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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
FORT THOMAS

September 2020

*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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<p><i>First Baptist Church</i> 600 N. Fort Thomas Ave. Fort Thomas, Kentucky 41075</p>	<p><i>The Vision</i></p>  <p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FORT THOMAS</p>	<p>NEED HELP? CALL THE CHURCH AT 859-441-8884</p> <p>We are here for you until this pandemic crisis is over. Please feel free to call us if you need help with anything.</p>
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

Greetings, FBCFT Family!

As I sit down to write this letter, I must admit that my mind is tired. Early this morning Hurricane Laura went through Louisiana and we are still waiting to see what the resulting damage is. We are in the midst of an election that has everyone on edge. There are hurting people in the streets and many question what direction we are heading. We are grieving the loss of yet another beloved church member. On top of all of this, we are still dealing with the effects of COVID-19 and if we are not careful it is too easy to believe the lie that our lives will never get back to whatever level of normal we feel that we once had. I share this not because you don't already know about these things, but rather because I suspect that you too are tired. This has been a long season. Please know that you are not alone.

It is with this heaviness that I also want to share a word of thanks for the love that you continue to show this church family during a time of crisis. I believe that it is in these trying times that we are able to reach down deep and hold on to the faith that we have proclaimed for most of our lives. This journey is made easier because we have each other and we are united in the bond of Christ. I think back to a song we used to sing in church growing up that says "I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God..."

The month of August was not all bad. Early in August we gathered under the shade tree in front of the church for an ice cream fellowship. We also had a chance to host a drive thru celebration parade for brother Gene Scroggin and share words of gratitude before his passing. A few weeks later we gathered for our first in person worship service since March. Though it felt a bit different, there was great joy in gathering together in person. Alongside that, our Facebook online worship service has continued to be well attended. We are finding ways to thrive and adapt and that has been made easier by your gracious spirits.

In addition to your faithfulness in cultivating relationships, I want to thank you for your faithfulness in giving. By remaining in a healthy place financially, we are encouraged and equipped to continue to adapt to new ways of doing church.

Not knowing what lies ahead, I take great comfort in knowing that we will walk through this next chapter together. As we continue to adjust to a new way of living we will continue to offer new ways to connect with each other. I am optimistic that God will take the hardships that we are facing and use them to create moments of joy that we will tell others about for the rest of our lives. If there is anything that we can do to serve you in the weeks ahead, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Shine on. Press on. Go on.

Pastor Jeremy

From Our Worship Leader

Happy September! Where does the time go? Fall is almost upon us. I'm so glad God has given us a change of seasons - even though sometimes it just feels like we go from Winter to Summer to Winter again.

It has been wonderful to have an early service these last few weeks and be able to see some of you. Being online for church is good but it's nothing compared to being together in person. I'm so glad I've gotten to see some of you at the 9 AM service. Hopefully this month, late, we will merge our two services and have just the 10:45 AM service again.

It's been a difficult time in many ways. Know that God is still in control and will still take care of you no matter what is happening. Sometimes it's just hard - that is life. God is still good! God is still great! God is still God... and we are not, thankfully! Praise Him daily. Love Him daily. Talk with Him daily. Thank Him daily. Honor Him daily. Look around and see the beauty He has given you in all creation. Smile for what you have!

Sunday is coming...see some of you then!

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From Our Children's Minister

Dear church,

In August we began a new series, **On the Farm**. The kids are learning about growing the fruits of the spirit in their hearts. We've continued our Thursday video chats and have been enjoying seeing the kids during our goodie bag door drops. School is starting for some of our kids and teachers so please keep them in your prayers as they weather this new season of life.

Blessings,

Kaitlyn Runion

Children's Minister

A thank you note written by Gene Scroggin to all of us...

I am so blessed to have a loving family and church family. The love of my church family was so vividly displayed on the night of July 29th when car after car drove by wishing me well. This church family of mine has served us since our family joined the congregation in 1959.

With your continued prayers, my family and I will all get through this time together. We also pray for the church during these challenging times.

Love,

Gene Scroggin and family



Obituary



Eugene Wayne Scroggin, 87, of Fort Thomas, passed away on Sunday, August 16th at his residence surrounded by his loving family. Gene was a Director with Cincinnati Bell, where he worked for 32 years. He was an active and devoted member of First Baptist Church of Fort Thomas for over 60 years. Gene was respected for his time and expertise working with local community & professional organizations. He was a Christian role model for his family and others that knew him. He adored his family and his family feels so blessed to have had such an exceptional father & grandfather. As a graduate of civil engineering from the University of Kentucky, he was an avid Wildcats basketball fan. Gene was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara (nee. Hulett) Scroggin, Perry Scroggin (father),

Ethel Poe Scroggin (mother), Wilma Burroughs (sister), Harold Scroggin (brother), and Elvena Scroggin (sister). He is survived by his daughters, Ann (Jim) Sexton, Virginia (the late Siavash) Sadrzadeh and Mary (David) Scroggin-Harris; Carnetta Marquette (sister) and 3 grandchildren, Ebram (Elica) & Owen Sadrzadeh and Elizabeth Sexton; Carnetta Bell (niece) and Brack Marquette (nephew). A private celebration of life will be held at First Baptist Church of Fort Thomas. Gene will be laid to rest at Williamstown Cemetery, Williamstown, KY. Memorials are suggested to the First Baptist Church of Fort Thomas, 600 N. Fort Thomas Ave., Fort Thomas, KY 41075

Sympathy... *Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. - Mathew 5:4*

Our church family has suffered a great loss with the passing of our brother and friend, Gene Scroggin. Gene was such a loving, kind and generous man. Please be in prayer for his daughters, Mary Harris, Ann Sexton, and Virginia Sadrzadeh. He will be deeply missed by so many.

**The sorrow of the faithful
Is not that of permanent loss,
But the tender sense of sadness
That comes in saying good-bye for now
To someone we love.**



#MYFBCSTORY

Stories of Why We Gather Together

"First Baptist Church Fort Thomas is an answered prayer for me. It was a very difficult to find a church in our area when we moved to Northern Kentucky from Lexington in 2009, but eventually we found our way to FBC Fort Thomas and have been very happy in so many ways. I have felt welcomed and supported by everyone. It is so good to see smiling faces greet you and enjoy the feeling of belonging to a body of Christ who cares for you.

I enjoy the sermons, the music, the gatherings, and most of all the fellowship we have together as believers. My prayer is that we can continue to be a body of believers who encourage and lift one another up as well as extend our love and spirit outside the building's walls into the world that so desperately needs God's love."

- - Patty Adams



Holy Spirit Parish Pantry is Back!

They have moved into their new building and are ready for business. Their new address is 840 Washington Ave. in Newport.

We are ready to start supporting their pantry again.

During the month of September we will be taking donations of Instant Potatoes In pouches (not boxes). They can be dropped off at the church any time during the month of September. Church office hours are Monday thru Thursday 9 a.m—4:30 p.m. or bring them on Sunday morning during our shortened morning worship starting at 9 a.m.

Thank you so much for support of this important outreach mission!

Kids Page

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BASKET OF APPLES KIDS CRAFT

Painting with apples: Cut apples in half as show in picture number 1. Push a fork into the apple for a handle. Use 3 paper plates with tempera paint to stencil with the apples onto a piece of white construction paper. It is very pretty if you use green, yellow and red for 3 colors of apples or you can make them all one color. Set the apple into the paint as the picture number 1 shows and then place on paper and pull straight up when removing. Your paper will have the image of an apple. Make as many apples as you want on your paper. Once you have all the apples on your paper, put it up to dry.

Once dried, glue strips of brown construction across the apples as shown in picture number 2. This will make your apples look as if they are in a basket.

You should really enjoy making this basket of apples.

Have Fun!!!

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WE BOW OUR HEADS

We bow our heads and close our eyes
And say a little prayer.
We thank our Father graciously
for blessings we all share.

We bow our heads and close our eyes
and ask that through the day
The Lord will keep us safe from harm.
At home, at school, at play.



DAY TRIP THAT IS KID FRIENDLY

Pyramid Hill Sculpture Park

1763 Hamilton-Cleves Road, State Route 128, Hamilton, OH

This outdoor museum features larger-than-life, colorful, three-dimensional sculptures kids will love! Sprawling hills and lush greenery make for a gorgeous mini getaway. Pack a picnic and eat with a view of some of the most awe-inspiring feats of artistic vision. If you're feeling lazy, rent an art cart and enjoy the sites on wheels!





Happy Anniversary

9/7
Dale & April Ayers

9/11
Bruce & Jackie Harry

9/30
Bill & Ruth Eckerle

THE BRIGHT SPOT

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; His understanding has no limit.

Psalm 147:5



Happy Birthday

9/5
Jane Bickel

9/12
Bill Eckerle

9/15
Ray Thompson

9/17
Bob Peelman

9/18
Jenni Shannon

9/30
Jeff Orne

People born in September are usually caring, kind, and loving.

HAPPY
Labor Day



**DEACON
MINISTRY**

9/6
Lori Orne

9/13
Harry Weitkamp

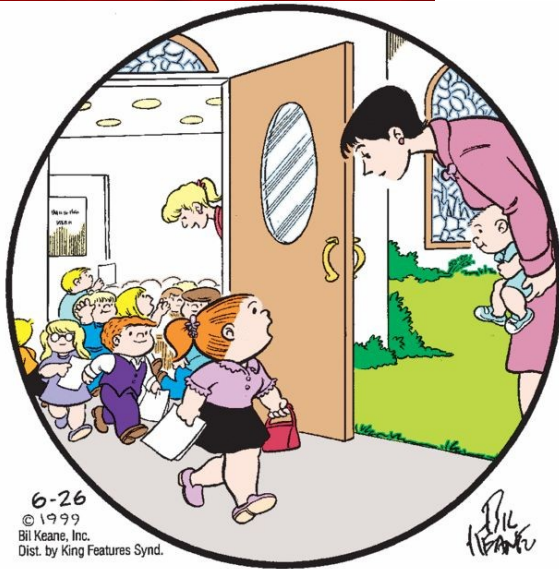
9/20
Walter Mershon

9/27
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."



FINALLY THEY'VE
MUZZLED THE
RIGHT SPECIES!



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and
THE
KEANE

"Hear that? People in heaven have
ever-laughing life."



"I AM THE LIVING GOD—
AND I APPROVED THIS
MESSAGE!"



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and
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