



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
FORT THOMAS

# THE VISION

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### Worship Schedule

Sunday Morning: 10:45am

in-person & online

Children's Church: 10:45am

in-person (mask required)

Sunday School: 9:30a.m

## FROM OUR PASTOR

### Pastor Jeremy Shannon

For most of last summer, I remember looking forward to a new sermon series called Sacred Stories. In September we finally were able to start an opportunity to go through the Narrative Lectionary, working to tell the story of the Bible starting in Genesis and working our way through key texts with a particular emphasis on the Gospel of John. June 5th is Pentecost Sunday and marks the end of this series.

The Bible is filled with incredible stories of real people doing real things. They experience the highest of highs and the lowest of lows. One of my favorite moments has been seeing the connection of how stories intertwined in such an amazing way that it can only point to the story of our Creator and the God's plan of redeeming the world over the course of thousands and thousands of years.

Rich Mullins has a song called Sometimes By Step that we play almost every morning on the way to drop Crosley off at school. One of the verses says "Sometimes I think of Abraham, how one star he saw had been lit for me." Almost every time I hear that line, I am reminded that the work that we read about in scripture is not finished and that I get to be a part of it.

We very rarely know the impact our lives have in the world. All we know is that we can be faithful in the places where God has called us. We aren't responsible for outcomes, but we are responsible for our obedience. In Genesis we were reminded that created us to be in relationship with each other. On the cross we saw God's desire to see our relationship with God made right. At Pentecost, we celebrate the Holy Spirit descending upon the apostles and the role of the church in continuing God's mission. It is up to us to continue that work.

As a church, I hope that we can continue to adopt a mentality that attempts to ask where are we being called today and do we have the courage to move forward? We probably won't be remembered in history the same way that those in the Bible have been, but if we can impact just one life for the sake of the Gospel, then our lives will have been well lived.

I hope you have enjoyed the Sacred Stories series and the emphasis on telling the larger story of the Bible. Hopefully that understanding will encourage us to celebrate God's enduring faithfulness in the story that is yet to be written!

Shine on. Press on. Go on.

Pastor Jeremy



## FROM OUR WORSHIP MINISTER

**Miriam Fuller**

I cannot believe I am writing for our June newsletter already. It seems like right after my vacation it became Summer in KY when I returned (from a very HOT Florida, I might add). I was able to listen to the service on our way down on that Sunday, but coming home my phone acted up (technology is great but it's also a pain!) so we did not get to be with you online. I did find it interesting that Jeremy stated he preaches less when I'm not there....but I'm not really sure how to interpret that...

We're going to have a church picnic! Food! Fellowship! Food! Togetherness... did I mention food? It will be a good time! Please try to attend on Wednesday night, June 1st. We really don't have enough time on Sunday mornings to catch up with each other and just sit, chat and enjoy ourselves. Looking forward to being able to do that with you!

Do you have a favorite hymn or worship song? Please let me know and I will try to use it in the coming months during our worship service.

Sunday is coming! See you then...

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## FROM OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTER

**Kaitlyn Runion**

Dear Church,

We have exciting news! This month on June 5th we'll be reconvening Sunday School for the kids. Debbie Mershon will be teaching the class and looks forward to seeing your kids at 9:30am on Sunday mornings.

Be on the lookout for updates from me about dates for hosting a booth at the Farmer's Market as well as kids' summer activities. Any events will be posted to Facebook and put in the weekly email updates.

Love,  
Kaitlyn Runion  
Children's Minister





# SERVING SCHEDULES

## DEACONS

6/5  
Harry Weitkamp  
6/12  
Walter Mershon  
6/19  
Lori Orne  
6/26  
Harry Weitkamp

## TELLERS

6/5  
Kim Beagle & Barb Musick  
6/12  
Kim Beagle & Bill Eckerle  
6/19  
Lori Maines & Walter Mershon  
6/26  
Kim Beagle & Barb Musick

## CHILDRENS MINISTRY

6/5  
Infants – Jeremy Runion  
Preschool & Elementary – Kaitlyn Runion and Mirm Fuller  
  
6/12  
Infants – Jeremy Runion  
Preschool & Elementary – Kaitlyn Runion and Walter Mershon  
  
6/19  
Infants – Jeremy Runion and Kaitlyn Runion  
Preschool & Elementary – April Ayers and Kim Beagle  
  
6/26  
Infants – Jeremy Runion and Kaitlyn Runion  
Preschool & Elementary – Susan Meyer and Amy Shannon

## MONTHLY HIGHLIGHT

The church library is a great opportunity to check out a wide variety of books and videos. Ms. Donna Stormer has worked hard to sort through our library and provide educational opportunities for the whole church. We have some new video additions that Ms Donna would like to let you know are now available.



For kids:

Uncle Nimo – Overworked executive wife, rebellious son, when old world Uncle Nimo arrivest at their door. He lovingly corrects each member teaching how to enjoy life’s simple pleasures and respect each other.

Johnny – When Dr. Carter lost his 10 year old son in a car accident, he didnt think he would lose his whole family. His wife becomes emotionally absent from son and daughter. Johnny is a foster child to Doc – Johnny heals the family

Little Heroes – A little girl’s spirited and faithful dog join together to perform a rescue of a gruff farmer who finds himself in big trouble.

For adults:

Great Souls – Stories of Nelson Mandela, Mother Teresa, Billy Graham, Pope John Paul II, Elie Wiesel.

Back When We Were Grownups – A 53 year old grandmother feels she has turned into the wrong person – meets a college flame and rediscovers family.



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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 May we were able to collect 163 packages of pasta sides and twelve other assorted items.

For the month of June we have been asked to collect Jiffy mixes of cake, muffins, cornbread, etc.

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



## 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 June 6 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!

## CHURCH PICNIC

On Wednesday, June 1 we will be having a picnic at the church. This will be a time to have some bbq and enjoy time together as a church family. The meal will begin at 6pm. The church provides the bbq and drinks. We ask that you please bring a side or a dessert, as well as a lawn chair! It has been a long time since we gathered together for a meal like this. Be sure to mark your calendars so that you don't miss it!



## WELCOME BACK, DEBBIE!


During the month of May, we were sad to announce that Kayla Swope had to resign from her position as our office ministry assistant. However, we are pleased to announce that Debbie Mershon has agreed to return to her role! We are working to finalize our new schedule, but the expectation is that Debbie will be in the office from 9-12 Mondays-Thursdays during the week. We are so glad to have you back, Debbie!

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# June 2022

## MONTHLY PLANNER

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
30	31	01 Church Picnic - 6pm	02	03	04	05
06 WMC Lunch - 12pm Jeremy Shannon	07	08	09 Amy Shannon	10	11	12
13	14  Kim Beagle	15	16 Kathleen Webber	17	18	19
20 Bill & Judy Klopp Anniversary	21	22	23	24	25	26 Kim and Ashley Beagle Anniversary
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Children Birthday's \* Anniversaries ^  
WMC=Women's mission circle

### NOTES

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