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CAN YOU GIVE AN HOUR?

Greeters are needed to meet our visitors on Sunday mornings during either Bible study or the worship hour. Please see Larry Catron for more information!

Trust God, Bless Others, Celebrate Grace

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Support A Child' Emphasis

"Support a Child" gives us many opportunities to nourish the children of TBC both physically and spiritually. Your contribution helps promote spiritual growth, provide a meal on Wednesday nights, transportation to and from church, supply Bibles, helps fund VBS, purchase supplies and choir materials, and funds special events during the summer for both our children and youth programs.

Will you help us reach our goal of \$5,000?



SUNDAY, MARCH 17 @ 6PM

June 10th to June 15th





PASTOR'S PEN

A word from the heart

Rev. Micah Spicer

Spring is on the horizon. I know it is hard to believe given the current reading of the thermometer and costly energy bills. The new season's arrival brings about many changes in warmth, color, and the need to perform the yearly tasks associated with "spring cleaning!" Yardwork becomes a priority again. Windows need to be scrubbed, siding needs to be pressure washed, and garages need to be decluttered. We perform these tasks, not because they are fun, but because they are necessary. As good hosts, we want our homes looking nice. We desire to create an atmosphere that is accommodating to family and friends who might pay us a visit. As we learn, it takes effort to make our homes hospitable.

I believe that the church needs to prioritize hospitality in the

same way we do in our homes. To put it bluntly, churches that do not have guests who become recurring attendees are churches that decline. Another reality is that we only have one opportunity to make a good first impression, which means that we must make hospitality a high priority. While greeting guests with a friendly smile and a handshake are important, they are not the only elements of hospitality. Our church desperately needs to look at our facilities and ask this question, "Does this make a guest feel welcome?" This applies to parking lots, bathrooms, and the sanctuary - every single room in our building and every shrub outside. If we truly approach that question with honesty, we begin to realize that we need to make some intentional improvements.

The Leadership Ministry Team is currently developing a strategy to make hospitality a priority at Third. We are going to have to prioritize our projects. We are going to have to raise some money. We are going to have to do "mission projects" right here in our building, and we must have volunteer participation to see the kind of progress that is necessary for us to meet our goals. As much as we dread spring cleaning at home, we do it out of necessity. We do it to make our homes presentable and hospitable. Our church building is not our home. It is not even God's home as God cannot be confined or contained to one space. But, it is the place where God meets us as we gather to Trust God, Bless Others, and Celebrate Grace. We have work to do. Who's with me?

Jan Lampkin, Children's Minister

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it." *Proverbs 2:6*

Sunday was a great day in the Children's Department. We kicked off the "Support A Child" emphasis and despite the weather we had a good number of children attend. Ilima Ray did a great job sharing her love for TBC. Seven children made professions of faith on Sunday. Thanks to Sunday School teachers, Pastor Micah, and the TBC congregation for teaching and loving the children. On Sunday, March 17, we will baptize nine children, all of which have met with Pastor Micah and shared their testimonies with their peers. They are excited about this important decision and understand

how it will affect their entire life living as a Christian and serving Jesus. I am so proud of them and ask that their church family continue to pray for them and their families. Congratulations to Aubrey, Averie, Danisha, Haley, Ilima, Kaydence, Makenzie, Rebekka, and Shalynn.

Support A Child is our annual support emphasis to help us fund the Children and Youth programs throughout the year. Our goal each year is \$5,000.00. We will be gracious for any support that you can give to this effort. Without your willingness to assist with this program, our Children and Youth

Ministry would not be a success. Always, we ask for your continue prayer for our volunteers, children, and their families.

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt is Wednesday, April 17. We have plenty of plastic eggs. We will need wrapped candy to fill the eggs. We will be collecting candy during the month of March and April until April 17.

Hopefully soon we will be able to enjoy better weather and brighter smiles on our faces. Thank you for your support all year long. God Bless!

Trust God, Bless Others,
Celebrate Grace!



Can you believe it's already March? With all of the missed days due to weather, I feel like February didn't happen. Nevertheless, the Youth stayed busy. The Youth Support Group completed and submitted a grant proposal to help in their work to support each other and end bullying. The Youth made several flower arrangements and cards a few weeks ago, and we delivered them to Hermitage Nursing Home this past Sunday. We collected several items for the Owensboro Humane Society (thank you for your donations!), and hope to deliver them soon. We're completing our study on *One*, which focuses on revival and self-reflection. It's been a great Bible study, and the resources will be available in the Library (movie, lesson video, teacher's guide, and participant's guide), if anyone wants to do a small group study. Finally, some of the Youth have

started cleaning and organizing the basement area. It's great to see them putting their energy and ideas to work!

By the end of the semester, we hope to have received the grant and have met with at least one school about instituting a comprehensive anti-bullying program. We also hope to plant some flowers where our electronic sign used to live, and several of the Youth hope to attend Extreme Build this summer. Our next lesson will be based on the book *Nobody Cries When You Die*, which details a young Latino's struggle to hear God's call to vocation in a life of abuse, poverty, gangs, drugs, and racism. According to the author, sometimes our vocation is simply to live. I'm thankful that so many of us don't have to face such struggles, and I'm also thankful for the church's dedication to helping our Youth survive their world of abuse, poverty, gangs, drugs, and racism. You truly bless others by providing a space and resources for them to be safe and grow.

The Five Tables

COMMUNITY LENTEN SERIES

Evening services will feature a light meal to be served at 5:45pm. Cost for all meals will be \$5 per person with a family maximum of \$12. Contact the host church for reservations.

Tuesday, March 12th - 6:30pm
"An Interrupted Table"
Asbury UMC, Rev. Jane Rothman

Tuesday, March 19th - 6:30pm
"A Timely Table"
Unity Fellowship, Rev. Betty Sivis

Tuesday, March 26th - 6:30pm
"A Testing Table"
Century Christian,
Rev. Kathy Goodwin

Tuesday, April 2nd - 6:30pm
"A Table of Forgiveness"
Faith Lutheran, Rev. Bob Coons

Tuesday, April 9th - 6:30pm
"A Turned Table"
First Christian Church
Rev. Christine Coy Fohr



DAVID ROBERSON

I saw this online and thought I would share. The basic question being asked is "why do we sing in church?"

1. **Singing helps us remember words.** Think of the number of songs you can recite. Music helps us remember.
2. **Singing encourages one another.** Seeing other believers, singing praise to God, encourages me & strengthens my faith. I know what they're singing about has changed their lives, literally, and forever!
3. **Singing connects God's truth to us emotionally.** It's not only about the lyrics. If it were, God would have told us to "speak praise to Him." He wants us to emotionally connect with these truths of His. Could this be because we are more likely to act
4. **Singing is healthy.** There are many scientific studies that have found links between singing and good health. When we sing, especially in a group setting, endorphins are released, anxiety and stress levels go down, and more oxygen is pumped through the bloodstream. We feel better, and are truly healthier.
5. **Singing bonds us together as a group.** We need the strength of

based on emotion than we are straight facts? Maybe. It might also be that God know we're going to connect to a lot of different things emotionally, and He wants His truth to be the main one. He wants it imbedded in us so deeply that it becomes who we actually are. And I wouldn't be surprised if that's the very reason He came up with music in the first place.

our fellow believers around us. Singing God's praises together - agreeing as one - solidifies that needed bond in a deep and emotionally-strong way that no other activity seems to do.

6. **God deserves our praise.** Almighty God, who created, EVERYTHING THERE IS, deserves to get praise from me? Seems like He might want to shoot a little higher. However, we give praise to all kinds of stuff, every day - restaurants, cars, movies, computes, songs - shouldn't 'Almighty God who created everything there is' be at the top of that list? And if He, the one who loves us so much, wants us to praise Him, who are we to refuse to do that?

I hope to see you singing this Sunday!

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

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

MONDAY, MARCH 11

11:30 AM DC Retired Teachers, FSR

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

5:00 PM KYC Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

4:30 PM Community Meal

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

8:00 AM KYC - FSR
 11:00 AM Game / Gym Reserved

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

9:00 AM Atrium Social
 9:30 AM Sunday School
 10:45 AM Morning Worship
 5:00 PM Deacons Meeting
 6:00 PM Business Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH 18

9:30 AM Peer Learning Group

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

5:00 PM KYC Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

4:30 PM Community Meal

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

5:30 PM Flamingos for Amber
 Community Fundraiser

MEMORIALS***in memory of Robert Harris***

by Charles Cobb, Doris Smith, Carol Moore, Private Wealth Mgt.

in memory of Zona Bandy's brother, Andrew Shane

by Harold & Claudia Wilson, Frank & Martha Beller.

THANK YOU's

The Church extends its sincerest appreciation to the estate of Miss Jane Nave for her generous contribution of \$25,000.00 'to be used for a van to help transport physically challenged individuals to church activities.' Miss Jane was a member for almost 95 years, and TBC was very dear to her heart.

Dear All,

We would just like to say thank you so much for all your sincere thoughts and prayers for Robert during this difficult time.

The food was delicious and the meat/cheese tray were very welcomed. You can't begin to imagine that your compassion has been a source of comfort and warmth during this difficult time. You all are a blessing! God be with you always.

Doc and Pam Harris and the Harris Family

DEACON INFORMATION**March 10**

Chris Holbrook, Harold Wilson
Hope and Harvest Team
 Harold Wilson, Cissy Bishop

March 17

Gary Kirtley, Carole Anne Barrass
Hope and Harvest Team
 Debby Smith, Larry Catron

ATRIUM GREETERS**March 10**

Susan Dewitt, Harold Wilson

March 17

Pat Settle, Carole Anne Barrass

ATRIUM SOCIAL**March 10**

Another Look Class

March 17

New Millennium Class

**PRESCHOOL/
CHILDREN****March 10**

Cissy Bishop, Jennifer
 Spence

March 17

Jan Lampkin, Janice Raby

OUR RECORDS

	February 3	February 10	February 17	February 24
S.S. / Worship	120 / 158	121 / 134	102 / 121	122 / 220
Total Offering	\$9,526	\$32,212	\$7,833	\$6,486
Capital Fund	\$120	\$55	\$70	
Memorials	\$130	\$350	\$970	\$205
Support / Child	\$370	\$142	\$200	\$433
Missions	\$310	\$260	\$10	\$10
Other Funds		\$25,043	\$10	\$150
General Fund	\$8,596	\$6,362	\$6,573	\$5,688
Weekly Needs	\$8,552	\$8,552	\$8,552	\$8,552



Following Christ Together

April 26 & 27

Latonia Baptist Church, Latonia KY

Our Special Guests include:

Paul Baxley, new CBF Coordinator
Suzii Paynter, retired CBF Coordinator
Karen Thomas Smith, Morocco Partnership
Stephen Reeves, Partnerships & Advocacy
Pam Durso, Baptist Women in Ministry
Dr. Ron Oliver, Assoc. of Professional Chaplains
and more!

To register for the Spring Gathering
 (including Friday's lunch and Saturday's breakfast)
 go to www.cbfky.org