

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

ILLUMINATOR

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

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PASTOR'S SERMON SERIES

SIX ROAD SIGNS OF LIFESTYLE EVANGELISM

September 4



(Share Christ)
Matthew 9:35-38

September 11



(Prepare for Excuses)
Luke 14:16-22

September 18



(Know That Someone's Watching)
John 1:19-51

September 25



(Mentor the New Believer)
Acts 14:19-23

FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

This Sunday I will continue the sermon series called **Six Road Signs of Lifestyle Evangelism**. Each week I will use a different road sign to make a spiritual application about sharing Jesus in your day-to-day life. This week the road sign will be **EXIT AHEAD** as we look at sharing Christ.

Life can be a treadmill or – as Jesus called it – the wide road to destruction. To get off the wide road, we must exit. That's where sharing Christ comes in. The role of every believer is to share Jesus with those on the road to destruction. **EXIT AHEAD** – get on the narrow road that leads to eternal life.

A Gallop poll once revealed that only 2% of Christians have ever introduced someone to Christ. Jesus called for more laborers into the field of harvest. The highway to destruction is busy and crowded. But it is also ripe. More than ever we need flagmen to tell people, "Exit here to Jesus!"

Are you introducing people to Jesus? In the parables of the lost sheep and coin, somebody was searching diligently for what was lost. Are you searching diligently for "those who are lost"? This Sunday we will be challenged to seek the lost and tell them about the Savior, Jesus.

Pray for Revival services October 9-12th with Rev. Ross Wilson. On Sunday morning, October 9th, we will renew our church covenant by reading it, committing to it, and signing it publicly. It will then become a historic document that we will place in our next time capsule. Put it on your calendar and plan to be a part of this historic service. I love you and pray for you!

Bro. Tony

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MEMORIAL GIFTS

UNIFIED BUDGET

TOM & BILLIE STANSBERRY
In Memory Of
JUDY KAY COLLINS

TED & BRENDA COOK
In Memory Of
SHARON HANSEL SEXTON

REMINDER

SOUND/AUDIO VISUAL TEAM will meet with Larry Brannin from the KBC on Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 6:30 P.M.

PARENT/CHILD DEDICATION

Sunday, September 25

If you would like to dedicate your child/children to the Lord, please notify the church office no later than September 18.

FALL REVIVAL

OCTOBER 9 – 12

REV. ROSS WILSON

Union, SC

FAITH AND THE FAMILY

Give the Lord the glory due His name; worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness. Psalm 29:2

I recently read that preparation and training is what makes the difference between children merely enduring Sunday morning services and enjoying Sunday morning services. Speaking for myself, I have been in the situation of having my children in a worship service with me and finding myself focused on their behavior instead of on worshiping my King. When a child is attending a worship service, I pray that they truly worship God. Here are a few suggestions to help lead children to worship (therefore helping parents to worship as well):

- ~ Be a role model for your child. Be a worshiper! Sing the hymns, participate in corporate prayer, bring your offering, show a spirit of enthusiasm, and pray with your child on the way to church.
- ~ Be prepared. On Saturday night get things ready for the next day – lay out clothes, get offerings ready, and gather everything that you need to take to church with you. Keep Sunday morning breakfast simple and leave the house with a few minutes to spare. On the way to church, remind your child of your expectation of their behavior.
- ~ Before the service starts, walk your child through what to expect. Go through the bulletin, explain what will be happening and how your child can participate. Pray with your child before the service starts.
- ~ Help your child to actively listen to the sermon. Use very short, whispered statements to help focus their attention (i.e., Listen to this story,” or “Can you draw a picture of?”). If your child is old enough to write, teach them how to take simple notes. Allow them to bring their own Bible and a spiral notebook to write notes in.

These are just suggestions. I know how difficult it can be for a child to stay focused for an hour (and then add “be still” and “be quiet” on top of that!) and how stressful it can be for parents. On the way home be sure to praise good behavior and talk about what can be improved. Ask your child if they have any questions about the service and what they learned. Don’t forget to let them know what a privilege it was to worship with them.

In Christ,

Jeremy

2 Timothy 1:6-7

MINISTRY NEEDS

Bus/Van Monitors are needed for Wednesday nights

A van driver and a monitor is needed for Sunday nights beginning in September
(we will not be able to provide transportation for Sunday night activities without some volunteers)

A co-teacher for Awana 2nd Grade

MUSIC NOTES

*"Everlasting, your light will shine
When all else fades
Never ending, your glory goes beyond all fame
And the cry of my heart is to bring you praise
From the inside out
Lord, my soul cries out,"*
--From The Inside Out



Labor Day brings to mind picnics, cookouts and family gatherings. Falling on the first Monday in September, it marks the unofficial end of summer and the beginning of a new school year. But the holiday was created in 1882 to honor the social and economic contributions of American workers.

In strong economy, it's easy to take for granted the ability to work and be paid well. But times have changed during the past few years, with many people still struggling with unemployment and underemployment.

During our holiday celebrations this year, let's give thanks for the jobs we have, pray for those who aren't as fortunate and offer words of encouragement or help to someone who needs it.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 IN
OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY.**

GRANDPARENTS' DAY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

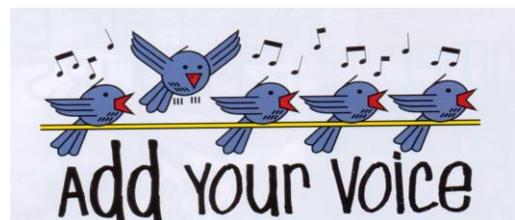
This Sunday we will be singing a new song, "From the Inside Out". The song's first couple of lines are: "A thousand times I've failed, still Your mercy remains, Should I stumble again, Still I'm caught in Your grace". It is humbling to know that His mercy remains through our failures. It is amazing to know that when we stumble He is always there to provide us with His wonderful grace.

On Sunday we sang a new Praise & Worship Hymn, "Hosanna with Praise is Rising". When we met in the choir room to warm-up, there was a very small group in the choir room. By the time we starting singing during worship service, the choir loft was full! On Sunday night we had a full choir room with several new members. WOW!! It is not too late for you to come out and join this amazing group of folks. We have practice every Sunday evening at 7:00. This is an exciting time to be a part of this great ministry. We would love to have you come out and start singing in the choir with us.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Children's Choir begins Sept. 11
at 6:00 P.M.**

**Handbell Choir begins Sept. 11
at 5:00 P.M.**



EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS

September 4
Linda Setzer, Patricia Lewis

September 11
April Ramirez

PRESCHOOL WORSHIP

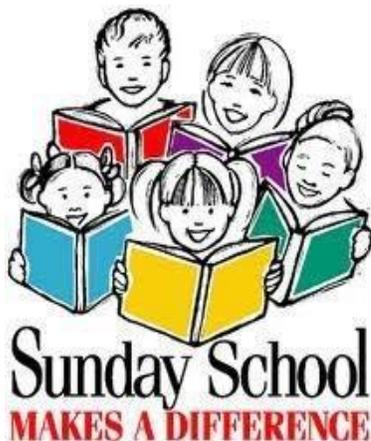
September 4
Lee Adams

September 11
Allison Combs

CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS

September 4
Amanda & Byron Thomas

September 11
Saranell Caudill, Margaret Fisher, Rita Broome



- Sept. 4: Elisa Cook, Ben Hurst, Phyllis Ingram, Trey Keller, Robert Lewis
6: Noah Bell
7: Heather Banks, Erbie Pratt, Bristol Narramore
8: Isaiah Bentley, Marcus Bowling
9: John Combs III, Callie Cook, Maci Gibson, Camille Ison
10: Michelle Stone
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THANK YOU

The Baby Bottle Blessings Fundraiser was a great success! First Baptist Church donated \$567.90 to the Appalachian Pregnancy Care Center in Pikeville. Thank you for your participation in this wonderful ministry.

NEEDED

The Backpack Ministry Team needs your help in donating plastic shopping bags. You can bring them to the church office or leave them in the stairwell. Your help is greatly appreciated.

STEWARDSHIP TEAM MEETING

Monday, Sept. 12, 6:00 P.M.

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

Testing, Testing, Testing! Beginning September 6, our youth and children will begin one of their assessment cycles for school. They will take three of these this year, plus the big test at the end of the year. Many of our youth are beginning to study for their upcoming ACT. Believe it or not, some of our youth are beginning to study for their driver's exam (yes, the roads may be a little scarier soon!). Please lift our youth and children up in prayer as they begin a very stressful couple of weeks of testing. Also, lift up their teachers and parents.

We will be conducting a service project The Stables at Creekside Glen with Drew Baldwin on Saturday morning, October 1. If you would like to come out and join us that morning, you are welcome. We will be doing some chores around the stables that day.

Winter Xtreme 2016 sign-ups will be on the wall in the youth room. This year we will attend the December 29-31 session. Artists and speakers include: *Crowder, Newsong, Tony Nolan, Skillet, Tom Richter, Tenth Avenue North, Moriah Peters, Clayton Jennings, Lecrae, and Johnny Hunt.*

SUNDAY MORNING SNACKS

September 4

Amy Craft, Jeremy Horn

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 11

Conducting Morning Worship at
Big Creek Baptist Church

SEPTEMBER 18

Game Night – 7:00 P.M.
Home of Angie & Jeremy Horn

SEPTEMBER 24

Mountain Heritage
Puppets perform at 5:00 & 7:00 P.M.

OCTOBER 1

Service Project
The Stables at Creekside Glen
Leaving church at 10:00 A.M.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

It's that time of year again to start thinking about **SHOEBOXES!!**

We are getting a head start by supporting *Back-to-School for Operation Christmas Child*. I get excited each time I go into a store and find the school supply section and all the great prices! We will be collecting: crayons, colored pencils, markers, loose paper, glue sticks and scissors!

Shoebboxes 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 600 shoebboxes and was a part of one of the largest collection in South East KY and South West VA with close to 10,000 shoebboxes collected. That would not have been possible without the generous donations of our people.

If you want to be a part of the 2016 *Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Project*, please see Lee Adams or email her at 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 "Shoebox Ministry" in the memo line. Thanks for supporting the Shoebox Ministry sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with millions of children all over the world.

NEW ADDRESS

MRS. LORRAINE WADDLES
DOGWOOD FOREST OF ACWORTH
321 S MAIN STREET
ACWORTH GA 30101



Search for words found in Romans 8.



Abba	elect	Jesus	adoption
family	justifies	angels	firstborn
Lord	bondage	flesh	love
called	freedom	peace	Christ
fruits	powers	condemnation	glorified
predestined	conquerors	good	purpose
creation	hardship	redemption	decay
died	intercedes	Spirit	heart

IN THE HOSPITAL

FLORENE SMITH, Local ARH
JEANETTE SEXTON, Pikeville

LAST SUNDAY'S STATISTICS

Sunday School -----	104
Adults --	65
Youth --	15
Children --	18
Preschool --	6
Morning Worship -----	187

SPECIAL MINISTRIES

Housing Authority -----	5
Letcher Manor -----	
AWANA / IGNITE	
Children: 64 Adults: 27	
Youth: 12 Adults: 2	

ADDITIONS TO DATE

(September – August)

By Baptism -----	8
By Letter -----	4
By Statement -----	3
TOTAL ADDITIONS -----	15

TOTAL RECEIPTS

Budget Receipts -----	\$4,108.16
Budget Requirement -----	\$7,138.00
Family Life Center -----	\$ 110.00
Designated -----	\$ 41.00
Budget Required to Date -----	\$249,830.00
Budget to Date -----	\$232,951.91

FAMILY LIFE CENTER

TOTAL NEEDED – PHASE 2

\$500,000.00

GIVEN TO DATE

\$409,202.00

NEEDED

\$90,798.00

DEACON OF THE WEEK

September 4 - 10

MIKE HARRIS