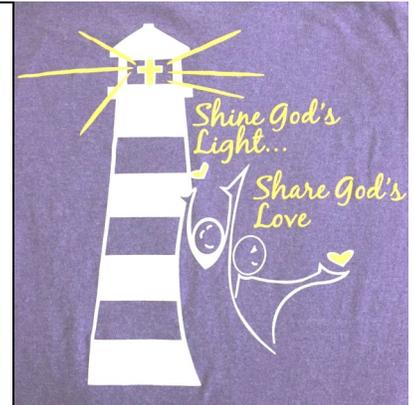


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The Vision



Worship and Ministry Schedule

Sunday

9:30 a.m. ~ Kingdom Kids for children & Bible study for adults

10:45 a.m. ~ Worship Service

12:00 p.m. ~ Brunch every third Sunday

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. ~ Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

Thursday

7:00 p.m. ~ Choir Practice



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Monday through Friday
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Ministry Assistant
Debbie Mershon

From the Pastor's desk...

Hello, church family!

It is hard to believe it, but we are only a few weeks from Easter Sunday! This is an exciting time of the year as the world starts to get a little more green, the weather turns a bit warmer, and they will be playing baseball at Great American Ballpark before the month ends.

As we look at the newness that comes with spring, I hope that you are able to appreciate the signs of our own "spring" at First Baptist Fort Thomas! The last few months have been encouraging as we have had several folks decide that they would like to join with us and I firmly believe that we have only scratched the surface of what is still to come.

As we lead up to Easter Sunday, we have some exciting things planned in the life of our church. A few weeks ago we had a tremendous amount of people come out to help paint our new children's area. It was awesome to see so many people willing to come out and prepare a place for our children to worship. As we begin to reach out into our community we will have some great things in place for new faces!

In addition to the new children's area, we have been working hard to prepare in other ways. Miriam has done a great job of getting our new sound system installed and we are already seeing the benefits. We are also getting close to unveiling a new church logo, website, and a few other things that we will share in the coming weeks and months.

One thing in particular that I would like to draw to your attention is our Palm Sunday service on Sunday, March 25. We are going to be celebrating the baptism of two (or more!) of our church family members, have a fellowship meal, and celebrate all that God is doing through FBC Fort Thomas. On that day, a special photographer will be coming to take pictures of our worship service and other events of the day. We will be able to use those photos in numerous ways as we begin to reach out into our community. We want this to be a BIG Sunday in the life of our church and we encourage you to make sure you are able to attend AND bring someone with you!

With all of these good things happening, there is still a lot to do. We encourage you to be in prayer about how you are able to join with us in serving and loving our community. We have a lot of work to do, but I can't wait to see where the Lord will take us as long as we are faithful.

Great things are happening. Come and see for yourself.

Shine On. Press On. Go On.

Jeremy

Q: Does a Christian have to tithe?

A: Christians who want to please the Lord often have questions about tithing. The dictionary defines the word “tithe” as “a tenth part of something paid as a voluntary contribution or as a tax especially for the support of a religious establishment.” It was a common practice in the Old Testament and required of members of the nation of Israel.

Many Christians believe that this principle of giving one-tenth should be carried over to the New Testament in giving to the church and other Christian organizations. Mr. Graham would fit into this category. He has said, “We have found in our own home, as have thousands of others, that God’s blessing upon the nine-tenths, when we tithe, helps it to go farther than ten-tenths without His blessing.” However, even then the question as to whether to tithe from one’s net or gross income is not answered in Scripture, nor is the question of whether to give it all to the local church or to include other ministries. We feel that such decisions should be based on personal conviction

Other Christians who tithe do so simply because they respect the Old Testament principle and find it a helpful place to begin in their giving. They do not believe, however, that tithing is a New Testament obligation. It is not mentioned in the New Testament except where it is describing Old Testament practices, or in the Gospels where Jesus is addressing people who were under the Old Testament law. Note Jesus’ comments to the Pharisees in Luke 11:42.

A New Testament teaching on giving which may be helpful to you is found in 1 Corinthians 16:2: “On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income.” This passage brings out four points: we should give individually, regularly, methodically, and proportionately.

The matter of your giving is between you and God, and He always takes into account our circumstances. He knows when they are beyond our power to direct and control. The important thing is that we see giving as a privilege and not a burden. It should not be out of a sense of duty, but rather out of love for the Lord and a desire to see His kingdom advanced.

Second Corinthians 9:6-7 says: “Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. NO man should give reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

The deeper question, you see, is this: What has priority in our lives? Is Christ really first—or do we put ourselves and our own desires first? Make sure Christ is first in your life, and then ask Him to guide you.

WORSHIP...

Do we truly worship when we are at church?

I once heard a sermon on worship and what it meant. It concluded with three questions which we need to answer for ourselves;

- 1. Is my worship time pleasing to God?**
- 2. Is my worship a response of love and honor to God?**
- 3. Are my actions displaying love and honor to God?**

Spend time reflecting on these questions and be reminded of the words of Psalm 99:5 (NIV), "Exalt the Lord [y]our God and worship at his footstool; He is holy."

What do Palm Sunday Branches symbolize in Christian Churches?

All four Gospels relate the Palm Sunday event, but in the King James Version, only John mentions that the branches used to spread on the road before Jesus were palm branches. Matthew and Mark say "branches from the trees" and "branches off the trees" respectively, but without naming them. Luke omits the part about the branches altogether.



At the time of the Palm Sunday event, Jesus had recently raised Lazarus from the dead, and many Jews were believing in him. He was making his way to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. The city was full of people, and many came out to meet him on his journey. These people, along with the disciples, spread their clothes and the palm branches as acknowledgment of his importance. They also shouted praises to him, calling him "the King" and the one "that cometh in the name of the Lord."

Palm branches had long had significance as symbols of victory. According to I Kings, Solomon had them carved into both the walls and the doors of the temple. In Revelation 7:9, the Bible says that people from every nation stood before Jesus wearing white robes and "holding palm branches in their hands."

Christian churches frequently use palm branches as part of the worship service on Palm Sunday to honor Jesus as Lord, much as the people did on that day approximately 2,000 years ago.

THANK YOU...

Dear Friends of Sunrise,

Thank you so much for your thoughtful donation of gift cards to various stores in relief to our Danville facility after fire destroyed their activities building. There are many ways to support the children at Sunrise, and one very important way is through in-kind donations like yours. Your support means everything to our agency and the Sunrise kids.

Gratefully,
Dale Suttles
President

Date of Gift: 1/25/2018; Value of gift: \$800.00

Dear Friends of Sunrise,

Thank you for giving to sunrise! Your support means everything to our agency and to sunrise kids and families. Because of you, hearts are being healed and lives are transformed.

You will never know all of the children and families your gift will touch. But know this: You are helping them create new and wonderful memories. You are their hero; you are their hope; and Sunrise appreciates you.

Gratefully,
Dale Suttles

Date of Gift: 1/29/2018; Gift amount: \$4,646.46 (*This was part of our tithing on money from the Harris Estate that FBC received.*)

Words from Mirm!

March is coming in like a lamb...sort of. Have you notice the Daffodils? They are starting to bloom. Spring is coming...the grass is starting to get green. And, for our pastor's benefit - Spring Training is well under way.

Easter is coming!

Easter week will be exciting - probably more exciting than usual as we start on Palm Sunday with baptisms! We'll also have a luncheon right after church, so there will be no brunch on the third Sunday this month but lunch on the fourth Sunday, Palm Sunday, March 25th.

Our Good Friday service will be held at 6 PM and we will be observing the Lord's Supper.

And, Easter, well Easter is just a wonderful day in general for what it means to us. Up from the grave HE arose! I can't wait to sing the Easter songs!

On another note, as Jeremy mentioned last Sunday, we do have new equipment for our sound system but it will take a little while to tweek it all. So, please be patient if you can't hear something clearly at first. And, we have a new computer program to work with which means there will be a learning curve with that. Also, our website will be up and running in the near future - I just don't know how "near" yet.

And, last but not least, let me mention about working with the children a few weeks ago. I went down with Debbie because she no helper. I had a *fabulous* time with Crosley and Asiyah the other Sunday. I plan to do it again and again. We need workers - I was the "assistant" to Debbie. It's not hard...it's fun! Please pray about helping.

As always, Sunday is coming! See you then...

Mirm



ON THE MARCH CALENDAR

***March 5th**~ The Mary Francis Gould Mission Group will kick off the North American Mission Study and the Annie Armstrong Mission Offering be will taken the month of March. Our church goal is \$600.00.*



***March 11th**~ Daylight Savings time begins. Be sure to set your clock forward by one hour before going to bed on Saturday evening.*

***March 12th**~ The R.O.M.E.O.'s will meet and eat at the Frisch's in Highland Heights at 8:30 a.m.*

***March 25th**~ Palm Sunday! On this day Jarod and Dakota Guilkey will be baptized with a celebratory luncheon after our worship service. Please plan on being here to help them celebrate this wonderful occasion.*

***March 30th**~ Good Friday Service here at church at 6:00 p.m. The Lords Supper will be served.*

Pantry Outreach Ministry!

During the month of February, you donated 190 boxes and bags of granulated sugar and 53 miscellaneous items.

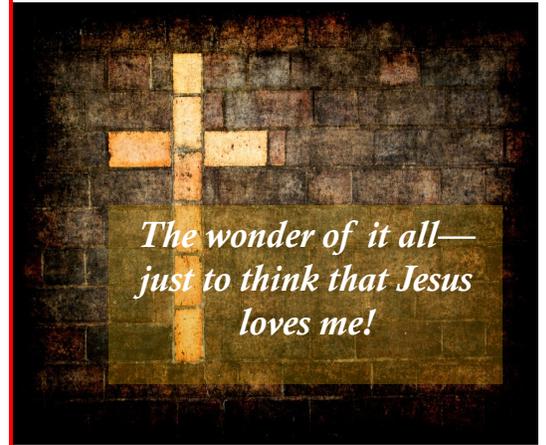
Way to go!!!

For the month of March, the pantry is again asking for **Canned Chili**.



Thank you very much for your continued support of this very worthy ministry outreach!

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. (Hebrews 13:16)



TODDLERS

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

Debbie Mershon

Children's Worship Hour

Toddlers

3/4

Donna Stormer
Thelma Boehne

3/11

Dora Griffin

3/18

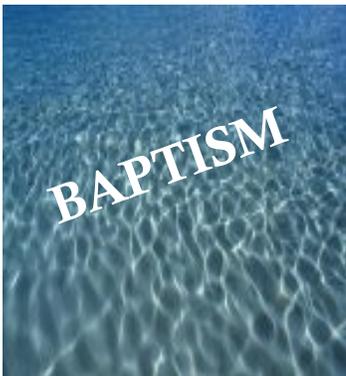
Jennie Shannon
Jim Scott

3/25

Jackie Harry
Bev Rath

Grade School Teacher

Lori Orne



On Sunday, March 25th, Jarod and Dakota Guilkey will be Baptized during the morning Worship Service.

Immediately following the Worship Service we will have a lunch in the Fellowship Hall in celebration of this wonderful occasion. Please plan to be here to help them celebrate!

On Mission
Here &
Now

Annie Armstrong
Mission Offering...
March, 2018
Church Goal \$600.00



Prayer calendar for
North American



Linda Vogel 2/25-28; 3/1-3

Chaplain

Alpharetta, GA

Annie Armstrong 3/4-10

This week pray for the Annie

Armstrong Mission Offering

AnnieArmstrong.com

Jonathan & Gina Woodyard 3/11-17

Northfield, MN

Church Planter

Ivey & Allie Rhodes 3/18-24

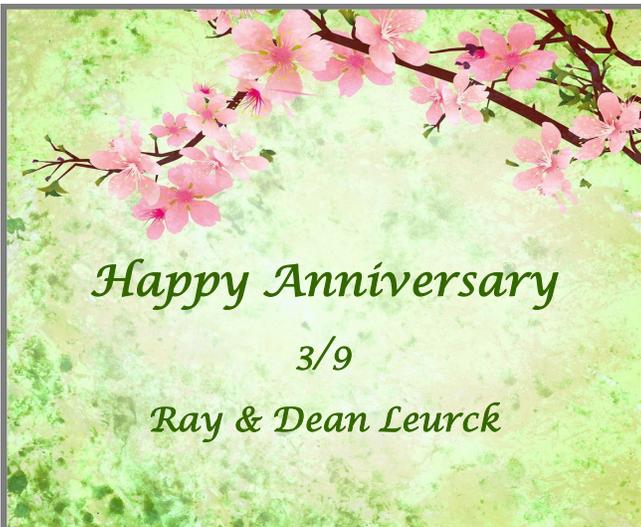
Roslindale, MA

Church Planter

Corbin & Allie Hobbs 3/25-31

Denver, CO

Church Planter



Happy Anniversary

3/9

Ray & Dean Leurck

THE BRIGHT SPOT!

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8



Happy Birthday!



Set your clocks forward one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 10th!

USHERS

3/4

Jeanette Dittoe
Debbie Mershon
Kathleen Webber
Jim Scott

3/11

Dakota Guilkey
Thelma Boehne
Jackie Harry
Mary Strange

3/18

Bob Peelman
Bill Eckerle
Carol Steffen
Cindy Stricker

3/25

Lori Maines
Jerod Guilkey
Debbie Mershon
Kathleen Webber

3/2

Stephen Lang

3/5

Linda Becka

3/7

Bruce Harry

3/8

Ashley Silz

3/9

Mario Carrier

3/14

Karolee Carter

3/17

Kathy Lang

3/20

Walter Hailes

3/24

Harry Weitkamp

3/30

Mickey Mershon

3/31

Joshua Lang

DEACONS

3/4

Harry Weitkamp

3/11

Walter Mershon

3/18

Bill Klopp

3/25

Lori Orne

CHRISTIAN HUMOR

- Q. Where is the first math homework problem mentioned in the Bible?
- A. When God told Adam and Eve to go forth and multiply.

- Q. Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?
- A. Because Noah was standing on the deck.

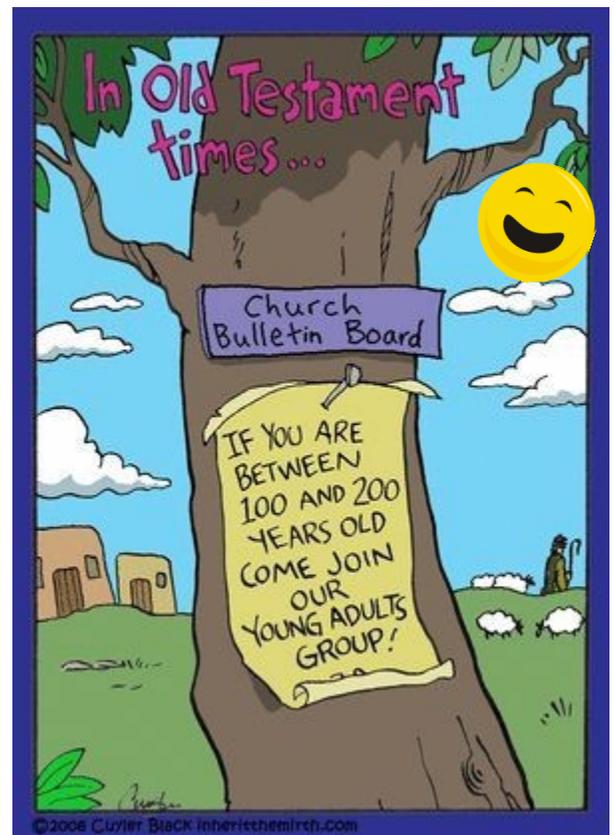
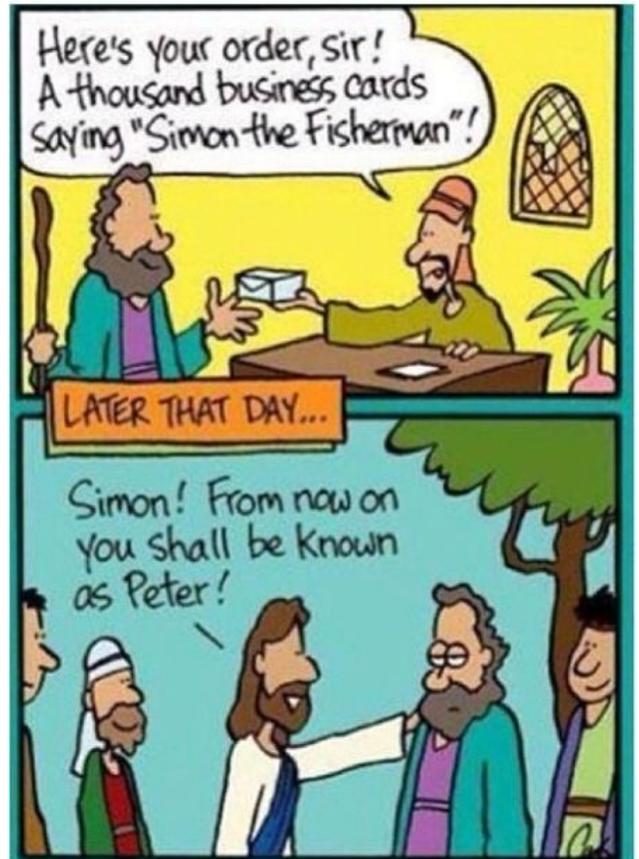
- Q. What do they call pastors in Germany?
- A. German Shepherds.

- Q. Which area of Palestine was especially wealthy?
- A. The area around the Jordan river. The banks were always overflowing.

- Q. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?
- A. Samson. He brought the house down.

- Q. How long did Cain hate his brother?
- A. As long as he was Abel.

- Q. What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?
- A. Jehovah drove Adam & Eve out of the Garden in a Fury. David's Triumph was heard throughout the land. Also, probably a Honda, because the disciples were all in one Accord.



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I KNOW IT'S YOUR FIRST TIME BACK ON A BOAT, JONAH, BUT YOU HAVE FOUND FAVOR WITH GOD THIS TIME