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CAN YOU GIVE AN HOUR?

**Greeters are needed to meet our visitors on
Sunday mornings during either Bible study
or the worship hour. Please see
Larry Catron for more information!**

LOVE YOUR
CHURCH
WORKDAY

Saturday, April 13
9:00 - 1:00



Roll UP Your Sleeves for Church Work Day

Call Charlotte at the Church office
(270) 683-0269 for details.

NEW SUNDAY SCHEDULE

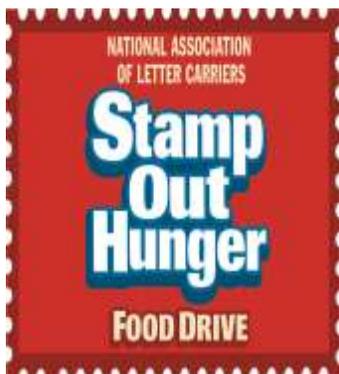
9:30 am: SUNDAY SCHOOL/BIBLE STUDY
Enrich your Spiritual life with in-depth studies,
engage with others, and get questions answered

10:25 am: COFFEE AND CONNECTION
Meet and greet each other in the atrium

10:45 am: MORNING SERVICE
Join together as one body of Christ in
Music and Worship



BEGINS EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21



Third Baptist is pleased to host the
Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive and
Our Parking Lot Fundraiser
Saturday, May 11th

This county wide effort helps provide food for local agencies to
distribute to the community and soup kitchens, including ours at
TBC! That weekend we'll be selling our parking lot spaces to help
support our many ministries! We need people to help in these
projects! Circle your calendar! Volunteer as you can!





PASTOR'S PEN

A word from the heart

Rev. Micah Spicer

Easter is without a doubt the most important day in the Christian calendar. The argument for the assembly of churchgoers hinges entirely upon the events of the first Easter morning. On that morning Jesus rose from the dead. While this is a happy ending to the narrative of Jesus of Nazareth - a wrongly accused and convicted man who suffered and died at the hands of corrupt and greedy political and religious leaders - it is only the beginning of our story. In fact, it is the new beginning for our story.

Humanity's fallen state is exposed as we see violence, oppression, and injustice all around us. Like so many people throughout history, many in our

world still bear the image of Adam. The problem is that the attributes associated with his image lead to sin and death. God made humanity in his image, but our self-centered actions have distorted what was once incorruptible and immortal. Instead of giving up on His creation, God rescued his creation. This task involved the divine entrance of God into the human existence through the person of Jesus of Nazareth.

Unlike Adam, and all others in human history, Jesus perfectly embodies the image of God. Through love, compassion, mercy, and humility Jesus personifies the original intent of the human creation. Moreover, on that Easter

morning, we see that Jesus has prevailed and proven Himself victorious over the forces of evil. Not only does Jesus win on Easter, but humanity wins on Easter. Our broken lives are made whole. Our wounds are healed. Our addictions no longer enslave us. Instead, those of us who follow Jesus are transformed into the true Image of God displayed in Christ. This means that we now live by the Fruit of the Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control.

Now that we have been liberated through resurrection we have but one question to ask, what are we going to do now?

Jan Lampkin, Children's Minister

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it." *Proverbs 2:6*

What a great month March has been. We came very close to reaching our goal of \$5,000.00 for our special emphasis for Support-A-Child and we witnessed nine of our children baptized. Congratulations Averie, Danisha, Aubrey, MacKenzie, Shalynn, Haley, Kaydence, Ilima, and Rebekka. You have made the most important decision of your lives by accepting Christ as your Savior. We as a church will vow to continue to pray for you as you begin your Christian walk. Thanks Pastor Micah for spending extra time with these nine girls in helping them realize "what it means to be a Christian." This time spent will definitely benefit them in their future. We had the opportunity to hear children and youth share "What TBC means to

them." I was so touched to hear these testimonies as it is certainly a tribute to all of the teachers, volunteers, and Pastor Micah. WOW! What a month!

Spring cleaning has already begun in the Nursery and Preschool areas and the storage areas in the Educational Building. We will continue to diligently work to make sure these areas pass the test to create a more clean and productive area for our children to worship and our teachers and volunteers to experience. Thanks to Charlotte for taking the lead in making this project successful. Thanks to all who will be working to give TBC a much needed facelift. God Bless you!

The annual Easter Egg Hunt is April 17-15. We need wrapped candy. We will stuff 3,000 eggs and we have

along way to go. We have the eggs but need the candy. Please leave your candy at the Atrium desk or in my office. Thanks for your support! This is a fun time for the children.

The last day of our Wednesday night program is May 15. It has been a good year! Vacation Bible School, "Yee Haw!" is scheduled for July 15-17. I hope that you will consider helping during this special and fun time for our children. Let me know if you are interested and willing to help in VBS. Put on your bib overalls and come on down to help us. Yee Haw!!

Continue to remember the TBC children, teachers, and volunteers in prayer daily.

Trust God, Bless Others,
Celebrate Grace!



We're doing some pretty radical stuff at Third Baptist: caring, loving, and making the world a better place. Your Youth have been instrumental in spreading this gospel. Inspired by many events last year, the Youth created a Support Group that is student-led and provides a space and time for them to talk about issues and problems in their lives and work on solving them. I've tried to stay out of their way and provide them with as many resources as possible. They've really impressed me, and we're currently working on receiving a grant to help their work to change the community and (who knows?!) the state and country.

I just received word that our grant proposal has moved to phase two in the process. We're setting up an interview, and if things do go well, we

should know by the end of April if we are to receive the grant. The grant will help pay for leadership training for the Youth, mission projects, promotion of our work, and helping end bullying in our schools. The gospel is alive in these Youth! They may not be able to enlighten you with recounting the Ontological Argument of God's existence or a recitation of the books of the Bible, but they have an intuitive understanding of Christ's gospel and how it is to be lived. I'm trying to feed this, and I appreciate your help. I know my approach is sometimes unorthodox (Jenny and Sarah sometimes think I'm crazy-okay, sometimes I think I'm crazy), but I'm doing the best I can from a background that's not too dissimilar from the Youth. I've always wanted someone to believe in me and what I can do. I needed someone who would listen to how I'm doing things wrong, understand that I'm trying to do things right, and to trust me even if

I'm not sure which one I might do. I often imagine it would be like playing jazz in a heavy metal band at ROMP - you just hang on, do your best, and hope what you do is meaningful. What we're doing is meaningful and fulfills the gospel and Third's mission of Trusting God, Blessing Others, and Celebrating Grace.

What do I need from you? Continue your support and patience. Also, if you know educators and principals at our local schools, it's almost time for us to reach out to local schools to stop bullying. We need everyone on deck to help make this happen. So, drop a little word in their ear, or put them in contact with me. We just need one school to make a difference in the lives of everyone. Continue to pray and love. You might be the only person who loves one of our children and youth this week. Love them dearly, for they deserve it; even if they don't know it!



DAVID ROBERSON

Worship is not an event we watch, it should be an event in which we participate. We worship to give God His "worth ship" and so each individual should participate in showing God our love, gratitude and thanksgiving. Through the years church leaders have attempted to involve their congregations to participate by adding hymns, litanies, group prayers, etc. to the service. These allow the congregation to speak (sing) with one voice, to physically participate in the worship service.

So I would say our responsibility in worship is to be involved. That applies

to the mental side as well as the physical side. So, you don't think you can sing? Well, pick up the hymnal and read the words as others sing. The words are what's important, the thoughts and ideas outlined in those verses. Join in hymn singing by experiencing the words created by the hymn writer. Don't just read the Call to Worship or the meditation thought, but consider the meaning behind the words. Maybe read them before the service begins so you have time to think about them before we get to that part of the service.

Be involved! Hope to see you participating this Sunday!



Joe Bob Pierce *Formations*

MY WEEK AT THE YOGA CENTER

I spent the first week of March at a professional training event. The event was held at a yoga center in western Massachusetts. So I found myself among yoga instructors and professional counselors for a whole week. My schedule that week also included several open times when I could drop in on yoga sessions, meditation training, physical movement activities - they even had a class on cooking with organic foods! So I practiced yoga the entire week.

One thing that struck me about it was how much yoga people intentionally observe silence. I have joked since then that I spent more time praying during that week away than I do when I'm home. In the yoga sessions I attended, the first part of the session was spent in being quiet and breathing, being aware of yourself and your surroundings. I think this is good advice for anyone who wants to deepen their practice of prayer. You don't necessarily have to think of things to say to God. Sometimes just sitting and 'opening your heart' to the Spirit is enough.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7
 9:00 AM Atrium Social
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Morning Worship
 12:00 PM Mission Teams
 2:00 PM FSR Reserved

MONDAY, APRIL 8

TUESDAY, APRIL 9
 5:00 PM KYC Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10
 5:00 PM Kids/Youth Meal
 5:30 PM Kids/Youth Activities
 6:00 PM Prayer Meeting
 6:00 PM Handbells Rehearsal
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY, APRIL 11
 4:30 PM Community Meal

SATURDAY, APRIL 13
 8:30 AM Quilting Class
 9:00 AM Love Your Church Day!
 2:00 PM Game/Gym Reserved

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Morning Worship
 12:00 PM Stewardship Finance
 5:00 PM Deacons Meeting

MONDAY, APRIL 15
 9:30 AM Peer Learning Group

TUESDAY, APRIL 16
 6:00 PM KYC Concert
 7:00 PM Dinner, FSR

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17
 5:00 PM Kids/Youth Meal
 5:30 PM Kids Easter Egg Hunt
 5:30 PM Youth Activities
 6:00 PM Prayer Meeting
 6:00 PM Handbells Rehearsal
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY, APRIL 18
 10:45 AM Sr. Adults to The Patio
 4:30 PM Community Meal

SCHEDULE CHANGE

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:25 AM Coffee and Connection
 10:45 AM Morning Worship



April 26 & 27
Latonia Baptist Church, Latonia KY

To register for the Spring Gathering
 or for more information
 go to www.cbfsky.org

MEMORIALS

in memory of Robert Harris
 by Joyce Edwards,
 Sue Downing Wood,
 Mike & Robin Harris,
 Lindy & Abbie Mercer,
 Paula Settle

in memory of Lee Kincaid
 by Lindy & Abbie Mercer

in memory of Charlie Settle
 by Paula Settle

in memory of Jean Norris
 by Lena Lovan

in memory of Emily Stone
 by Joyce Edwards

DEACON INFORMATION

April 7
 Ron Williams, Judy Dixon

Hope and Harvest Team
 Carole Anne Barrass,
 Chris Holbrook

April 14
 Jim Smith, Carolyn Estes

Hope and Harvest Team
 Jim Smith, Gary Kirtley

ATRIUM SOCIAL

April 7
 Women of Faith

April 14
 Another Look

PRESCHOOL/CHILDREN

April 7
 Cissy Bishop, Jennifer Spence

April 14
 Jan Lampkin, Janice Raby

OUR RECORDS					
	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31
S.S. / Worship	113 / 140	114 / 152	132 / 182	122 / 147	120 / 144
Total Offering	\$8,783	\$10,785	\$7,709	\$9,308	\$4,654
Capital Fund		\$190	\$65	\$56	\$20
Memorials	\$195	\$135	\$95	\$200	
Support / Child	\$1,150	\$1,658	\$1,222	\$875	\$400
Missions	\$481	\$270	\$60	\$10	
Other Funds	\$25	\$206	\$50		\$85
General Fund	\$6,902	\$8,326	\$6,217	\$8,167	\$4,149
Weekly Needs	\$8,552	\$8,552	\$8,552	\$8,552	\$8,552

Join the Senior Adults on
Thursday, April 18th
10:45 AM
 as they head over to
 Tell City, IN
 to have lunch at
The Patio Restaurant

Meet at the church
 or call your group leader and let them know you'll be joining them there!

