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Join us in the Fireside Room following the morning worship service. We will have a sandwich luncheon in honor of our special guest Jacob Tolno, and give you a chance to welcome him to Owensboro.

*P.S. Dr. Byrd has accepted the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge and will be fulfilling his obligation following our Church Luncheon on September 7th!
It promises to be an exciting day!*



Jacob N'Dolfo Tolno
Partnership Liaison,
Theology Student &
Minister to the Church
in Mohammedia

Partnership Without Borders

A Nine Day Celebration of
Eight Years in Partnership
September 5-14

Here are two opportunities to meet our Casablanca Brothers and brainstorm ways we can strengthen our partnership!

Sunday, September 7:

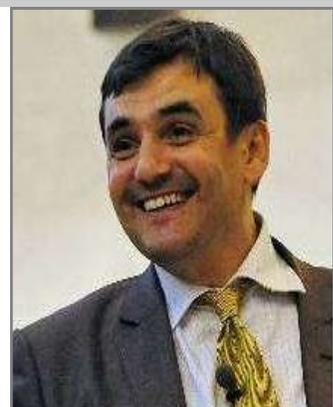
Church-wide Luncheon following the morning worship!
Jacob will be with us all week and you will have the opportunity to hear him on Sunday Morning.

Tuesday, September 9 at 10:00 AM:

Join with the Senior Adults & Paula Settle WOM in the Fireside Room for a special time of fellowship, share a meal, and to welcome Samuel and Jacob to TBC.

You don't have to be a member of either group to come!

Reservations are required no later than September 5th for the meal. Cost is \$4 per person.



Samuel Amedro,
Pastor of our Sister
Church in
Casablanca and
President of the EEAM.

Inside this issue of the Courier, you will get an idea of the partnership and how you are helping to make a difference in the lives of thousands of refugees and migrants.

Dr. James K. Byrd *Senior Pastor*

This Sunday Chris Sanders, Interim Executive Director of the Kentucky Baptist Fellowship will be our guest preacher. Chris began serving KBF in July after the retirement of John Leper. He has roots in Owensboro and I thought you would be interested in some of his biographical information in his own words. He writes: "I'm a Kentucky Baptist deep in my DNA. My grandfather, a bi-vocational farmer and preacher in Daviess County, was once president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. My parents were active lay people in Owensboro, and volunteered as medical missionaries all over the world for decades. I'm the product of youth groups, missions trips, lay witnessing, Georgetown College, and Southern Seminary, back when we proudly called it ours.

I'm a layman, practicing law solo in my own office, mostly for working people. I'm a deacon and musician at Ridgewood Baptist, a small church in Louisville's hard-working South End. I

travel for work all over Kentucky and I like to be on the road. My plan is to be visiting and speaking in KBF churches on Sundays and Wednesdays from one end of the Commonwealth to the other throughout the interim."

We look forward to having Chris in our church on Sunday morning.

We have been working with the KBF and other Kentucky churches to establish a partnership with churches in Morocco. We have a special relationship with the church of Casablanca. In September several members of churches Third and the KBF partner with will be visiting Kentucky. We truly are trying to establish a partnership without borders. Sunday, September 7, Jacob Tolno, a member of the Casablanca church will be our guest speaker. On Tuesday, September 9 he will be joined by Samuel Amedro the pastor of the



Chris Sanders

church for a meeting in the Fireside Room at 10AM. Hopefully we will have a good group to join us for both dates. We still need help in hosting Jacob. The biggest need is for someone to take him to Owsley County on Thursday September 11. If you can help please contact Charlotte.

April 12, 1936, Third Baptist Church received a new member. Lou Emma Adkisson became a member of the TBC family. She recently retired from teaching the Esther Sunday School Class after 60 years of faithfulness. She was one of the first women to be ordained as a deacon in our church. Pastors often say about someone that they would like to have 100 members like him/her. I do not hesitate to say I would like to have 100 members like Lou Emma. In fact I would like to be more like Lou Emma. It seems so small to simply say thank you but I am not sure what else to say other than thank you for a wonderful, steady witness for Christ during your 78 years at Third. We will recognize her Sunday morning in the worship service.

Jan Lampkin ~ *Children's Minister*

To help the TBC children receive God's gift of salvation in Christ, we have to believe that a child can come to Christ and become a disciple of Jesus. I will confess that I have not always believed this. Don't misunderstand, I have always deeply loved children, but I once thought that the focus of the children's ministry was to keep the children safe and reasonably well-behaved until they were young adults and could then be baptized and become Christian in the full sense. As I have become so involved in our children's ministry and come to love all of our children, God corrected my faulty understanding. Scripture and experience make it clear that children can be believers and participate in the ministries of the church. In Matthew 21 Jesus enters Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and heads for the temple where he drives out those turning the temple area into a flea market.

Having cleared out the unbelievers, the way is cleared for those whose hearts were open to God, including the blind and the lame, and also young children who wanted to worship and see Jesus.

Jesus welcomes the children "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Mark 10:14. It would make no sense for Jesus to say that the kingdom belongs to ones like the children, if children, did not themselves, enter the kingdom which one does by being born again.

The kingdom is open to anyone, including children, who turn to Jesus, trusting him to be their Savior and their Lord.

How old do you have to be to understand that Jesus loves you, forgives you, and is the Lord of your life? Not very old, it seems to me. I have evidence to back me up! Many

of us have had the privilege of leading our children to Christ and then baptizing them as a public profession of that faith.

I guess it's clear by now how I feel about children accepting Christ as their Savior. But I also understand that children want to follow their friends and want to please adults. We do not pressure our children to receive Jesus Christ. We are sure that parents or legal guardians are fully aware of what we are teaching their children, including their desire to receive Jesus as their Lord and Savior. We make sure a parent or guardian gives permission and is present at the baptism.

We can reach out to children, sharing with them the greatest truth of all - Jesus and his love!

Several of our children are currently asking questions and sharing with us their desire to accept Christ as their Savior. Please continue to pray for our children and their families.

CAMP SCHAFFER Missionary Projects October 6-10, 2014

The camp has a need for two of their cabin's roofs to be replaced. Both Hughes and Anthony are needing attention.

During Fall Beak there will be a mission project for anyone wishing to help replace the roofs. Individuals can stay in cabins at the camp and meals will be supplied.

Priority #1: Hughes Cabin. All roofing materials are available. Need Volunteers

Priority #2: Anthony Cabin. Materials valued at \$600 are still needed to complete the project.

Volunteers for both projects need to be mature middle school students and up. Please contact Chad Rafferty at 270-499-2644 if you can help volunteer any of the days.

CLOTHES CLOSET NEEDS

children's shoes, (new)
undergarments for people of
all sizes, and men's jeans

MOROCCO PARTNERSHIP Why Are We Involved?

By Charlotte Benningfield

In 2006, TBC and the Kentucky Baptist Fellowship (KBF) joined in partnership with the Eglise Evangelique au Maroc (EEAM). The EEAM is the legally recognized protestant Church in Morocco. EEAM churches are spread throughout the Muslim nation to provide a community for individuals living in Morocco that are Christian. The EEAM has a benevolent arm of the church called CEI (International Aid Committee.)

Third Baptist has joined the partnership with KBF and EEAM to support the work of CEI in Casablanca. Migrants and refugees arrive from Sub-Saharan countries fleeing violence, famine, and other circumstances, seeking a more prosperous future. Many of the migrants are hoping to pass through Morocco on their way to Europe, but this passage is treacherous and filled with complexities.

The work of CEI is focused on three major components:



Kat Lee & Gavin Christ in 2008

Humanitarian: The project aids refugees and migrants with food, clothes, blankets, emergency housing, provisions for newborns and their mothers, and Bibles upon request.

Micro-projects: Refugees and migrants inability to work in the Moroccan community leaves them unable to provide for themselves and their families. Since its inception two years ago, over 200 micro-projects have been successfully started which include drying fish, electronic repair, hair cutting, baking, food preparation, small commerce, plumbing and others. These projects are done within the migrant communities and allow for a small income to pay for food and shelter.

Student Scholarships: Many students come to North Africa legally, with financial support, to study at one of the many universities. Oftentimes, due to instability in their home country, deaths of family members, etc., the funds run out and the students are unable to pay their educational fees, cannot renew their student visas and become illegal. Some of the “best and brightest” are stranded. After completing the comprehensive selection process the students are chosen to receive assistance through CEI. When Maggie Price and I were there in 2012, we witnessed the last leg of that process. CEI had funds for sixty-five students: sixty-six had made it to the final selection process. One would be turned away. The students knew this and their anxiety was visible. Joe Phelps, pastor of Highland B.C. in Louisville, and Maggie and I made the decision to sponsor the extra student. The image of their faces as the news was announced is unforgettable.



Maggie Price, Samuel Amedro, Charlotte Benningfield and Jacob Tolno in 2012

Since the inception of our partnership TBC has sent \$200 per month to supplement the income of two student pastors. Jacob is one of these students. We have helped repair the church in Fez, gathered and distributed medical supplies in Casablanca and Rabat, and given over \$5000 in financial aid to the church for its ministries and to help with micro-projects and refugee assistance. We have sent teams to visit on four different occasions where we witnessed first-hand the work their church is doing in the name of Christ. We have had visits from them too. The first, Jean Luc Blanc, former pastor of the Church, visited with us in 2008. It was shortly after the tornado and he gave the sermon in the gymnasium! The second visit occurred with the Voices United Tour. People from both continents joined together; first touring Morocco, then the U.S. singing praises to God!

SO AS WE LOOK TO THE FUTURE and our continued partnership, what do you see? Is it Bible or book studies using Facebook for discussions? Joint worship services via Skype? Maybe you have other ideas. Let's talk and see where God is leading!

Joe Bob Pierce ~ *Spiritual Formation*

I recently read a book about mindfulness which is a meditation technique used to reduce stress and help people focus on the present. One of the hallmarks of this technique is the practice on “non-judgment.” All of us know of people that we think are “judgmental.” But in a way, most of us get caught up in judging. We can constantly and unthinkingly judge every moment of every day by comparing experiences, comparing people, comparing everything in an effort to decide whether or not we are happy. The problem with this mindset is that we practically do it without thinking, so that judgmental thinking becomes unconscious. Jesus warned us against judging, and I think if we practice NOT judging, not trying to decide if something or someone is “good” or “bad,” but merely accepting life as it is, we will go a long way toward being mindful of ourselves and much less judging of other people. I think if we do this, we are much more able to accept ourselves and accept other people, which awakens in us an ability to be more Christ-like.

Wes Roberts ~ *Minister to Youth*

From Sunday to Monday, in Colossian 3:23, “whatever you do, do it enthusiastically, as something done for the Lord and not for men” This verse is so true as we all move throughout our weeks from Sunday till we meet again the next Sunday. No matter the job, work was God's idea the Bible tells us. He, Himself is a worker too and we are to use our talents to build, create, lead, etc. as we are imagine our Creator. Work is not just a means to an end, it is actually a form of worship and the vehicle which we live out our calling in this world. What may seem like a menial task to you

can and does take on cosmic significance when we do it for the Lord. Each job is not simply a way to earn more money but an opportunity to glorify the Creator by producing quality work and reflecting His love to others. Our workplace not matter how unspiritual it may seem, becomes a theatre for God's activity through you and a canvas upon which God is illustrating His redemptive purposes. So let us all embrace a Monday after a Sunday with anticipation and do the best for the glorify of God!

Part of a devotion from “Stand Firm” by Jason Ellerbrook

MEMORIALS

Contributions to the church have been made *in memory of Opal York and Clarence Casebier* by Mr. & Mrs. Warren Hartsough.

ATRIUM SOCIAL

August 31: Co-Ed, Pairs & Spares, FCC Disciples

Sept. 7: Women of Faith



LET US KNOW YOU'RE COMING!

Wednesday-5:00 PM

September 3

Sausage, eggs, biscuits with gravy, hash browns, fruit and sliced tomatoes

September 10

Baked spaghetti, garlic bread, tossed salad, chocolate cake

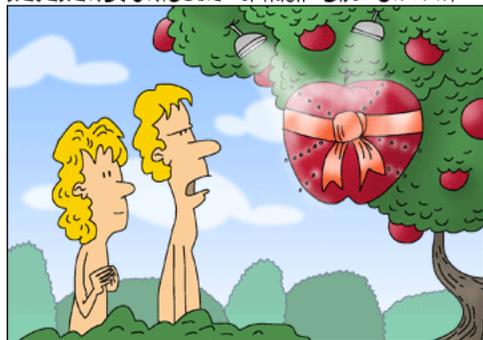
Sunday School
learning to live the life



Shiloh Autumn by Bodie and Brock Thoene is a real story about Bodie's grandparents set in Arkansas during the 1930's. The stock market collapses and even the forces of nature fight against them. It will take a miracle to save what they and so many others have worked hard to build.

Knowing the Will of God by Bruce Waltke helps answer your questions and helps you make biblically directed decisions for your life. You will have peace and confidence when you gain a clearer understanding of God's will.

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(See Genesis 3)

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OH COME ON ... THAT'S JUST NOT FAIR



Listen to our
*Sunday Morning
Worship Service at
10:50 AM
100.5 FM or 1420*

DEACON INFORMATION

August 31

Becky Baker, Lou Emma Adkisson

Hope and Harvest Team

Carole Anne Barrass, Cissy Bishop

September 7

Carole Anne Barrass, Shirley Bell

Hope and Harvest Team

Frank Beller, Judy Dixon

SUNDAY VAN DRIVERS

August 31 Jan Lampkin

September 7 Tom Dixon

CHILDREN'S SERMON

August 31 Charlotte Benningfield

September 7 Joe Bob Pierce

PRESCHOOL PRAISE

August 31 Cissy Bishop

Jennifer Spence

September 7 Janice Raby

Jean Snyder

SUNDAY NURSERY WORKERS

August 17 Vicki Wells

September 7 Terry DeRossitt

SPECIAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

9:00 AM Atrium Social

9:30 AM Sunday School/Bible Study

10:45 AM Morning Worship

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, LABOR DAY

Offices Closed

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

6:30 PM Recovery Group

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

8:30 AM Step Aerobics

9:00 AM Knitting Group, Nursery

5:00 PM Family Meal, Library Open

5:30 PM FCC-Centennial Room

5:30 PM Children & Youth Activities

6:00 PM Prayer Meeting

6:00 PM Handbell Choir

7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

1:00 PM FCC Bible Study, Room 120

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Partnership Celebration, Louisville

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

9:00 AM Atrium Social

9:30 AM Sunday School/Bible Study

10:45 AM Morning Worship

12:00 PM Church Luncheon, FSR

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8:30 AM Step Aerobics

10:30 AM LeLeche League, Nursery

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

10:00 AM Fellowship Luncheon, FSR

Sr. Adults, Paula Settle WOM -

Open to the church and the public

5:00 PM KYC Choir Rehearsal

6:00 PM FCC Ministry Table, Rm 120

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:30 AM Step Aerobics Class

5:00 PM Family Meal, Library Open

5:30 PM Children & Youth Activities

5:30 PM FCC - Centennial Room

6:00 PM Prayer Meeting

6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

1:00 PM FCC Bible Study, Room 120

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Partnership Celebration. Lexington

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

KNITTING CLASSES

Calling all knitters or people who would like to learn to knit. Classes will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 3 from 9 - 10:30 a.m. in the nursery. Call Ginger Norris at 270-684-1619 for more information!



Life Line Screening will be at TBC on **Monday, September 22nd**, and will be offering Stoke/Carotid Artery, Atrial Fibrillation, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, Peripheral Arterial Disease, and Osteoporosis Screenings for as low as \$60 or get all 5 screenings for only \$149. Call 1-877-792-8479 or visit their website at www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners to schedule an appointment.