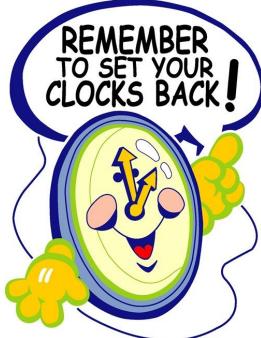


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CHURCH BUSINESS MEETINGS

Sunday, November 12 - 6:00 PM

First Reading of the 2018 Budget

Wednesday, November 15 - 6:00 PM

Second Reading of the 2018 Budget

Sunday, November 19 - 12:00 PM

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Due
November
15th

Pick up a shoebox and a brochure on how to pack your shoebox gift in the atrium. Included in the brochure is an envelope you can use to place a \$9 donation to cover shipping costs, or to make a donation to cover other expenses. Bring your filled box to the church no later than Wednesday, November 15th.



Cost: \$7.00 per adult;
\$4.00 per child
(age 12 and under)
Bring a canned food item
to kick-off the
White Christmas Food Drive!

Pick up a white bag and shopping list
in the atrium and start collecting items today.
White Christmas Program is December 10th!

Rev. Micah Spicer, Senior Pastor

I have been attempting to honor our heritage as Protestants for the past few Sundays. After all, as Baptists, we trace our origin to the Roman Catholic Church by way of the Church of England. The first church to claim a Baptist identity opened its doors in Amsterdam in 1608. Anglican trained priest, John Smyth, founded the congregation with his friend, John Helwys. I shall tell their story at another time.

As Baptists, we are a part of the larger story of Protestantism. As Protestants, we are currently celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Protestant churches trace the beginning of our movement to October 31, 1517. This was the day that German monk and religion professor, Martin Luther nailed his “95 Theses” to the church door in Wittenberg. After launching his objections regarding church theology and papal authority, the floodgates opened across the Holy Roman Empire. Other ministers and religion professors began to alter their teachings and the ways in which they conducted worship services. Kings and princes were persuaded to reject some of the religious traditions of the past as well.

By the 1520's, churches in Germany, Switzerland, and France had broken tradition with the Roman Catholic Church, even though they had not left the denomination. In 1529, a church council met in Speyer, Germany. This council decided to put a stop to any more church reforms, essentially banning the progress made by Martin Luther, Huldrych Zwingli, and other reformers. After the adjournment of the Council of Speyer, those who disagreed with the council's decision protested the ruling. Those protestors came to be known as the “Protestants.” That, my friends, is how we got our name!



The Annual Fall Festival was a great success! We fed 350 people hotdogs and chili and estimated 500 people attended the festival. Thanks to all who helped in any way to make this a safe and fun event for the TBC children and families of our community. If you brought candy, donated bakery items for the cake walk, worked a booth or help greet our visitors and supervise our children -THANK YOU! Please enjoy some of the photos taken during the event! A special thanks to Jennifer Spence as she helped me decorate for the festival.

The children are working on the Christmas musical that they will

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

perform on Sunday, December 10 at 3:00 p.m. At this time you will have an opportunity to hear the children present their Christmas music, offer food for the community baskets, and stay after for a time of fellowship and Christmas goodies! This is a special time for our church and the children. They look forward to sharing their music with you.

We have several children talking with John and me about their commitment to accept Jesus Christ as their personal savior and be baptized. We approach this time of salvation as the most important decision they will ever make. We spend time in prayer and discussion with the children and

their families to assure they are first **A-Admitting** that they are a sinner; **B-Believing** that Jesus is the Son of God, and **C-Confess** their sins to Christ and give their hearts and soul to serve and worship him forever.

We are thankful for the volunteers that work and teach the children. You have made differences in the lives of many children and guided them to know Jesus Christ as their Savior. It is the responsibility of the congregation to pray for the children as they realize the void in their lives that can only be filled by the love of Christ! Again, thank you for changing lives and for loving our children.



As a child I drank kerosene and almost died. While teetering on the verge of death, I had what I can only describe as a spiritual encounter. Of course, the skeptic in me wishes to say it was either the result of my brain being starved of oxygen, or the result of too much oxygen (I was in an oxygen tent for several days in a coma.) The vividness of the memory, however, makes me think it was much more. Which explanation is correct? Objectively, I don't know and will never know; but I'm alright with not knowing. The "not-knowing" of the experience has helped me become the person I am today. Because of it, I'm alive and see the preciousness of life, recognize the ignored, thirst for deeper

understanding, strive to get young people to take control of their lives, and am less-willing to think I know all the answers.

Like Jacob, who was left with a limp after wrestling with the turmoil of life, I have been forever changed, and continue to be changed by my own "wrestling" over how I should live my life, treat others, teach, and be taught. I continue to be surprised, have my eyes opened to new ways of understanding existence, amazed by the growth of the young adults I have the pleasure to spend time with on Sundays and Wednesdays, and humbled by the outpouring of support from our congregation.

Twenty-five years ago, if you had said I would be an interim Youth Minister, or that I would be ordained as a minister, I would've laughed and said you have me confused with



Court Lewis
Interim Youth Minister

someone else. Fifteen years ago, I wouldn't have even accepted a nomination to be Deacon, but as I prepare to be ordained on November 12, I can't help but think of how the betrayals I felt growing up in a "good Christian church" and "good Christian community" were the spiritual kerosene of my life. They almost killed me, but the experience of what the Ancient Hebrews called shalom, found only during the struggle of working with others to make the world a more kind, loving, and just place, brought me back to life.

So, whether you're 8, 15, 55, or 95, don't let the "kerosenes" of life kill you. Embrace who you are (your smallness, difference, strangeness, uniqueness), and use who you are to help cure others who have had too much poison in their lives.

Joe Bob Pierce, *Formations*

As I look at the church calendar, I notice that Sunday, November 19th holds some important events for us! That is the day of our annual church Thanksgiving Meal. The meal will be served at 5:00 p.m. that evening. The tickets for the meal cost \$7 for adults and \$4 for children.

Also, on that day, Third Baptist will host a matinee performance of "The Fantasticks." This musical is showing in our church over the weekend, beginning with a 7:30 p.m. performance on Friday, Nov. 17, continuing with a 7:30 p.m. performance on Saturday, Nov. 18, then the Sunday, November 19 show at 2:00 p.m. Several Third Baptist-ers have contributed to this production! David Roberson is the director, Emily Malone is the musical director, Shirley Overfield is the accompanist, Mary Miller is stage manager, Jim Wilhoite is the set designer/builder, and Will Stone and myself have parts in the show. (Tickets for the show are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. They can be ordered online at www.eventbrite.com or by calling 270-570-0999.)

Why not make November 19 your day to spend at Third Baptist? Come to morning worship at 10:45 a.m., then come see "The Fantasticks" at 2:00 p.m., followed by a delicious Thanksgiving meal and fellowship at 5:00 p.m. right after the show! We will enjoy a great day at Third on November 19th!



What's Happening

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

6:00 PM Encore! Musicals Rehearsal
6:00 PM OCTC Rehearsal

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

10:00 AM Senior Adult Fellowship
5:00 PM KYC Rehearsal
6:00 PM Encore! Musicals Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

5:00 PM Kids/Youth Meal
5:30 PM Missions & Music
6:00 PM Prayer Meeting
6:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

5:00 PM Community Meal
6:00 PM Encore! Musicals Rehearsals
7:00 PM "Messiah" Rehearsal

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

9:00 AM Atrium Social
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Morning Worship
Ministry Ordination-Court Lewis
12:00 PM Stewardship Finance Meeting
5:00 PM Deacons Meeting
6:00 PM Business Meeting
First Reading of 2018 Budget

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

6:00 PM Encore! Musicals Rehearsals
7:00 PM OCTC Rehearsal

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

5:00 PM KYC Rehearsal
6:00 PM Encore! Musicals Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

8:30 AM Step Aerobics
5:00 PM Kids/Youth Meal
5:30 PM Missions & Music
6:00 PM Called Business Meeting
Second Reading of 2018 Budget
6:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal
7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Senior Adult Trip to Grand Rivers, KY
5:00 PM Community Meal
6:00 PM Encore! Musicals Rehearsals

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

7:30 PM "The Fantasticks"

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

7:30 PM "The Fantasticks"

Sunday, November 19

12:00 PM Vote on 2018 Budget
2:00 PM "The Fantasticks"
5:00 PM Thanksgiving Meal

THIRD BAPTIST CHURCH 2018 Budget Subscription Card

DID YOU REMEMBER TO TURN IN YOUR CARD?
IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

SYMPATHY

The Church expresses its deepest love and sympathy to:

Jennifer Spence and her family in the loss of uncle;
the family of E.T. Kizer who passed away October 24, 2017.

MEMORIALS

Contributions to the Church have been received...

in memory of Jim Gordon

by Mrs. Nancy Baggett, Mrs. Marjorie Morgan

in memory of Corlean Hammond

by Mrs. June Coons, Mrs. Jean Lampkin, Lee & Bettie Kincaid, Mr. & Mrs. James Shaw, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Yaun, Mrs. Margaret Walton and family, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Hartz, Ann Curtis, Bobby Wilcher, Tony Colligen, and the TBC Vota Vita Class.



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DEACON INFORMATION

November 5

Elaine Williams, Cherri Lolley

Hope and Harvest Team

Elaine Williams, Court Lewis

November 12

Cissy Bishop, Debby Smith

Hope and Harvest Team

Larry Catron, Lee Kincaid

PRESCHOOL PRAISE

November 5

John & Jan Lampkin

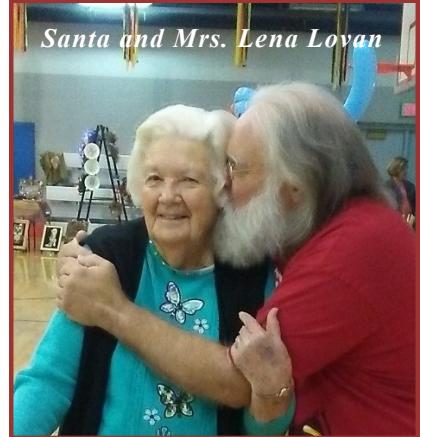
November 12

Cissy Bishop, Jennifer Spence

atrium social

November 5: Another Look

November 12: New Millennium



Jenny and Karen want to thank everyone who helped with the QUILT DISPLAY AND CRAFT FAIR and helping this second year end on a high note! We not only had some beautiful quilts displayed, but some wonderful and unique craft booths!

Also, we could not have asked for a better addition than MR. and MRS. CLAUS!