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AUGUST 15

5:00 KIDS/YOUTH MEAL

5:30 TEAM KIDS &
YOUTH MINISTRIES

6:00 PRAYER MEETING

6:00 HANDBELL CHOIR

7:00 SANCTUARY CHOIR

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

Rev. Micah Spicer

Senior Pastor

I like the Fleetwood Mac song *Don't Stop Thinking about Tomorrow*. The beat to the 1977 hit rock song makes me want to sway back and forth, clap my hands, and sing along with the band. Given the right setting, I might even dance a little. Am I allowed to say that as a Baptist minister?

While Jesus clearly does not want us to be anxious about the future, I do not think that the Bible teaches for us to ignore our future. In fact, we read in the Scriptures "Where there is no vision, the people perish." (Proverbs 29:18) I think this text is extremely important for the local church. The fact is that 4,000 to 6,000 churches in the U.S. close their doors every year - churches that once had strong memberships and vibrant ministries. Once upon a time these

churches had dreams and visions to impact their communities for the Kingdom of God. Though I firmly believe that our congregation is in no danger of being one of those churches that close its doors in the near future, I am committed to making sure that we do our best to share the love and grace that has been freely offered to us.

I am thrilled that our Ministry Leadership Team is making intentional efforts to create a vision that will be sustaining and impactful in our future. In the near future, we hope to establish a payday lending ministry, continue to enhance our partnership with our sister church in Casablanca, Morocco, and welcome a new ministry intern. May we all Trust God, Bless Others, and Celebrate Grace, and in the words of Fleetwood Mac, "Don't stop thinking about tomorrow."



Our Partnership Luncheon raised over \$1,340! Many thanks to our Deacons for preparing the meal, to Curtis Hannah for helping with the video presentations, and to Karen Thomas Smith for updating us on our sister church in Casablanca, Morocco. It is not too late to send in your donation. Your generosity will help to purchase furniture for the parsonage and make repairs to the facility. The CBF-KY will host a delicious Moroccan Dinner on Sunday, August 19 at 6PM (EST) and invites all who are interested in learning more about the Partnership. Contact Peggy at 502-426-1931 or office@cbfky.org.

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*



It's time! Yes, it is that time of year again. School started this week - our summer activities are over for another year. The children promote in Sunday School this week and Wednesday night activities begin August 15. We had a lot of fun this summer and the kids are ready to get Wednesday nights started again!

On August 15 we will begin another year for our Wednesday night activities. Our Bible study for Preschoolers and Kindergarten is "All Around - Kids in Discipleship." Grades 1-5 will "Step-Out" and develop the courage to do what is right. We are ready to get started!

On Sunday during the worship service we will recognize a special young man for his achievements over this past year. Daniel Davenport, one of our 5th graders, has memorized a Bible verse every week this year and will share with the congregation a special passage that he memorized. The first thing Daniel tells me on Sunday when he boards the bus is his Bible verse for the week. He has devoted grandparents that work with him and encourage him each week to make his Bible verse a priority. He is a special young man and we are excited for him and proud of his accomplishments.

We still have spaces for volunteers to help with the children and youth on Wednesdays and Sundays. There are special needs in the lives of many of our children. Please continue to pray for our children

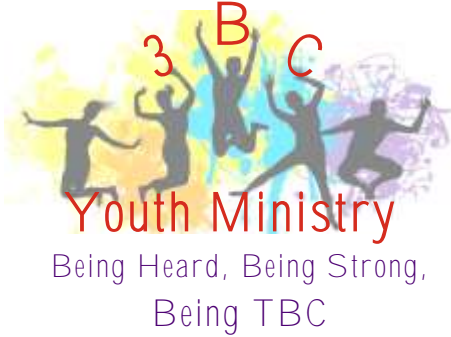


Daniel Davenport
has memorized a Bible verse
every week for the last year!

and their families. Please pray for the volunteers that work with them to:

Trust God - Bless Others -
and Celebrate Grace!

We are the Voice for Jesus



As we get ready for the new school year, I have spent a lot of time talking to the Youth about teamwork, trying to get them to understand that we all need to be working together instead of struggling to get away with doing only what each individual wants. The former allows us to be free and enjoy the full extent of what is possible when focused on the same goal together, while the latter prevents flourishing and causes us all to become frustrated.

Joe Bob Pierce, *Formations*

Another Look Sunday School class is about to embark on the study of a new book called "Sessions with John," written by Robert Setzer, and published by Smyth Helwys Press. This book reviews the gospel of John through a series of readings and questions for reflection at the end of each chapter. Usually, our class members take turns volunteering for each week's lessons, and we are exceptionally lucky to have several teachers who are class members, which make our lessons very enjoyable.

In addition to weekly lessons, I send out a weekly email to

Court Lewis *Youth Minister*

Much of what Karen Thomas Smith said on Sunday summed up nicely what I've been trying to get the Youth to understand.

We face overwhelming odds against anger, hatred, ignorance, stupidity, greed, and many other things. Yet, every week we choose to stand up in the face of these evils and proclaim the good news of Jesus' teachings with our thoughts, voice, and actions. Individually we are not enough, but as a team, we faithfully try anyway - and succeed. With the start of Wednesday night activities upon us, it will take a team to get it all done. Thank you to everyone who supports, volunteers, and is part of the team, as we Trust God, Bless Others, and Celebrate Grace!



It was nice to have the choir back in the loft this past Sunday. I am glad they got a chance to sit in the congregation and experience worship the same way everyone else does but I'm also very glad they are singing again. I missed them in worship!

If you can believe it, in the next couple of weeks we'll start working on Christmas music. Kind of crazy to think about but it takes several months to learn Christmas music while we continue to work on music for each Sunday. If you hear them humming a Christmas tune in the next few weeks you'll understand why!

Handbells will start on August 15 at 6:00 PM. We are looking for one more ringer and the requirements are few. You don't need to know how to ring, we can teach you. It is helpful if you can read music, at least the rhythm part of reading music. We meet every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. and play in church once a month. We have lots of fun, or at least I do...the ringers may say something different!!



Upcoming Events

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

9:00 AM Atrium Social
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Morning Worship
12:00 PM Stewardship Finance

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14

5:00 PM KYC Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

5:00 PM Kids/Youth Meal
5:30 PM Kids/Youth Activities
6:00 PM Handbells Rehearsal
6:00 PM Prayer Meeting:
Baptist Heritage Series
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

4:30 PM Community Meal

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

9:00 AM Atrium Social
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Morning Worship
4:00 PM Safety/Security Team
5:00 PM Deacons Meeting

MONDAY, AUGUST 20

9:30 AM Peer Learning Group

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

10:00 AM Paula Settle WOM
5:00 PM KYC Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

5:00 PM Kids/Youth Meal
5:30 PM Kids/Youth Activities
6:00 PM Handbells Rehearsal
6:00 PM Prayer Meeting:
Baptist Heritage Series
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

4:30 PM Community Meal

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

9:00 AM Atrium Social
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Morning Worship
The Lord's Supper

SYMPATHY

The Church expresses its deepest sympathy to

**Laura Bronn
and her family**

in the loss of her brother.

PRESCHOOL PRAISE

August 12

Cissy Bishop, Jennifer Spence

August 19

Patty Ray, Jean Snyder

August 26

John & Jan Lampkin

ATRIUM SOCIAL

August 12

Another Look Class

August 19

New Millennium Class

August 26

Esther Class

ATRIUM DUTY

August 12

Hawes Mercer, Pat Settle

August 19

Claudia Wilson, Lee Kincaid

August 26

Susan Dewitt, Mike Morrow

Sharing the
LORD'S SUPPER
AUGUST 26
10:45 am



DEACON INFORMATION

August 12

Pat Settle, Bill Genet

Hope and Harvest Team
Debby Smith, Lee Kincaid

August 19

Carolyn Estes, Lee Kincaid

Hope and Harvest Team
Vickie Wells, Gary Kirtley

August 26

Vickie Wells, Gary Kirtley

Hope and Harvest Team
Elaine Williams, Hawes Mercer


Sunday School
learning to live the life

Join the Senior Adults on
Thursday, August 23
as they travel to
Auburn, KY for lunch at



FEDERAL GROVE RESTAURANT

Gather at the church at 10:15.
Contact Ron or Elaine Williams
and let them know you're
on board for this outing!
Want to see the menu?
Check out their website at
www.federalgrove.com.