

*THE* FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

# *ILLUMINATOR*

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

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*HIGH ATTENDANCE DAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL*

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8**

**GOAL: 150**

**Potluck Dinner immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall.**

**Meat & Drinks provided – bring a covered dish and join us.**

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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8**

## FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

Starting this Sunday morning, I will preach a series on people in the Bible who chose to "Run Away". We will look at the situations from which they chose to run, their emotional and spiritual struggles, and why they ran away when they did. The goal of this series is how to become a spiritually healthy Christian and discover the pathway to spiritual health through Jesus Christ.

Remember our high attendance school emphasis on October 8<sup>th</sup>, followed by a recognition and celebration dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Invite friends and family and those in your everyday circles of relationships to come to Sunday School and worship. Ask people if they know Jesus and tell them the difference Jesus has made in your life.

**Bro. Tony**

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### **THREE FORKS ASSOCIATION 116<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FALL MEETING**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 16**

**WHITESBURG FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Dinner – 6:00 P.M.**

**Meeting – 7:00 P.M.**



### **ELIZA BROADUS STATE MISSIONS OFFERING**

**CHURCH GOAL ----- \$600.00**

**GIVEN TO DATE ----- \$450.00**

# FAITH AND FAMILY

"Now as we have many parts in one body, and all the parts do not have the same function, in the same way we who are many are one body in Christ and individually members of one another. According to the grace given to us, we have different gifts..." Romans 12:5-6a

I am so excited to announce that we will be launching a new ministry in the church before the end of 2017! The new ministry is called *Serving to Grow* and it will be used to help in the discipleship process through the identification and exploration of spiritual gifts, talents, skills, and personal experiences. A *Serving to Grow* mentor will partner with persons who wish to take part in the process and help the person to understand their giftedness, identify small groups they can participate in, and explore ministry opportunities that seem to be a good fit.

*Serving to Grow* will be open to all members of our church, including new Christians, and the process can be as time-limited as the member desires. We hope to provide new member classes or orientation through this ministry as well. Spiritual gifts tests will be available for anyone who wishes to take one, and will be available in on-line and print formats with adult and youth versions.

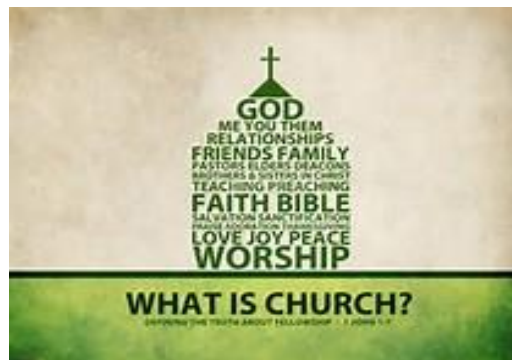
Be looking for more information about *Serving to Grow* in the near future. In the meantime, if you would like to go ahead and take the spiritual gifts test, just let me know and I will be happy to give you access to it. Please be in prayer for this ministry as we identify and train mentors.

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

## UPCOMING IGNITE (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade) ACTIVITIES

**Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 P.M.** – Game Night at the Church

**Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 P.M.** – Hayride at the home of Jerry & Phyllis Ingram  
(Meet us there or be at the church by 6 P.M. to ride a van)





*"Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coins? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows." Matthew 10:29-31*

One of the things I love the most is when I can watch the different types of birds and animals that God has created. It is not uncommon for me to look for flocks of turkey while driving across the mountain, or to sneak out on my porch in the evening to see all the deer in my bottom. A couple of years ago I placed a bird feeder on my back porch so that I could watch the birds from my kitchen window. This Sunday, I observed two cardinals landing on my bannister. The male cardinal flew up to the feeder, grabbed a bite of food and then flew down to the female cardinal and fed her. The bird did this several times and then both flew off my porch to a tree nearby.

I was fascinated by this and started doing a little research to find that male birds often feed female birds after they have hatched babies. The male bird does so because the female bird is tired from caring for her young and in need of a helping hand. Matthew 6:26 says, *"Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"*

Often, we have very bad days and feel like that female cardinal, worn down and in need of someone to feed and care for us. We can rest assured that His eye is on us, that when we are tired, downtrodden, even ready to quit, He is there to stretch His hand down and "feed" us.

*Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come  
Why should my heart feel lonely and long for Heaven and home  
When Jesus is my portion, a constant friend is He  
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches over me  
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me.*

## **SCHEDULE**

- October 28 – Choir Practice and Fellowship, 5:00 P.M.  
at the home of Jerry & Phyllis Ingram
- December 3 – Youth 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.



*"If it is unacceptable in your sight to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you live; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." Joshua 24:15*

It appears that our country has been spending a great deal of time debating about standing or kneeling. Social media has been buzzing with tweets and posts expressing their opinions on each side of the debate. In a couple of weeks, there will be another heated debate and once again media will work overtime to fan the flames of each group involved. One of the biggest problems with all of this is that our youth and children get to see and read all this and by nature are affected by it.

I love children's songs and camp songs. They are usually very simple and repetitive so that children can easily learn them and learn the message within the song. One that has been on my heart during this latest controversy is *"Leaning on the Lord's Side"*. The song asks some very simple questions, and then immediately answers them for the listener. *"Who's side are you leaning on? I'm leaning on the Lord's side."* The song has additional verses that ask *"Who's side are you clapping on, hopping on, shouting on, and whispering on?"*

Joshua was faced with a very similar situation with the Israelites and like this children's song, he challenged the Israelites to choose who they would serve; he then answered them by letting them know he and his house would serve the Lord. The message we need to be conveying to our children and youth is the same one Joshua conveyed long ago. *"Who's side are you leaning on? I'm leaning on the Lord's side."* As the weeks ahead become more and more confused with social debated, set an example for those around us. Let's show everyone *"Who's side we are leaning on, and that we are leaning on the Lord's side"*.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL SNACKS**

*October 1*

*Amy Craft, Jeremy Horn*

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

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

October 27 – 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 on attending *Star Wars the Last Jedi*



## HIGH ATTENDANCE DAY SET FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL

Praise the Lord, our Sunday School Program is growing and our workers all need to be commended for their faithful service and efforts in helping to make this happen. We especially want to offer praise for two new classes that have started just this year and are off to a great start. This is Fred & Cheryl Hall's class for mixed adults who were not in a Sunday School class, and Calviston & Rebecca Cook's class for young adults.

We want to keep spiraling upward, and Sunday, **October 8<sup>th</sup>** is designated as **High Attendance Sunday**. The goal for this day is 150. We can reach the goal if we all pitch in and do our part, which would be to at least bring one more. Granted, coming one Sunday may not be the ultimate goal, but it could plant the seed that would bring the visitors back to church.

Also, on this day we will be having a Potluck Meal which we could view as a "Dinner-on-the-Ground". It's fall and visions of past church dinners with chicken & dumplings, fall beans, sweet potatoes, stack cake and such come to mind. But of course, our members always bring out the best dishes possible and it will create even more visions. Meat and drinks will be provided by the church. I hope you will bring your special dish.

During the meal, awards will be present and we will also be observing *Pastor Appreciation Day*. If you have questions, please call Kendall Ison at 633-9831 or Jeremy Horn at 633-2277.

As many of you know, our church is participating with Kentucky WMU in the Christmas Backpack Project. We have committed to provide 25 filled backpacks for distribution to children living in poverty in Kentucky and Cincinnati at evangelistic events. We have 14 filled (with a promise of four or more coming soon) and some extra items for additional backpacks.

If anyone would like to participate in this project, the following items are needed:

- Empty backpacks for older children
- Underclothes for old children
- Non-perishable food items
- Toys (small enough to fit in a backpack)

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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## WMU MEETING

Monday, October 2, 6:00 P.M.  
Church Fellowship Hall

In Loving Memory Of

***BERTHA HELEN GRIFFIE DAY***

November 20, 1939-September 24, 2017

**FILL THEM WITH**



It's that time of year again to start thinking about **SHOEBOXES!!!** For the month of September, we will be collecting: crayons, colored pencils, markers, loose paper, glue sticks and scissors.

Shoeboxes are filled with toys, personal hygiene products, school supplies and religious materials telling the story of The Greatest Gift Ever Given – Jesus Christ.

Last year the Whitesburg First Baptist Church donated over 400 shoeboxes and was a part of one of the largest collection in southeast Kentucky and southwest Virginia with close to 9,000 shoeboxes collected. That would not have been possible without the generous donations of our people.

If you want to be a part of the 2017 Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project, please see Lee Adams or email her at [Lee.Adams@uky.edu](mailto:Lee.Adams@uky.edu) or call her at 606-634-5698. If you would like to donate money, you may write the check to Whitesburg First Baptist Church and write *Shoeboxes* in the memo line.

Thanks for supporting the Shoebox Ministry and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with millions of children all over the world.

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*With Deepest  
Sympathy*

The FBC staff and church family extends love and sympathy to the family of BERTHA HELEN GRIFFIE DAY.

## EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS

**Oct. 1**

Linda Setzer, Tricia Lewis

**Oct. 8**

April Ramirez

## PRESCHOOL WORSHIP

**Oct. 1**

Allison Combs Huff

**Oct. 8**

Deanna Higgs

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS

**Oct. 1**

Amanda & Byron Thomas

**Oct. 8**

Saranell Caudill, Margaret Fisher  
Rita Broome

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| Oct. 2: | Joel Boggs                   |
| 3:      | Daisy Collins, Shaun Mynster |
| 4:      | Baylor Cook, Molly Yost      |
| 5:      | April Newell                 |
| 6:      | Robbie Campbell              |
| 7:      | Eddie Adams                  |

## LAST SUNDAY'S STATISTICS

Sunday School -----	115
Adults --	70
Youth --	19
Children --	19
Preschool --	7
Morning Worship -----	170

## SPECIAL MINISTRIES

Housing Authority -----	6
Letcher Manor -----	
AWANA/IGNITE/YOUTH -----	
Children:                   Adults:	

## ADDITIONS TO DATE

(September – August)

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

## TOTAL RECEIPTS

Budget Receipts -----	\$10,710.00
Budget Requirement -----	\$ 7,171.00
Family Life Center -----	\$ 210.00
Designated -----	\$ 16.00
State Missions -----	\$ 100.00
Budget Required to Date -----	\$276,669.00
Budget to Date -----	\$253,376.42

## IN THE HOSPITAL

ELLIE HUTCHINGS, Kosair Children's

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## FAMILY LIFE CENTER

### TOTAL NEEDED – PHASE 2

\$500,000.00

### GIVEN TO DATE

\$425,577.00

### NEEDED

\$74,423.00

## DEACON OF THE WEEK

October 1 - 7

**KENDALL ISON**