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

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OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 6:00 P.M.



5:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

CHURCH PARKING LOT

FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

This Sunday I will continue my sermon series on people in the Bible who chose to **"Run Away"** with Part 4. This story is a bit unusual as far as running away stories in the Bible go. How so? First, this story is not about a single individual only. It starts out with him running away, but about four hundred people later join him. Second, the Bible tells us exactly what kind of people join in the running away, giving three carefully selected descriptions.

So, what we see in this story are four types of people – see if you might fit into this group. (1) those who fear for their lives, (2) those whose lives are burdened under great stress, (3) and, yes, even those who feel overwhelmed in debt, and finally, (4) a group described merely as being discontent. What a group!

Do you remember the Christmas story about the island of misfit toys? They were broken or poorly made toys that no one wanted ... or at least they felt unwanted. Then they found children who loved them and accepted them. Perhaps you sometimes feel that you belong in a group of misfits. Your vocabulary might sound like this:

*Nothing ever seems to go right
Everybody is out to get me
Nobody really cares what happens to me
Why can't I ever catch a break?
What did I ever do to deserve this?*

The truth is, without Christ in our lives, we are all broken. Sin has broken our fellowship with God and only Jesus can repair the brokenness. It is called reconciliation. Without Christ, we can feel no hope of every being "fixed". No wonder so many people grope in darkness searching for a little happiness, trying to fit in, struggling to find some greater meaning in life.

Well, thank God, the search ends at the cross of Calvary where Jesus died for you and reconciled you to God. When you receive this gift of reconciliation into your life by faith, you can be made whole. I hope to see you in church Sunday. Invite someone to come with you. Offer to pick them up. You can even bring some misfits with you. Many people need to hear the story of the misfits who found love and were wanted. Jesus loves you and you will fit in with Him.

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

FAITH AND FAMILY

"Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all peoples!" Psalm 96:3

As a church we are involved in a lot of mission activities. We have our annual mission trip, Operation Christmas Child, Christmas backpacks, trunk or treat, Stephanas ministry, school backpacks, and many other activities meant to help others and point them toward Jesus. I am very thankful that I have the opportunity to partner with parents in helping children to have a heart for missions. Here are some suggestions that parents can use to help their children and families become more aware of the needs of others and opportunities to share the Gospel:

- When you hear or see emergency vehicles, stop what you are doing and pray for those involved (the injured, first responders, etc.)
- As a family, bake a treat and take it to your local fire department, police department, school office, nurses station (hospital or nursing home), etc., and ask if you can pray with them (ask for prayer concerns)
- Go prayer walking around your neighborhood or around one of the area schools. Encourage each of your family members to pray along the way.
- Take a meal to a neighbor who is elderly, recovering from a loss or surgery, or a new parent (don't forget to pray with them)
- Take a small gift to a resident at the nursing home, spend a few minutes in fellowship and in prayer with them

There are so many things we can do to help our children become more mission minded, it is really only limited by our imaginations. Do be mindful of bringing acts of service and conversations back to Jesus through sharing the Gospel, sharing your testimony, and/or praying with the other person. We can make an immediate impact on a person through a simple act of caring, but we can make an eternal impact on them by sharing Jesus!

In Christ,
Jeremy
2 Timothy 1:6-7

TELL SOMEONE class led by Larry Adams will not meet this Sunday night. The final class will be held on Sunday, November 5th at 6:00 P.M. in the sanctuary.

Our regular Sunday night service will resume this week at 6:00 P.M. in the sanctuary.

Stewardship Team will meet on Monday, October 23 at 6:00 P.M. in the Conference Room



*"There is a name I love to hear,
I love to sing its worth;
It sounds like music in my ear,
The sweetest Name on earth.
Oh, how I love Jesus"*

On Monday night our choir sang at the Annual Three Forks Association meeting. I was a little concerned that we would not have many to be able to come out and sing, as it was on a Monday night. When we met in the choir room to warm up and pray, I noticed there wasn't that many of us so I instructed them all to sit very close we would have strength in our small number. Makayla came to sing with the youth and volunteered to help sing with the choir because she knew we were short-handed. When the time came for us to sing, the choir had grown into a large group. It always amazes me to see how God provided for us, especially when we are not expecting it.

The choir sang *Heaven Medley* and then *How Great Is Our God*. I love singing with this great group of believers and I especially love watching them praise the Lord when they sing. If you haven't had the opportunity to sing in our choir, you are missing out. Come on out this Sunday evening and join us – you will not regret it.

SCHEDULE

- October 22 – Bass Sectional Practice – 5:00 P.M.
- October 24 – Alto 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.

While working at a shoe store in downtown Nova Scotia, I noticed a little boy standing on the hot-air register outside the bakery shop next door in his bare feet, trying to keep warm.

I was unsure whether to invite the boy into the store, or just what do with him, when a woman came by. After a few words with the barefoot boy, she brought him into the shoe store. She bought him new shoes and heavy woolen socks, for which he tried awkwardly to thank her. "Are you God's wife?" he asked.

Taken aback by the question, she took some time before replying, "No, son, I'm just one of his children."

"Well, I knew you must be some kin to him," he said as he thanked her again and ran out the door.



*"Into the darkness, You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You
None like You*

*Our God is greater
Our God is stronger
God, You are higher than any other
Our God is healer
Awesome in power"*

Our youth opened the Three Forks Association Annual Meeting this past Monday evening. Many of our youth could not come due to various practices they were participating in throughout our county, so the ones that could come had to improvise and even step out of their comfort zone. When none of our Cajon (drums) could be there, some of the younger, more quiet youth had to play the tambourine to help keep beat. Some had to stand in front of a microphone for the first time, and others had to lead. They led the congregation in worship and were unashamed of the gospel.

I enjoyed sitting with them through the service. I learned some very interesting facts – first, they had no clue that we belonged to an association. Second, they were stunned that an older gentleman who had received an award was using an IPAD with his speech. Third, they really don't like business meetings. When they moved into the business, one of our youth looked at me with a hint of disgust and said, "Hey, you didn't tell us this was a business meeting!" All in all it was a great experience for our youth and I am glad they stepped outside of their comfort zone. All there enjoyed the fact that youth led the congregation in worship.

Don't forget to sign up for Winter Xtreme, and pay a deposit of \$25 for your slot. As always, if you need assistance please let us know.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SNACKS

October 22

Victoria & Michael Watts, Josh Triplett

FALL 2017 YOUTH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 26 – Bonfire night before the football game at Hunter & Matt's house
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



Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

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

If you have any questions, you can contact Lee Adams at (606) 634-5698 or email her at Lee.Adams@uky.edu. As always, we appreciate your support in this ministry of our church.



A VOLUNTEER'S PRAYER

I thank thee, Lord, as a volunteer;
For the chance to serve again this year;
To give of myself in some small way
To those not blessed as I each day.

My thanks for the health of mind and soul
To aid me ever toward my goal;
For eyes to see the good in all,
A hand to extend before a fall.

For legs to go where the need is great
Learning to love – forgetting to hate;
For ears to hear and heart to care,
When someone's cross is hard to bear.

A smile to show my affection true,
With energy plenty the task to do;
And all I ask, dear Lord, if I may,
Is to serve you better, day by day.

A meager but meaningful donation recently made the news at a church in Charlotte, North Carolina. In the collection plate one Sunday was an envelope with 18 cents and this message: "Please don't me mad. I don't have much. I'm homeless. God bless."

The pastor was able to locate the donor to thank him in person. But the man wanted to stay anonymous, saying the gift was between him, the church and God.

The pastor praised the donor's bravery, saying, "We gratefully acknowledge that this individual, out of his poverty, has given all he had to live on." Like the widow's mite in the New Testament (see Mark 12:41-44), the 18 cents was truly a sacrificial gift.

We have several items that are lost, missing or borrowed from the church kitchen. If you have items that has been borrowed, please return them as soon as possible.

A CHRISTIAN PUMPKIN POEM

I am a Jack O' Lantern
My light will shine so bright
For I am a Christian pumpkin
My symbols tell what's right.

My nose is like the cross
On which our Savior died
To set us free from sin
We need no longer hide.

My mouth is like a fish
The whole wide world to show
That Christians live in this house
And love their Savior so!

The story starts at Christmas
My eyes are like the star
That shone on Baby Jesus
And wise men saw from afar

My color it is orange
Just like the big bright sun
That rose on Easter Day
Along with God's own Son.

And so on Halloween
Let's set our pumpkins out

And tell the trick or treaters
What God's love is all about!



EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS

Oct. 22
Brandy Wilson

Oct. 29
Melissa Newell

PRESCHOOL WORSHIP

Oct. 22
Elisa Cook

Oct. 29
Lee Adams

CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS

Oct. 22
Angie Horn, Tracie Day, Kathy Perry

Oct. 29
Viva Anderson, Brenda Cook



Oct. 22: Carol Brown
23: Tobi Ison, Lenville Lee,
Tommy Stansberry
24: Amber Day, Mia Webber
26: Jeremiah Perry
27: Steven Ison, Andrea Sammons

LAST SUNDAY'S STATISTICS

Sunday School -----	102
Adults -- 87	
Youth -- 19	
Children -- 31	
Preschool -- 13	
Morning Worship -----	161

SPECIAL MINISTRIES

Housing Authority -----	6
Letcher Manor -----	28
AWANA/IGNITE/YOUTH -----	107
Children: 78 Adults: 29	

ADDITIONS TO DATE

(September – August)

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

TOTAL RECEIPTS

Budget Receipts -----	\$ 4,939.00
Budget Requirement -----	\$ 7,171.00
Family Life Center -----	\$ 35.00
Designated -----	\$ 10.00
Budget Required to Date -----	\$298,182.00
Budget to Date -----	\$270,240.73

IN THE HOSPITAL

GERALD HACKER, Lexington
 DARRELL BELL, Local ARH
 ELLIE HUTCHINGS, Louisville

FAMILY LIFE CENTER

TOTAL NEEDED – PHASE 2

\$500,000.00

GIVEN TO DATE

\$426,122.00

NEEDED

\$73,878.00

DEACON OF THE WEEK

October 22 - 28

LARRY ADAMS