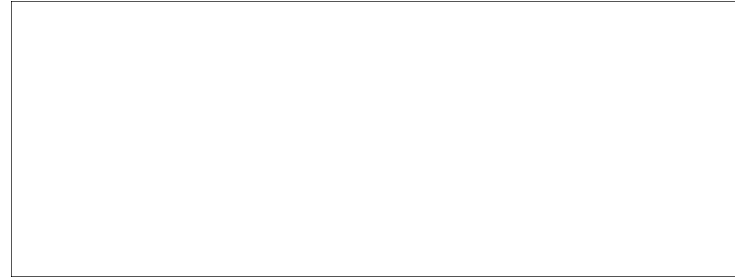


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CONNECT *GROW*SERVE is our church's theme for 2020 and beyond. For those of you who have engaged in Sunday School, Deacon's Retreat, morning worship, or our church-wide retreat in February, I believe you have an understanding of its implications for our church. But what about the role of the music ministry in **CONNECT*GROW*SERVE**?

I'm sure I'm biased, but I believe the music ministry is uniquely suited to live out this theme. Our mission is right in line with the theme. Our goal and desire is to Connect persons to God and to one another, grow in our relationships and in our understanding of our Lord, and to serve our community and world.

Music is a powerful way to connect! Music moves us in ways words alone cannot. Not only does it provide us with a beautiful median to connect with God in worship, it also provides a powerful way we can connect with one another by forming choirs and instrumental ensembles. Community is formed within these music ministry teams and it is beautiful as we offer our individual gifts to become part of a whole offered to God. In my best Tigger voice from Winnie the Pooh I can say "Connecting is what we do best! Whoo hoo hoo!"

Music also affords us the opportunity to Grow! The texts of the anthems we sing or to the tunes we play are rich in scripture, prayers and theology. The music helps us remember scripture, as many passages can be quoted by choir members simply because they have a melody to associate them by, and often those melodies remind us of those scriptures. We also grow in the gifts God has entrusted to us. We learn to sing and play better and are able to offer our best to God in worship. We grow in relationships as we cross the line and grow as community.

Music offers us the opportunity and privilege of serving. Serving as worship enablers is our highest calling. Our desire is to assist every person present in the sanctuary, or watching on Facebook Live or on Cable 20 into the presence of God. What a privilege and what a joy! We also serve one another as community within community and it is beautiful to see. It happens with little or no fanfare, but it happens often and I'm grateful. We serve as communicators of the gospel through music. We serve as educators as we teach our children, youth and adults about God, music, and community.

CONNECT*GROW*SERVE is our continual goal in the music ministry. Come join us!

-Richard

MARCH

Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship 4:00 pm Book Study	2	3 12:00 pm Book Study	4 5:00 pm Wednesday Night Activities	5 9:00 am ROMEOs 10:00 am Sisters in Grace 6:00 pm Deacons' Meeting	6	7 CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS TONIGHT
8 MARCH MISSIONS CAMPAIGN COLLECTION DAY 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship 4:00 pm Book Study	9	10	11 5:00 pm Wednesday Night Activities	12 9:00 am ROMEOs 10:00 am Sisters in Grace	13	14 3:00 pm Youth to Urban Ninja Project
15 MARCH MISSIONS CAMPAIGN COLLECTION DAY 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship	16	17 11:30 am TBG lunch at The Brown Barrel	18 5:00 pm Wednesday Night Activities	19 9:00 am ROMEOs 10:00 am Sisters in Grace	20 CBF KY Youth Missions Weekend, March 20-22	21 9:00 am Clinic
22 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship	23 9:30 am Soup Kitchen	24	25 5:00 pm Wednesday Night Activities	26 9:00 am ROMEOs 10:00 am Sisters in Grace	27	28
29 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship	30	31	Easter lily orders will be accepted March 8 - 29. Lilies are \$8.50. Look for order forms in the bulletin.			

The Barnabas Group

The March event for The Barnabas Group is an Irish lunch at The Brown Barrel in Midway. We will eat at 11:30 on St. Patrick's Day, March 17. There will be corned beef and cabbage on the menu, but they will also have their regular menu if you don't feel Irish that day.

A tentative schedule of our future events: April - Free tour of the Toyota plant in Georgetown (it is a tram-driven tour; you won't have to walk the plant) and lunch at a local restaurant; May - Louisville Bats baseball game; June - Derby Dinner Playhouse; and on July 11 - Christmas in July at the Carpenter's house.

When we sign up for the March lunch, there will also be a signup sheet for the June play, "Dearly Beloved", at Derby Dinner. I'll have more information for you about date and price on the bulletin board, but that will need to be booked way in advance.

Let me know if you have comments or questions at TheBarnabasGroupFBC@gmail.com or call me at 859-948-1238
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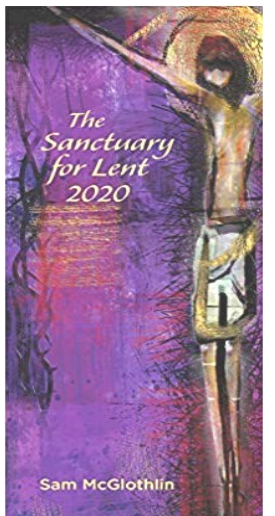
CONNECT GROW SERVE SUNDAY SCHOOL

In February, our adult Sunday School classes began a series to help us think about how we as a church can Connect, Grow, and Serve through some of the key functions of the church (community, worship, teaching, prayer, missions, witness, care, and leadership). If you are not involved with a Sunday School class, now is a good time to start as this series continues through March. We hope this season of study, worship, and sermons helps us think deeply about what it means for FBC Frankfort to be the church faithful to God's mission. The Sunday School sessions are a little different than what some of our classes are used to. Rather than a traditional Bible study of a different passage each week, we will be exploring a topic in light of Luke 10:25-42 and other passages primarily in Luke. This is a sort of book study. We hope you will join us.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL GUIDES

Lenten Devotional Guides, *The Sanctuary for Lent 2020* from Abingdon Press, are available! This guide offers devotional thoughts, scripture and spiritual practice to guide us on our journey through Lent from Ash Wednesday, February 26, through Easter Sunday, April 12.

Beginning with Jesus's words from the Sermon of the Mount, The Sanctuary for Lent 2020 leads the reader on a 46-day trek through the wilderness. With the devotions broken down into seven weekly themes, the reader is charged to Repent, Recover, Remember, Rest, Release, Rise, and Relive for each day of Lent, from Ash Wednesday until Easter Sunday. Each day's devotion includes a suggested Scripture reading and a highlighted Bible verse, a short devotion, and a closing spiritual practice. This guide helps readers faithfully journey Lent as they prepare to experience the joy of the Resurrection and is a wonderful congregational resource.



Here are some additional sources for online devotionals for lent and all throughout the year:
Richard Rohr with the Center for Action and Contemplation has free daily email devotionals.
Subscribe here: <https://cac.org/sign-up/>



Passport camp publishes online daily devotionals and has an app for your cell phone. Find out more here: <https://d365.org/>

HOLY WEEK DEVOTIONAL GUIDES

We will produce a devotional guide for Holy Week (Palm Sunday, April 5, through Easter Sunday, April 12) written by church members. If you are interested in writing one of the Holy Week devotions, see Keith Stillwell.

MARCH MISSIONS CAMPAIGN

FBC is SERVING Second Street School during March by helping provide items from teachers' wish lists. Collection carts will be at church entrances on March 8 and 15. Monetary donations may also be made to FBC with "Second Street" in the memo.



WISH LIST ITEMS

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|----------------|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Paper Towels | Dry Erase Markers/Erasers | Clorox Wipes | Anchor Chart Paper |
| Card Stock | Construction Paper | Headphones | Colored Copy Paper |
| Ear Buds | Laminating Pocket Sheets | Notebook Paper | 3mi or 5mi Laminating 8/11 Sheets |
| Hand Sanitizer | Chapter Books (2nd grade) | Flair Tip Pens | Plastic Baby Food Containers |
| Glue Sticks | Graphic Novels (2nd grade) | Treasure Box Items | Plastic Toy Hammers |

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Junior Gonzalez
January 26

Samantha Gonzalez
February 9

SAVE THE DATE

Please put these important dates on your calendar.

Palm Sunday, April 5 [Sunday] – All children will process palm branches into the service

April 29 and May 6 [Wednesdays] – Preparation for Children's Day in all children's mission classes

May 13 [Wednesday] – Dress Rehearsal for Children's Day for all children

May 17 [Sunday] – Children's Day – All children's choirs will sing and children will help lead the worship service



SEASON OF LENT: Activities for Families of All Ages

During our 40-day journey of Lent we remember, reflect, and repent. We remember who Jesus was and the work God gave him. We reflect on ways we can love God and others more. Finally, we repent from unloving ways in order to become love.

We will have some Lent resources in the front foyer and vestibule for children and families to use. I would encourage you to take a copy for your family. Below are a few other ideas of how your family can remember, reflect, and repent during this season of Lent:

Read the Bible together every day. Reading the Bible with your children every day is a great opportunity to focus on the ministry of Jesus.

Write thank you notes to your teachers and ministers. Help your children thank their teachers and ministers for teaching them about Jesus.

Give up something as a family. Jesus fasted for 40 days. That is a very long time! It would be meaningful to teach your children about fasting by giving up something for the entire Lenten season. It could be giving up desserts, not going out to eat, or drinking only water. The key is that it has to be something you enjoy and want to do/eat/have. If you hate brussels sprouts and decide to give them up during Lent, you may need to reevaluate!

-Jenny



Hello, church!

I'd like to offer a huge thank you to our youth intern, Makayla Hawkins, for all her hard work and service with the youth as her internship concludes on March 18. While I will miss her presence with us, I'm so excited for her next life chapter venturing into nursing school at Bellarmine. When you see Makayla, please say, "Thank you!" for all she's done.

I'd also like to thank the families who met at our youth process meeting on February 9 to discuss curriculum planning and spiritual formation with Dr. Keith Stillwell and myself. Moving forward, Dr. Stillwell and I are working on rolling out new ideas for Sunday morning and Wednesday nights based on the meeting and the feedback we received, all with the goal of helping the youth connect, grow, and serve.

On Saturday, March 14, we'll head to Urban Ninja Project (UNP) in Lexington to work on our American Ninja Warrior parkour skills! The plan is to meet at FBC at 3:00PM, bus over to UNP, and play around from 4:00PM-6:00PM. The cost is \$7, and the RSVP deadline is Wednesday, March 11.

FBC youth also have an outstanding opportunity to participate in CBF's Youth Mission Weekend at Crescent Hill Baptist Church in Louisville, KY, March 20-22. The theme for the weekend is "Finding Jesus in Real Life (IRL)," where the youth will serve in a variety of mission projects and worship. The cost is \$75 which covers 2 nights, 4 meals, and a t-shirt.

I hope you'll find a way to be involved with FBC Youth!

Peace be with you all!

Rev. Marcus J. Pernel



I pray those of you involved in a Sunday school class going through the CONNECT*GROW*SERVE curriculum have found it both enjoyable and deeply meaningful. This emphasis is very important to me as your Pastor in order for us to securely lay a foundation of what it means to be the church and how we approach such an endeavor. God has called each of us to this time and place and people to function as the Body of Christ in our city, county and beyond. We are to connect with God and one another while simultaneously helping others to connect with God and the church. We are to grow with God and one another

through our follow-ship of Jesus, our relationship with God and our relationships within our family of faith while growing in relationships with those who need God and our family of faith. We are to serve God and one another; we are to selflessly serve in our city so others may see our discipleship of Jesus and God's sacrificial love for the world. Understanding vital elements of church life like COMMUNITY, WORSHIP, TEACHING, PRAYER, MISSIONS, WITNESS, CARE and LEADERSHIP help us in our connections, our growth and our service. I want all of us to be clear about what we are doing as the church. Our mission and vision for the future are found in what appears at first to be three simple terms, but in this season of fleshing out what it means to CONNECT*GROW*SERVE, I hope we will see all the different and somewhat complex ways in which we put this into practice.



Thank you to all who came February 8 to be part of our church-wide retreat. A special thanks to Keith Stillwell and Richard Summers as they were key in helping us understand our 2020 theme of CONNECT*GROW*SERVE. I'm always amazed at how mature our church is in grasping theological concepts and understanding what it means to engage as the church in the world. I love how our church can be playful and then be serious about important matters of faith. It is an honor to Pastor such a Koinonia.

I hope you are continuing to pray for our Search Committees. Their work is critical in this juncture at First Baptist Church. Both committees are getting closer to presenting candidates for Associate Pastor of Children & Spiritual Formation and Associate Pastor of Missions. I believe God is in the process of guiding individuals to our church that will be truly called and make a difference in the life of our church and city. I am so appreciative of those who are serving on these committees.

In Christ,
Keith