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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
FORT THOMAS

*The Vision
Proclaiming
the good news*

September, 2018



Worship and Ministry Schedule

Sunday

9:30 a.m. ~ Kingdom Kids for
Children & Bible Study for Adults

10:45 a.m. ~ Worship Service

Third Sunday Brunch
After Morning Worship

Wednesday

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

Thursday

7:00 p.m. ~ Choir Practice
(starting September 13)



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Barb Musick (Keyboard)

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Church Office Hours

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

Ministry Assistant

Debbie Mershon
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From the Pastor's desk...

Greetings, church family!

God is moving through the people that make up First Baptist Church Fort Thomas! It has been such an encouragement to see the way that everyone has responded to the opportunities that have been given to us as we seek to embrace our community and truly live out the call to "Shine God's Light. Share God's Love."

A few weeks ago during the service, we handed out new invite cards that have information about our church. My hope is that we will use these cards as a way to connect with folks as we actively invite people to our worship services. The cards alone might not be the reason that folks come, but it gives us something tangible to give folks when we invite them. I have been so encouraged to hear of the ways that you have already handed them out in our community and I encourage you to continue to do so. We cannot control whether or not people make a decision to come, but we can be faithful in inviting them to come. Be faithful in the opportunities that the Spirit puts before you and wait in anticipation for the way that the Spirit will move. Who in your life do you know that doesn't have a church family, but perhaps is just waiting on someone to invite them?

Looking at the rest of the year, our calendars are quickly filling up! That is exciting because we have great opportunities for service. Our Wednesday night prayer meeting is back in action, choir will be starting to practice again soon, and football tailgating is in full swing! As the calendar is filled, that means that there are great opportunities for you to join in what God is doing. Where can you serve? What ways do you see God calling us as a church body?

I thank God daily for the privilege to serve alongside you and I hope that you are excited to see what God has in store for us. We have a chance to be people of good news in a world that is desperately in need of it. Celebrate grace. Celebrate love. Celebrate that we get to be a part of sharing that message.

Shine on. Press on. Go on.

- Jeremy



CARING CONVERSATIONS

A WORKSHOP BY FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FORT THOMAS

SESSION ONE - ADVANCED DIRECTIVE S - HOW TO PREPARE FOR END-OF-LIFE DISCUSSIONS

SESSION TWO - TIPS FOR CAREGIVERS - HOW TO PROVIDE CARE WHILE ALSO PRACTICING SELF CARE

LED BY REV. MARIAN BOYER - CHAPLAIN AT ST. ELIZABETH HOSPITAL - FLORENCE.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2018
9AM-12PM

600 N. FORT THOMAS AVE.



We will be taking up an offering for the Eliza Broadus Home Missions for the entire month of September. This is a special offering that goes towards mission work in our home state of Kentucky. Our church goal is \$600.00.



Summer Mission Offering

Members of FBC, Fort Thomas you are a very generous group of Jesus Followers. You have exceeded expectations by donating \$1,100.00 to the Women's Crisis Center. Thank you so much for your generosity in giving to this wonderful mission. Your money will help save lives.

THE GIFT OF TIME...

A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.
—[Proverbs 11:25](#)



I headed into the post office in a big hurry. I had a number of things on my to-do list, but as I entered I was frustrated to find a long line backing up all the way to the door. "Hurry up and wait," I muttered, glancing at my watch.

My hand was still on the door when an elderly stranger approached me. "I can't get this copier to work," he said, pointing to the machine behind us. "It took my money and I don't know what to do." Immediately I knew what God wanted *me* to do. I stepped out of line and was able to fix the problem in ten minutes.

The man thanked me and then left. As I turned to get back in line, it was *gone*. I walked straight to the service counter.

My experience that day reminds me of Jesus' words: "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you" (Luke 6:38).

My wait seemed shorter because God interrupted my hurry. By turning my eyes to others' needs and helping me give of my time, He gave me a gift. It's a lesson I hope to remember, next time I look at my watch. —James Banks

Heavenly Father, all of the time I have is in Your hands, a gift from You. Please show me how to use it to bring glory and honor to You.

A Thank You note...

Thanks to everyone that had a part in my birthday. It was a very lovely one for me; cards, flowers, calls, emails, etc.

Now I have to settle down and get to work on having a good year.

I hope all is well there.

Love,

Rozellen



Thank you...

Dear First Baptist Church of Fort Thomas,

Thank you so much for allowing me to have my birthday party there. I was Very, Very surprised!!

Rev. Ashley Beagle



Food for Thought...

One Sunday morning during service, a 2,000-member congregation was surprised to see two men enter, both covered from head to toe in black and carrying sub-machine guns. One of the men proclaimed, "Anyone willing to take a bullet for Christ remain where you are." Immediately, the choir fled, the deacons fled, and most of the congregation fled. Out of the 2,000 there only remained around 20.

The man who had spoken took off his hood, looked at the preacher and said, Okay Pastor, I got rid of all the hypocrites. Now you may begin your service. Have a nice day!"

And the two men turned and walked out.

The Shadow of The Cross...

A young man who had been raised as an atheist was training to be an Olympic diver. The only religious influence in his life came from his outspoken Christian friend. The young diver never really paid much attention to his friend's sermons, but he heard them often.

One night the diver went to the indoor pool at the college he attended. The lights were all off, but as the pool had big skylights and the moon was bright, there was plenty of light to practice by. The young man climbed up to the highest diving board and as he turned his back to the pool on the edge of the board and extended his arms out, he saw his shadow on the wall. The shadow of his body in the shape of a cross. Instead of diving, he knelt down and asked Jesus to come into his life. As the young man stood, a maintenance man walked in and turned the lights on. The pool had been drained for repairs.

God works in many ways.

A WORD FROM Miriam

I wake up a lot of times with a song on my mind...sometimes in the middle of the night (but that usually happens right before our Christmas cantata)! When you can't get a song out of your head it's called an "earworm" or it used to be. Maybe it's called something else now. This morning I work up at 4 AM with these lyrics; "What a friend we have in Jesus", BUT it was not the tune you know. It was a modern version with different words for the rest of the chorus.

I know most of you would prefer "just the hymns" on Sunday mornings but let me say thank you for embracing (or at least trying to embrace) new songs. Once we sing them a few more times they will not be new and you will be able to sing out like when you sing a hymn. Think about the song "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)." The sanctuary is filled with voices when we sing that...and it was new to us just a few years ago. It is wonderful to hear voices being raised up to God in praise! "Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth." Ps 100:1



September is here and choir will be back in full swing (hopefully), soon. We'll be getting ready for Christmas sooner than you know.

We're small, but we have big hearts! Thank you, choir, for your dedication throughout the summer helping lead worship. I also want to thank David Shannon for filling in for me when I'm gone. I will be out of town on September 2nd, and you have "just the hymns" for that day - so sing out and praise God!

Until we meet again,

Miriam

ON THE SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

September 3~ Happy Labor Day! Office will be closed.

September 9~ Happy Grandparents Day!

September 10~ Mary Francis Gould Mission Group will meet at 12 noon here at the church. Hostess will be Gladys Rankin and Program given by Thelma Boehne.

September 10~ The R.O.M.E.O's will meet and eat at the Frisch's in Highland Heights at 8:30 a.m.

September 13~ Choir practice resumes at 7:00 p.m.

September 21~ Tailgating with the community. Highlands will be playing Simon Kenton. Game starts at 7:00 p.m. Please be here about an hour early if you want to help with tailgating.

September 30~ CBF missionary, Scarlett Jasper, will be here to speak.



Pantry Outreach Ministry!

During the month August, you donated 218 boxes of Saltine crackers and 3 miscellaneous items.

Way to go FBC Fort Thomas!!!

For the Month of September, the pantry is asking for donations of Pork-n-Beans.



When you donate to the Pantry, you are working in the mission field because you are feeding the hungry!

THANK YOU!!

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

Matthew 25:35

Kingdom Kids

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

BABY NURSERY

Lori Maines

TODDLERS- PRE-SCHOOL

Debbie Mershon

Children's Worship Hour

Toddlers

9/2

Amy Shannon

Barb Scott

9/9

Dora Griffin

Barb Musick

9/16

Donna Stormer

Walter Mershon

9/23

Susan Smith

Jeff Smith

9/30

April Ayers

Dale Ayers

Grade School Teacher

Lori Orne

Prayer calendar for North American missionaries 2018



Romeo & Marietta Gonzales: 8/26-9/1	Jamaica, NY
<i>Church Planter</i>	
Brian & Connie Williamson: 9/2-9/8	Alpharetta, GA
<i>Chaplain</i>	
Christopher & Mindy Flora: 9/9-9/15	Calagary, AB
<i>Church Planter</i>	
Josh & Sarah Cook: 9/16-9/22	Edgewater, CO
<i>Church Planter</i>	
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<i>Church Planter</i>	

Kingdom Kids

Worship Hour Baby Nursery

9/2

Jackie Harry
Bev Rath

9/23

Kim Beagle
Bev McClanahan

9/9

Amy Shannon
David Shannon

9/30

Cindy Stricker
Barb Scott

9/16

Dakota Guilkey
Jerod Guilkey



We still need more volunteers for the baby nursery!



Happy Anniversary



9/7~ Dale & April Ayers

9/11~ Bruce & Jackie Harry

9/30~ Bill & Ruth Eckerle

THE BRIGHT SPOT!

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10



**Kathleen Webber has moved to Fort Thomas!
Her new address is:**

239 Clover Ridge

Fort Thomas, KY 41075



DEACON MINISTRY

9/2

Jeanette Dittoe
Debbie Mershon
Kathleen Webber
Jim Scott

9/9

Dakota Guilkey
Thelma Boehne
Jackie Harry
Mary Strange

9/16

Bob Peelman
Bill Eckerle
Carol Steffen
Cindy Stricker

9/23

Lori Maines
Jerod Guilkey
Debbie Mershon
Kathleen Webber

9/30

Walter Mershon
Mary Strange
Jackie Harry
Bill Eckerle



9/5

Jane Bickel

9/12

Bill Eckerle

9/16

Shawn Lang

9/17

Bob Peelman

9/30

Jeff Orne

9/2
Bill Klopp

9/9
Lori Orne

9/16
Harry Weitkamp

9/23
Walter Mershon

9/30
Bill Klopp

Christian One Liners that aren't funny, but true...

1. SIN: Commit to not commit!
2. It's not the outlook- it's the uplook that counts!
3. He who sows sparingly will reap sparingly.
4. They see our methods, He sees our motives.
5. Plenty of folks give the Lord credit- few give Him cash!
6. Finding hell is easy ! It's at the end of a 'Christ-less' life.
7. The greatest of evils is our indifference towards evil!
8. If you cheat on the test, don't thank the Lord for the "A".
9. Count your blessings, not your problems.
10. If you can't sleep, don't count sheep; talk to the Shepherd.
11. Good old knee-ology is as good as some theology.
12. In this life it's not what you have but Who you have that counts!
13. A hypocrite is a person who's not himself on Sunday.
14. Money is a great servant but a terrible master!
15. God gives every bird it's food, but He does not throw it into its nest.
16. He who loses money, loses much; He who loses a friend, loses more; He who loses faith, loses all.
17. God made round faces; man makes 'em long.
18. Honesty is not only the best policy, it is the will of GOD!
19. What does it take for God to get our attention?
20. There are many things in my life for which I am ashamed, but Jesus is not one of them.
21. You can't walk with God and hold hands with Satan at the same time.
22. Faith is a journey, not a destination.

Christian Humor



Between the Pages

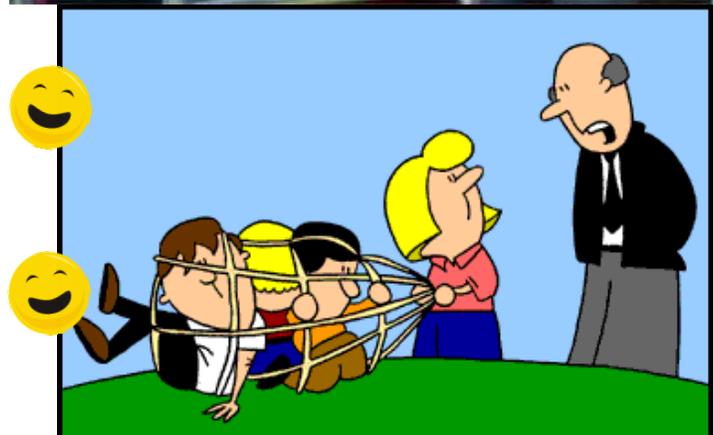
A little boy opened the big and old family Bible with fascination, and looked at the old pages as he turned them. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible, and he picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed in between the pages.

"Momma, look what I found," the boy called out

"What do you got there, dear?" his mother asked.

With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered: "I think it's Adam's suit!!"

God: "I have a plan for your life"
What it feels like:



Thanks to Mikel Rice

03-25-1998

I DON'T CARE WHAT YOUR SISTER TOLD YOU, THIS IS NOT WHAT I MEANT BY "FISHER OF MEN"