse me from all unrighteousness – thank you for the peace and security that brings. I pray you illumine my mind, day by day, to all the blessings that have been poured out upon me all the days of my life. May my life reflect just how thankful I need to be as I love others as you have loved me. May we, as your church, raise our grateful voices in unison so you receive the praise you deserve. Thank you, God. Amen





November

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 10:00 am Youth cleaning Clothes Closet
3 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship 4:00 pm Enneagram Journey	4	5	6 5:00 pm Wednesday Night Activities	7 9:00 am ROMEOS 6:00 pm Deacons' Meeting	8 The Barnabas Group luncheon at Beaumont Inn	9 9:00 am School for Discipleship
10 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship 4:00 pm Enneagram Journey	11	12	13 5:00 pm Wednesday Night Activities	14 9:00 am ROMEOS	15	16
17 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship 4:00 pm Enneagram Journey 6:00 pm Youth Thanksgiving	18	19	20 5:00 pm Wednesday Night Activities	21 9:00 am ROMEOS	22	23 9:00 am Clinic
24 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship 6:00 pm Hanging of the Green	25 9:30 am Soup Kitchen	26	27 NO Wednesday Night Activities this week	28 Office Closed 	29	30

THE BARNABAS GROUP



The Barnabas group had a beautiful day for lunch and a boat ride in October. It was a great day of good food and lots of laughter.

On November 8, we will gather at 11:30 at The Beaumont Inn, in Harrodsburg, for their Friday Buffet Lunch. What a treat - the fried chicken and bread pudding alone are worth the drive. Please be sure to sign up on the church bulletin board by Wednesday, November 6, and indicate if you want to ride the bus or drive separately. Lunch will cost around \$16 each; that price includes tip and tax. If you're

riding the bus, please meet in the Elder Beerman parking lot at 10:30.

The Barnabas Group will join the church for Christmas caroling for our December activity. Are we talking about Christmas already?

If you have questions or need to contact me about anything, please email me at TheBarnabasGroupFBC@gmail.com or call me at 859-948-1238.

~Mona



Spiritual Formation

THANKFUL

One year ago at this time, I was unemployed for the first time in my adult life, not counting time in school, and uncertain about my future. Because of your deep connection with The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and CBF Kentucky, your commitment to God's mission in the world, your good reputation, and our fond memories of our time as members here before, we decided to join immediately. I soon learned of possibilities for service here at First Baptist Church and with Together for Hope, and early in 2019, I began ministering with both. I am grateful to you and to God for these opportunities at just the right time. I believe that God is always working for our good, but I do not believe that means if you are faithful everything will always turn out good. I recognize I have advantages some others who live in poverty do not. God is working for their good in more difficult circumstances. During this season of Thanksgiving, I am thankful for God's leadership in my life and the many good things God brings into my life. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve you, fellowship with you, and work with this great staff. God is good. Let us be thankful.

Thank you,
Keith Stillwell



MANAGING MENTAL HEALTH Sundays: November 3, 10, 17 Fellowship Hall, 9:45 am

Anxiety, stress, and depression can increase around the holidays and with tragic events in the news. You are invited to join us in fellowship hall as Melinda Simpson, licensed clinic social worker, leads us in this class series to help us manage our own mental health and care for others.

November 3, 2019

- Intro to mental health/There is no Such thing as a Dragon story
- Anxiety 101 – Signs & Symptoms – self assessment
- Coping with anxiety in self and loved ones
- Children and Anxiety/Impact of Anxiety on family system

November 10, 2019

- Depression – When is it normal, when to become concerned
- Signs & Symptoms – self-assessment
- Caring for self and others while living with depression
- Children and Depression/Impact on family system

November 17, 2019

- Managing your mental health
- Mindfulness
- Caring for your body, Caring for your mind
- Stress management during the holidays

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

Printed copies of the Advent devotionals will first be available at our Hanging of the Green service, November 24. Devotionals will also be made available on our website. Thanks to all who have agreed to write a devotional for our booklet

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

The Presence of Christ 2019-2020 Guide to Prayer

Prayers of the people is a yearlong guide to prayer that invites you to explore how your prayers intersect with Cooperative Baptist Fellowship field personnel, ministries and partners around the world. This guide, available on the church entrance tables, is a tool for coming together in shared ministry.

Each day, create time and space in your home or workplace to consider the prayer requests. Pray for transformation and for the courage to be open to God's love. Discuss with God your connection with this particular ministry of local variant.



SCHOOL FOR DISCIPLESHIP

Genesis 1-11 Saturday, November 9 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth;" so opens the book called *Genesis*. If the story of Israel begins in chapter 12 with the calling of Abram; then everyone's story, humanity's story, your story, my story begins in Genesis 1-11. These chapters stand apart from and read differently than the rest of the book; they must be understood differently.

Anyone searching for an exact date and time for creation or remnants of the Ark or hoping to discover the foundations for the Tower of Babel will be sorely disappointed. In a sense, Genesis 1-11 stands above and beyond history; we cannot go back and recapture it or relive it. We affirm its truths by faith!

And what truths are to be mined! The stories of Chapters 1-11 are really not about our origins but our identity! These primeval events speak to the struggles of humanity; who are we and what is our role on earth, human arrogance, the loss of innocence, boundaries, meaning and purpose, sibling rivalries, new beginnings, corruption, chaos, hope, God's grace, omnipotence and more!

While our look at Genesis 1-11 may leave us wanting deeper answers to our many questions, hopefully we will have a better grasp of our identity and what it means to be human and to be part of God's creation. The bulk of our time will be spent with an in depth look at Genesis 1-3 while we take a broader sweep at the stories of Cain/Abel, Noah and the Flood and the Tower of Babel.

Put your thinking cap on. Prepare to be challenged and stretched. Bring your Bible and your questions. Come with an open mind and join us as we "deep dive" into Genesis 1-11 on Saturday, November 9. Rick White, Teacher.

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Our Book Drive Was A Huge Success! Thank You!!!!

Over the last two months our Children's Ministry Book Drive to support the Clothes Closet Toy Store has collected approximately 100 Spanish language and bilingual books. Beyond those donations, we have also received \$200 to purchase other Spanish/bilingual books and over a 100 English language books to add to the Toy Store for this Christmas season.

As always, the generosity of our church family is overwhelming and humbling. We want to thank each of you for your help and prayers for all the children and families who will be blessed by receiving these books.

Come Recycle With Us! Supplies Needed for the Children's Ministry

We will continue to collect various items for our Children's Ministry you aren't currently able to recycle that we could use for activities. If you would like to 'recycle' any of the items listed below here at church, we would be very glad to have them! Recycling tubs are located in the nursery foyer and in the 3rd floor hallway. Items we can use: newspapers, thin cardboard boxes – like cereal, cracker, pasta boxes [both regular size and individual (little) size], toilet paper rolls, paper towel rolls, magazines, wood scraps (small pieces), small/medium sized glass jars (with or without lids)
 ~Jenny



Hello, church! Here's what we can expect with our youth this month:

In Sunday school, we'll be in the middle of a series called "The Resilient Body of Faith," which explores how we can experience healing by falling apart. We'll also be discussing other things such as "tough faith questions" and even renovation ideas for the youth area.

Wednesday evenings will continue to be a time of sharing different stories and testimonies. Last month some of our youth began leading this time together, which I hope continues this month. It has been fantastic to witness! If you'd like to share some of your personal testimony with our youth during this time, please contact me.

As far as other activities go, we're set to clean the clothes closet on Saturday morning, November 2. We'll be jamming to some tunes while we sweep, mop, and wipe down the closet from 10:00AM-12:00PM (or however long it takes). Breakfast items will be provided.

We're also going to have our annual Thanksgiving meal, set for Sunday, November 17. The youth and their families are encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert as we enjoy filling our bellies and time together right before the Thanksgiving holiday.

If you feel even the slightest nudging to get involved with our youth, please contact me and I'll get you plugged in somewhere!

Peace be with you!

~Marcus

Be sure to mark your calendar for our annual "Hanging of the Green" service Sunday, November 24, 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.



I want to thank all of you who attended our **TOWN HALL AND BUSINESS MEETINGS** to hear about and discuss our ministry and budget goals for 2020. My hope is every member of FBC will prayerfully consider our individual commitments to our family of faith. I believe we are approaching a pivotal year in the life of our church as we bring on new Associate Pastors and support staff. I wholeheartedly believe if we are going to sustain our high level of missions and ministries, it will take each one of us contributing our time and resources. I am confident in our ability to not only maintain what we are doing for the Lord presently, but also to enlarge our footprint of ministry upon our community and world. I am also confident if we sincerely pray and ask God

about what level of commitment should we be striving for, God will give us an answer. Our job is to follow that guidance. Our future depends on how much we allow God to use us to advance the Gospel of Jesus. Of course, we need to finish strong in our commitments for 2019. Our 'year-end' gifts will make a huge difference in how we close the books on this calendar year. Thank you, in advance, for ending 2019 on a healthy note and for making 2020 one of the best years of our history.

The Board of **THE MISSION FRANKFORT CLINIC** recently hired **DEBORAH ARNOLD** to be our new **CLINIC ADMINISTRATOR**. She was the Executive Director for the Office of Kentucky Community Crises Response Board. She was also the Executive Director for the Office of Personnel Management for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. Deborah has worked for the Office of Civil Rights and Small Business Development, also the Division of Safety and Health Resources, both for the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. She has an M.A. in Clinical Psychology and a B.A. in Psychology from Morehead State University. We are **THRILLED** to have Deborah on board to administrate the day-to-day operations of our clinic. My request to FBC is that we pray for Deborah and give her a warm welcome as she assimilates into her new position.

CONNECT – GROW – SERVE are the three words on my new bracelet you may have seen me wearing. These three terms are important to me and I hope will become significant for our church in the coming year. My ecclesiology (understanding of the church) is based on how we live out these verbs as the people of God. **CONNECT** – how are we connecting to God and each other; how are we helping connect others to God and FBC? **GROW** – how are we growing in our relationship to God and each other; how are we growing in our responsibilities and using our gifts to help the church be healthy and fruitful? **SERVE** – how are we growing in our service to God and one another; how is our church putting our faith to action and being doers of the Word and not listeners only? That is just a small capsule of what these terms will mean for 2020 and beyond. I encourage us to think and pray on these terms as we reflect on our understanding of who we are as the church.

MISSION TRIP POSSIBILITY – There is an opportunity for our church to partner with a sister CBF of KY church, Buechel Park Baptist, to go on a mission trip to Morocco. Many of you know of our partnership with CBF of KY in supporting a ministry in Morocco to migrants and refugees who are fleeing war, poverty and disease. The trip is tentatively set for May 6-15 and the approximate cost is \$1,500 - \$2,000 per person. I realize this is an expensive endeavor and a busy time of year. The reality is this kind of trip will always be expensive and there isn't a non-busy time of year for folks anymore. Are you interested? Please let me know ASAP. I'm praying for at least 6 to 10 people who might feel led to take part in this experience of a lifetime.

In Christ,
 Keith