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

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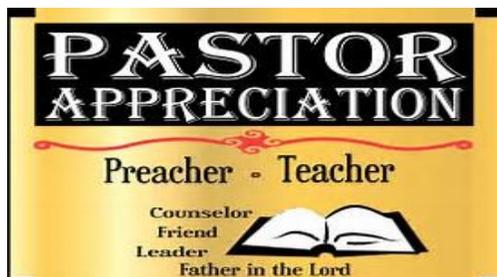


HIGH ATTENDANCE DAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

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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FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

Last Sunday I began a sermon series on people in the Bible who chose to "Run Away". We looked at the woman who chose to run away from a bad situation. We will continue the series this Sunday as we follow the lives of men and women who chose to run away, their struggles, and why they ran away when they did. The goal of this series is how to become a spiritually healthy Christian and discover that pathway to health through Jesus Christ.

It has been said that most of the things we worry about never happen. But people still worry and fear, and even run away from those situations. This Sunday we will look at such a man who ran from a threat to his safety. Even though it never happened, he still took off and went into hiding. I call stories like this *Running Away from Shadows*. It can lead to paralysis and deep discouragement.

Like this man, could you be one who runs from threats to your comfort? Do you feel tempted to go into hiding? Do you worry about things that may never happen? When you are on a spiritual high, do you dread coming back into the valleys? Like this character we will look at Sunday, we may find ourselves more afraid of what we imagine will happen than what really happens. It's sort of like running from your own shadow.

Remember our high attendance Sunday School emphasis this Sunday. There are some new Sunday school classes this year as well as those that have been meeting for years. Come and we'll help you find one. A recognition and celebration dinner will follow in the Fellowship Hall...FOR EVERYONE. Invite your friends and family and those in your everyday circles of relationships to come to Sunday School and worship. I'll look for you!

Bro. Tony

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THREE FORKS ASSOCIATION 116th ANNUAL FALL MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16

WHITESBURG FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Dinner – 6:00 P.M.

Meeting – 7:00 P.M.

FAITH AND FAMILY

Halloween can be an odd time for churches. Do we celebrate this day that was originally a pagan holiday? If so, how do we participate in a manner that gives God the glory? For First Baptist Whitesburg, the answer is not about celebrating the day but about celebrating God, and we do that through two Trunk or Treat events. The first one is typically held the Friday before Halloween at West Whitesburg Elementary. During that event, my wife and I will have our van decorated in a biblical theme, hand out treats and gospel tracts to about 550 children, and invite all of them to learn more about Jesus by coming to church (via personal invitations and/or church information in their treat bags).

We see even more children at our church during Trunk or Treat on Halloween night. From 5:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M., we will see anywhere from 700 to 1,000 children PLUS the family members that come with them! What an incredible opportunity to engage families in conversation, invite them to church, and be a light for Jesus.

We need your help in order to engage all of these families. Would you be willing to host a trunk that night? If so, you would need to decorate your trunk (nothing scary!), greet children and their families, and have candy to give out (we will be able to supplement your candy supply if needed). If you can't commit to hosting a trunk, can you make a candy donation – 700-1,000 kids requires a whole lot of candy! If you wish to donate candy, you can drop it off at the church office or place it in the Trunk or Treat bin in the foyer (please try to do so by October 24th so that we know how much more is needed).

Finally, be in prayer that we will shine our light brightly during these events. Pray that those in attendance who do not know Jesus will gain some awareness of who He is. Pray that those who are not attending church elsewhere will be struck by the friendliness of this church. Pray that God will use these events in order to spark a revival and awakening in our community.

In Christ,
Jeremy
2 Timothy 1:6-7

UPCOMING IGNITE (5th & 6th Grade) ACTIVITIES

Friday, October 6th 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)

One Sunday, a retired professor heard his pastor invite children to come to the front steps for a message. As the children walked forward, so did the professor. As the children sat down on the steps, so did he.

The pastor wasn't surprised. Knowing that the congregation would be curious, he mentioned receiving a call from the professor a few days earlier. The professor said he'd recently read again how Jesus called a child to stand before him and then told the crowd, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 18:3, NRSV).

May we all have such a childlike faith!



"Sing the praises of the LORD, enthroned in Zion; proclaim among the nations what he has done." Psalm 9:11

On Sunday evenings in our church, as you walk through the hallways, you can hear people singing. Each of these groups are practicing so that they can lead others in worship. I enjoy listening to these different groups as they practice. If you know anything about practicing, you know that at first what is being practiced doesn't look or sound that great. Over time however, the sound becomes more focused and the voices ready.

This Sunday our youth practiced in the sanctuary while the children practiced in the choir room. They didn't sound real polished and often lacked focus. In fact, as I observed each group, the youth would lose focus and play on their phones, and the children were content to dance instead of singing their final song. This usually makes me very nervous and I struggle to believe they will ever be ready. This Sunday however was different. I realized that through the struggles we build character and for those helping a big dose of patience. While the youth are distracted and playing on their phones, and the children dancing, anyone observing would seem to think that they are not focused but they are. Even on the hardest practice day they are still listening and learning about the Lord.

If you haven't thought about join the choir or helping with our children or youth, please pray about it.

SCHEDULE

- October 9 – Soprano Sectional Practice – 6:00 P.M.
- October 10 – Tenor Sectional Practice – 6:00 P.M.
- October 23 – Alto Sectional Practice – 6:00 P.M.
- October 24 – Bass Sectional Practice – 6:00 P.M.
- 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 immediately following
- December 17 – *Sing Gloria* Play and Cantata – 6:00 P.M.

QUOTES FROM MARTIN LUTHER KING

"Faith, like light, should always be simple and unbending; while love, like warmth, should beam forth on every side and bend to every necessity of our brethren."

"Faith is a living and unshakeable confidence, a belief in the grace of God so assured that a man would die a thousand deaths for its sake."



This Sunday we celebrate High Attendance Sunday for our Sunday school department. Growing up I attended Sunday school every week. I had great teachers, ones that loved us and saw the importance of sharing the Word with us. Most scripture I have committed to memory are a result of sound teaching on Sunday morning. My knowledge of the Bible and yearning to serve grew from Sunday morning teaching because of the love and compassion shown to me by my teachers.

Sunday school had a very different beginning than you might think. During the height of the Industrial Revolution, children worked in factories more than 12 hours days and six days a week. In the evenings these same children roamed the streets fighting and stealing from others. These children never attended school and seemed trapped in a cycle of work and roaming the streets.

Robert Raikes, an owner of a printing company and publisher of a journal, ran into a group of these children one day that were fighting in the street. His heart broke for them so he approached his pastor with the idea of starting a Sunday school. He wanted to teach them to read and write part of the day and then Bible the rest of the day. His Sunday school grew to more than 100 children. In the city, fighting amongst the children reduced significantly, behavior improved and crime diminished. After about three years, he decided to share the story about his Sunday school program. Word spread and more than 4,000 Sunday school programs started throughout England. He even used his printing press to print books and materials for the Sunday school programs. One of the songs I learned while in Sunday school is, *"It only takes a spark to get a fire started."* I am thankful for the spark that started Sunday school.

I am thankful for Sunday school and thankful for parents that still see the importance of bringing their children to Sunday School. Make sure to attend Sunday school this week, bring a friend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SNACKS

October 8

Shaun Mynster, Linda Bentley

FALL 2017 YOUTH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

October 8th 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", immediately following Morning Worship Service. 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 and join us.



By statement of faith & baptism:

ANGELA HALCOMB



We are so thankful for Bro. Tony and Bro. Jeremy. This is a great time to show them how much you appreciate them and their service by words of appreciation, cards, phone calls, etc. There will be a special recognition on Sunday, October 8th with a dinner immediately following morning worship service, but you express your appreciation any time during the month of October.

Dear Pastors,

Thank you

for the early Sunday mornings & the late Wednesday nights.

Thank you

for the seeds you plant & disciples you nurture.

Thank you

for the sermons you preach & the prayers you lift up.

Thank you

for the wise counsel & the words of encouragement.

Thank you

for the sacrifice and service.



The FBC staff and church family extends love and sympathy to ROSE KIRKLAND and family in the death of her sister, GOLDA CALHOUN.



On October 14th, former pastor, Rev. Eugene I. Enlow, will celebrate his 95th birthday. His family has asked for those who remember him and his ministry here at FBC, to send him a birthday card for reaching this very special birthday. Bro. Enlow has lived his entire life in the service of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. His time spent here was very special to him. His memory is still so amazing and remembers people very clearly and places especially those he led to Christ.

If you would like to send a birthday card, here is his address:

Dr. Eugene I Enlow
 c/o Episcopal Church Home
 7504 Westport Road, C-7
 Louisville KY 40222



Since the beginning of Operation Christmas Child in 1993, countless individuals have shared their passion for the project and inspired families, groups and churches to pack shoebox gifts. These project leaders create opportunities for people across the U.S. to touch the lives of children and families around the world and to bring hope through the Good News of Jesus Christ.

For the month of October, we will collect Hygiene Items: soap, washcloths, combs and toothbrushes.

You also can make a donation by making your check payable to First Baptist Church and write shoeboxes on the memo line.

EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS

Oct. 8
 April Ramirez

Oct. 15
 Diane Lewis, Amy Bates

PRESCHOOL WORSHIP

Oct. 8
 Deanna Higgs

Oct. 15
 Elisa Cook

CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS

Oct. 8
 Amanda & Byron Thomas

Oct. 15
 Donna & Mike Watts, Eleanor Caudill



- Oct. 8: Megan Gibson, Rebecca Webster
- 9: Joe Mark Combs
- 10: Harrison Blair, Brian Cook
- 11: Darrell Hall, Westin Setzer.
Ava Thomas
- 12: Samuel Blair, Jo Combs, Janie Frazier, Destin Smith
- 14: Abby Bentley, Josie Bowling, J. W. Combs, Emma Davidson, Florene Smith

LAST SUNDAY'S STATISTICS

Sunday School -----	118
Adults --	73
Youth --	17
Children --	21
Preschool --	7
Morning Worship -----	150

SPECIAL MINISTRIES

Housing Authority -----	5
Letcher Manor -----	28
AWANA/IGNITE/YOUTH -----	107
Children: 72 Adults: 35	

ADDITIONS TO DATE

(September – August)

By Baptism -----	0
By Letter -----	0
By Statement -----	1
TOTAL ADDITIONS -----	1

TOTAL RECEIPTS

Budget Receipts -----	\$ 5,106.00
Budget Requirement -----	\$ 7,171.00
Family Life Center -----	\$ 335.00
Designated -----	\$ 15.00
State Missions -----	\$ 25.00
Love Offering -----	\$ 300.00
Budget Required to Date -----	\$283,840.00
Budget to Date -----	\$258,482.42

IN THE HOSPITAL

ELLIE HUTCHINGS, Kosair Children's

FAMILY LIFE CENTER

TOTAL NEEDED – PHASE 2

\$500,000.00

GIVEN TO DATE

\$425,912.00

NEEDED

\$74,088.00

DEACON OF THE WEEK

October 8 - 14

MYREL SHORT