

*THE* FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

# *ILLUMINATOR*

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

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## **ELIZA BROADUS STATE MISSIONS OFFERING**

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*"Rise up and shine, for your light has come. The shining greatness of the Lord has risen upon you. For see, darkness will cover the earth. Much darkness will cover the people. But the Lord will rise upon you, and His shining greatness will be seen upon you. Nations will come to your light and kings will see the shining greatness of the Lord on you. (Isaiah 60:1-3, NLV)*

Do you recall as a child, singing the chorus *Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory* followed with numerous lines about how to give God the glory. It is fun to sing and instills in children (and adults) the urge to rise and shine!

Isaiah 60:1a tells us to *Rise up and shine, for your light has come*. We live among people in Kentucky who have come from nations that do not know about the Light of the World, Jesus. Some have experienced hopelessness. They have come to find a new life. They may want a better education. Some have fled from devastating situations. Hopelessness is a common description of those that do not know where to go, who to turn to, or where it is safe. For many, their circumstances never seem to change. The power of the light that we as Christians radiate sends a powerful message of HOPE to internationals in our state. The light comes from God as He shines through His followers.

The annual state missions emphasis is an opportunity for everyone to learn about ministries in Kentucky that are sharing Christ. Pray about how you and your family can be a part of this ministry opportunity.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

On Sunday morning, I will wrap up our series from Mark 4 on discipleship. We will look at the role of faith – the value of trusting Christ in all circumstances of life, even in the storms. A couple of other happenings I also want to tell you about – both on this Sunday night...

**FIRST**, I want to meet with anyone interested in the new discipleship group I will be starting this fall. Just a few minutes – at 5:30 P.M. before church starts – in the sanctuary. I want to get everyone's input on the best date, time, and location. If you are not able to attend, but might want to be a part of our fall discipleship group, just call me or the church office and let me know.

**SECOND**, we will show a wonderful film this Sunday night at 6:00 P.M. in the sanctuary. It is about the life of Corrie Ten Boon who gave refuge to Jews during the Nazi domination of Holland, and herself, became a prisoner. I was blessed to visit her home last year in Amsterdam. The testimony of her ministry and suffering is worth coming on Sunday night. The movie is only one hour long, but it is filled with spiritual and life lessons that benefit all believers.

Hope to see you Sunday morning and evening as we worship the risen Savior. I'll be looking for you.

**Bro. Tony**

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## TELL SOMEONE

**By Greg Laurie**

Jesus said, *"Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone"* (Mark 16:15). But most of us are either scared to or feel like we don't know how to share the gospel. It's been said that one thing Christians and non-Christians have in common is that we're all uptight about evangelism. Statistics show that the overwhelming majority of Christians have never led someone to faith in Jesus. If the gospel is such good news, why don't we share it?

Evangelism has become overcomplicated. The gospel isn't a formula, program, or sales pitch. It's not about winning an argument. It's about winning a soul. Evangelism is simply telling two stories: yours and Jesus'. And everyone loves stories. You can do this!

Greg Laurie, one of the nation's most prominent pastors and evangelists, will help you discover the joy of evangelism as the good news of Jesus naturally overflows into your daily life.

Larry Adams will be leading a six-week Bible study on evangelism beginning on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 P.M., in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

# FAITH AND FAMILY

"...whoever wants to become great among you will be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you will be a slave to all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:43b-45

Our Ignite group, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders, will have an opportunity to serve others this coming Sunday (September 10) at 6:00 P.M. This group will spend time putting backpacks together for our backpack ministry. The backpack ministry provides some area students with bags of good so they will have food to eat over the weekend. All 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to join us in this service project and we hope to help with it on a regular basis.

Ignite has some other special activities scheduled as well, including:

Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. – Game Night at the church  
Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. – Hayride at Jerry & Phyllis Ingram’s house  
Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 P.M. – Gift Exchange and trip to Jenny Wiley Theatre to see “A Christmas Carol”

If you have any questions about these activities, please reach out to me. As always, all 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome to participate in these activities. As a reminder, Ignite meets every Sunday at 9:45 A.M. for Sunday School and 6:00 P.M. for creative arts and serve projects, and on Wednesdays at 6:30 P.M. for dinner, fellowship and Bible study.

In Christ,  
**Jeremy**  
2 Timothy 1:6-7

## CHILDREN’S CHOIR STARTS THIS SUNDAY!

Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. in the Choir Room  
Practice will begin for Children’s Christmas musical, “Star of Wonder”.  
All Pre-K through 4<sup>th</sup> graders are encouraged to participate.



This is one of the most active ministries of our church. Therefore, we are revising our prayer chains. If you are presently participating on any of the prayer chains (day, night, text, e-mail) and wish to remain or to be taken off, please contact our Prayer Chairman, Cheryl Hall (633-0416) or the church office (633-2277) by September 17<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like to participate in this ministry, please contact Cheryl Hall or the church office.

Once we have revised the prayer chains, a copy will be posted in The Illuminator.



This weekend our Children, Youth and Adult Choirs begin preparing music and dramas for Christmas. This is absolutely the best time to be a part of the excitement and contribute to sharing the Good News of our Savior's birth.

Please bring your sons and daughters to children's practice on Sunday evenings at 6:00 P.M. in the choir room. Let them invite their friends, offer to bring them.

Parents, bring or send your middle and high school youth to the third floor on Sunday evenings at 6:00 P.M. as we prepare music, skits, dramas, interpretive movement and puppets for our Christmas variety show. Let them invite friends, and offer to bring them.

Adults!! We need you!! Please come out to practice starting this Sunday. You do not need to be a music expert, just have a yearning to sing. We would love to have you. Men, we need you desperately. Please pray about coming and being a part of this great ministry.

This year we will be doing an actual play with the Adult Cantata. We need actors and actresses that will be committed to weekly practices. This is a great ministry opportunity and a way to share the Good News through drama.

The choir will be having a big practice session and fellowship at the home of Jerry & Phyllis Ingram the first part of October. We will announce the date/time in a couple of week – so be ready, it will be a great time of singing and fellowship.

## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION SCHEDULE

December 3 – Catalyst Christmas Variety Show – 6:00 P.M.

December 10 – *Star of Wonder* – Children's Play and Musical – 6:00 P.M.  
Church-wide Christmas Fellowship

December 17 – *Sing Gloria* Play and Cantata – 6:00 P.M.

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## ADVANTAGES OF JOINING THE CHOIR

You have excellent seats and are assured a reserved seat for Christmas and Easter.

From your advantageous seat, you can smile at, gawk at, ignore and otherwise enjoy the rest of the people in the congregation.

The pastor is nearly always looking the other way.

You're in a wonderful spot to see new members.

The cost for all of these benefits – just one evening a week.

Oh, yes, one more reason to join the choir: you're a leader in the worship experience.

## ***YOUTH HAPPENINGS***

*"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."* Genesis 3:15

On September 13, we will resume our in-depth Bible study in the book of Genesis. Invite your friends, bring them with you. Meet us at 6:30 in the Fellowship Hall for a light dinner and then we will move to the third floor for Bible study.

You may now sign-up to attend Crowder Concert on November 16 – if we have ten or more going, the ticket cost will be \$15, but if less than ten, the cost will be \$20. Money is due in advance so tickets can be purchased.

You may also now sign-up for Winter Xtreme. When you sign up, a \$25 deposit is due. If you sign up and pay for deposit by October 8, you will get \$5 off your registration. The cost this year is \$120, which includes room and conference admission.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL SNACKS**

*September 10*

*Linda Bentley, Shaun Mynster*

### **FALL 2017 YOUTH CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

September 16 – Game Night – 6:00 P.M.

September 30 – Movie Trip – Location and time to be announced

October 7 – Lamplight Theater Kingsport – Mortality Room \$8 Admission – Play starts t 6:30

October 20 – Bonfire after the Football Game

November 3 – LOCK-IN – 8:00 P.M. – 7:00 A.M.

November 15 – Instead of Youth Bible Study we will be helping with Operation  
Christmas Child

November 16 – Crowder American Prodigal Tour – UVA Wise, \$20

November 19 – Church-wide Thanksgiving Dinner

November 22 – Thanksgiving Break – No Bible study

December 3 – Youth Christmas Variety Show

December 20 – Christmas Caroling at Food City

December 27 – No Bible Study

December 29-31 – Winter Xtreme - \$120

We will also plan oi attending *Star Wars The Last Jedi*

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A six-year-old and his grandma went for a walk one autumn day. "Look at the gorgeous leaves!" Grandma exclaimed. "Just think, God paind each one of them for us!" Her grandson said, "Yep, and he did it left-handed." Perplexed, Grandma asked, "Why do you think God used his left hand to create all this beauty?" The little boy said matter-of-factly, "Because we learned in Sunday School that Jesus sits on God's right one."



**Monday, September 11, 6:00 P.M.  
Church Fellowship Hall**

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- Sept. 10: Michelle Stone
- 11: Kayla Banks
- 13: Isaac Bell, Katey Mynster
- 15: Glenda Sexton

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### **BIBLE HUMOR**

We take Scripture seriously, of course, but God also gave us the ability to laugh – and it’s healthy to do so! Enjoy these Bible-based riddles:

Q: Who was the fastest runner in the Bible?  
A: Adam. He was first in the human race.

Q: Where is baseball played in the Bible?  
A: Genesis 1:1 reads “In the big inning.” Then Eve stole first, and Adam stole second. Cain struck out Abel, and soon everything was rained out.

Q: Who was the first financier in the Bible?  
A: Pharaoh’s daughter. She went to the Nile bank and pulled out a little prophet.

Q: What was Boaz like before he got married?  
A: Ruthless.

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After a worship service, a pastor was greeting people at the front door. A woman shook his hand vigorously and said, “That was a very helpful sermon. You know, you ought to have your sermons put in a book.”

“Thank you!” answered the pastor. “Maybe my wife will have some of them published after I’m dead.” The elderly saint responded, “Well, the sooner the better.”

Don’t forget you still can participate in the Christmas Backpack Project. We are asked to provide zippered backpacks containing:

Underclothes – socks

Toys (small cars, dolls, balls, stuffed animals, toy jewelry, sidewalk chalk, Slinky, etc.)

Non-perishable food items

Cheese and/or peanut butter crackers, single-serving macaroni and cheese or pasta cups, fruit cups, granola bars, pop-top entrees such as chili, beef stew, lasagna

Optional items:

School supplies  
Hygiene items  
Hard candy

Each backpack will also include a copy of the Christmas story leaflet and a Mailbox Bible Club postcard.

Backpacks need to be turned in no later than October 16<sup>th</sup>. For more information, contact the church office or Carol Brown, WMU Director.

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### **STEWARDSHIP TEAM MEETING**

**Monday, Sept. 11, 6:00 P.M.**

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### **DEACONS MEETING**

**Saturday, September 16, 7:30 A.M.**



## **UNIFIED BUDGET**

ELLIS CAUDILL  
In Memory Of  
VERA RALEIGH CAUDILL

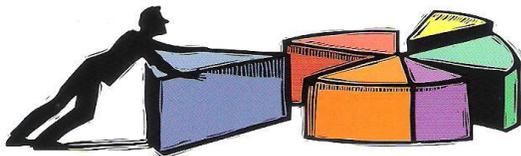
GEORGE & BETTY KINCER  
In Memory Of  
VERA RALEIGH CAUDILL  
OMA HATTON  
SHIRLEY COLLINS  
CLIFTON MCBEE

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The FBC staff and church family extends love and sympathy to EARLENE WILLIAMS CORNETT, GLENNA HARRIS and families in the death of their cousin, MARLENE CAUDILL; and to ELLIS CAUDILL and family in the death of his sister-in-law, VERA RALEIGH CAUDILL.

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## **Submit Your Budget Requests**

### **IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!**

The Stewardship Team is requesting that ALL budget requests for 2018 be submitted to the church office no later than September 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS**

**Sept. 10**  
Julie Bentley, Tiny Caudill

**Sept. 17**  
Pam Pratt, Holly Caudill

## **PRESCHOOL WORSHIP**

**Sept. 10**  
Elisa Cook

**Sept. 17**  
Becca & Calviston Cook

## **CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS**

**Sept. 10**  
Donna & Mike Watts, Eleanor Caudill

**Sept. 17**  
Angie Horn, Tracie Day, Kathy Perry

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The worshiper who sings ... drinks more deeply of the message of the hymns. The gospel as found in our hymns is the same as that in the Scriptures.

The worshiper who sings ... becomes more involved in the service; less of a spectator and more of a participant.

The worshiper who sings ... draws more closely to those who worship with him.

The worshiper who sings ... expresses faith by lifting his or her voice in praise to God.

The worshiper who sings ... upholds the service, making it finer and richer for fellow worshipers, the pastor, the church and God.

## LAST SUNDAY'S STATISTICS

Sunday School -----	113
Adults -- 66	
Youth -- 18	
Children -- 22	
Preschool -- 7	
Morning Worship -----	183

## SPECIAL MINISTRIES

Housing Authority -----	5
Letcher Manor -----	24
AWANA/IGNITE/YOUTH -----	133
Children: 96      Adults: 37	

## ADDITIONS TO DATE

(September – August)

By Baptism -----	
By Letter -----	
By Statement -----	
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONS -----</b>	

## TOTAL RECEIPTS

Budget Receipts -----	\$ 9,249.00
Budget Requirement -----	\$ 7,171.00
Family Life Center -----	\$ 495.00
Designated -----	\$ 113.00
State Missions -----	\$ 55.00
Budget Required to Date -----	\$255,156.00
Budget to Date -----	\$231,927.21

## IN THE HOSPITAL

ELLIE HUTCHINGS, Kosair Children's  
ROBBIE CAMPBELL, Hazard ARH

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## FAMILY LIFE CENTER

### TOTAL NEEDED – PHASE 2

\$500,000.00

### GIVEN TO DATE

\$424,957.00

### NEEDED

\$75,043.00

## DEACON OF THE WEEK

September 10 – 16

MIKE HARRIS