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DON'T MISS WORSHIP AGAIN!

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(College Career)

The Young at Heart

Sunday, August 24

We'll meet at the atrium desk after the morning worship then head out to lunch!
Got a new restaurant you'd like to try?
Why not try it with new friends?



Just Older Youth

Senior Adult Fellowship

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, September 5

Having Fun...Loving Life
Invite someone to join you!

Program: You are in for a treat! Glenn Armstrong will entertain us with more of his humorous stories!

Mission Project: We will be collecting items to be used here at TBC: coffee, paper products, etc.

Lunch Menu: Roast beef, mashed potatoes with gravy, vegetable medley; salad bar, hot biscuits and banana pudding. Only \$6.00 per person! Please call Doris Smith with the number of lunch reservations.

ROAD TRIP!

The Senior Adults and CaJen Travel invite you to join them on Thursday, November 16 in Grand Rivers, KY! Your cost of \$79 per person includes transportation, lunch at Patty's Place, and a Down Home Country Christmas at The Badgett Playhouse. Make your plans, invite your friends, and contact Ron Williams at 704-692-9267 to reserve your spot on the Fun Bus!



Do you have a special quilt you would like to display or have an interest in having a booth at a craft fair? TBC is hosting our second annual

QUILT SHOW and CRAFT FAIR
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

We will have a snack bar available and a gift wrapping station for Christmas gifts! If interested, know of someone who would like to have a booth, or would like to help with this event, contact Karen Grise or Jenny Lewis!

Rev. Micah Spicer
Senior Pastor

I am delighted that our congregation was able to host CBF KY Interim Coordinator, Chris Sanders, on Sunday. CBF KY is near and dear to my heart for many reasons.

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, or CBF, is a Christian Network that helps people put their faith to practice through ministry efforts, global missions and a broad community of support. Third Baptist Church is one congregation closely connected to CBF life. Paula Settle, Pat's sister, serves in Appalachia; moreover, Karen Thomas Smith, Joe Thomas' daughter, serves in Morocco.

It is also worth noting that the CBF is committed to issues of racial, gender, and economic justice. The CBF has partnered with the National Baptist Convention, the largest African American denomination in North America, to promote racial justice. In Kentucky, both white and black churches have partnered together in an initiative called Empower West Louisville. This coalition is committed to the educational, economic, and spiritual power of West Louisville residents so that they might maximize their God-given potential and capacity.

The CBF has been an outspoken advocate for women in roles of leadership within the church, including deacons and ministers. In 1984 the Southern Baptist Convention passed a resolution stating that "we encourage the service of women in all aspects of church life and work other than pastoral functions and leadership roles entailing ordination." According to this governing document, women cannot even serve as deacons in the Southern Baptist denomination. Ouch! Luckily for the ordained ladies in our congregation, the CBF welcomes and affirms your gifts and honors your ordination. I, for one, am glad to be a part of this network committed to missions, social justice, and equality.

Jan Lampkin

Minister to Children

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

Proverbs 2:6

Our first Wednesday night went very well! We had 101 children. We initiated a new check in policy to ensure utmost security while the children and youth are in our vans and on the church property. I am confident that we are headed for a great year!

I will share with you a strange, comical and enlightening

David Roberson, Minister of Music

By the time you get the Courier we will have started rehearsals with the Handbell Choir. We rehearse Wednesday nights at 6:00 and I think this is the first year in forever I'm not asking for more ringers. I didn't runoff any of the folks from last year so we are full! Handbells is one of my favorite groups. We do good music, sometimes quite difficult. We work really hard getting rhythms down and new techniques. And this group has fun doing it, at least they seem to be having fun!

One of the things I like about Handbells is how it takes a bunch of people working together to make music. Whether it is a difficult piece or simple, everyone has to play their bells at the right time with the correct sound, the correct technique and the correct dynamic. If one person is off it causes the music to be off. If one person is missing from rehearsal it hurts the overall performance of the group. I've often said it's like a pianist trying to play without a finger, you can do it but it isn't easy! I think it mirrors the make up of the church. It takes a bunch of people to make our church function and to complete the missions we have taken on in our community. Each of us is of equal importance and if one of us is missing, well we can make it work but it just isn't the same.

Thanks to the bell ringers for being dedicated and willing to work hard to provide worship experiences for our congregation. And thanks to all of our members for finding your place to serve, being dedicated and working hard. It takes all of us to make the ministry of Third Baptist work!

experience I had this week. After many hours spent organizing and preparing for our first Wednesday night back, I was driving home one afternoon and felt something in my big hair. At first I thought it was a bug and I reached to shoo it away. Something very strange was embedded in the top of my hair. I was tired and feeling as if I would never be able to get all the projects done in time. I was stressing over issues that normally always work themselves out. I was having a conversation with myself and not including God as part of my problem solving. When I reached

to shoo the bug away I retrieved a plastic tab that you usually see attached to a toy or electronic item and it said, "pull to activate." I have no idea how it got in my hair or where it came from but did I ever need to activate my thinking that day. God is always where I go when stress takes over - but this day He needed me to remember that and seek Him when I go astray. So I had to reactivate my heart and my thoughts and turn to Him. Wednesday night was fine and I'm saving my pull tab to remind me that God is ever present in times of trouble!

Court Lewis
Interim Youth Minister



Louise Medcalf and I used to talk regularly about why we felt a passion for helping youth and children. We shared the burden of never having children of our own, and such a burden often creates a hole that is impossible to ever truly fill. The apocryphal Wisdom of Solomon says, "Better than this [having unrighteous children] is childlessness with virtue...", which is about the most encouragement the Bible offers for those without children. Though difficult, I've always found the passage to have the ring of truth, for it not only attempts to comfort but it implies a responsibility to be virtuous. Now, I could probably put most of you to sleep with a long thesis on the philosophical merits of being virtuous, but instead I'll merely mention that at the heart of being virtuous is the question, "Who should I be?"

As an ethicist, I ask myself this question often. For as long as I can remember, I have always wanted to be someone who made the world a little better, a comforter to those who feel rejected, and a role-model for those who lack one. Whether it be the children rushing to see Jesus in Matthew, or the 100+ rushing to Third each week, the church has always promised a home to "the least of these." Whether college, children, RA's, or youth, as two individuals striving to be virtuous, Jenny and I wanted a child, but one was (more precisely, dozens were) always provided when we came to church. Now that we have a son, and we have experienced the intimate fragility and responsibility of being parents, we feel our calling to help more than ever.

The youth are settling in nicely with their updated UK room, though there are grumblings about the need for something U of L. We are continuing our journey through Genesis and thinking of ways to further create the world in which we want to live. On Wednesday night we will discuss "What is Christianity?" and "Why read the Bible?" Starting next week, Dr. Ron Williams has heard the call and agreed to spend six weeks working through Romans - Thank you! Thanks, also, to Frank and Martha Beller and Jim and Karen Grise for donating food for Sunday mornings. See, I told you there are many ways to be involved in transforming lives, and we will accept them all! If you've ever wanted kids, or just miss the one you've had, Third offers a plethora of children waiting to be cared for and loved.



Blessing in Disguise
Sugar Creek Amish Series 1
Where Hope Dwells
Sugar Creek Amish Series 2
Secrets of the Amish Diary
Amish Inn Mysteries Series
A Blessing and a Curse
Mysteries of Silver Park Series

Sunday, September 24
Yellow Creek Park Shelter #3
Church
Picnic



Joe Bob Pierce
Formations

Another Look Sunday School class just finished an interesting and informative book entitled "Short Stories by Jesus," by Amy Jill Levine, who is a professor of New Testament at Vanderbilt University. I would recommend this book to any Bible student who wants to know more about the context and possible meanings of the many parables that Jesus taught. Our next book promises to be exciting also, but with a more present-day context. We will be studying "When Religion Becomes Evil" by Dr. Charles Kimball. Although the title is rather provocative, the book deals with five warning signs that indicate when corruption in religion can lead to evil and violence in the world. Dr. Kimball is a noted expert on world religions and on the Mid-East. He was formerly a professor of comparative religion at Oklahoma University. Interestingly, his conclusion is that the antidote to religion that becomes evil is religion that is practiced as authentic faith.

I hope that if you are not involved in a Sunday School class, that you will consider attending one of our classes at Third Baptist. As people of faith, we need regular contact and association with our fellow church members as we study and discuss the Bible and nurture our learning and growth.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

9:00 AM Atrium Social
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Morning Worship, Lord's Supper
12:00 PM Young at Heart Fellowship

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

8:30 AM Step Aerobics

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

5:00 PM KYC Open House, FSR

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

8:30 AM Step Aerobics
5:00 PM Kids/Youth Meal
5:30 PM Missions & Music
6:00 PM Prayer Meeting
6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

5:00 PM Community Meal

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 & 8

Hospital Visitor: Debby Smith

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

9:00 AM Atrium Social
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Morning Worship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, LABOR DAY

Office Closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

5:00 PM KYC Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

8:30 AM Step Aerobics
5:00 PM Kids/Youth Meal
5:30 PM Missions & Music
6:00 PM Prayer Meeting
6:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

5:00 PM Community Meal
6:00 PM Leadership Team Meeting

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

9:00 AM Atrium Social
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Morning Worship
4:00 PM Stewardship Finance Meeting
5:00 PM Deacons Meeting

DEACON INFORMATION

August 27

Judy Dixon, Elaine Williams

Hope and Harvest Team

Debby Smith, Bill Genet

September 3

Bill Genet, Cissy Bishop

Hope and Harvest Team

Pat Settle, Chris Holbrook

PRESCHOOL PRAISE

August 27

John & Jan Lampkin

September 3

John & Jan Lampkin

ATRIUM SOCIAL

August 27: Another Look

September 3: New Millennium



Sharing
the Lord's Supper
August 27 ~ 10:45 am

Join us for Pastor Micah's
next sermon series:

Church Tasks:
Discipleship
Fellowship
Ministry
Evangelism
Worship

