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Sharing the  
**LORD'S SUPPER**  
AUGUST 25  
10:45 am



## TIME CHANGE!

5:00 Kids/Youth Meal  
5:30 Kids/Youth Music and Missions  
**5:45 PM Prayer Meeting**  
in the Game Room  
6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal



If you are curious about this ministry,

**Come, Join us!**

No experience necessary but the ability to  
recognize rhythm is helpful.

Rehearsals begin

**Wednesday, August 28 at 6:00 PM!**

Current Video Series  
Discerning the  
Voice of God  
by Priscilla Shirer

Prayer  
Group  
for every  
woman  
*Gathering Together In His Name*

Monday, August 26  
6:00 PM Centennial Room  
*Come, Join Us!*



**PASTOR'S PEN**  
*A word from the heart*  
**Rev. Micah Spicer**

I know it is hard to believe, but I have been your pastor for over two years. Sarah, Gus, and I have grown to love Owensboro - its food, its opportunities, and its people. Third Baptist Church is the reason we are here, and we celebrate that. Being a pastor is a special privilege. I am appreciated, respected, and (most importantly) loved by so many people. On Sunday mornings, people drive to church to listen to me speak for twenty-five or thirty minutes. Others listen on the radio. Very few vocations provide opportunities like that. I get to stand in between human need and God's grace every time I preach. I am fortunate. I am blessed.

One of the great blessings of serving as your pastor is the ability to serve alongside a dedicated and loving staff. The work that David, Shirley, and Stacey put into our worship service is on display weekly. The music is always exceptional. Jan's steadfast and

unwavering commitment to children and their families provides our church the opportunity to encourage and disciple a new generation that would otherwise be absent from church life. Her passion as children's minister reminds us what Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." (Matthew 19:14) That is what we do at Third. Charlotte keeps our staff organized and on task. In fact, she's making me write this! Her work behind-the-scenes makes the mission and the ministries in our church possible. She's a problem-solver with a heart of gold. Chris, and his sidekick, David, have the biggest job of all, literally. Our church is big, and it isn't getting any newer. They fix the problems and keep things looking nice. Our unpaid staff members are Curtis and Joe Bob. Curtis is the director of creative ministries. He's currently developing a logo and reworking a website for the church. Joe Bob does a little bit of everything. He picks the banjo, serves as a pastoral counselor, makes announcements, makes more announcements. They are excellent every Sunday. I would also like to



**Joe Bob Pierce**  
*Formations*

I find myself being very grateful today for Third Baptist Church. One reason is that Encore Musicals just finished four performances of "Mamma Mia!" which would not have been possible without our church. Third Baptist is home base for Encore, which means we rehearse, store our costumes and props, and generally revolve around the Third Baptist Church property and buildings. Encore owes a lot of its health and success to Third Baptist.

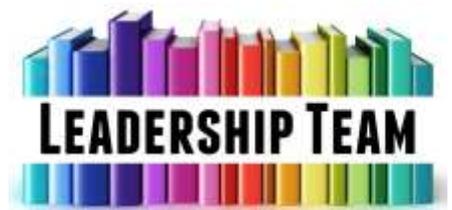
Another reason I'm thankful for Third is because I have the opportunity to attend a Sunday School

class that I really enjoy! Another Look Class studies a variety of topics and discusses a wide array of issues. We often agree and many times we don't agree, but it is a great class in which to learn and grow in the life of faith. Right now, we are studying a book entitled *Faith & Ethics: Tough Choices for the 21st Century* by Howard W. Roberts. Christian living means different things to different people, and the book has allowed us to voice our beliefs about what it means to be a Christian in today's world. We also are learning what it means to be Third Baptist Church, and I'm grateful for that as well!

mention Jennifer. Although she is not an official staff member, she deserves the accolade of volunteer of the year. She dedicates her time and energy everyday at the church to help any way that she can.

Court Lewis, our youth pastor, has recently announced his resignation. I would like to personally thank him for his service to our church family. Court will be dearly missed. I will remember Court for his preparedness and organizational skills. At the beginning of the school year, he already had his lesson plans laid out for the entire semester. (I don't even know what I'm preaching on Sunday!) I will remember Court for his innovative, engaging, and relevant approach to youth ministry. During his stint as youth minister, he launched a peer support group aimed at addressing issues of violence and bullying. Our hope is that this ministry continues in the future. I will remember that Court instilled values of mission and service into the minds of the students. The youth group was always collecting items for food pantries or animal shelters. They are currently in the process of organizing a clothes closet at church. Helping kids to own and grow in their faith is the definition of discipleship, which is the primary task of the church. Thank you, Court. Well Done!

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 Bless Others  
 Celebrate Grace*



**THURSDAY,  
 SEPTEMBER 5  
 6 PM**

By now, I assume everyone knows that I will be stepping down as the Youth Minister at Third Baptist Church on August 31. Since this will probably be my last Courier article as Youth Minister, I thought I would explain why. First off, we're not leaving Third! TBC is our home, and we plan on continuing our journey with how Christ is using Third. Second, we will still be active in the church, helping as we can with Wednesday night activities. Third, there is no simmering, secretive reason for my resignation. As noted at a previous business meeting, Jenny and I hope to foster-adopt a second child, so Elliott can have a brother or sister. Due to the nature of foster care, and the added "work" of caring for a second child, I simply don't feel as though I can effectively serve the church and youth as they deserve. I made the staff and personnel committee aware of my intentions at the end of the month, and we have a plan in place until the church decides how to proceed with a new Youth Minister.

Most of the youth are prepared to be leaders and to take on new responsibilities, and I will continue to help them as I can,

but they will need your continued support. How can you help? 1) Set an example by attending Sunday School and our church service. They pay attention to what you say and do. 2) Get to know some of the youth. They really are lovable and nice. 3) "Adopt" a youth by setting with them, or inviting them to set with you during Sunday's church service. There won't always be someone to "police" their activities, but if you really want to make a difference, make them part of your own family. 4) Continue to support the ministry by tithing and giving to the church. Micah, Jan, and many others have worked hard to transform the lives of these young adults, and they have made a difference in their lives and Owensboro. Now is the time to recommit to attending, giving, and sacrificing for Christ's work at Third. We can only do it together, and together we become an unstoppable force for Trusting God, Blessing Others, and Celebrating Grace.

Thank you for your support and willingness to trust me with the youth. As the Youth's motto proclaims, "We are the voice of Jesus."



DAVID ROBERSON

Wednesday, August 28th at 6:00 p.m. Handbells will begin again. We have such a good group of ringers, several have been playing for many years! I have a lot of fun directing this group and I enjoy their musicianship. This year we have a few openings for new ringers. We could use three although we can work with two. If we don't get two or three, we'll continue to play, we'll just have to use fewer bells. If you would be

interested in playing I'd love to hear from you. You don't have to "read" music but you need to recognize rhythm, i.e. what is a quarter note, an eighth note, etc. Knowing time signatures is a plus as well but we can help you learn. Why not consider joining us?

We also need singers in Sanctuary Choir and this is different...we need women! Especially sopranos. We meet Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. and

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

We are off and running! The new school year has begun and the children's activities for Wednesday have resumed. The children promoted into their next grade for Sunday School on August 11. We have some new children in Sunday School that are attending as a result of their Vacation Bible School experience at TBC. We are happy to have them.

Can you believe that Courtney and Tammy have made their selection for the Children's Christmas Musical and will begin practice very soon. Once school starts it is no time that we are celebrating the Christmas Season! We are grateful for all of the volunteers that have agreed to assist on Wednesday nights and on Sunday mornings. As I have said many time before; without them, we would not be able to continue this special ministry.

The annual Fall Festival is Wednesday, October 23, 2019 and is our next event that will include the neighborhood children and families. It is a special time that we have the opportunity to invite our community to join us to celebrate all that we are thankful for. We will be contacting you in the near future for commitment to help with the booths, bake goodies for the cake walk, and provide candy for the children to receive at the event.

Several of our children and their families have moved and are not able to participate in the TBC activities. We wish them well and hope that they will establish a relationship with a church in their area. We were able to supply several children with school supplies and appreciate the special offering of Sunday School classes to assist us with this.

As we move into a new school year and begin to prepare for the seasons ahead; please pray or the volunteers and the children. We have had a great summer and have been blessed many times over. Thank you for your prayers and concern for our children and their families. You are the best! God Bless!



there is no audition required, no interview, and no entry fee. All you have to do is show up ready to sing. Hope you will consider being a part of this great group that contributes so much to our worship services each and every week.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 25**

9:30 AM Sunday School  
10:25 AM Coffee & Connection  
10:45 AM Morning Worship  
The Lord's Supper

**MONDAY, AUGUST 26**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 27**

4:00 PM Org. Dev. Team  
5:00 PM KYC Rehearsals

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28**

5:00 PM Kids/Youth Meal  
5:30 PM Kids Music/Missions  
5:45 PM Prayer Meeting  
6:00 PM Handbell Choir  
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 29**

4:30 PM Community Meal  
5:30 PM Thrivent Seminar  
Game Room

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

9:30 AM Sunday School  
10:25 AM Coffee & Connection  
10:45 AM Morning Worship

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

Office Closed

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

10:00 AM Senior Adult Mtg.  
5:00 PM KYC Rehearsal

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

5:00 PM Kids/Youth Meal  
5:30 PM Kids Music/Missions  
5:45 PM Prayer Meeting  
6:00 PM Handbell Choir  
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

4:30 PM Community Meal  
6:00 PM Leadership Team Mtg.

**MEMORIALS**

*in memory of Wayne Lovell*  
by Nancy Gordon, Jim Cheak.

**THANK YOU**

Dear Third Baptist Church,  
Thanks so much for the food  
trays and cookies. Thoughtfulness  
is always remembered.  
*The Michael Stone Family*



*Just Older Youth*  
Having Fun...Loving Life  
Tuesday, August 6  
10:00 AM

**MICAH SPICER**

WILL BE PRESENTING A  
"SHOW AND TELL!"

The meal will be "Chef's Surprise!" and  
will include drinks and dessert  
and still only

\$6.00 per person!

Call and make reservations today!!

**PRESCHOOL/CHILDREN**

**August 25**

Patty Drury, Jean Snyder

**September 1**

Cissy Bishop, Jennifer Spence

**ATRIUM SOCIAL**

**August 25**

Women of Faith

**September 1**

Another Look

**DEACON INFORMATION**

**August 25**

Larry Catron  
Pat Settle

**Hope and Harvest Team**

Pat Settle, Charlie Evans

**September 1**

Judy Dixon  
Ron Williams

**Hope and Harvest Team**

Debby Smith, Chris Holbrook



*do something*  
**Extraordinary  
MISSIONS**

across the street  
around the world



congregation, their pastor Nico, and lend assistance with their migrant ministry. They will be collecting the following items: Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Band-aids, individually wrapped toothbrushes, travel size packets of cleansing cloths and tissues. Supplies will be collected through Sunday, September 29. Donations can be placed in the Blessing Box at the atrium desk, or feel free to contact Ron or Elaine for more information on how you can support our partnership!



You are cordially invited  
to participate in a  
**Deacon Examination Council**  
to be held for  
**Dan Atteberry**  
**Curtis Hannah**  
**Joe Pagan**

Sunday, September 15th at 4:00 PM  
in the Fireside Room.

**CBFKY-EEAM Partnership Trip!**

Ron and Elaine Williams will be traveling to Oujda to make repairs to their parsonage, and then to Casablanca to meet our sister