

# Third Baptist Church COURIER

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## THE COURIER

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## Baby Father's Day Dedication June 18, 2017

2018 Deacon  
Nomination Information  
is included in this issue of the Courier and  
ballots are available on the atrium desk.  
Nominations end on June 30th. Details of  
the nomination process, qualifications, and  
duties are listed inside.

Come Join us Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup> as we  
Welcome Rev. Micah & Sarah Spicer



*My passions for preaching, discipleship, and missions are fueled by the  
greatest theological mystery of the ages, namely, that God loves me.*

*~Taken From Rev. Micah Spicer's Mission Statement*

**CHRIST FIRST, OTHERS SECOND, WE'RE THIRD!**



Sharing  
the Lord's Supper  
June 25 ~ 10:45 am



8284 Short Station Road, Philpot  
(ask John or Jan for directions)

**Saturday, June 17th  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Lunch will be provided!  
Bring a towel and bathing  
suit and prepare to get wet!

**Dr. Glenn Armstrong, *Interim Pastor***

Through the years I have coveted an opportunity to preach in your beautiful sanctuary. Last January, you gave me that opportunity and I will be forever grateful. Not only have I enjoyed my pulpit ministry at Third, Elaine and I have gotten to know some wonderful people and cultivated some beautiful friendships in the process. Thank you for every kind and affirming word and for the gracious way you have accepted us. We are right at home among the seniors at Third. Eleanor Roosevelt said, "Many people will walk in and out of our lives, but only true friends will leave footprints on our hearts." You have left indelible footprints on our hearts.

In the last five months, I have come to appreciate and love your

very capable staff. We will sadly miss Shirley and Stacey's beautiful organ and piano preludes, interludes, and postludes. We will miss the well-prepared and beautiful anthems offered each Sunday by David Roberson, the organist and pianist, and your choir. David has a unique ability to bring the very best out of a group of musicians each time they lead us in worship. Third Baptist Church is blessed with a unique music worship experience, and Elaine and I have certainly been blessed by the music that fills your stately sanctuary every week. Charlotte runs a very efficient church office. If you have a question about the church or any of its programs, ask Charlotte! Jan Lampkin (assisted by her husband, John) is a very dedicated and

energetic missionary and minister to the children of your community. Her tireless efforts will reap eternal dividends. Joe Bob adds pastoral lightness, warmth, and common sense essential to an effective staff. You are blessed by your capable and committed ministry team and volunteers. I quickly appreciated them! As you face your future as church and new pastor, Elaine and I will be just down the road prayerfully cheering you on, and we plan to visit the special corner of 5th and Allen Streets.

The sermon topic and text for this week will be:

"Family Matters"  
II Corinthians 13:11-14

**Jan Lampkin, *Minister to Children***

Sunday we will dedicate three babies and seven children to Jesus Christ. This dedication is a public statement by parents that they will train their children in the Christian faith and seek to instill that faith in them. The congregation will respond to affirm that they, as a church family, will also seek to encourage the parents to bring up the child in the faith. The idea of dedicating a child to the Lord can certainly be found in the Bible. Hannah was a barren wife who promised to dedicate her child to God if He would give her a son (1 Samuel 1:11.) Luke 2:22 begins the account of Mary and Joseph taking Jesus to the temple after forty days in order to dedicate Him to the Lord. This was more

involved since it involved a sacrifice, but it did not indicate any level of salvation. We as a congregation will have an opportunity to participate in this ceremony on Sunday to offer support and prayer to the child and to the families.

VBS is coming soon! "The Campout - Getting S'more of Jesus" is only a few weeks away. Please pray for the TBC VBS that volunteers will realize the importance of training children to learn as much as they can about Jesus Christ and that the children will trek through an adventure, kindle friendships and discover that Jesus is the light of the world. If you have children, grandchildren, friends or neighbor

children; please call the church to pre-register them for Campout - July 9, 10, 11 from 5:00-8:30 pm.

As of last count, we expect 80+ kids and 20+ adults to attend Lampkin Farm Fun Day on Saturday, June 17. Stop by and see us! Be prepared-you just might get wet!

Summer is a fun time but takes some families and children away from home and unable to attend church on Sunday. We miss them but pray for their safety and return to us. Please continue to pray for the TBC families. Pray for the volunteers that work with our children every week.

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

*Proverbs 2:6*

## Joe Bob Pierce

*Formations*

I thought I would say just a few words about our soon-to-be-finished interim pastor Glenn Armstrong. Glenn's last day with us is this Sunday, Father's Day. Glenn is a long-time acquaintance and ministry friend of mine. His having pastored Beaver Dam Baptist Church for over three decades has given him a wealth of experience and knowledge about leading churches, and that has been evident in the great job he's done for us here at Third Baptist. I have enjoyed hearing him preach! His sermons are well-considered and thought out, and he uses personal stories in a way that convey his message meaningfully.

I have also enjoyed Glenn's contribution to our weekly staff meetings. He has helped us plan activities, special services, and advised us on a number of issues that have been brought to the church leadership.

There are many other ways Glenn has been present and active with us, he has been a steadying and caring influence. Thank you, Glenn, for all you've done to see us through our interim period! You leave Third Baptist with our gratitude and prayers for your continued ministry.

## David Roberson, *Minister of Music*

Well, I'm pretty excited for Micah Spicer to get on site and begin his pastorate here at TBC. I am looking forward to working with him. I'm sure you feel the same way! I want to thank our Pastor Search Committee for their diligence and the many hours they devoted to bring Micah to us.

I also want to thank two men who have been very important to TBC during the interim: Dr. Ron Williams and Dr. Glenn Armstrong who have served so well as our Interim Pastors. Not sure we could have found two preachers who would have fit in better with our congregation. Thanks to the Interim Pastor Search Committee for doing such a wonderful job in bringing these gentlemen to us. As we look forward to Micah's first Sunday on the 25th, don't forget to thank Ron and Glenn for their service to our church.



**The 2018 Deacon Election** will begin in June. Nomination Ballots have been included in this issue of the Courier and in the Atrium. The goal is to elect 6-8 deacons each term to help ensure we have adequate resources to cover 52 weeks, and also serve as one of the team members on our Harvest and Hope Teams. The Church Bylaws state that two members-at-large are also requested to serve on the DEC. Let us know if you would like to serve on the DEC!

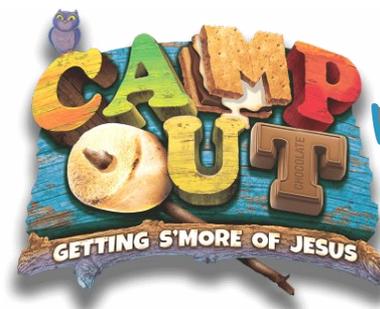
Qualifications to serve as a deacon include: 1.) Must be 21 years or older; 2.) Member for minimum of six months 3.) Regularly attend services 4.) Supports the Organizations of the Church 5.) Faithful steward, consistent witness, and good example in church fellowship.

The Principal Duties are: 1.) Serve with the pastor and staff, proclaim the gospel, care for church members, lead and participate in church fellowship, witness, education, and ministries. 2.) Serve as a council for advice on the welfare and work of the church.

### Method of Election:

- May: Church shall provide a list of deacons rotating off the third term and Deacons Emeritus
- June: Any member may nominate up to 8 eligible members and place ballots in the a ballot box.
- July-August 15: DEC will contact each nominee with the most votes and work in a descending order until 8 have agreed to serve.
- August 15-September Business Meeting: Anyone not previously ordained will meet with an Examining Council for recommendation to be ordained or not ordained. If anyone is found not acceptable, the DEC will contact the next eligible nominee. This shall continue until at least 6 qualified nominees have been found that are willing to serve. The DEC may choose to continue until 8 qualified nominees are found willing to serve, provided that the process shall be completed before the September Business Meeting.
- September Business Meeting: Church shall be presented with the names of the deacons.

Deacon Emeritus and not eligible for election are:  
Jim Gordon, Russ Page, Ken Russell, and Wendell Walker.



**VBS**  
**Workers Meeting**  
**Tuesday, June 27**  
**5:30 PM**  
**Fireside Room**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 18, FATHER'S DAY**

9:00 AM Atrium Social  
 9:30 AM Sunday School  
 10:45 AM Morning Worship  
 Baby/Child Dedication

**MONDAY, JUNE 19**

8:30 AM Step Aerobics  
 9:30 AM Peer Learning Group

**TUESDAY, JUNE 20**

10:00 AM Paula Settle WOM

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21**

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

**THURSDAY, JUNE 22**

5:00 PM Community Meal

**SUNDAY, JUNE 25****WELCOME MICAH AND SARAH!**

9:00 AM Atrium Social  
 9:30 AM Sunday School  
 10:45 AM Morning Worship  
 Lord's Supper  
 1:00 PM Game Room/Gym Reserved

**MONDAY, JUNE 26**

8:30 AM Step Aerobics

**TUESDAY, JUNE 27**

5:30 PM VBS Workers Meeting, Game Rm.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28**

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

**THURSDAY, JUNE 29**

5:00 PM Community Meal

**SUNDAY, JULY 2**

9:00 AM Atrium Social  
 9:30 AM Sunday School  
 10:45 AM Morning Worship  
 4:30 PM Mission Teams

**THANK YOU!**

The family and friends of **Paul Ray Pate** gratefully acknowledges your kind expression of sympathy. The donuts and fruit tray were appreciated and enjoyed. Thank you for remembering us.

*Doris Smith and Paul Pate Family*

**DEACON INFORMATION****June 18**

John Lampkin, Judy Dixon

**Hope and Harvest Team**

Lee Kincaid, Larry Catron

**June 25**

Court Lewis, Bill Genet

**Hope and Harvest Team**

Judy Dixon, Cissy Bishop

**PRESCHOOL PRAISE****June 18**

Jan Lampkin, Janice Raby

**June 25**

Patty Ray and Jean Snyder

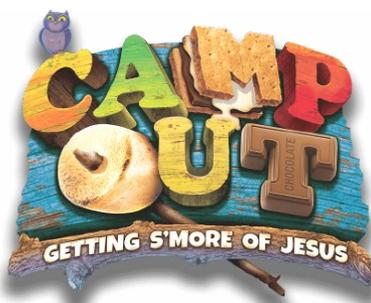
**ATRIUM SOCIAL**

**June 18:** Another Look

**June 25:** New Millennium

**OUR RECORDS**

	May 7	May 14	May 21	May 28
Sunday School	124	157	134	116
Worship	161	186	163	147
Total Offering	\$12,433	\$6,510	\$8,852	\$6,465
Capital Fund	\$279	-	\$20	-
Memorials	\$50	\$45	\$380	-
Other Funds	\$999	\$165	\$120	\$8
General Fund	\$11,384	\$6,300	\$8,332	\$6,457
Weekly Needs	\$7,720	\$7,720	\$7,720	\$7,720

**Vacation Bible School**

**July 9-11**

**The Young at Heart will meet Sunday, June 25th**

at the atrium desk after the morning worship; then leave for lunch.

What is **The Young at Heart**? It's a new small group designed especially for 'Career Age' (18-55) families and adults, led by Court and Jenny Lewis. It's sharing time together and getting to know one another. It's a time to build new friendships and share stories and life. They will meet on the last Sunday of every month for lunch at various restaurants chosen that day.

**Got a new place you'd like to try? Why not try it with new friends?**