



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
FORT THOMAS

# THE VISION

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The Official Newsletter of First Baptist Church Fort Thomas

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## Office Hours:

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## Worship Schedule

Sunday Morning: 10:45am  
in-person & online  
Children's Church: 10:45am

Adult & Children's  
Sunday School: 9:30am

The question has been asked “what is the Church Council?” That’s a good question! It’s been 2 years since the council was voted on and approved as the leadership team. The information below should help explain things better.

**OBJECTIVE of the Coordinating Church Council:** In order to better equip First Baptist Church Fort Thomas to seek out God’s plan as a church, we have sought out an organizational structure that will allow the church to cover all aspects of ministry. The church is transitioning to a Coordinating Council model of organization. This council is charged with helping create a cohesive church calendar, coordinate with the treasurer to form a church budget, and serve as liaisons to ministry leaders under their designated focus.

**EXPLANATION:** The council is composed of:

- Senior Pastor – open
- Treasurer – Lori Orne
- Worship Coordinator – Miriam Fuller
- Deacon Chairperson – Walter Mershon

The following three (3) positions are what is being voted on this Sunday, August 7 th . The church voted on the first three (3) positions back in 2020. At a recent council meeting we filled the other three (3) spots to complete the council.

- Missions Coordinator – Jackie Harry
- Discipleship Coordinator – Lori Maines
- Building/Grounds Chairperson – Dale Ayers

The church Administrative Assistant serves as a non-voting member. It will help to make sure that the activities of the church align with our core vision. As elected positions of the church, the council is able to make recommendations for the church, doing so with the trust of those in the church body. Coordinators are not authoritative over their area, but an ambassador and helper.

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#### BENEFITS:

- Clear organizational direction, which creates better coordination of church ministry efforts.
- Creates better gateway for new people to get involved. By focusing on a ministry mindset instead of a committee, leaders are given more opportunities to recruit help.
- Can be adapted to face new challenges. Will rely upon ad hoc committees that are equipped to face challenges.
- Can encourage folks to continue serving where things are excelling.

#### CHALLENGES:

- Will be a learning curve. Patience with each other. :)
- Trust - of committee and of church. Business meetings will still be needed, but congregation will trust Council to handle many decisions. This is not very different from current structure, just something to consider.

### FROM OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTER

Dear Church,

Fort Thomas Schools will resume this month and we will resume our Kids Sunday School Class on August 21st!

Blessings,  
Kaitlyn



### FROM OUR WORSHIP MINISTER

Happy August!

Hard to believe the year is more than half over... It is being said "before you know it, Christmas will be here!"... As Charlie Brown would say "aaauuggghh!!!"

As you are aware, we are in a transition period. We've had pulpit supply for the last three weeks of July and will have Bob Fox, CBF Kentucky Coordinator for the month of August. He will help us in this time of transition. He will encourage us through God's Word.

It is my intent, and hope, that you are encouraged through the music on Sunday mornings. I try to pick a mix of types of song between old hymns and more modern songs. I do find it amusing that some really old songs I think everyone will know - no one knows! So, just think of it this way - you've learned a new "old" song...and are the better for it!

We have started taking up the offering again and I'm glad about that. Tithes and offerings are a very important part of worshiping God. It is a time to reflect on what God has given to you, that he owns all things, and time to praise Him through giving back to Him. Also remember that giving to others is also part of worship. When you give to special needs, that is also giving back to God.

CBF Kentucky is accepting donations on money, and supplies for the flood victims of Eastern Kentucky. It's overwhelming to think of the clean up that needs to happen for all of those affected in Eastern Kentucky. If you want to make a monetary donation, please do so quickly. Give to the church and put Disaster Response in the memo. And PRAY for these folks! We are just blessed it is not us.

Take care, wash your hands, and wear a mask if you need to. Covid is on the rise...as if you didn't know!

Sunday is coming! See you then... Mirm

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## SERVING SCHEDULES

### DEACONS

8/7

Harry Weitkamp

8/14

Walter Mershon

8/21

Lori Orne

8/28

Harry Weitkamp

### TELLERS

8/7

Kim Beagle & Barb Musick

8/14

Kim Beagle & Bill Eckerle

8/21

Lori Maines & Walter Mershon

8/28

Kim Beagle & Barb Musick

### CHILDRENS MINISTRY

8/7

Infants – Jeremy Runion & Kaitlyn Runion

Preschool & Elementary–

Walter Mershon & Miriam Fuller

8/14

Infants – Jeremy Runion & Kaitlyn Runion

Preschool & Elementary – Barb Scott &

8/21

Infants – Jeremy Runion and Kaitlyn Runion

Preschool & Elementary – April Ayers & Kim

Beagle

8/28

Infants – Jeremy Runion and Kaitlyn Runion

Preschool & Elementary – Susan Meyer

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### DO YOU LOVE TO ROCK BABIES?

If you love babies and find it fun to hold and play with them, then First Baptist Kids Church has the perfect volunteer position for you. Depending on the Sunday, we can have an abundance of babies upstairs in our nursery and you could be a great help.

If interested, please let Kaitlyn Runion know by calling or texting her at 859-279-8924 or calling the church office at 859-441-8884. Thanks!

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# MISSIONS UPDATES

## Holy Spirit Parish Food Pantry

For many years we have partnered with the Holy Spirit Parish Food Pantry in Newport, KY to collect items that they need. During the month of July we were able to collect 285 cans of ravioli! Way to go FBC.

For the month of August, the pantry has requested boxes of dry spaghetti.

These items can be placed in the bin in our lobby, order online and have shipped to the church, or you may give financially and we will order in bulk. Thank you for your continued support!



## WOMEN'S MISSIONS CIRCLE

The Women's Mission Circle will meet on Monday, August 1st at 12 noon in the women's Dorcas Sunday School Class. Bring your lunch with you and join these women as they fellowship, have a devotion, pray and work on mission projects for the church. Dessert will be provided. All are welcome.

Next meeting will be Monday, September 5th.

## SUMMER MISSION OFFERING



CBF Kentucky builds a new house for a family in great need every year in McCreary County.

It is the poorest county in Kentucky and possibly the nation. The majority of the house is built by volunteers but they still need money to do this each and every year. This is why we are sending our Summer Mission Offering to Extreme Build. We are collecting this money in jars that you will see on a table in our main lobby. Please consider picking up a jar and fill it with coins, dollars or checks. This is such an important project that CBF Ky does yearly. Let's help all we can. We will continue to take up this offering through the end of August.

Thank you for your support.

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## Eastern Kentucky Flooding



It is with tremendous sadness we watch the flooding that has so thoroughly devastated portions of Eastern Kentucky.

CBF Kentucky will be on the ground helping people involved with these floods. If you would like to help with a monetary gift, you can do so by sending a check to CBF Kentucky, P. O. Box 7098, Louisville, KY 40257, or donate online at [www.cbfky.org/donate](http://www.cbfky.org/donate)



*Happy*  
**BIRTHDAY**

8/6

Tina Weitkamp

8/13

Thelma Boehne

8/19

Fay Hailes

8/23

Cindy Stricker

*Happy Anniversary*

8/5

Jerod & Dakota Guilkey

8/12

Shawn & Kathy Lang

