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Third Baptist Church
welcomes in concert

Brian Utley

Saxophonist

Ben Harris

Pianist

Sunday, Aug. 16
6:00 PM



The Church will elect a

Called Staff (Pastor) Search Committee

at our next regular Business Meeting to be held on
Sunday evening, September 20th at 6:00PM.

The Called Staff Search Committee shall be responsible for the search for the appropriate called staff member as instructed by the Church.

A copy of the Church Constitution and Bylaws, Art. IV, Section 4., Called Staff Search Committee is included as an insert in this issue of the Courier.

Please be in prayer for the current Pulpit Supply Committee and the upcoming Pastor Search Committee.

Please join us for a
Retirement Celebration
to honor and thank
Dr. James K. Byrd
for his 16 years of
service as our Pastor

Sunday, August 30
Fireside Room
immediately following
the morning worship

Dr. James K. Byrd ~ Senior Pastor

I remember a film that circulated within the educational community some 25 years ago. The film "Cipher In The Snow" was a true story about a young boy.

His name was Roger. It was a cold January morning and a number of kids were tightly bundled up waiting for the school bus. They were making snowballs, laughing, talking and stomping their feet to stay warm. All of the kids joined in various games except for Roger. Roger stood alone and away from the group staring down at the ground. Kids would pass him but Roger would never bother to look up, and the other children never spoke or acknowledged his existence.

The school bus arrived, and the kids rushed to be first getting into the bus and getting their favorite seats. Roger was the last person on the bus. He climbed into the bus as though each step involved a monumental effort. He looked and listened but no one asked him to sit with them or join them. Roger painfully took a seat directly behind the bus driver.

The bus had traveled only a few miles when Roger dropped his books and staggered to his feet, he stood next to the bus driver clinging to a metal pole to keep his balance. He had a wild and distant look in his eye. The bus driver

asks, "Are you all right? Are you sick or something? What is the matter with you?" Roger never answered the bus driver, and the driver pulled the bus to the side of the road and opened the door. Roger stepped off the bus, crumpled in the snow and died.

The medical records and autopsy offered no clue to the cause of Roger's death. A teacher, interested in Roger, began to look into Roger's background. The report stated:

"This teacher found that Roger's life had been systemically erased like a blackboard. In his first few years at school, he had done well, up until problems began at home. His parents marriage had disintegrated and a new, preoccupied stepfather never had time to fill any of the missing gaps. Resentful of any attention his new wife gave Roger, the stepfather would limit their time together. His mother loved Roger dearly, but soon she was either too busy or too intimidated by her new husband to give Roger any attention at all. Like being pushed away from a seat near the fireplace, Roger was now left with only the cold ache of indifference.

"As a reaction to his home life, Rogers' school work began to suffer. Homework assignments were either turned in late or

not at all. Tired of his apparent apathy, his teachers gave up on him and left him to work alone. He also began to withdraw from the other children at school, and he lost the few friends he once had. Roger would not begin a conversation, and soon other children would not bother to try. Slowly but surely he was retreating into a world of silence.

"In only a few months, everything and everyone of value to Roger had either been lost or taken from him. With no place of shelter and no words of encouragement, he felt like a cipher - an empty zero. This sensitive child was unable to stand the pain for long.

"Roger was not killed by an infirmity nor a wound. He was killed by a lack of words of love and acceptance. Roger withstood the painful silence as long as he could. He died a cipher in the snow, believing he was totally alone and unwanted."

It could be that we have kids like Roger walk through our doors every Sunday morning. We have been given a wonderful opportunity to be kind. Words Matter! They enable you to have the power to help others along the way. You know they are important because you remember the last time someone told you how much they loved you. DO NOT MISS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE YOUR WORDS MATTER!

Jan Lampkin ~ Children's Minister

VBS 2015 was a great success! I want to say thanks to all that helped in VBS this year. This was a tough week for me. The entire VBS staff and the kids really came through for me. Barry was very ill the entire week and passed on the final night of VBS. I managed to be where I needed to be each day. With the help of all of the volunteers I felt very comfortable walking away on the final night to say goodbye to my brother Barry.

I cannot say enough to Misty for the assistance she so willingly gives all year long. She is a very special person to me and to TBC. She loves Jesus Christ and she is so willing and happy to serve him any way she can. A special thanks to the decorating crew: Misty, Debbie Burden, Pat Swanagan, Jennifer Spence, and

Keelie Moorman - they spent every day for two weeks helping me get ready and implement our program "Journey Off the Map." Without this dedicated crew, VBS would not have been so great. Dr. Byrd had every VBS class call me on speaker phone at the hospital the night Barry was passing and it meant so much to hear those sweet voices say they love me and were praying for my family! For all the kind word, cards, and prayers for my family I say thanks. Barry was a great brother and friend. We talked several times each week and he always asked me about the Children's Ministry and told me he was praying for me and the children. I love him and will miss him. Please continue to pray for Cindy and my family in our loss.

School starts soon and our first Wednesday night for activities is Wednesday, Aug. 19. Sunday School classes promote Sunday, August 16. We are increasing in number the children we have at TBC. Finances are going to be tight. "Support A Child" is the source of funding for feeding the children throughout the year. VBS and the number of children that attend is increasing every year. Our campaign for "Support A Child" is March every year. Thanks to all that contribute to this ministry throughout the year. Please pray for the Children's Ministry and how you might be able to financially support it. We are reaching children for Jesus! Can you think of a better mission to support?

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it." *Proverbs 22:6*

Wes Roberts
Minister to Youth

It is hard to believe that summer is almost over and that a new school year is upon us again. I am not sure where the time goes but it sure does fly by. As I was out this past Sunday, I was able to preach at my friends church, First Baptist Church of Lewisport, Ky. I spoke on the Resurrection of Christ and how we need to live as though we serve a resurrected Savior.

Often times we live our Christian lives as though we serve a dead God and not God in Christ that conquered death and is seated at the right hand of God the Father. We will face tough times in this life no doubt, but we must remember that Christ will never leave us nor ever forsake us. He is always there for us and will carry us in good times and bad times. We serve a God that is alive and well today!! I was reminded of that beautiful poem called "Footprints in the Sand" by Mary Stevenson.

One night I dreamed a dream.
As I was walking along the beach
with my Lord.
Across the dark sky flashed scenes
from my life.

For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,
One belonging to me and one to my Lord.

After the last scene of my life
flashed before me,
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.

I noticed that at many times along
the path of my life,
especially at the very lowest and
saddest times,
there was only one set of footprints.
This really troubled me, so I asked
the Lord about it.

"Lord, you said once I decided to
follow you,
You'd walk with me all the way.
But I noticed that during the saddest
and most troublesome times of my
life,

there was only one set of footprints.
I don't understand why, when I
needed You the most, You would
leave me."

He whispered, "My precious child, I
love you and will never leave you
Never, ever, during your trials and
testings.

When you saw only one set of
footprints,
It was then that I carried you."

Joe Bob Pierce ~ Spiritual Formation

In Praise of Gardeners

TBC feeds a lot of people each week. Most of you know about our Thursday night community meal which Janice Raby often reports about in business meeting. We also administer the FCC food pantry, giving canned and dry goods to folks who walk into our atrium each day requesting food. But I especially enjoy watching people bring in food from their gardens, and this time of year they start coming in. Charlotte has brought in quite a few pounds of produce in 5 gallon buckets, and I have some friends who donated a lot of squash as well. Many bring in fresh vegetables and FCC folk do that as well. Thanks for literally sharing from the abundance God has given you!

David Roberson ~ Minister of Music

Thanks to the Sanctuary Choir for their music in worship the past month. They have been taking a vacation from rehearsals during July but still singing in our worship services. I appreciate their dedication and willingness to be here each and every Sunday. And I think they have been singing very well even without our rehearsals. But, don't think that means we will extend our vacation...rehearsals begin again on August 5th!

Speaking of August 5th, that would be a great time for anyone who wants to sing with our group to start. We will be working on new music and within a few weeks we'll start working on Christmas music!! If you've always wanted to try choir, join us at 7:00 p.m. August 5th in the choir room.

A very special thank you to Hadley Rouse for her beautiful music this past Sunday. "Give Me Jesus" is a favorite of mine. Hadley sang it exquisitely.

Pat Settle ~ Stewardship

As the chair of the Stewardship-Finance Committee, I have over the last 2 years presented the church's financial reports and have asked that you give to support the budget and ministries of the church. I have voiced my concern about the decline in giving. The committee is reviewing all areas of the budget to try and find ways to reduce expenses. Difficult decisions may need to be made if we do not change our way of giving. We will soon be preparing the 2016 Budget, and we will need to include provisions for a new pastor. In order to extend a call in the future, we will need a strong, realistic budget.

It is a critical time in the life of Third Baptist Church. Some of us are resistant to change, but change can be positive.

We have a long, faithful history and we will need to work together to have a strong future. We must put aside our differences and work together. After reading Thom Rainer's book **I Will! Nine Traits of the Outwardly Focused Christian**, I believe the "I will" statements sum up the meaning of stewardship.

- ◆ I will have the attitude of Christ and put other church members before my wants and desires.
- ◆ I will gladly participate in corporate worship with my fellow church members.
- ◆ I will get involved in a small group/class (Sunday school, committees, choir) so that I might grow spiritually,

and be accountable to them.

- ◆ I will go and share the gospel with others in words and by deeds.
- ◆ I will give abundantly and joyfully, recognizing that God is the owner of all things I currently steward.
- ◆ I will participate in the life of my church because God leads me to do so, not to please people.
- ◆ I will focus on the positive ways God is using my church, and not the flaws of the church, its leaders, or its members.
- ◆ And I will pray that God will use me as an instrument to revive His church, for His name, and for His glory.
- ◆ I WILL!

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

8:30 AM Step Aerobics
1:00 PM Stretch Aerobics

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

9:00 AM Clothes Closet
10:00 AM Senior Adult Fellowship
4:30 PM FCC - Centennial Room
6:30 PM Recovery Group

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

8:30 AM Step Aerobics
4:45 PM Wedding Committee Mtg.
6:00 PM Prayer Meeting
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

5:00 PM Community Meal

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

12:00 PM Webb Baby Shower, FSR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

8:30 AM Step Aerobics
1:00 PM Stretch Aerobics

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

9:00 AM Clothes Closet
6:30 PM Recovery Group

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

5:00 PM Community Meal

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

DEACON INFORMATION

August 2

Barry Spinks, Wayne Lovell

Hope and Harvest Team

Jesse Rhodes, Cissy Bishop

August 9

Harold Wilson, Mike Morrow

Hope and Harvest Team

Pat Settle, Chris Hunt

SUNDAY VAN DRIVERS

August 2 Tom Dixon

August 9 Frank Beller

PRESCHOOL PRAISE

August 2 Susan Rouse

Erin Rouse

August 9 Misty Hernandez

SUNDAY NURSERY WORKERS

August 2 Misty Hernandez

August 9 Jan Holbrook

MEMORIALS

Contributions to the church have been made *in memory of Jim Watts* by Mrs. C.W. Whitaker; *in memory of Barry Hagan* by Lee & Bettie Kincaid, Jean Lampkin, Nancy Baggett, Peggy Maglinger.

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

Atrium Social

August 2: Co-Ed, Pairs & Spares, FCC Disciples

August 9: Women of Faith Class

Just Older Youth



Senior Adult Fellowship

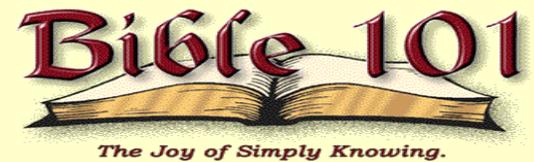
**Tuesday, August 3
10:00 AM**

Picnic Time with Dr. James Byrd

The Seniors (55 and older) have made arrangements with CaJen Travel to organize a few day trips for everyone 55 and older!

August 19: Toyota Assembly Plant Tour, August 19th. This is a great - No Walking - Day Trip. Transportation and tour is \$20 per person. Leave TBC at 9am; take a city tour & historic homes; lunch at Gerst Haus (on your own) and take the Tram Tour Ride. We will finish up with a little "indulgence" at Mike Libs Chocolate Factory.

These day-trips are open to all so invite your friends, other church members and members of other churches! The more the merrier! Sign up in the Atrium or call Carl Sparks @ 270-229-4676 for more information!



First Christian Church invites you to join them for **Bible 101**. It will take place in the 2nd Floor Conference Room beginning Monday, Aug. 24, at 12:15 p.m. with a second session offered at 5:15 p.m. You may choose to attend either session. There will be copies of *The Bible: An Introduction*, Second Edition by Jerry L. Sumney available in the First Christian Office or you may order a copy. No need to sign up in advance! Invite friends from other congregations who would enjoy it. An ecumenical group would make for an even richer experience!

Here are the goals of Bible 101:

- To know the Bible better (read it in a year)
- To know more about the Bible history
- To grow in love and appreciation for the Bible as Christian scripture
- To encounter the Bible as a resource for Christian faith formation
- To read and understand scripture as a source for theology

FAMILY CHURCH



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SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY
SEPT. 27