

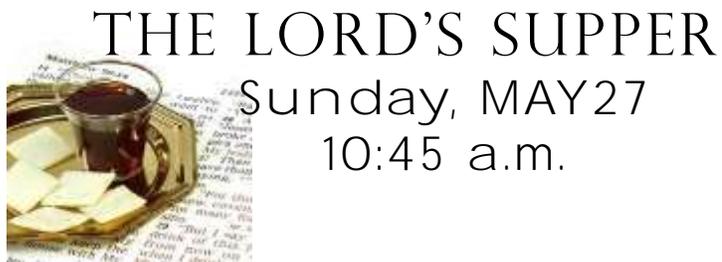
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**Calling All Graduates!**  
TBC will recognize our High School and College Graduates on June 3rd during the morning service. Please contact the church office no later than May 25th and let us know of your accomplishments!



**THE LORD'S SUPPER**  
Sunday, MAY 27  
10:45 a.m.



**SUNDAY, MAY 20**  
6:00 pm



*Just Older Youth*

Having Fun...Loving Life  
Invite someone to join you!

**Senior Adult Fellowship**

Monthly Meeting  
Tuesday, June 5 at 10:00 AM  
Fireside Room

CARROLL HILL WILL ENTERTAIN US WITH MUSIC!  
We will serve meat loaf, mashed potatoes, peas, cooked apples, rolls, ice cream and cookies for only \$6.00 per person! Call and make reservations today!!



Have you picked out your Summer Reading List yet? Check out the TBC Library for your latest reading adventure!

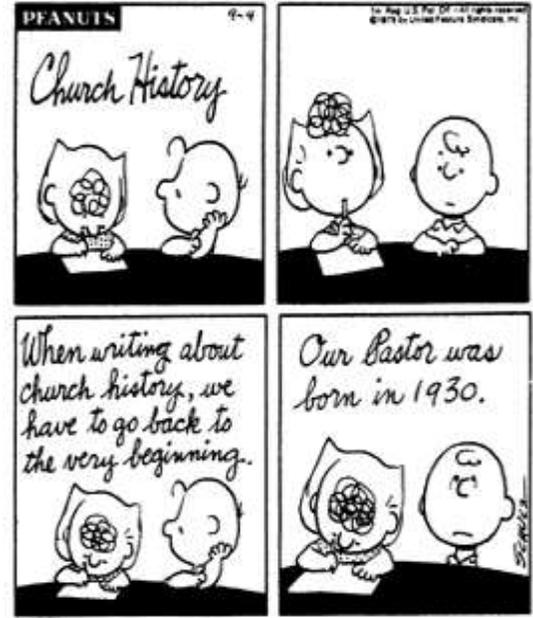
## Rev. Micah Spicer, *Senior Pastor*

### GOING BACK TO OUR ROOTS

Most people are turned off by politics. In fact, the majority of Americans do not even participate in elections. Partisanship is divisive and unfruitful. The historic principle of Separation of Church and State was originally propagated by Baptists in American history. Ironically, while these committed Christians tried to keep government politics out of their houses of worship, somewhere along the way, churches became infested with denominational politics. That unfortunate trend continues to plague Baptist life. Last week, the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Credentials Committee and Mission Board passed a motion stating that churches that make financial contributions to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship are "no longer considered to be in

cooperation" with the KBC, essentially forcing congregations out of the organization. Our congregation supports the missions of both the Kentucky Baptist Convention and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. If this recommendation is passed at the state meeting in November, Third Baptist Church will be forced to make some uncomfortable decisions.

Beginning May 23rd, I am going to be leading a study on Baptist Heritage, highlighting the history of our tradition and values our forefathers developed through the years. Over the summer, we will acknowledge and debate Walter B. Shurden's "Four Fragile Baptist Freedoms" - Bible Freedom, Soul Freedom, Church Freedom, and Religious Freedom. By going back to our roots, I pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us into the future



Peanuts by Charles Shultz

as certain fundamental convictions are at risk of being squashed by denominational leaders. I hope you will join us as we talk seriously about our history and our future.



### 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*

Congratulations to Alexis Crawford, Paighton Igleheart, and Julie Zopiyactle on their recent baptism. We are excited for these three young ladies and will continue to pray for them as they live their lives for Jesus Christ! By the time you receive this Courier, Wednesday night activities will have ended until school starts again. We have had a great year and a record number of children and youth participating in weekly activities.

A big thanks to Courtney French and Tammy Wilhoite for leading the children in music during the worship service May 6. It was excellent! I have heard many great comments. You should be proud!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the teachers and volunteers that have given their time to the children and youth on Wednesday nights this year. We appreciate everything you do. You have made

this year special to the children! I know it is not always easy dealing with that many children at one time; but you always seem to keep a smile and use your gifts to love the TBC children. Again, thank you!

That being said, I am looking for help in VBS. The dates are July 8-11. The theme is "Game On!" I hope you can check your schedules and let me know if you can volunteer to help. The hours are 5-8:30 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday. I will be contacting those that helped last year to see if you will be available again. Please pray about this and your willingness to help.

Congratulations to the Roberts Family and the dedication of the youth suite to their son Zach Roberts. We will forever remember the times we spent with Zach and especially his brilliant smile! God Bless the Roberts family!



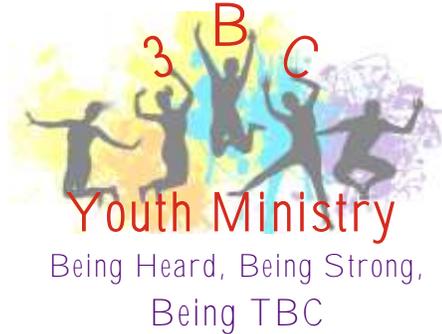
Sound the Buzzer!  
Spirit Week is in Session!  
July 8 - July 11

Volunteer "Referees" are needed to help in VBS. See Jan or John Lampkin and get signed up!

Please remember to pray for the children and their families and all the volunteers that work with them!

Thanks for serving Jesus  
by loving on our children!

We are the Voice for Jesus



## Court Lewis Youth Minister

Romans, studied several parables, learned how to reset our heart from the world of violence to a world of hope, covered several lessons on wisdom, and spent five weeks talking about vocation. We collected over 300 items for Crossroads' Ministry, went on a prayer walk, sent several birthday cards, sang and read Bible verses in Sunday Worship, and came up with our own Youth mission statement: We're the Voice for Jesus: Being Heard, Being Strong, Being TBC. This is just the beginning. We hope to have a Youth peer counseling center soon, we're working on a mission trip, and there are several other plans in the works. Thank you, again, for your support, and you're always welcome to come join the excitement.

By the time you read this we will be finishing up our Wednesday night activities with the Youth. I hope you were able to make it out to the room dedication ceremony for Zach Roberts. Make sure to check Facebook for pictures!

I would like to do a brief recap of this year's activities. I'm sure I'll forget something, but here are some of the great things we've done. We worked on shaping our room and world in the way we want to see it. We worked through the Book of

## Joe Bob Pierce, *Formations*

Another Look Sunday School class has embarked upon a new book to study. We are reviewing "As You Go: An Honest Look at the First Followers of Jesus," by Hulitt Gloer. Dr. Gloer is a former pastor and seminary professor who writes about the lives of the disciples after Jesus was gone from his earthly ministry. It's a little bit of a "whatever happened to...?" book. Actually, the Bible does not contain a lot of stories about all the disciples. Most of the narratives include Peter, James, and John. But there are other lesser-known disciples who are referred to, but we don't know much about. There is Thaddeus (also known as Judas, son of James), Philip, Andrew, Simon the Zealot, Nathanael

Bartholomew, Matthew, and others. (Can you name them all? I surely couldn't!)

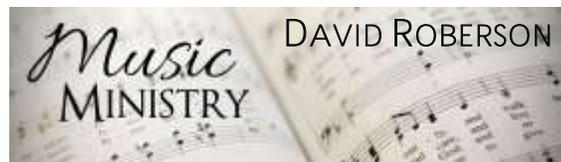
Some of what we are studying includes Biblical passages of the disciples' interactions with Jesus and others, but there are other texts that are used by ancient church historians, such as Jerome, which are used to fill in the story of these men beyond what the Bible tells. I'm also looking forward to hearing about the women who followed Jesus, as there are four chapters devoted to them.

Church history can seem rather dry, but it comes alive when we read about the early founders of the church and how our faith was formed by their lives of service to Christ.



## Deacon Nominations

will be included in the next issue of the Courier. If you would prefer that your name not be considered for the role of Deacon, please contact Gary Kirtley, chair of the Nomination Committee, or the church office before May 29th. A list of eligible nominees will be included in the May 30th edition of the Courier. Nominations will be accepted through June 30th.



I would like to thank the Handbell Choir for their music in worship last Sunday. They sounded great on a couple of pieces that were quite difficult to play. This group is very faithful and works extremely hard and I appreciate each one of them. I tried to challenge them this year and I think I succeeded although I'm not sure they always appreciated it! Still, they rose to the challenge and played very well.

The Handbell group will take a break for the summer months but I'm hoping all the members will be with us again in late August when we start up for another year. I hope you will express your appreciation to the Handbell members when you see them.

Oh, one more thing, we will have at least one space open in the group (Jim Wilhoyte needs some help!!) If you have been inspired this year and would like to play with us, let me know!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SUNDAY, MAY 20

- 9:00 AM Atrium Social
- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 10:45 AM Morning Worship
- 12:00 PM Stewardship Finance
- 4:00 PM Greeters & Safety Team
- 5:00 PM Deacons Meeting
- 6:00 PM Business Meeting

### MONDAY, MAY 21

- 9:30 AM Peer Learning Group

### TUESDAY, MAY 22

- 5:30 PM Yoga - Aerobics Room
- 5:30 PM Basketball Practice

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

- 6:00 PM Prayer Meeting:  
Baptist Heritage Series
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, MAY 24

- 5:00 PM Community Meal
- 5:30 PM Yoga - Aerobics Room
- 5:30 PM Basketball Practice

### SUNDAY, MAY 27

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

### MONDAY, MAY 28, MEMORIAL DAY

Offices Closed

### TUESDAY, MAY 29

- 5:00 PM KYC Rehearsal
- 5:30 PM Yoga - Aerobics Room
- 5:30 PM Basketball Practice

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 30

- 6:00 PM Prayer Meeting:  
Baptist Heritage Series
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, MAY 31

- 5:00 PM Community Meal
- 5:30 PM Yoga - Aerobics Room
- 5:30 PM Basketball Practice

### SUNDAY, JUNE 3

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

### SYMPATHY

The Church extends its deepest love and sympathy  
**Ruth Belcher and Emogene Paris and their family**  
in the loss of their sister, Maxine Head.

### MEMORIALS

Contributions to the Church have been received...  
**in memory of Jim Gordon** by Bill and Ann Probus.

### THANK YOU!

Dear Third Baptist Family,

I was absolutely blessed by your generosity as a congregation. I asked Jim Wilhoyte about our schedule for taking down the "Smoke on the Mountain" set last Saturday, and setting it back up on Sunday. When he said we were permitted to keep it up during your worship service, I was just blown away.

Thank you for being so very supportive of Encore! Musicals and the arts in our wonderful community of Owensboro. Thank you for sharing your beautiful church with us. It was such a joy having the privilege of singing during your worship services as well.

In Christ,  
Susan "Vera" Dant

### PRESCHOOL PRAISE

#### May 20

Patty Ray, Jean Snyder

#### May 27

John & Jan Lampkin

### ATRIUM SOCIAL

#### May 20:

Pairs and Spares

#### May 27:

Women of Faith

### DEACON INFORMATION

#### May 20

Elaine Williams

#### Hope and Harvest Team

Elaine Williams, Laura Bronn

#### May 27

Ron Williams, Hawes Mercer

#### Hope and Harvest Team

Ron Williams, Carolyn Estes

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NOAH KNEW THERE WOULDN'T BE ANOTHER  
FLOOD, YET HIS ARK REFLEX REMAINED  
HEIGHTENED FOR YEARS TO COME