

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 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 **BLASTING ZONE**. How do we prepare for the excuses people give?

Be much in prayer for our Revival services on October 9-12. Guest preacher is Rev. Ross Wilson from Union, SC. Our own Greg Lucas, will also be here to provide worship through music. Our choir will be singing each night. Please mark the date on your calendars and plan to be faithful to the services.

Oh how God's people need Revival. Only God can send true revival. But we must be prepared to receive it. Once again I give you God's formula for genuine, heartfelt, life-changing revival:

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.
2 Chronicles 7:14

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MEMORIAL GIFTS

UNIFIED BUDGET

MARGARET FISHER
In Memory Of
JUDY KAY COLLINS

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

STEWARDSHIP TEAM MEETING

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

FAMILY LIFE TEAM MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPT. 13, 6:00 P.M.

THERE WILL BE NO ILLUMINATOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21ST.

FAITH AND THE FAMILY

And who will harm you if you are passionate for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear or be disturbed, but set apart the Messiah as Lord in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you. However, do this with gentleness and respect, keeping your conscience clear, so that when you are accused, those who denounce your Christian life will be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. I Peter 3:13-17

September means it is time to place an emphasis on state missions and the Eliza Broadus Offering and it is an excellent opportunity to speak with your family about how your family, and our church, can help with different ministries around the state. Our church has set a goal of \$500 to help with ministries such as the following:

- **Refuge Louisville** – this ministry attempts to meet the needs of refugees in the Louisville Metro area through ESL classes, citizenship classes, kid's clubs, adopt-a-family programs, youth mentorship, artisan groups, computer classes, and in-home tutoring.
- **Impact Ministry** – located in Christian County, this ministry provides spiritual counseling, help with food and household supplies, and clothing as well as Christian Women Job Corps and Christian Men Job Corps.
- **God's Appalachian Project (GAP)** – located in McDowell, this ministry provides assistance with food and household supplies, home repairs, classes (parenting, nutrition, money management and budgeting, and Bible studies). They also have school supply giveaways and Christmas present assistance.
- **Bible Released-Time Education Association of Kentucky (BREAK)** – is an off Campus program offered as an elective in public elementary schools in the Corbin area. Bible stories, Bible memory, and music are parts of the program.
- **Louisville Rescue Mission** – provides shelter, meals, laundry service, showers, and toiletry items to the homeless population in Louisville.

Let's share God's love and beat this goal of \$500. Prayer guides are available in the church foyer and you can find many more resources for teaching your family about this offering by visiting www.kywmu.org/ebo.

In Christ,
Jeremy
2 Timothy 1:6-7

MINISTRY NEEDS

**Bus/Van Monitors are needed for Wednesday nights
A co-teacher for Awana 2nd Grade**

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

If you work with children or youth in the church and was not able to attend one of the review meetings for this policy, please contact me so we can make arrangements to review it.

BE READY - LIVE READY

2016 ELIZA BROADUS STATE MISSIONS OFFERING

CHURCH GOAL: \$500.00

Jesus spent his earthly ministry walking the streets, ministering to the poor, desolate and despised. He saw needs and he filled them. He preached God's kingdom to the masses. He sent out His disciples to do the same.

After Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, His disciples received power from the Father and continued to proclaim the gospel. The apostle Paul traveled around the known world, sharing the gospel and planting churches. Others became Christ followers and they, too, were passionate proclaimers of Jesus as the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Times of persecution came to the followers of Christ. Peter wrote to the people to encourage their faith, to encourage them to be ready and live ready to share the gospel and do good to others, no matter what happened.

I Peter 3:15 says *But honor the Messiah as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give a defense to anyone who asks for a reason for the hope that is in you.* There are so many people afraid. They are afraid for a number of reasons. This passage calls us to be ready to sanctify Christ in our hearts, be ready to give a defense, be ready for persecution, and be ready for ministry. In turn, be ready for Christ's return.

Always be ready. This year, public school children are being reached with the gospel of Christ because a ministry is willing and ready to teach them. Right now, homeless families are being fed and their souls being drawn to the Savior because homeless shelters are ready and equipped to meet their physical and spiritual needs. Because Kentucky Baptists live ready, men, women and children are being shown the love of Christ across our state.

These ministries are made possible through our prayers and financial support through the Eliza Broadus Offering. We, too, must be ready to join in ministry by giving of our time, resources and prayer.

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.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Grandparents are special people
with wisdom and pride.
They are always offering love and kindness
and are always there to guide.
They often make you feel so confident
and strong
Their arms are always open
no matter what you did wrong.
They try to help out in every way
that they can.
They love all their grandchildren the same
whether you're a child, woman or man.
They are always there to listen
and to lend a helping hand.
They show you respect
and they try to understand.
They give their love, devotion and so
Much more, that's easy to see.
Grandparents, what perfect examples
of the kind of person that we should be.

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GRANDPARENTS REFLECT GOD

A woman and her grandson were spending the day together. Suddenly, the boy had an "a-ha!" expression and asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" The grandmother smiled to herself and mentally polished her halo a bit. "No," she replied. "How?" The boy said, "You're both old!"

Ah, but most grandparents really are like God in many ways - kind, loving, forgiving, understanding, comforting, creative, wise. Above all, they've guided us to walk in God's paths.

Thank you, God, for these special people who have lived long enough to become like you, in many ways.

MUSIC NOTES

When preparing for our Sunday worship service, I like to look up interesting facts, or background stories, behind the age old hymns that we sing each week. This week you will be singing, "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" for our offertory hymn. This song is one of the oldest American folk hymns. The author, George Adkins, was a Methodist Circuit riding preacher in Maryland, Virginia and Kentucky and originally entitled the lyrics as Holy Manna. While looking through information about this song, I found an extra stanza that was in Adkins' original lyrics. Evidently this stanza made the editor's cutting floor over time so I thought I would share it with you:

*Is there here a trembling jailor,
seeking grace, and filled with tears?
Is there here a weeping Mary,
pouring forth a flood of tears?
Brethren, join your cried to help them;
sisters, let your prayers abound;
Pray, Oh pray that holy manna
may be scattered all around.*

Children's Choir resumes practice this Sunday. Please bring your son or daughter as they begin to prepare music for their Christmas Cantata. This year they will be presenting, "The Power of the King", and singing with the adult choir when they present, "Born is the King, It's Christmas".

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

SECTIONAL PRACTICES

Soprano: Tuesday, Sept. 13, 7:00 P.M.
Alto: Thursday, Sept. 15, 7:00 P.M.
Tenor: Monday, Sept. 19, 7:00 P.M.
Bass: Thursday, Sept. 22, 7:00 P.M.

EXTENDED SESSION

WORKERS

September 11

April Ramirez

September 18

Diane Lewis, Amy Bates

PRESCHOOL WORSHIP

September 11

Allison Combs

September 18

Deanna Hips

CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS

September 11

Saranell Caudill, Margaret Fisher, Rita Broome

September 18

Donna & Mike Watts, Eleanor Caudill

Happy Birthday

Sept. 12: Nicole Banks
13: Isaac Bell, Katey Mynster
15: Glenda Sexton

REMEMBERING 9/11/01

Dear Lord, loving Creator of us all, we remember with great sadness those whose lives were taken on September 11, 2001. We hold up to you the victims' families that they may know, despite their pain, that they can find solace in your loving presence. Help them bring their hurting hearts to you, realizing that your everlasting arms can bear them up and that they cannot be separated from your abiding love.

Please assure us that even though we cannot understand such horrible deeds, you can bring good out of evil, justice out of injustice and righteousness out of unrighteousness.

Therefore, confessing our human weaknesses, our grief and our struggles to make sense out of this world, we cry out with the psalmist: "Rise up, O LORD, O God, lift up your hand; do not forget the oppressed" (Psalm 10:12, NRSV). Strengthen our hearts, this day and every day. Amen.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

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

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.

YOUTH HAPPENINGS

The youth will be leaving the church parking lot on Sunday morning at 9:00 A.M. for Big Creek Baptist Church. They will be leading the morning worship service for Big Creek. Please be in prayer for them as they present dramas, puppets, and interpretive movements.

We will be conducting a service project at 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 11
NO SNACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 11
Conducting Morning Worship at
Big Creek Baptist Church

SEPTEMBER 13
Youth Team Meeting, 5:00 P.M.

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.

LAST SUNDAY'S STATISTICS

Sunday School ----- 86
Adults -- 52
Youth -- 17
Children -- 12
Preschool -- 5
Morning Worship ----- 125

SPECIAL MINISTRIES

Housing Authority -----
Letcher Manor ----- 21
AWANA / IGNITE
Children: 54 Adults: 29
Youth: 17 Adults: 4

ADDITIONS TO DATE

(September – August)

By Baptism -----
By Letter -----
By Statement -----
TOTAL ADDITIONS -----

TOTAL RECEIPTS

Budget Receipts ----- \$6,270.00
Budget Requirement ----- \$7,138.00
Family Life Center ----- \$ 160.00
Designated ----- \$ 585.00
State Missions ----- \$ 25.00
Budget Required to Date ----- \$256,968.00
Budget to Date ----- \$239,221.91

IN THE HOSPITAL

MARGIE ISON, Local ARH

FAMILY LIFE CENTER

TOTAL NEEDED – PHASE 2
\$500,000.00

GIVEN TO DATE
\$409,362.00

NEEDED
\$90,638.00

DEACONS MEETING
SATURDAY, SEPT. 24, 7:30 A.M.

DEACON OF THE WEEK

SEPTEMBER 11 - 17

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