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FORT THOMAS

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*The Vision
Proclaiming the
good news*



Sunday Morning Worship Services

In person worship service at 9 a.m.

No children's activities or Sunday School at this time.

Online Worship Service via Facebook Live at 10:45 a.m.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

Greetings church family!

As the cooler weather has arrived and my garden and flower beds have begun to reach their end, I can't help but find myself thinking back on what the past year has looked like. Last winter I spent lots of time researching and planning what I wanted to plant, thought of where things would go, and every few days I would receive a package in the mail with a few more seeds.

I planted hundreds and hundreds of seeds. In my raised bed garden, some things thrived. I especially enjoyed the lemon cucumbers, Kentucky Wonder pole beans, and zinnias. Other things struggled a bit more, like carrots and a few herbs. Nevertheless, I was captivated.

My house is not large, but over half of the perimeter is covered by flower beds, not including the additional beds also in the backyard as well. For the past two years they had not looked great and so I was determined to fill them with our favorites, particularly black eyed susans and wild bergamot. The day after I planted hundreds of seeds? We got about 5 inches of rain. I'm convinced that the seeds were washed away as almost none of them produced.

And so this year in my yard was a learning experience. Some things thrived. Some perennials I planted last year came back in full force, healthier than ever. Some plants I bought from Lowes grew way bigger than I expected and so now some of my landscaping looks different than I planned. And some things didn't work so well.

Not all of the plants were purchased. Friends and family shared their perennials with me and I expect those to continue to grow in the next few years. When I see them I thank God for good friends who share from what they have. Some flowers that came just somehow appeared, most likely with the help of the birds in the area. Each brought joy in it's own way.

Spending time in the garden has helped me think a lot about what it means to be the church. Sometimes when we look at a church history book we believe that all of our hard work is culminating in one event where we meet one purpose and that is the story we will tell forever.

Instead, I think it is helpful to remember that we are always in a state of planting seeds, pulling weeds, learning what works and what doesn't work, and enjoying the harvest as it comes. Sometimes things that were meaningful will even die out. But, there is hope for next season.

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I don't know what season we are in, in the face of COVID, but I suspect that it is a mixture of all of these elements. We are working and learning and struggling and growing. If we pay attention we will find God at work. At the same time we make preparation for the work that lies ahead. We can be sad that some things won't look like we want or expect, but we can also be hopeful for the good things that are also coming our way.

Perhaps we are not just building up for the "next big thing," but embracing the season in which we find ourselves. Will you join me in praying for our church that we will be faithful in taking advantage of this season and in preparing for what's next?

Shine On. Press On. Go On.

Jeremy Shannon

From Our Children's Minister

Church family,

Our children's ministry is just finishing up our On the Farm series! We have had so much fun teaching the kids about the Fruits of the Spirit. We have also launched a virtual kids' church where the kids can visit an online version of the rooms they are familiar with and find church resources by clicking on the objects in the rooms. They can also see bitmojis (virtual images) of their Sunday school teachers welcoming them to church. If you'd like to check it out you can do so through the link shared in our Facebook kids group or info group.

Blessings,

Kaitlyn Runion

Children's Minister

From Our Worship Leader

Well, it's October already... times flies when you're having fun...and sometimes when you're not having fun! I can't believe I can say that the year is almost over, but it is. And, what a year it's been!!! We've adjusted to what we needed to do, I can't say I'm actually really used to everything but by the time I get used to everything it will probably change. You just have to laugh sometimes!

Have you noticed that the leaves are starting to change color? It is nice to wake up in the morning and feel the cool day at hand. I'm thankful for the rain we had on Monday. I'm also thankful for the warm afternoons we still have. I love having a change of seasons!

I pray for us, our church family. I hope you do, too. I pray we can meet again with no masks, give hugs and handshakes and not worry about spreading this nasty virus...and I pray it happens soon.

I pray for our country, I hope you do too; so much going on and it's really hard to know what the truth is. I do know one thing that is always true and you can always count on it...God's Word. His promises are true, He is faithful. God is good, no matter what. He always sees us through our situations. He may not remove our problems but He will help us make it. He loves us so much!

I'm thankful for God's love! He is a wonderful Heavenly Father.

Sunday is coming! So I hope to see you in person at church or on the Web...

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CBF Kentucky Extreme Build Project

This has been the summer of cancellation, postponement and upended calendars. This is the six month anniversary of the week the world changed due to Covid.

This has had its effect on CBFKY, our churches and the individuals who affiliate with us as well. It was the first time in the history of all of our churches that there was no Easter service. Passport camps and most VBSs were forced to go virtual. Zoom became a way of life. Our Spring Gathering became an Autumnal Celebration. Twice the kind folks at Third Baptist in Owensboro agreed to be our host, but ultimately we had to head online.



Holy Spirit Parish Pantry

In September, we were asked to donate pouches of instant potatoes to the pantry.

You donated 161 pouches of potatoes and 203 other items.

Way to go First Baptist! Thank you for your generosity.

In October, we ask that you make donations of; Envelopes of any flavor gravy. No jars or cans.

I say all this to provide perspective on our now completed Extreme Build project.

We now are far enough away from completion that we know that it was done safely and that no one contracted Coronavirus while in McCreary County.

How did we do this? We did it because we had a great leadership team. Sharon Davis, Leonard Buckner and Charles White have for years given guidance and put in a lot of extra time redesigning the event for its successful conclusion. With negative tests required prior to coming and temperature checks on site and with distancing and masks, we safely kept our commitment to change the life of a young family.

Peace,

Bob Fox

CBF Kentucky Coordinator

Thank you..

Dear First Baptist Church,

Thank you so very much for the incredibly beautiful flower arrangement for our father's memorial service. They matched our flower selection perfectly! The crosses that we each now have are so very special! Thank you!

Sincerely,

Gene Scroggin's daughters

Ann, Virginia and Mary

Thank you.. First Baptist Church,

I wanted to thank you all so much for all you have done for my grandpa, Gene Scroggin. He took such pride in this church and the people who have attended it for 60 years. I have so many fond memories of me attending First Baptist. I hope my donation shows a small token to my gratitude for this church.

~Elizabeth Sexton

Beverly McClanahan Obituary



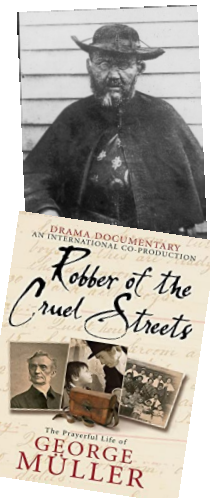
Beverly Ann McClanahan (nee. Wessling), 76, of Wilder, passed away on Sunday, September 20th at St. Elizabeth Hospital-Ft. Thomas. She was a member of the Southgate & Wilder Ladies Auxiliary, Campbell County Combined Auxiliary Group and Darla's Lunch Brunch. Bev is also a member of First Baptist Church, Ft. Thomas and the owner of Idle Tyme Ceramics. Bev has many hobbies including sewing, canning, baking, teaching, gardening, reading, crafting, ceramics, square dancing, and music. She was preceded in death by her parents, Frederick & Catherine (nee. Sauerbeck)Wessling; sons, Christopher Joseph & Christopher Adam Kidney; sister, Kathleen Yocum; brother, Frederick Wessling; in-laws, Herbert & Frances McClanahan , Earl McClanahan, Gyneth & Betty McClanahan. Bev is survived by her loving husband, Harold McClanahan; daughters, Kimberly (Ashley) Beagle & Donna (Candace) Kidney; step son, Clark McClanahan; sister, Marlene (Wayne) Watson; sister-in-law, Mickie (Dan) Stigall and many generations of nieces & nephews. Visitation will be held from 10-1 p.m., Friday, September 25th Muehlenkamp-Erschell Funeral Home, Ft. Thomas. Burial will take place at Evergreen Cemetery, Southgate. Memorials are suggested to the First Baptist Church of Ft. Thomas, 600 N. Ft. Thomas Ave., Ft. Thomas, KY 41075 or the Southgate Volunteer Fire Department (Ladies Auxiliary), 128 Electric Ave., Southgate, KY 41071.

Sympathy...

On September 20th, God called home another one of our family members, Beverly McClanahan. Bev was a very interesting and wonderful lady who loved the Lord and loved being upstairs in our nursery department. She will be greatly missed by so very many.

At this time we would like to extend our warmest sympathy to her daughter, Kim Beagle who had been a member our family for many years. She was extremely close to her mom and she will need our prayers, as well as her husband, Harold, and her other children and family members. We ask the Lord to provide for them the peace & calm that we know only He can provide.

Thank you for all your prayers.



A not from Donna Stormer...

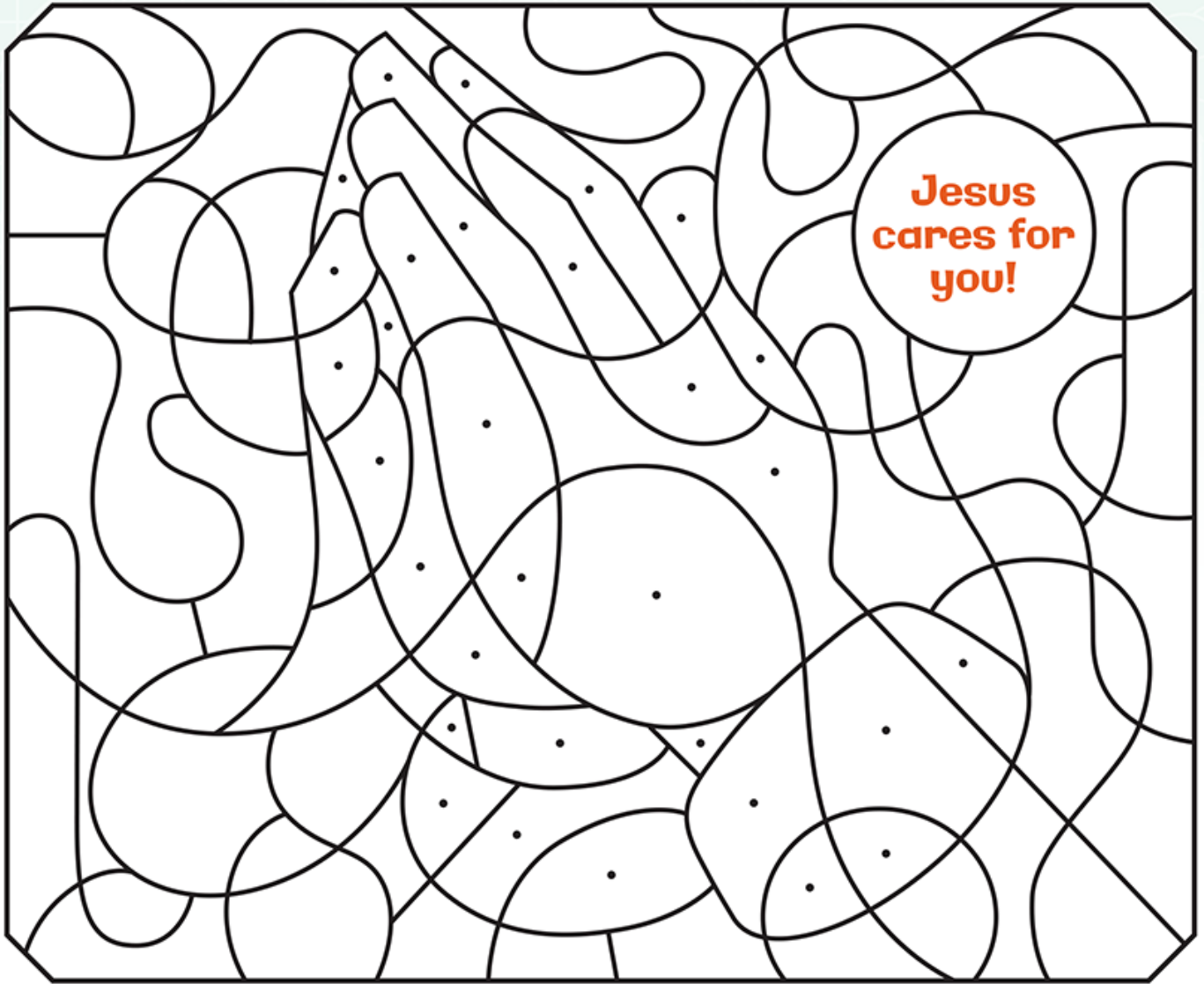
I have purchased a few more DVD movies and placed them in the Library.

- Molokai~ Father Damien & the lepers he served
- Robber of Cruel Streets~ George Muller
- Apostle Peter~ Last Supper
- 2 for the children~ God with Us~ Coming of the Savior
- Little Shepherd~ First Christmas

Please watch and enjoy, *Donna*



COLOR ALL THE SPACES
WITH DOTS! WHAT DID
YOU COLOR?



A decorative border of small pumpkins surrounds the text.
Jack O Lantern Drive Thru
October 29 @ 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Enter Tower Park from Army Reserve Road
(off of River Road) and drive thru the park
for some contact free fun!
Inflatable's, lights, projections, fog, and
music! Mark your calendars for October
29th!



I will let my light
shine for Jesus!



THE BRIGHT SPOT
 As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.
 Joshua 1:5



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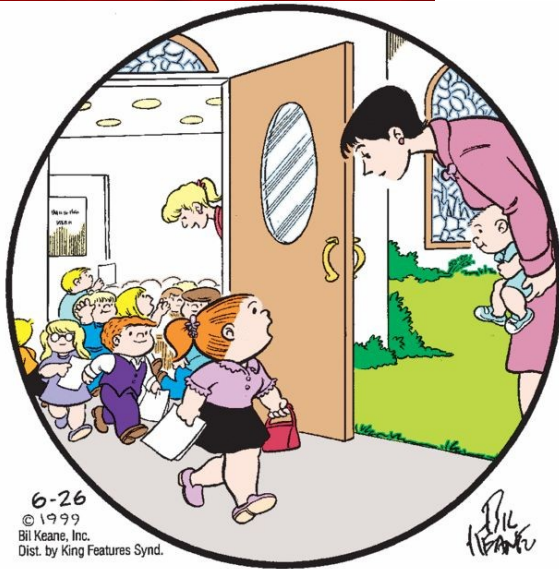
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 Bill Klopp



"A joyful HEART is
GOOD MEDICINE"



I've come to the conclusion that the
bigger the cheerio the better it tastes



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"Know what? God knew me before
I was born, but I can't quite
remember Him."



JUST TOLD MY KIDS
I'M OLDER THAN
GOOGLE. THEY THINK
I'M JOKING



Born before September 4th, 1998?

Congratulations!! You are older than Google



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