

***THE* FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

ILLUMINATOR

"Ye are the LIGHT of the world." Matthew 5:14

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Discovering the God of the Universe

JUNE 11 – 15

6:00 – 8:30 P.M.

CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

BIBLE VERSE

"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For everything was created by Him, in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him."

Colossians 1:15-16

MOTTO

Searching the Visible, Discovering the Invisible

You can register on line at www.whitesburgbc.org

FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL starts this Sunday night. Should you even bother to come? All we'll be talking about is God. What! God? You mean the architect of the universe and the breath all life that is in it? Yes, that's the God. VBS this year is about the Creator God. **Galactic Starveyors**, it is called. But, maybe you can think of something better to be doing next week than talking about God's creative work. Better than God???

Listen, in Genesis 1:3, God said, "*let there be light, and there was light*". Do you know how fast light travels? 186,282.4 miles per second to be exact. Now that's per second, not per hour. I have traveled myself at more than 500 miles per hour – and I don't mean in my car! In a plane. Is that fast? Well, let's figure up how fast light travels per hour. Hold on now! 670,000,000 (million) miles per hour. See all those zeroes? That's why I like to study about God. Amazing, isn't He?

In that one second flash, light can travel around the entire earth – seven times. I'd like to see my legs move that fast. I'd take a vacation to the moon. It's only 240,000 miles away. If I could travel the speed of light it would take me all of one and one third second to get there. A light year is how fast light travels in a year. Get out your calculators now, please. You could travel on a light beam 6,000,000,000,000 (six trillion) miles in a single year. At that speed you could arrive at the closest star to our solar system, Proxima Centauri, in 4.3 years. Of course, on a commercial airline, it would take us six million years.

See what I mean? God is great. His creation is mind staggering. But even greater than that is His wonderful love for us. Try to grasp that! God loves you!!! Yes, I'll be in Bible school. How could I miss it when we are studying someone so great – God? Send the kids, the whole family, and you. I will be leading a class for adults and anyone else who wants to come.

Book your flight today and get to church by Sunday night at six o'clock. We are located on the earth and it won't take you long to get here, even at thirty miles an hour. You see, we are located millions of years closer than the nearest star. And I can't think of anything better you could be doing.

Bro. Tony

Tony.Brown@whitesburgfbc.org

DEACON SUGGESTION BOX

All male church members over the age of 21 years, who have been a member for at least one (1) year, are eligible for nomination. There is a suggestion box in the foyer of the church. All nominations must be submitted by Sunday, June 18.

ORDAINED DEACONS

Larry Adams	Danny Caudill	Larry Everidge	Dennis Wayne Fleming
Fred Hall	Mike Harris	Clyde Hogg, Jr.	Jerry Ingram
Kendall Ison	Arthur Jackson	Myrel Short	Mike Watts

DEACON EMERITUS

J. W. Combs	George Kincer	Steven C. Sexton
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WATCHARE

Albert Ison

FAITH AND THE FAMILY

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the herald, who proclaims peace, who brings news of good things, who proclaims salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns!"

Summertime brings many mission groups to these mountains. This summer our church will be hosting three different mission teams. The first group, preteens from First Baptist New Orleans, are on their way to Kentucky as I am writing this article. While here, the group will paint fences at the Stables at Creekside Glen, handout FBS flyers, and help decorate for VBS. A special thank you to Philip & Julie Bentley for allowing half of the group to stay in their home.

On Father's Day, a youth group from First Evangelical Free Church (out of Illinois) will be staying at the church for a week and will be doing numerous projects around the area. In the evenings they will be conducting VBS at Cody Bible Church in Knott County, and during the morning and afternoon they will be helping with repairs around our church, collecting food for the Letcher County Food Pantry, and home repairs. On June 18th, 6:00-8:00 P.M. at the City Pool, they will be having a pool party for their group and our youth and Ignite group is invited to participate. Please be sure to take some time to meet this group and offer words of encouragement.

The third group that we will be hosting is the youth from Highlands Baptist Church in Ocala, Florida. This is the church that we have been partnering with for our mission trips to Florida (this year will be our third trip there). This group will be with July 3rd-7th, and I am sure they will be taking part in many projects around the county. Again, be sure to say hello to this group and encourage them as they serve.

Thirty-one of us are scheduled to go on the Florida mission trip that begins on June 24th. Please be in prayer for us as we will be working with children, senior adults, the homeless population, and possibly victims of domestic violence. Pray specifically that we will not be able to keep our mouths closed and will continuously share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Thank you for allowing us to serve in this way.

In Christ,
Jeremy
2 Timothy 1:6-7

UPCOMING CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Friday, August 4th, K-4th Grade Trip to Jenny Wiley Theatre in Pikeville to see *"Into the Woods, Jr."*
Sign-up by July 6th by contacting Jeremy, we have to pre-order tickets. Cost is \$7 for kids and \$10 for adults.



THE MAIN EVENT

Men's Conference in Greenville, SC hosted by Lifeway on August 18-19. Cost will be approximately \$140 per person (based off of double occupancy lodging) and for those 18 and younger will be approximately \$100.00. If interested, contact Jeremy Horn or the church office.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL STAFF

DIRECTOR: Carol Brown

NURSERY

Liz Sergent, Linda Setzer, Phyllis Ingram

3 & 4 YEAR OLDS

Sharon Short, Glenna Harris, Bill Wilson
Brandy Wilson

5 YEAR OLD (not been to kindergarten)

Phillip & Beth Little, Elisa Cook

KINDERGARTEN

Josh & Rhonda Triplett, Allison Combs

PRESCHOOL HELPER

Stephanie Hurst

PRESCHOOL CRAFTS

Wendy Little, Earlene W. Cornett, Luke Little, Sam Little

PRESCHOOL MUSIC

Mitzi Kincer, Shelia Meade

PRESCHOOL RECREATION

Angie Horn

PRESCHOOL MISSIONS

Calviston & Becca Cook

1ST GRADE

Jeremy Horn, Linda Bentley, Paula Day

2ND GRADE

Viva Anderson, Missy Caudill, Pam Pratt

3RD GRADE

Shaun & Veronica Mynster

4TH GRADE

Saranell Caudill, Margaret Fisher

5TH – 6TH GRADES

Donna & Wayne Fleming

CHILDREN'S HELPERS

Rhuelena Ison, Tracie Day

YOUTH

Regina Brown, Philip Bentley,
Julie Bentley, Tagan Cox

ADULTS

Rev. Tony Brown

CRAFTS

Tessa Caudill, Tammy Fugate,
Brenda Stone, Beth Hall
Shelia Meade

RECREATION

Mike Watts, Charles Hall, Curtis Cox

REFRESHMENTS

Laura Whitaker, Deanna Hipps, Myrel Short,
Albert Ison, Lee Combs

TRANSPORTATION

Gerald Hacker, Mike Watts, Robert Lewis,
Charles Hall, Fred Hall, Tommy Stansberry



**THERE WILL BE A BRIEF VBS MEETING
ON SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING MORNING WORSHIP IN
THE SANCTUARY.**

MUSIC NOTES

"You shall no longer be termed Forsaken, Nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate; But you shall be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; For the LORD delights in you, And your land shall be married." Isaiah 62:4

This past Sunday Tommy poured his heart out to us as he sang *Beulah Land* and you could tell the song had a very special meaning for him. Every time I hear the song *Beulah Land* I always wonder what it means. I have heard it sang many times and many people dearly love the song. So I decided to do a little researching.

The song *Beulah Land* refers to the scripture passage Isaiah 62:4. This passage speaks of the return of the Israelites from exile in Babylon in which they shall no longer be called Forsaken, but be called Hephzibah (My Delight Is In Her), and Jerusalem shall no longer be called Desolate, but Beulah (Married).

It was in 1876 that Edgar P. Stites wrote "*Beulah Land*". One Sunday he could write only two verses and the chorus, when he was overcome with emotion and fell on his face. On the following Sunday he wrote the third and fourth verses and again he was so influenced by emotion that he could only pray and weep. As usual the original version is very different from what we sing today, so I thought I would share it with you. I think it does a pretty good job of explaining what *Beulah Land* is:

*I've reach the land of corn and wine,
And all its riches freely mine;
Here shines undimmed one blissful day,
For all my night has passed away.*

*O Beulah Land, sweet Beulah Land,
As on thy highest mount I stand,
I look away across the sea,
Where mansions are prepared for me,
And view the shining glory shore,
My Heav'n, my home forever more!*

*My Savior comes and walks with me,
And sweet communion here have we;
He gently leads me by His hand,
For this is Heaven's border land.*

*A sweet perfume upon the breeze,
Is borne from ever vernal trees,
And flow'rs, that never fading grow
Where streams of life forever flow.*

*The zephyrs seem to float to me,
Sweet sounds to heaven's melody,
As angels with the white robed throng
Join in the sweet redemption song.*

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

"And the King will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" Matthew 25:40

Summer is an exciting time for our church and especially for your children and youth. Sunday night begins our Vacation Bible School and our theme this year is ***Galactic Starveyors***. We start in the sanctuary each night with an opening session. We begin at 6:30 every night and end by 8:00. If you are reading this, it is not too late to come out and join us for VBS and when you do, bring a friend! We have classes for all ages including adults. After opening session, our youth will go to the third floor youth room for our Bible study each night and then we will end our night with crafts, snacks, and our yearly Wiffle ball competition. Youth come out and join us!

Our Mission Team leaves for Ocala, Florida on June 24th. We will be returning to Camp Sozo again this year to teach VBS. Camp Sozo is located in the Silver Springs area of Marion County in the forest. Many of the kids that attend Camp Sozo live in the forest in very poor housing or tents. Over the last two summers our youth have developed deep relationships with the kids and staff at Camp Sozo and they cannot wait to go back and see everyone. We are collecting items again for backpacks to give to the kids at Camp Sozo. We sure could use some help and donations putting these together. We need school supplies, toiletry items, Nabs/snacks, and backpacks/sling bags. If you would like to donate items for the bags or put one together, we would greatly appreciate it. We need about 25 bags.

We are returning to Interfaith Ministry to work in their food pantry cleaning and organizing it, wash all their service trucks and vans, and conduct a worship service in the park. This year we will be working with Arnette House which is a homeless shelter for youth ages 10-17. We will be conducting a worship service, teaching crafts, and playing basketball with the youth in the shelter. The director basically wants our youth to be positive role model for the residents in the facility. We will also be conducting worship services at Highlands Baptist, and for the Ocala Senior Citizens' centers. Please be in prayer for our team as we prepare not only materials and supplies but our hearts for our mission trip.

SUNDAY MORNING SNACKS

JUNE 11

Shaun Mynster, Linda Bentley

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE 9

Movie/Pizza Night

We will leave the church parking at 4:30.

Bring money for pizza and movie

JUNE 11 – 15

VBS – 6:00-8:30 P.M.

JUNE 24 – JULY 1

Ocala Mission Trip

MEMORIAL GIFTS

UNIFIED BUDGET

TED & BRENDA COOK
In Memory Of
NEAL HOWARD



- June 11: Sally Caudill
13: Jeremy Horn, Joshua Triplett,
Brandy Wilson, Kristen Yost
14: Nate Cook
15: Brian Lucas
16: Pat Yinger
17: Brady Robeson
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REMINDER: All filled baby bottles must be turned into the church by Sunday, June 18th. All monies goes to APPALACHIAN PREGNANCY CARE CENTER in Pikeville. There is a basket in the foyer of the church for your bottles.

NEW TIME FOR ALIVE TODAY PROGRAM

**Beginning June 12, ALIVE TODAY will
be broadcast at 9:15 A.M. on
WTCW/WXJQ 103.9.**

EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS

June 11

Linda Setzer, Tricia Lewis

June 18

April Ramirez

PRESCHOOL WORSHIP

June 11

Lee Adams

June 18

Allison Combs

CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS

June 11

Amanda & Byron Thomas

June 18

Saranell Caudill, Margaret Fisher,
Rita Broome



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

Flag Day is a time to respect the flag which flies over the United States to remind us that we are one nation, a nation under God; to reminds us that we are a nation that is indivisible; and to remind us each day of those who fought to protect all who live within this nation.

LAST SUNDAY'S STATISTICS

Sunday School -----106
 Adults -- 55
 Youth -- 21
 Children -- 26
 Preschool -- 4
Morning Worship ----- 168

SPECIAL MINISTRIES

Housing Authority ----- 4
Letcher Manor -----
AWANA / IGNITE
 Children: Adults:
 Youth: Adults:

ADDITIONS TO DATE

(September – August)

By Baptism ----- 3
By Letter ----- 2
By Statement ----- 1
TOTAL ADDITIONS ----- 6

TOTAL RECEIPTS

Budget Receipts ----- \$ 5,945.00
Budget Requirement ----- \$ 7,171.00
Family Life Center ----- \$ 100.00
Designated ----- \$ 53.00
Budget Required to Date ----- \$164,933.00
Budget to Date ----- \$153,894.01

FAMILY LIFE CENTER

TOTAL NEEDED – PHASE 2

\$500,000.00

GIVEN TO DATE

\$420,142.00

NEEDED

\$79,758.00

DEACONS MEETING

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 7:30 A.M.

FATHER'S DAY

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

DEACON OF THE WEEK

June 11 - 17

DANNY CAUDILL