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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
FORT THOMAS

*The Vision
Proclaiming
the good news*

May, 2018



SHINE GOD'S LIGHT, SHARE GOD'S LOVE

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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From the Pastor's desk...

We decided to put this right here since this is what kept our pastor so busy that he did not have time to write his newsletter article this month. They are such a beautiful family of five!

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Church Office Hours

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

Ministry Assistant

Debbie Mershon



The face of a very proud Daddy!

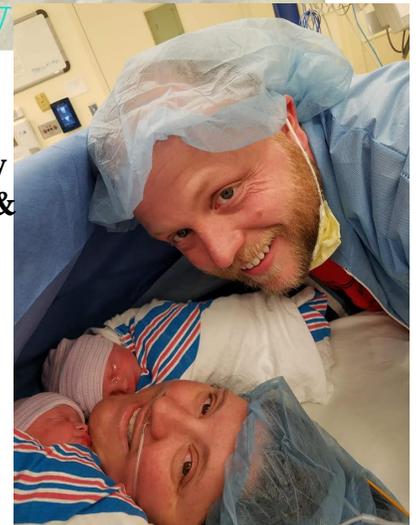
Welcome to the world, Henry & Asher. We are so happy that you will now be a part of our church family.



Crosley is a big sister!



Happy Mom & Dad!





*Mothers
hold their
children's hands
for a while,
but their hearts
forever.*



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As we all know, we will soon have 2 baby boys attending our church most Sundays. Proof of this is on the previous page. We are going to need some extra hands just to hold and rock babies. We ask that you pray and carefully consider whether you would like to do this. There is nothing in the world more precious than a baby. Once you have made the decision to be in a rotation to help, please see Debbie or Jackie and let them know. Or you can call the church office at 859-441-8884. Thank you very much for your prayerful decisions.



7 Reasons to serve in the Church Nursery

1. God is there. The Bible clearly tells us that God is present where children are welcome.
2. Your service in the church nursery allows church goers to focus on worship, rather than worrying about their children. In a very real sense your ministry makes it possible for the pastor to fulfill his ministry
3. The first feelings a child will form about church, will come from the nursery department.
4. When you serve in the nursery, you are being entrusted with the most important (and vulnerable) members of the church family. There is no greater treasure on this side of heaven than the little ones God has given us.
5. Your service is essential for your own spiritual growth. You may have never looked at it this way, but a *growing* Christian is always a *servicing* Christian.
6. The church nursery is the first contact young families will have with your church. Your friendly greeting and exceptional care for their children can make a great first impression for your church.
7. Your service in the church nursery is a powerful opportunity for prayer. If every nursery worker would spend several minutes praying over the children in their care, imagine how God might begin to change this coming generation



Thursday, June 7th through Saturday, June

For a dozen years, the churches of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Kentucky have shared Jesus' mission of good news to the poor in McCreary County, Kentucky! Extreme Build, a mission through CBF Kentucky, has faithfully constructed twelve houses for deserving families. Over those years many volunteers have devoted countless hours to construction, from foundation to flowerbeds. CBF Kentucky churches have given generously in support.

This year is a Jubilee year for Extreme Build. WE remain committed to McCreary County, but our work is a little different. Instead of new construction, we will attend to some of the many needs in the county in existing housing. We are looking at repairing a county park, tearing down an old playground and putting up a new one and repairing a meeting area, so they can have groups meet there again. Our ministry will be reaching out to the whole country! In addition, we'll repair roofs, fix windows, paint walls, clean up yards, and more as the people of McCreary county have need. As always, we'll do both skilled and supervised work for people of all ages, skill, and experience. We're calling it our Repair Affair Edition!

We will start with a dinner, orientation and assignments on Thursday night, spend two full days working, including a celebration on Friday night. Start talking it up in your churches. We need you, whatever your skill level!

You can register on EventBrite. Search for "CBF Kentucky Repair Affair 2018", in Whitley City, Kentucky.

If you have any questions, you can contact the CBF Office at office!cbfky.org or call us at (502) 426-1931.

CINCINNATI REDS BABY SHOWER!

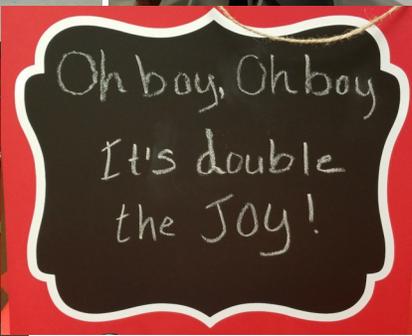


When our pastor and his wife are about to bring twin boys into our church family, you have a shower that is kind of a party. We are so excited for Rev. Jeremy & Jenni as they are about to embark on a whole new world of babies and diapers and laughter and tears. But, they do have a whole church full of people

ready to baby sit when they need a break.

Sweet little Crosley is ready to be a big sister and the entire church family is waiting anxiously to meet Henry and Asher.

Congratulations!



Taking Care of Homebound Church Members, presented by: Lori Orne

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Over the past several months we have been talking as a church about what our ministry is to be and what that looks like. I've recently become convinced (or convicted, in "church-ese") that I am not doing enough to minister to those in our church family that can't be with us on Sundays. I am especially aware that we have a number of people who miss out on the opportunity to share the Lord's Supper with our church family. Visiting is not my gift, but I can be pretty good at organizing. So, as a way to bridge the gap in my shortcomings, and to better minister to our church family, I would like your help!

I have an idea for how we, as a church, can better minister to those who can't be with us on Sundays. Here is how I envision this working:

- I volunteer to organize this effort, track visits and keep documentation
- Form a number of teams of 2-3 people interested in making ministry visits
- Each team would be responsible for choosing their visit time (once a month, Sunday afternoon or what works for your team)
- All teams would meet together once a month for planning and reporting at first, later we could change the schedule of meeting to quarterly before the business meeting.
- Goal of the visit would be sharing of Lord's Supper, prayer and fellowship
- Teams will have flexibility in how they structure their visits such as bringing meals, providing music, and whatever gifts and abilities your team can share!

I really need your help! Please pray about this idea! I need to know if this is something that the Holy Spirit approves and something in which our church can support and participate. I will be holding a meeting on **Monday, May 14 at 6:00 p.m.** to discuss and provide more details. Before then, please feel free to stop me and ask me any questions that you may have.

At your service, In His Service,

Lori Orne

ON THE MAY CALENDAR



May 3~ National Day of Prayer

May 7~ The Mary Francis Gould Mission Group will meet here at the church at 12 noon. Vi Knock will be the hostess and Gladys Rankin will present the program.

May 14~ The R.O.M.E.O.'s will meet and eat at the Frisch's in Highland Heights at 8:30 a.m.

May 13~ Happy Mother's Day

May 16-18~ Office Closed. Debbie will be on a mini vacation

May 28~ Happy Memorial Day (Office will be closed)

Pantry Outreach Ministry!

During the month of April, you donated 141 Boxes of Hamburger Helper, and 5 miscellaneous items.

Way to go FBC, Fort Thomas!!!

For the Month of May, the pantry is asking for donations of **Pasta Sides** that come in packages.



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)



WELCOME
TO OUR
FAMILY
ANGI!

Prayer calendar for
North American
missionaries 2018



North American
Mission Board

Travis & Jennifer Whittaker: 4/29-5/5 *South Lyon, MI*

Church Planter

Kesavan & Viji Balasingham: 5/6-5/12 *Pickering, ON*

Church Planter

Byron & Andrea Westbrook: 5/13-5/19 *Uncasville, CT*

Chaplain

Joshua & Taran Holland: 5/20-5/26 *New Orleans, LA*

Church Planter

WHY DO WE CELEBRATE MEMORIAL DAY?

Memorial Day is a solemn day of remembrance for everyone who has died serving in the American armed forces. The holiday, originally known as Decoration Day, started after the Civil War to honor the Union and Confederate dead.



God made moms with very special gifts. If mom is still here, be sure to tell her Happy Mother's Day on May 13th.

TODDLERS- PRE-SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR



Debbie Mershon

Children's Worship Hour

Toddlers

5/6

Dora Griffin

Barb Musick

5/13

Jackie Harry

Bev Rath

5/20

Susan Smith

Jeff Smith

5/27

Donna Stormer

Thelma Boehne

Grade School Teacher

Lori Orne



Happy Anniversary

5/4

Jeff & Susan Smith

5/12

Walter & Debbie Mershon

5/22

David & Lori Orne

5/31

Harry & Tina Weitkamp

THE BRIGHT SPOT!

Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching.

⁹ They are a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck

Proverbs 1:8-9



USHERS

Happy Birthday



First Baptist Church

Deacon Ministry



5/6

Jeanette Dittoe
Debbie Mershon
Kathleen Webber
Jim Scott

5/13

Dakota Guilkey
Thelma Boehne
Jackie Harry
Mary Strange

5/20

Bob Peelman
Bill Eckerle
Carol Steffen
Cindy Stricker

5/27

Lori Maines
Jerod Guilkey
Debbie Mershon
Kathleen Webber



5/6
Walter Mershon

5/13
Bill Klopp

5/20
Lori Orne

5/27
Harry Weitkamp

5/1
Matthew Roach

5/10
Lauren Maines

5/12
Norma Jolly

5/17
Jim Scott

5/22
Brian Silz

MOTHER'S DAY JOKES...

I asked my wife what she'd like for Mother's Day & she said for me to drive 7 hours east with the kids & then turn around & come back.

I told my kids on Mother's Day I wanted to be pampered – so they bought me some diapers.

Happy Mothers Day to someone who really has what it takes: Kids!

There's love, and then there's eating the slop your kids made you for Mother's Day love.

Moms will clean up everything. Scientists have proven that a Mom's spit is the exact chemical composition of Formula 409. Mom's spit on a Kleenex - you get rust off a bumper with that.

My kids brought me breakfast in bed on Mother's Day: an Egg McMuffin. I was just relieved that I wouldn't have to clean the kitchen.

Everybody wants to save the earth; nobody wants to help Mom do the dishes.

If you feel tense and get a headache, follow the instructions on the bottle of aspirin: Take two tablets and keep away from children.

I know how to do anything. I'm a mom.



A Canadian psychologist is selling a video that teaches you how to test your dog's IQ. Here's how it works: If you spend \$12.99 for the video, your dog is smarter than you.



One liner jokes...

*A retired husband is often a wife's full time job.

*If con is the opposite of pro, it must mean Congress is the opposite of progress?

*"I'm sorry" and "I apologize" mean the same thing... except when you're at a funeral.

*I childproofed the house... but they still get in!

*I intend to live forever... or die trying.

*Today a man knocked on my door and asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool. I gave him a glass of water.

*I used to be in a band, we were called 'lost dog'. You probably saw our posters.