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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
**FORT THOMAS**

*The Vision  
Proclaiming the  
good news*



**Sunday Morning Worship:** 10:45 a.m. in-person & online

**Sunday Morning Children's Church:** 10:45 a.m. in-person (masks required)

**Adult Sunday School:** 9:30am

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK...

Greetings, church family!

This past week we had a great church business meeting. First, let's stop and take a moment to appreciate what that opening sentence actually says. For many churches, a business meeting is a time for divisiveness or airing of grievances. I am thankful for the unified spirit within our congregation that allows a business meeting to be a positive experience (as it should be). You love each other well and for that I am grateful.

Because many of you were unable to attend, I wanted to draw your attention to two things that happened. One was our financial update. The past 18 months have been chaotic for churches all around the world and that chaos can impact the finances of the church. As of our most recent update, we are still in a healthy place with our budget. Over the past year we have made intentional efforts to find ways to cut operating costs down so that we can best steward the tithes and offerings given to our church. Between that effort and through your faithful financial support, we are able to look toward the coming years of ministry with confidence. Thank you for your support and please continue to consider how you can help us further our mission to Shine God's Light and Share God's Love all around us.

Another major update from the meeting was that we approved a proposal from the trustees to complete some needed repairs. This work includes completely redoing the flat roof of the church, working on other roof projects in the building, removal of a rotten tree, and some needed electrical repairs. We are able to finance these projects through reserves given specifically for the roof projects and other funds given over the years to our building fund. The good news is we can pay for these projects without taking on any debt. Thank you for helping make this possible.

With these positive things happening, I hope that you feel encouraged about the hope for our congregation in the years to come. While we are certainly more than finances and buildings, these things are important in helping us live out our mission. We have experienced so many challenges through COVID, but as we are able to turn the corner and look toward a new day, I believe God has great plans for our folks. As we continue to prepare, think about who you might be able to reach out to via a phone call, sending a card, or even visiting if able. Who might you be praying for? Who is God calling you to invite to worship with us? What preparations can you make today that will help us be more faithful tomorrow?

It is a joy and privilege to serve as your pastor. Looking forward to brighter days ahead!

Shine on. Press on. Go on.

Pastor Jeremy

## From Our Worship Leader

As I write this for October, it is raining and I'm grateful. We have needed rain; and I'm also grateful for cooler weather coming in. I enjoy the change of seasons, yes even winter...but It's always a happy day when Spring comes. Time seems to fly but we just can't seem to get used to our "new normal" with this Covid-thing... Just do the best we can... protect yourself when you can... wash your hands...

I've been asked several times when I'm going to start choir practice again; I'm thinking at the end of October...I'm hoping at the end of October. The choir (those who want to participate) will be singing 2 songs in our combined church Christmas program on Sunday, December 12th. We didn't have this opportunity last year, and this year will be scaled down a bit but it will still be fun to sing with our friends from the other churches. There will be a lot more congregational singing of regular Christmas carols, too.

Please take care; see you soon, hopefully, because - Sunday is coming!

*Mirm*

## From Our Office Assistant

**Happy October!**

**I just wanted to say THANK YOU for welcoming me! To those I have met, you have made me feel so welcomed! I cannot wait to meet the rest of you. I think I am getting the swing of everything.**

**I hope you enjoy my first newsletter.**

*Kayla Swope*

## From Our Children's Minister

Dear Church,

**Our kids just finished up our Wonder Why series. They learned that it's good to ask questions about our faith and search for answers in the Bible. They also learned that God made the world full of mysteries and we can explore them through science. My hope is that our kids will grow up knowing that God and science aren't at odds with each other and that they can explore their faith and our natural world to learn about what God has created.**

**October 6th from 3-6pm we'll be hosting the craft booth at the Fort Thomas Farmer's Market. We're doing a Fall pumpkin craft where the kids are making foam jack-o'-lanterns. It's an easy craft with no experience required, so we just need folks to be present and show our community that our church welcomes them. You can sign up for a shift on the sheet on the bulletin board or by reaching out to me.**

Love you all,

*Kaitlyn Runion*

## From Debbie Mershon and Family

Dear Church Family,

We cannot begin to express all our church family has meant to us during this time in our lives. The sudden passing of our daughter/mother, Bethany Walker was so extremely hard. We do want to thank you for all the prayers, cards, food and donations that was sent to us. Your love and kindness means so much, also thanks for the flowers.

We also want to thank Pastor Jeremy for all he did. He took all our confused crazy thoughts and put them on paper and made a beautiful service for my little girl. He also dealt with me and got me to Florence the day this all happened. Thank you, Jeremy.

We love our check family so very much,

*Debbie, Walter, and Karolee*

## HOLY SPIRIT PARISH PANTRY

122 jars of jelly were donated in the month of September.



In October, we are being asked to make donations of canned ravioli.



Have you been enjoying our series?

Follow the weekly readings on our Facebook page or Instagram

## The Mary Francis Gould Mission Group

The next meeting will be held October 4th, 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!



### Office hours:

**Monday:** 9-12 (by phone only)

**Tuesday:** 9-4 (in office)

**Wednesday:** 9-12 (by phone only)

**Thursday:** 9-4 (in office)

**Friday:** CLOSED

## CALENDAR...

### World Smile Day, October 1st

It is a day to remember to smile, feel good, and do acts of kindness for others and yourself. So forget all about your worries and differences, and dedicate this whole day to smile and be happy!



### National Dessert Day, October 14th

On October 14 everyone is allowed to indulge in their favorite sweet treats because it is National Dessert Day! If for one reason or the other you've been avoiding desserts lately, this is the perfect day to treat yourself, who can resist a gooey brownie or a crispy donut?

### Halloween, October 31st

At long last, Halloween has finally arrived! From brainstorming spooky costumes to trying out pumpkin carving ideas with our kids, eating unfathomable amounts of Halloween treats, candy, and chocolate and indulging in everything pumpkin-spice-flavored, there's so much to anticipate during this frightfully fun October holiday.



## Ft. Thomas Farmers Market

Fort Thomas Community Center 801 Cochran Ave., Fort Thomas, KY

October 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th

FORT THOMAS FARMERS MARKET March 24th - December 8th, 2021 Wednesday 3-6 pm Hours Extend to 7 pm June-September (Senior shopping begins at 2:45 pm) Mess Hall – Tower Park





# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FORT THOMAS KIDS

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

### INFANTS

10/3  
TBD  
10/10  
TBD  
10/17  
TBD  
10/24  
TBD  
10/31  
Carol Steffen

### PRESCHOOL

10/3  
Kaitlyn Runion  
10/10  
Debbie Mershon &  
Jeremy Runion  
10/17  
April Ayers & Kim Beagle  
10/24  
Susan Meyer & Amy Shannon  
10/31  
Debbie Mershon &  
Jeremy Runion

### ELEMENTARY

10/3  
Walter Mershon  
10/10  
Kaitlyn Runion  
10/17  
Kaitlyn Runion  
10/24  
Kaitlyn Runion  
10/31  
Kaitlyn Runion

# Kids Volunteers Needed

Come help us touch a child's heart for Jesus.  
It is the best feeling ever!





## Happy Anniversary

10/1

Jeremy & Kaitlyn Runion

10/7

Brian & Jennifer Silz

## THE BRIGHT SPOT

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



## DEACON MINISTRY

10/3

Lori Orne

10/10

Harry Weitkamp

10/17

Walter Mershon

10/24

Bill Klopp

10/31

Lori Orne

## TELLERS

10/3

Kim Beagle  
Barb Musick

10/10

Kim Beagle  
Bill Eckerle

10/17

Lori Maines  
Walter Mershon

10/24

Kim Beagle  
Barb Musick

10/31

Walter Mershon  
Debbie Mershon

10/2

Lori Maines

10/4

Judy Klopp

10/15

Lindsey Silz

10/16

Elsie Scent

10/25

Pauline Risch &

Levi Orne

10/30

Kayla Swope



**Laughing is good for the soul**

**What did Jonah's family say  
when he told them about  
what happened before  
reaching Nineveh?**

**"Hmm, sounds fishy."**



**What did Daniel  
tell his real  
estate agent?**



**"I'd prefer a  
house with no  
den."**

