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Invitations to download our
online Church Directory
will be emailed this week!

Have you updated your email
address with the church office yet?

Look inside this issue for
detailed information on what
Realm Connect can do!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE

*Welcome to our mid-week programs for
kids / youth / adults of all ages!
Join us on Wednesday evenings
beginning August 16th as we
fellowship and grow together!*

4:00 Gym Opens | 5:00 Kids Meal | 5:30 Activities
6:00 Prayer Meeting / *Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal | Open Gym / Home Time

Get INVOLVED

New Members Welcome!

PAULA SETTLE WOMEN ON MISSION GROUP
meets on the third Tuesdays.
The next meeting will be on
August 15 at 10:00 AM.
All the ladies are invited!

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP
meets Mondays at 6:00 PM.
Call Janice Raby for details.



Rev. Micah Spicer
Senior Pastor

Current church trends and statistics can be rather depressing for those of us who love the church. Some striking data reveals to us that not only are worship attenders leaving the church, but so are ministers. Over 1700 pastors left the ministry every month last year, and over 1300 pastors were terminated by the local church every month last year. Only 1 in 10 pastors will actually retire as a minister. Most feel overworked and underappreciated. (Statistics provided by the Fuller Institute)

After sharing these disheartening numbers, I am happy to say that I have no intention of being just another statistic. In fact, being a pastor has been such a rewarding vocation for me. I have worked alongside wonderful staff and volunteers. I have prayed with good people going through tough times. And I have felt the warmth and hospitality of Christian women and men that I have encountered along my pastoral journey. That warmth and hospitality was recently demonstrated to Sarah and me. On Saturday, 3BC's hospitality committee hosted a pantry party for our family. People from the church showed up and showed out! The outpouring of kindness and generosity was unbelievable. It took a dozen people to stuff my wife's Subaru Outback from floorboard to ceiling, front to back with homemade food, canned food, paper products, cleaning supplies, gift cards, and even dog treats. Yummy! Gus says thanks! We sorted through things all evening on Saturday, filled our pantry, cabinets, and piled up extras on the kitchen floor. We have been overwhelmed by your kindness. Thank you for making this pastor feel appreciated.



Micah and Sarah's Pantry Party

The VBS Kids challenged Pastor Micah to sing with them as they presented their music Sunday morning!



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

Vacation Bible School was a great success! We had 136 on Sunday, 151 on Monday and 149 on Tuesday. A big thanks to all who helped in VBS! The kids had a great time and learned that Jesus IS the light of the world! We shared our VBS music with the congregation this past Sunday. I think I saw a few of you tapping your feet to the music! Thanks to Courtney and Tammy for their

leadership with the children's music all year long.

We concluded our Summer Activities with Church Day Camp on July 22. We spent the day in the church gymnasium with inflatables, games, lots of food and fun. It was a great option to be in the air-conditioning as it was extremely hot that day. We had a total of 84 in attendance at Day Camp.

We begin our Wednesday night activities on August 16 and Sunday School promotion August 20. Believe it or not, it is that time of year again. We do need van drivers and helpers on Wednesday nights. Please let me know if you can assist!

With God's blessing, we continue to move forward with our children's activities although we are in need of additional help. Please pray and think about serving God by helping our children and their families.

I had a children's Minister contact me this week to discuss and compare our ministries. By the time we concluded our conversation, we were both excited about the possibilities of the upcoming school year. It was good to compare our programs and benefit from one another about God's children! Please continue to pray for the TBC children, their families and the volunteers that work with them.

Joe Bob Pierce

Formations

Since Third Baptist Church is home to a lot of great music, it probably won't surprise anyone to learn that our church is hosting a special musical presentation on Friday night, August 11th. "A Night of Broadway" will include songs from many Broadway shows, some famous and some that are less well-known. Encore! Musicals of Owensboro is responsible for this production.

Encore! is a musical theater company started by a handful of folks, myself included, after Back Alley Musicals suspended their operations earlier this year. "A Night of Broadway" features around 40 people, many of whom are members or are involved in Third Baptist. The church's sponsorship of this wonderful night of music will allow the show to be performed free of charge. While we intend to receive donations, the main purpose of the show is to provide a performance opportunity for the many talented singers and actors who are in town this summer and who need a place to share their talent. It will be our church's contribution to a very fine group of people and will also highlight Third Baptist's presence and ministry in our community.

I hope that many of our church members (who aren't in the show!) will plan to attend "A Night of Broadway" at Third Baptist on August 11th at 7:30 p.m.

David Roberson, *Minister of Music*

I have trouble sleeping some nights, a product of getting older I hear. I never have trouble going to sleep, just staying asleep. When I wake in the middle of the night my mind will start racing thinking about things I need to do, should have done, shouldn't have done; and these things won't allow me to get back to sleep. Often I'll wake up with music flooding my brain. Maybe it's something we are working on in choir, maybe something I'm trying to memorize for one of the community theatre productions I enjoy being in. Three o'clock in the morning and I'm in bed humming. It's not supposed to work that way!

We all have those moments, and not just in the middle of the night, when a piece of music will just pop into our brain. Maybe it's from a phrase someone uses in conversation, maybe it's from an emotion we feel, or maybe it just shows up out of nowhere. It is one of the qualities of music which makes it so useful in our lives and one of the reasons it is such an important part of our worship services. To be able to pull up bits of the hymns we sing when we need them. Like "Every day the Lord Himself is near me,



It's always been the goal of Third Baptist Church to connect people to Christ and to each other. To accomplish this we offer Sunday School, Prayer Meetings and Bible Studies, Mission Groups, Life Groups, special events, and connections through our web and Facebook page.

As our culture becomes more mobile with smart phones and tablets, our job is to do our best to utilize that technology to grow our church community. Our first step toward doing this is transitioning to a more community-oriented member website known as "RealM."

We're very excited about **RealM**, but we know you have some questions. Below are some key points and explanation about what **RealM** is and what it can offer us that will better explain why we are using it.

- ◆ With **RealM**, you will be able to manage your profile, register for events, give online (coming soon!), search the church directory and view the groups you are in such as your Sunday school class, Sr. Adult Fellowship, Young at Heart, Women on Mission, etc.
- ◆ With **RealM** you will be able to check on and make changes to your personal information such as phone, email, address, and birthdates. Don't worry about privacy issues. **RealM** is completely secure and no one can see any information you don't want made available. Of course, all contribution information remains confidential!
- ◆ **RealM** invitations from Third Baptist Church asking you to "Join your church family" will be coming to your email inbox by the end of July! If you don't receive an invite, it may be due to an incorrect email we have on file, or it may have been filtered to your spam folder. If you suspect we may have an old email on file, please contact Charlotte in the church office. Once you receive your invite, you can download the "**RealM Connect**" app from either the Apple store or Google Play app store.

As you can see, we are excited about the possibilities **RealM** offers in keeping us connected!

With a special mercy for each hour; All my cares He fain would bear and cheer me, He whose name is Counsellor and Power. The protection of His child and treasures a charge that on Himself He laid; As thy days, thy strength shall be in measure, This the pledge to me He made." This is from one of my favorite hymns, Day by Day.

Even if you don't sing in church for whatever reason I hope you will still follow the text of the hymns. They are why we sing. They are rich in theology, expressions of worship and edification or the building up of the singer. Hopefully they won't wake you up at night but maybe they can be with you through times of sorrow or times of joy giving you the message that God is with you in all facets of life.

Hope to see you singing Sunday!

TBC August EVENTS

SUNDAY, JULY 30

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

MONDAY, JULY 31

8:30 AM Step Aerobics

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

10:00 AM Senior Adult Fellowship, FSR

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

8:30 AM Step Aerobics
 6:00 PM Prayer Meeting
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

5:00 PM Community Meal

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

Hospital Visitor: Bill Genet

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 7

8:30 AM Step Aerobics

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

8:30 AM Step Aerobics
 6:00 PM Prayer Meeting
 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

7:30 PM Encore! Musicals presents
 "A Night of Broadway"

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

9:00 AM Atrium Social
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Morning Worship
 12:00 PM Stewardship Finance Meeting
 5:00 PM Deacons Meeting

DEACON INFORMATION

July 30

Pat Settle, Cherri Lolley

Hope and Harvest Team

Pat Settle, Court Lewis

August 6

Cissy Bishop, Debby Montgomery

Hope and Harvest Team

Larry Catron, Lee Kincaid

PRESCHOOL PRAISE

July 30

Jan Lampkin

August 6

Jan Lampkin

ATRIUM SOCIAL

July 30: New Millennium

August 6: Esther Class

SYMPATHY

The Church extends its deepest love and sympathy to:

Leah and Miranda Dean and their family in the loss of their mother, Cindy Dean.

MEMORIALS

Contributions have been received in memory of:

Clarice Johnson by Stan and Jackie Napper.

OUR RECORDS

	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23
Sunday School	122	130	120	113
Worship	164	186	174	151
Total Offering	\$9,583	\$9,437	\$5,340	\$4,068
Capital Fund	\$332	\$200	0	0
Memorials	\$40	0	\$15	0
Other Funds	\$539	\$339	\$116	\$41
General Fund	\$9,072	\$8,898	\$5,209	\$4,026
Weekly Needs	\$7,720	\$7,720	\$7,720	\$7,720



Just Older Youth

Senior Adult Fellowship

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, August 1

10:00 AM

Having Fun...Loving Life

Invite someone to join you!

Program: Our program this month will be music provided by the "Singing Sheriff" Paul Gatewood.

Mission Project: We will be collecting items to be used here at TBC.

Lunch Menu: Old fashioned picnic with all the trimmings and watermelon for dessert. Only \$6.00 per person! Please call Doris Smith at 270-729-2111 with the number of lunch reservations.

Transportation: Call Frank Beller at 270-570-8537