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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
FORT THOMAS

*The Vision
Proclaiming the
good news*

March 2020



Worship and Ministry Schedule

Sunday

9:30 a.m. ~ FBC Fort Thomas
Kids for Children & Bible Study
for Adults

10:45 a.m. ~ Worship Service

5:00 p.m.~ Young Adult Small
Group

Tuesday

10:00 a.m. ~ Prayer Meeting

Thursday

6:00 p.m.. ~ Choir Practice



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From the Pastor's desk...

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Church Office Hours

Monday through Thursday
 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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Every Sunday morning at the end of the worship service, I extend a hand of invitation to folks present that we would welcome them as members of our congregation. Church membership is a tricky subject and you will find a variety of opinions about what the Bible does and does not say about joining a church. Regardless of where you might stand on the issue, when I offer an invitation, I remind everyone that joining is something we do as a statement that we gather together because we need each other. A gathering congregation works together, serves together, prays together, laughs together, cries together, eats together and so much more. We do so not because we are special, but there is a belief that as we build each other up in our faith, we are strengthening our ability to go out as the people of God.

While I believe these words to be true in my head, I feel it confirmed with my eyes and my ears and in my heart as I watch the way that you all serve each other throughout the year. This particular month has been a tough one for many in our congregation as they deal with the loss of loved ones, with painful medical diagnoses, and so much more. In the midst of trauma I have been encouraged to see the way that we have rallied together. Meals have been prepared (incredibly good meals, nonetheless), prayers have been prayed, hugs have been given. Even during hard times, I even heard some laughter. I am thankful for a church that has learned to love each other well.

What also encourages me as I think about the way that you love each other is that there is a great capacity to show love to people that we do not even know just yet. There are people out there waiting to connect with a church family and I truly believe that we are here and ready to welcome a hurting world and share with them the good news found only in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As we start to turn our attention towards the season of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter morning, I want to encourage you to think of someone in your life that does not have a meaningful place to gather in the way that we have been able to do so. Invite them. Listen to their stories. Look to see what God will do with your faithfulness. Even through the last few months of sorrow, I feel it within me that days of joy are coming. Let's invite everyone we know to celebrate that with us!

Shine on. Press on. Go on.

Pastor Jeremy

FROM OUR CBF COORDINATOR, BOB FOX



I am thankful for the Marshall Center for Christian Ministry at Georgetown College who organized a preaching workshop for pastors to sharpen their skills on Monday and Tuesday this week. The program was originally designed for those who preach weekly and have two or fewer years of experience. Others were added to create an ideal class size. All of those who participated pastor in CBFKY churches.

Participants were able to preach for each other and give feedback. Three high quality mentors participated and gave invaluable direction from their unique experience. Chuck Bugg brought his considerable gifts as a master teacher of preaching. Bob Browning gave wisdom from his years of experience producing quality messages week after week. Cynthia Insko provided the perspective of a person who has listened to many sermons over the year and her gentle and kind spiritual insight.

Not only were those who presented offered the opportunity to think more strategically about preaching and their own approaches, they enjoyed the fellowship of spending time with other who share their craft. It was great to be a fly on the wall and watch these relationships form and grow.

Ken Holden and the Marshall Center used this meeting as a way to explore how to continue the influence of the Enlow Preaching Conference in a new generation. Jeremy Shannon, the pastor of First Baptist Fort Thomas, did the leg work of recruiting and organizing the event.

Peace,

Bob Fox

CBF Kentucky Coordinator

North American Mission Study Luncheon



*Jake Pelfry of
Sunrise
Children's
Services*

The Mary Francis Gould Mission Group will be hosting their annual North American Mission Study Luncheon on March 30th at 12 noon. This luncheon will take place here at the church and all are invited. Please come hungry because there will be a nice lunch served.

Their speaker this year will be Jake Pelfry from Sunrise Children's Services. He is always a great speaker with lots of good information.

Pantry Outreach Ministry!

During the month of February, you donated 201 Cans of Spaghetti Sauce and 115 Miscellaneous items. WOW!!

Great job FBC Family.

For the month of March, the pantry is asking for donations of Canned Ravioli!

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.

THANK YOU!!

A generous person will be blessed, for he gives some of his food to the poor.
PROVERBS 22:9



Daylight Saving Times begins on Sunday, March 8th. Before going to bed on Saturday, March 7th, set you clocks forward one hour so you get to church on time.

MARCH, 2020 CALENDAR

March 8~ Daylight Saving Time begins! Spring forward one hour.

March 9~ The R.O.M.E.O.'s (Retired Old Men Eating Out) will meet and eat at the Frisch's in Highland Heights at 8:30 AM.

March 19~ First Day of Spring!

March 30~ The Mary Francis Gould Mission Group will host their annual North American Mission Study Luncheon on March 30 starting at 12 noon.



Thank you...

To "You" - our Church family,

Thank you for all your cards & letters of Warm, Heartfelt sympathy at the loss of our Mom, Mickey. Also, thank you for the beautiful flowers and to those who drove 3 hours just to visit with us. It meant so much. We would also like to thank Pastor Jeremy for coming to officiate the funeral of our wonderful mom. Our church family means so very much to us.

In Christian love,

Walter & Debbie Mershon

"What A Beautiful Name" by Hillsong

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

You didn't want heaven without us
So Jesus, You brought heaven down
My sin was great, Your love was greater
What could separate us now

What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

Why ministering to our children is important

Death could not hold You,
the veil tore before You
You silenced the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring the
praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival, You have no equal
Now and forever, God, You reign
Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

You have no rival, You have no equal
Now and forever, God, You reign
Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus

I wanted to share the lyrics of this song because I think they are beautiful. I hope you think so too and you enjoy reading them. (Debbie Mershon)

*Did you know that more than ½ of the people that will believe in Jesus do so by age 12?

*Did you know that by the time a child is 9 their basic moral foundation has been formed?

*Did you know that by age 13 a child has formed their basic beliefs about the nature of God, the reliability of the Bible, the existence of an afterlife & the everlasting love of Jesus?

Children are a blessing from the Lord. God makes it clear in His Word the responsibility that we have to help teach and train these young people.

Deut. 6:6-7

"These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."

Proverbs 22:6

"Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."

Matthew 19:14

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Jesus loves and values children and we are very blessed to have them in our church. Be sure to say "Thank You" to your child's teacher on Sunday. We could not make it through a Sunday without these people who volunteer their time to teach God's word. If you are interested in being a part of this special ministry, email our Children's Director at krunion@fbcftthomas.com or talk to her after morning worship.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

Baby Nursery

3/1

April Ayers
Dale Ayers

3/8

Lori Maines
Melanie Parker

3/15

Lori Maines
Melanie Parker

3/22

Lori Maines
Melanie Parker

3/29

Lori Maines
Melanie Parker

Pre-School

Debbie Mershon

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

3/1: Debbie Mershon

3/15: Lori Orne

3/8: Kaitlyn Runion

3/22: April Ayers

3/29: Kids Sing in Worship

Cute kid's quotes...kids say the cutest things!

I better go to bed now. I have a dream locked up in my heart that I need to let out.

Gretta, age 4

Luke: Mama when was I born?

Danielle: February 17, 2015

Luke: Hey! That's my birthday!

Luke, age 5

(With a stuffed up nose)

Mommy, my nose isn't working. I need a new one, please.

Benji, age 3

When I was in the backyard, my sock fell off and went over the fence.

Owen, age 5

Ow! My eye! I didn't know where my hand was going. I thought it wanted to rest behind my head but it wanted to poke me in the eye!

Gabriel, age 4



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
FORT THOMAS KIDS

Baby Nursery

WORSHIP

3/1

Carol Steffen
Melanie Parker

3/8

Cindy Stricker
Melanie Parker

3/15

Susan Smith
Melanie Parker

3/22

Kim Beagle
Melanie Parker

3/29

Jeremy Runion
Melanie Parker

Pre-School

WORSHIP SERVICE

3/1

Walter Mershon
Dora Griffin

3/8

Amy Shannon
Barb Musick

3/15

Patty Adams
Bev Rath

3/22

Dakota Guilkey
Jerod Guilkey

3/29

Mirm Fuller
Barb Scott

Elementary Teacher

Lori Orne

HEAVEN IS
NOT FOR
GOOD PEOPLE.
HEAVEN IS
FOR FORGIVEN
PEOPLE.

TODD ADKINS

THE BRIGHT SPOT

And the peace of
God, which passeth
all understanding,
shall keep our hearts
and minds through
Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:7



March Birthdays

3/2
Stephen Lang

3/5
Linda Becka

3/7
Bruce Harry

3/8
Marian Boyer
&
Ashley Silz

3/14
Karolee Carter

3/17
Kathy Lang

3/20
Walter Hailes

3/24
Harry Weitkamp

3/31
Joshua Lang

DEACON MINISTRY



3/1

Harry Weitkamp

3/8

Walter Mershon

3/15

Bill Klopp

3/22

Lori Orne

3/29

Harry Weitkamp

Ushers

3/1

Debbie Mershon
Kathleen Webber
Donna Stormer
Bev Rath

3/8

Dakota Guilkey
Mary Strange
Fay Hailes
Walter Hailes

3/15

Bob Peelman
Bill Eckerle
Carol Steffen
Cindy Stricker

3/22

Peggy Spradlin
Susan Smith
Jerod Guilkey
Dora Griffin

3/29

Karl Larsson
Candy Pentz
Jenni Shannon
Tom Rankin

"A joyful HEART is
GOOD MEDICINE"



KIDS LETTERS TO GOD!

What religion are you?

After the Baptism of his baby brother in church, little Denis sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, Denis replied, 'That priest said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, but I want to stay with you guys.'

Who's the Higher Power?

A Sunday School teacher was teaching her class about the powerful Kings and Queens of the Old Testament. "But there is a higher power. Does any one know what it is?"

One little boy said, "Sure. Aces."

The Collection Plate

A little boy was in church for the first time. He watched as the ushers passed around the collection plate. When they got to his pew, he told his father, "Don't pay for me, Daddy. I'm under five

Did Noah Go Fishing?

A Sunday School teacher asked her class if they thought Noah did a lot of fishing while he was on the ark.

"Of course not," said one little boy. "How could he? He only had two worms!"

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson

Onward Christian Soldiers
marching as to war..
with the cross of
Jesus go- ing on
before.



<http://thebackpew.com>

We sing 'Onward Christian Soldiers' on Sunday, then go AWOL on Monday.

-Max Lucado

Dear God,

Instead of letting people die and having to make new ones, why don't you just keep the ones you have now?

Lexi

Dear God,

Maybe Cain and Abel would not kill each other so much if they had their own rooms. It works with my brother.

Larry

Dear God,

Please put another holiday between Christmas and Easter. There is nothing good in there right now.

Ginny

Dear God,

Are you a ninja? Is that why I can't see you?

Jacob

Dear God,

Please change the taste of asparagus. It is gross!

Sarah

Dear God,

Would you make me a little brother? I want someone to boss around.

Amen

Dear God,

I have scary dreams at night. Where do they come from or should I ask the devil that?

Billy