

THE VISION

The Official Newsletter of First Baptist Church Fort Thomas

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Worship Schedule

Sunday Morning: 10:45am
in-person & online
Children's Church: 10:45am
in-person (mask required)
Adult Sunday School: 9:30a.m

FROM OUR PASTOR

Pastor Jeremy Shannon

Greetings church family!

I recently had the opportunity to help organize a preaching workshop at Georgetown College. One of my passions is helping create opportunities for preachers to continue developing the skills necessary to be faithful stewards of the great privilege that you give us each and every week. It was a joy to hear from others and learn about their own experiences, both good and bad, and how to grow in our capacity to be faithful witnesses of God's love.

While the workshop was good, I was particularly moved by the thoughtfulness of two friends that took time to reach out to me before and after the workshop. One sent well wishes the night before. The other reached out the following morning to express gratitude for the event and shared specific examples of how the time had been a blessing.

I don't share this to point attention to anything that I did, but instead to share how those words served as a teaching point for me and how I believe they can be a teaching moment for our congregation. Both people that reached out to me during this event helped show support for the work and an affirmation that it was important. Knowing their own pastoral hearts, I know that those messages were intentional. It is an intentionality that I feel is lacking in my own life and hearing those words make me want to do better for others!

April is shaping up to be an exciting month. As we gear up for many events that will happen, most notably Easter Sunday, I would encourage you to join me in reaching out to folks that perhaps we have not heard from in awhile. Getting back into the rhythms of doing things, even things that we love, can be a challenge. An encouraging phone call, card, or visit just might be the thing to help people know that they are wanted and missed. Gathering together takes intentionality. Serving others takes intentionality. The more that we do those things, the more that I believe we will see the fruits of our labor.

Consider this an April challenge. Reach out to at least two people to encourage them and let them know you appreciate them. Think of folks that do not have a church family and invite them to join you. Good things will happen.

Shine on. Press on. Go on

Pastor Jeremy

Easter Tulips



\$10.75 Each

Easter is approaching and it is time to honor and remember our loved ones. This year we will just be doing tulips due to lilies being hard to come by. Be on the look out for the order forms.

Can't wait to see the sanctuary full of flowers!

Church Directory

PHOTO SHOOT



APRIL 26TH 2:30-8:30

BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR SIGN UP SHEETS



FROM OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTER

Kaitlyn Runion

Dear church,

Thank you for all of your support during my maternity leave! I'm back now and this month has a lot of opportunities for us to reconnect.

This upcoming Palm Sunday, April 10th, will be the first Palm Sunday in a long time that our kids will be back in the sanctuary to process down the aisle with palm branches praising Jesus! This is even more of a celebration than in years past because our kids haven't been able to be in the sanctuary much since Covid and in our church we know that our kids are an integral part of our congregation. These special moments just haven't been the same without them! This is all the more reason to invite the kids in your life to join us that Sunday so they can be a part of this exciting day!

Since the pandemic started our kids' Sunday School has been suspended. We believe we can have Sunday School safely now and are eager to do so, we just need a few volunteers to make it work! Please pray about this opportunity and whether God could use you to bless our kids in this way. Sunday School is a great time for the kids to learn about the Bible, but I think the real heart of Sunday School has always been the relationships we build while we do that important work of learning Scripture. Our kids benefit so much from knowing safe and loving adults in our church family. If you think you can be one of those adults for our kids reach out and we'll work it out!

Sunday is coming, see you then - in the NEW year!

SCHEDULES FOR APRIL

DEACONS

4/3
Harry Weitkamp
4/10
Walter Mershon
4/17
Bill Klopp
4/24
Lori Orne

INFANTS 1

4/3
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4/10
Jeremy Runion
4/17
Jeremy Runion
4/24
Jeremy Runion

PRESCHOOL

4/3
Kaitlyn Runion & Mirm Fuller
4/10
Kaitlyn Runion & Debbie Mershon
4/17
April Ayers & Kim Beagle
4/24
Susan Meyer & Amy Shannon

TELLERS

4/3
Kim Beagle & Barb Musick
4/10
Kim Beagle & Bill Eckerle
4/17
Lori Maines & Walter Mershon
4/24
Kim Beagle & Barb Musick

INFANTS 2

4/3
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4/10
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4/17
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4/24
Kaitlyn Runion

ELEMENTARY

4/3
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4/10
Walter Mershon
4/17
Kaitlyn Runion
4/24
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EARTH DAY

April 24th is Fort Thomas's annual Earth Day Celebration. This year it will be from 12pm-4pm and we'll once again be heading the plant-a-seed booth. Last year this booth was so simple and fun! We'll have volunteer sign-ups soon and feel free to let me know if it's already on your heart to be a part of our booth!

MONTHLY HIGHLIGHT



This month we would like to highlight our food collection for the Holy Spirit Parish Food Pantry in Newport, KY. For many years we have partnered with this ministry in their important work of providing food to those in need. Each month, we are asked to collect a specific item that is needed by the food pantry. Our ministry is made possible by the tireless efforts of Barb Scott. Each month she communicates with the food pantry to learn what item is needed and she shops for all of the best deals in town. She also counts the number of items and transports them to the food pantry at the end of the month. Our church supports this ministry in many ways. Some purchase items when they are out shopping. Others have ordered items and had them delivered to the church. One other major means of support is through financial support. By designating funds to the food pantry, we are able to go out and purchase more items. In 2021, the church was able to provide 3,143 items. Thank you for your continued support of the food pantry and helping provide to those who are in need of assistance and another chance to encounter the love of God through the provision of others!

MISSIONS UPDATES

Holy Spirit Parish Food Pantry

Every month we collect for the Holy Spirit Parish. So far in March we have collected 102 sugars, and 10 misc. items.

For the month of April, we've been asked to donate CHEERIOS

Let's continue blessing those in our community.



WOMEN'S MISSIONS CIRCLE

Every 1st Monday of the month we have a dedicated group of women that gather for a time of prayer, fellowship, and a lesson on missions involvement. They meet at 12pm in the fellowship hall. They maintain numerous additional activities throughout the year and are always looking for more people to join with them!

The next meeting will be held April 4th at noon. Pack a lunch and have lunch together. It's a great way to enjoy lunch together, eat dessert, and socialize. We look forward to eating with you!

KENTUCKY DISASTER RELIEF UPDATE FROM BOB FOX

I am excited to share with you some updates on our Disaster Response in Western Kentucky! While we continue to wait for the effort in Mayfield to open up for volunteers, I am thrilled that the first trial group from CBFKY has spent a week working in Bremen, KY.

The group composed of members of Calvary Baptist Church in Lexington and members of Middletown Baptist and others spent last week on site. They worked to fix a room of a house that blew off during the tornado. The homeowner, who had no insurance, had her son, wife and new baby who were moving in with her. This room will make all the difference in the world.

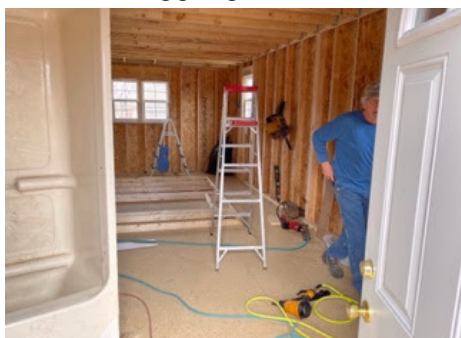
The crew finished framing the inside of the structure. It is ready now for others to come in and drywall, floor and paint.

There are a number of projects like these that will be available through the summer and the fall. In addition, there is a lot of volunteer work needed around the distribution and organization of all of the items that have been donated. We are working with a person to help with volunteer coordination in that area.

I am so proud of Brian Varble, our Disaster Response Coordinator, who has been key in making this happen. Our response is truly driven by and embraced by the people in this small town. The mayor is personally helping us identify projects. The local church campground is opening for groups to stay. Lunch and dinner are being served at the local municipal building by people in the town for those who come.

Pay attention in the next couple of weeks for more details about how you can make reservations for you or your group to be a part of our effort in Bremen.

Helping those who are struggling with disaster response is one of the ways CBFKY is following Christ together.



April 2022

MONTHLY PLANNER

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
				April Ayers		Colt Colliver*
4 WMC lunch 12pm Ruth Eckerle	5	6	7 Patty Adams	8	9	10 Palm Sunday
11 Office Closed	12 Office Closed	13 Office Closed	14 Office Closed Zoe White*	15 Good Friday	16	17 Easter Sunday Annette Rose
18	19	20	21 Walter & Fay Hailes^	22	23 Dora Griffin	24 Earth Day Festival 12-4 Tower Park
25 Owen Pabst*	26 Church Directory Photos 2:30-8:30 Ryan Maines Barb Musick	27	28	29 Asher Shannon* Henry Shannon*	30	1

NOTES

WMC= Women's Mission Circle

Children Birthday's * Anniversaries ^