

# THE VISION

The Official Newsletter of First Baptist Church Fort Thomas

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## Worship Schedule

Sunday Morning: 10:45am  
in-person & online  
Children's Church: 10:45am  
in-person (mask required)  
Adult Sunday School: 9:30a.m

## FROM OUR PASTOR

### Pastor Jeremy Shannon

I am guessing most of you have heard the phrase that if you don't like the weather in Kentucky, just wait a few minutes. While that certainly feels true, I particularly remember a scene just a few weeks ago as I watched one of our local weather stations. While looking at the forecast, the image on the screen actually said that you would feel all four seasons in one day! What they really meant was rain, sleet, freezing rain, and snow. Now, I am not one to be considered an optimist, but that feels like the worst possible way to look at every season! I'm not sure about you, but I'm ready for the long summer warmth right about now.

The month of March means we will mark the second anniversary of the day that the world shut down to covid-19. I remember the first time that I began to realize that something was wrong, but none of us could have imagined how much we would walk through over the course of two years. Entering year three, there is room for optimism and we have learned much about ourselves, but we are not done yet.

As we navigate this next phase of ministry together, some of us might feel impending doom that with each new season we are bound to face miserable varieties of precipitation. It isn't that we want to be this way, but when bad luck seems to keep hitting it is tempting to feel that bad news is inevitable. It's a defense mechanism to not feel hurt again. But, we gather together as people to proclaim a God who is able to redeem our toughest moments and use them for our growth and for God's glory. We have been through so much, but there is hope that better days are not far from us.

With every setback, it seems harder to believe that things will ever be as we once hoped. Perhaps it feels hard to get our hopes up, only for the next thing to get in the way. But as the people of God, we cling to the promises of a God who is good and a God who cares. I am hopeful for this spring season and I ask that you search within yourself and to look to God to find that hope as well. I am ready to declare hope and to look forward to what good God is doing in us and through us and around us.

Can we begin to pray in faith that we will be a people of hope? Can we begin to plan and trust again and see where the Spirit leads? Can we seek to live out what we have proclaimed for so long?

I'm ready. Are you?

Shine on. Press on. Go on

Pastor Jeremy



## FROM OUR WORSHIP LEADER

### **Miriam Fuller**

March is here, and Spring is on the way (at least the calendar says so!). It seems like Winter has been long and dark in some ways, but in other ways it seems to have passed quickly. I think most everyone is ready for warmer weather, I know I am!

I enjoy the change of seasons, and I'm so grateful to God for what He gives each season. The splendor of the color and warmer air in Spring, Summer, and Fall and, dullness and cold of Winter so that we appreciate the others seasons more. I can't wait to get in my garden, till up the ground and plant for the season. I love watching things grow.

Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. I has no worries in a year od drought and never fails to bear fruit. Jeremiah 17:7-8.

Always bear fruit, and trust God to help you...year round.

Sunday is coming, see you then - in the NEW year!



## WELCOME BABY AURORA

Jeremy and Kaitlyn welcomed baby Aurora Sun Runion on February 10th. Congratulations to them and to big borhter Martin! We can't wait to meet her. Thank you everyone that has been helping with Children's church while Kaitlyn has been on maternity leave!

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# SCHEDULES FOR FEBRUARY

## DEACONS

3/6  
Harry Weitkamp  
3/13  
Walter Mershon  
3/20  
Bill Klopp  
3/27  
Lori Orne

## TELLERS

3/6  
Kim Beagle & Barb Musick  
3/13  
Kim Beagle & Bill Eckerle  
3/20  
Lori Maines & Walter Mershon  
3/27  
Kim Beagle & Barb Musick

## PRESCHOOL & ELEMENTARY

3/6  
Walter & Debbie Mershon  
Mirm Fuller

3/13  
Lori Orne  
Barb Scott

3/20  
April Ayers  
Kim Beagle  
Jackie Harry

3/27  
TBD

All age groups will be together while Kaitlyn is on maternity leave

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## BUSINESS MEETING

Our business meeting will be March 23rd at 6pm. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

We look forward to seeing you!

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## MONTHLY HIGHLIGHT

This past fall we had an opportunity to have some much much needed repairs done on the roof of the church. Completed repairs include the replacement of the flat roof over our education wing and the roof over the awning of our back parking lot. We have one more project to be completed with the addition of weather proofing elements on our tile roof by the bell tower. Almost half of the project was financed through a gift via the estate of Gene Scroggin and the rest of the project was financed by Gene's family in his memory. We are so grateful for their desire to honor his legacy in caring not only for the building, but even more so the people who gather together each and every week. Because most of you will not be on the roof, here are a few photos that show the completed work. These repairs will help our long term efforts to care for the building and provide a place for worship and gathering for years to come. Now that the fall portion of our building work is almost completed, we turn our attention to the replacement of our parking lot. Stay tuned for more information about this project and please be in prayer as to how you might be able to contribute to helping us get this done. Thank you!



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# MISSIONS UPDATES

## Holy Spirit Parish Food Pantry

Every month we collect for the Holy Spirit Parish. February we collected 118 boxes of Hamburger Helper.

For the month of March, we've been asked to donate 1lb BOX of white sugar. Please make sure these are in the box, not the bag.

Let's continue blessing those in our community.



## WOMEN'S MISSIONS CIRCLE

Every 1st Monday of the month we have a dedicated group of women that gather for a time of prayer, fellowship, and a lesson on missions involvement. They meet at 12pm in the fellowship hall. They maintain numerous additional activities throughout the year and are always looking for more people to join with them!

The next meeting will be held March 7th at noon. Pack a lunch and have lunch together. It's a great way to enjoy lunch together, eat dessert, and socialize. We look forward to eating with you!



## KENTUCKY DISASTER RELIEF

We are continuing to collect financial gifts in support of the CBFKY Disaster Relief Efforts in response to the tornadoes that ravaged Western Kentucky. As of this writing, CBFKY has received over \$70,000. Because of the nature of our work and donations already received, 100% of gifts given will go directly to folks in Western Kentucky. The goal of CBFKY is to be a part of the second wave of volunteers to help communities rebuild. We have connected with a Hispanic community in Mayfield, KY and are also working with the small town of Bremen, located in Muhlenberg County. In addition to the funds collected on a state level, CBF National will be contributing funds. A small portion of these donations will go to help fund an on site director to help organize gifts and groups. The rest of the funds will go directly to the items and things needed to help these specific communities. In addition to financial gifts, Pastor Jeremy will be traveling to the area and will provide an opportunity for folks in our church and community to travel down and volunteer on site. If you would like to contribute, donations can be sent to the church or given directly to CBFKY via their website at [www.cbfky.org/tornado-disaster-response](http://www.cbfky.org/tornado-disaster-response). Stay tuned for more details soon!

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# March 2022

## MONTHLY PLANNER

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
28	01	02	03	04	05	06
07 <b>WMC lunch 12pm</b> Bruce Harry	08 Marian Boyer	09	10 Candy Pentz	11	12	13
14 Karolee Center	15	16	17	18	19	20 Walter Hailes
21	22	23 <b>Business Meeting 6pm</b> Harry Weitkamp	24	25	26	27
28	29 <b>Office Closed</b>	30	31	01	02	03

## NOTES

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WMC= Women's Mission Circle

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No March anniversaries