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

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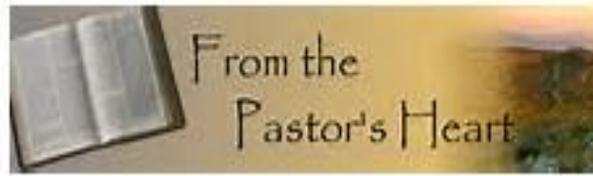
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Be sure to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night.



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
SHOEBOX DEDICATION SERVICE**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 11:00 A.M.



This Sunday I will continue my sermon series on people in the Bible who chose to "Run Away" with part 6, "**Running Away from Opportunity**". Why do people run away from opportunity? There are many reasons, some of which are brought out in the Old Testament story we will look at this Sunday.

The Bible character we will focus on Sunday must decide if she will *run from* or *seize* the opportunity God has set before her. She really wants to run away, but before she does, God sends someone to her with words of wisdom. She has a choice to make. What will she decide? You and I face similar choices every day. If we run away from opportunity, what are the consequences? How do we go about making those important decisions?

I hope to see you Sunday morning as we look into this beautiful story of courage. Last week we were privileged to baptize Curtis Cox into the fellowship of this church. What a great service! In the evening we observed the Lord's Supper. A large crowd came last Sunday night and it was a moving communion service. It is not common for us to observe both church ordinances on the same day. We were blessed.

This Sunday God is wanting to bless us and fill us again. Let us come and worship Him. He is worthy of our worship and praise. Let us love Him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. May we seek first the Kingdom of God and all other things will fall into place. Be faithful where God has called you to serve. See you in Sunday School and worship. I'll be looking for you.

Bro. Tony

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Merciful and generous Lord, you open your loving hands and bless us abundantly every day of our lives. Even when we go through dark times – suffering, sorrow, pain, desperation – you assure us that your loving, everlasting arms will not let us go. How generous are all your benefits, how supportive, how comforting to experience.

Today we join with "the great cloud of witnesses" who once praise you on Earth and now glorify you in heaven, offering our deepest gratitude for all the gifts you so generously give.

Accept then our thanksgiving for your love, your grace and all the blessings you bestow on us daily. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.



FAITH AND FAMILY

Our Awana program is going strong and each week the children have the opportunity to earn points for attendance, participation in Sunday school, bringing a Bible or a friend to Awana, and scripture memorization. On December 13th, our Awana kids will have the opportunity to spend their points in the Awana Christmas store. At the Christmas store, kids will spend their points on gifts for their family members. I have treasured memories of a few times that I was able to give my parents or siblings Christmas gifts when I was a child and this store provides the kids with an opportunity to better understand Jesus' words as recorded in Acts 20:35, "It is more blessed to give than to receive".

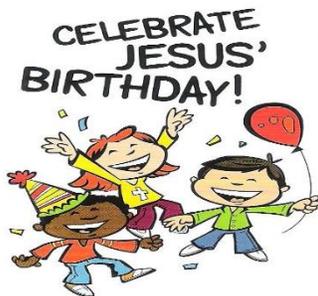
Some help is needed in order to make this Awana Christmas store work. If you could provide any new or gently used items that the children might be interested in giving to their family members, it would be of great help. Some suggested items include:

Wallets	Purses	Jewelry
Small tools	Keepsake boxes	Belts
Sports memorabilia	Lotions	Sports equipment
Christmas candy	Small toys	Books
DVDs	Hats	Gloves & Scarves

If you are able to help, please drop items off by December 6th (at the church office or give to Jeremy or Angie). Do you have a passion for gift wrapping? We will also need help wrapping gifts on the night of December 13th. As always, I am very thankful for the generosity of the members of this church and grateful that I get to serve along with you.

In Christ,
Jeremy
2 Timothy 1:6-7

UPCOMING EVENTS



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 5:30 – 8:00 P.M.
(3 year-olds through 4th Grade)



This past weekend the choir had a Christmas Cantata practice and fellowship at the home of Jerry and Phyllis Ingram. It was a great time, filled with wonderful fellowship and memories. Phyllis is always a master planner so you can know that we had plenty of good things to eat. We are all so thankful that Jerry and Phyllis were willing to open their home for this very special time.

Sunday night we practiced a few songs and then focused on our cantata. I entered the choir room just a tad bit late and was welcomed by applause when I entered. Later when we were singing, I once again said the wrong word (4 times) in one of our Christmas songs. I realized that I had said "darkness" instead of "dark" when I notice my soprano and tenor sections laughing. I know I have said it before but it warrants repetition, I love being in the choir.

If you aren't coming out for choir practice, you really are missing a wonderful time with an awesome group of servants. Please pray about singing with us.

If you would like to be in a drama for the Christmas cantata, please let Saranell or Tessa know. We are planning on actually acting out scenes or doing monologues in character.

There will be no Children's Choir this Sunday evening, November 5th.

SCHEDULE

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.

"Beautiful music is the art of the prophets that can calm the agitations of the soul," said Martin Luther. Of course, he never heard intense rap or loud rock 'n' roll!

Still the great reformer of the faith was correct. What other art can so quickly soothe us and bring us inner peace? Bernard Berenson put it this way: "On the wings of music we soar above and beyond nature, father than any other vehicle can carry us."

King Saul often became depressed and inwardly tormented. Some of his servants though he could find relief by listening to music. The king heard about Jesse's son David, who skillfully played a lyre (some translations read "harp"). Saul sent for David and heard him play. Saul was so helped by the music that he asked David to join his court.

Thus we read in 1 Samuel 16:23, *"Whenever the evil spirit ... came upon Saul, David took the lyre and played it with his hand, and Saul would ... feel better"* (NRSV).

What songs and hymns have that same effect on you?



Our youth are preparing material for a Christmas variety show this year. On Wednesday night we have been digging into the book of Genesis. This is an exciting time to be a part of our youth group. If you have not been coming on Wednesday or Sunday nights, please come out and join us.

If you signed up for the Crowder Concert on November 16th, your ticket has been purchased. Your ticket was \$20, please bring that to the church office or get it to me or Jeremy as soon as possible.

The cost for Winter Xtreme this year is \$120. The first deposit of \$30 is due by November 5th. The second deposit of \$30 will be due on November 19th, third deposit on December 3rd, and the final deposit of \$30 due on December 17th. As always, if you need assistance please let us know.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SNACKS

*November 5
Amy Craft, Jeremy Horn*

FALL 2017 YOUTH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 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

The Bible According to Kids

Children say the funniest things about Scripture. Here are a few examples:

- “In the first book of the Bible, God tired of creating the world, so he took the Sabbath off.”
- “Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread without any ingredients.”
- “The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterward, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Amendments.”
- “The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.”
- “When Mary heard that she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta.”



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.

You can 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.



SHOEBOX DEDICATION

Sunday, November 12, 11:00 A.M.



SHOEBOX COLLECTION WEEK

November 13 - 20

HOLIDAY SCRIPTURE CAKE

The fun starts with looking up the ingredients which can be found in the NRSV version of the Bible. You won't find a verse that says, "five eggs, separated", so all of the ingredients are listed in the baking instructions. Enjoy!

- ¾ cups of Psalm 55:21
- 1 ½ cups of Jeremiah 6:20
- 5 Isaiah 10:14
- 3 cups of 1 Kings 4:22
- 3 tsp. of 1 Corinthians 5:6
- ¾ tsp. of Leviticus 2:13
- 1 tsp. each of 2 Chronicles 9:9
- 1 tsp. of Exodus 30:23
- ½ cup of Judges 4:19
- ¾ cup of Numbers 17:8
- ¾ cup of Nahum 3:12
- ¾ cup of 1 Samuel 30:12

Cream butter with sugar. Beat in egg yolks once at a time. Sift flour, baking powder, salt, cloves, nutmeg, allspice and cinnamon. Blend into creamed mixture alternately with milk. Beat egg whites until stiff; fold into batter. Fold in chopped almonds, figs, raisins. Pour into greased and floured pan. Bake at 325 degrees for 70 minutes or until knife comes out clean.

A mother asked her little boy to please get the broom from the back porch. "But it's dark out there!" he protested.

"Don't be scared," Mom said. "Jesus is out there. He'll take care of you." When the child looked skeptical, his mother continued, "Jesus is everywhere. You'll be safe."

After a moment, the boy went to the back door and cracked it open. Peering into the dark, he called, "Jesus, if you're out there, will you please hand me the broom?"



EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS

Nov. 5

Julie Bentley, Tiny Caudill

Nov. 12

Pam Pratt, Holly Caudill

UNIFIED BUDGET

TED & BRENDA COOK
In Memory Of
JUANITA HOWARD

PRESCHOOL WORSHIP

Nov. 5

Elisa Cook

Nov. 12

Deanna Hipps



CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS

Nov. 5

Amanda & Byron Thomas

Nov. 12

Saranell Caudill, Margaret Fisher,
Rita Broome

The FBC staff and church family extends love and sympathy to the family of FREDA CAMPBELL.



BY PROFESSION OF FAITH & BAPTISM:

CURTIS GLEN COX

Look forward and be hopeful, look backward and be thankful, look down and be helpful, look up and be humble.

Nov. 5: Alexis Fleming
6: Eleanor Caudill, Sheila Cornett
7: Don Childers, Sydney Coots
8: Cathy Narramore
9: Brayden Fleming, Kayla Sexton
10: Keith Howard
11: Bailee Howard

LAST SUNDAY'S STATISTICS

Sunday School -----	132
Adults -- 80	
Youth -- 21	
Children -- 20	
Preschool -- 11	
Morning Worship -----	153

SPECIAL MINISTRIES

Housing Authority -----	5
Letcher Manor -----	25
AWANA/IGNITE/YOUTH -----	129
Children: 91 Adults: 38	

ADDITIONS TO DATE

(September – August)

By Baptism -----	1
By Letter -----	0
By Statement -----	1
TOTAL ADDITIONS -----	2

TOTAL RECEIPTS

Budget Receipts -----	\$ 4,050.47
Budget Requirement -----	\$ 7,171.00
Family Life Center -----	\$ 185.00
Designated -----	\$ 42.00
Budget Required to Date -----	\$312,524.00
Budget to Date -----	\$281,989.20

IN THE HOSPITAL

JAMES REYNOLDS, Florida

FAMILY LIFE CENTER

TOTAL NEEDED – PHASE 2

\$500,000.00

GIVEN TO DATE

\$426,632.00

NEEDED

\$73,368.00

DEACON OF THE WEEK

November 5 - 11

ALBERT ISON, JR