

*THE* FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

# *ILLUMINATOR*

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

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## FALL REVIVAL

**OCTOBER 9 – 12**

**Sunday – 11:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.**

**Monday-Wednesday – 6:00 P.M. Each Night**



**REV. ROSS WILSON**

**Pastor, Fairview Baptist Church**

**Union, SC**

**Light Supper will be served at 5:00 P.M. Monday-Wednesday**

**Nursery Provided for Crib-2 Years**

# FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

Last week I wrote about the joy that is felt in Heaven when one of God's wayward children comes back home. That is revival! May God pour out the refreshing rains of Revival on our church during our revival services October 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. Remember that each night services will start at 6:00 P.M. I hope to see all of you there.

Heaven also rejoices when someone is born again. The Bible actually says that the angels in Heaven rejoice when one sinner repents. Last week I was listening to a song written by William Orcutt Cushing, 1823-1902. Someone wrote of him that he was "an exemplary Christian, ever mindful of the suffering of others. Once he gave \$1,000—all he had, an enormous sum in those days—to a blind girl so she could get an education".

*Ring the bells of Heaven! There is joy today,  
For a soul, returning from the wild!  
See, the Father meets him out upon the way,  
Welcoming His weary, wandering child.*

*Ring the bells of Heaven! There is joy today,  
For the wanderer now is reconciled;  
Yes, a soul is rescued from his sinful way,  
And is born anew a ransomed child.*

*Ring the bells of Heaven! Spread the feast today!  
Angels, swell the glad triumphant strain!  
Tell the joyful tidings, bear it far away!  
For a precious soul is born again.*

*Glory! Glory! How the angels sing:  
Glory! Glory! How the loud harps ring!  
'Tis the ransomed army, like a mighty sea,  
Pealing forth the anthem of the free.*

Sinner, believer, church member...the invitation is to all who will come. Come Home Today!

**Bro. Tony**

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## REVIVAL PRAYER MEETING

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 6:00 P.M.**

**AT THE HOME OF**

**JERRY & PHYLLIS INGRAM**

## ELIZA BROADUS STATE MISSIONS OFFERING

CHURCH GOAL ----- \$500.00

GIVEN TO DATE ----- \$656.24



**DON'T FORGET** - There are several maintenance items that need attention around the church, so the month of October has been designated as a time to address these items. Everyone is invited to participate. There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board on the first floor. Please go by and designate which area you will be participating in - you can sign up as many times as you like. The Deacons will be here this Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00-12 Noon if you would like to come by then.

If you have any questions, contact one of the House & Grounds Team or call the church office.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

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 United States 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 for our boxes - this includes soap, washcloths, combs, toothpaste 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](mailto:Lee.Adams@uky.edu). As always, we appreciate your support in this ministry of our church.

# MEMORIAL GIFTS

## UNIFIED BUDGET

ELLIS CAUDILL  
MYREL & SHARON SHORT  
In Memory Of  
NOVA POLOSKEY

GEORGE & BETTY KINCER  
In Memory Of  
NOVA POLOSKEY  
IVA HACKER  
DON HAMMOCK

## FAMILY LIFE CENTER

SANDY BANKS  
In Memory Of  
JACKSON BANKS

DAVID & LINDA SETZER  
In Memory Of  
JUDTH VERMILLION  
NOVA POLSKEY

## STATE MISSIONS

JO COMBS  
In Memory Of  
JUDITH VERMILLION  
JUDY COLLINS  
NOVA POLOSKEY



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

# FAITH AND THE FAMILY

*Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? Psalm 85:6*

Our revival services begin this Sunday and will provide great opportunities for you to invite friends and family members to attend with you. I so look forward to being able to attend these services with my wife and children! For the majority of Sundays, I am leading Preschool worship; my kids are split between the nursery, Preschool Worship and Children's Church; and Angie is helping with Children's Church or in the sanctuary. For most of the revival services, we should be able to worship together in the sanctuary.

I guess, for most of us, life in general is very busy. It is easy to get wrapped up in activities, to lose time with our families, and to put our relationships with God on the back burner. This revival provides us with the opportunity to intentionally set time aside to seek renewal in our spiritual lives. Maybe this isn't fair, you will have to decide for yourself, but next week is a great opportunity to set everything else to the side and place worshipping our Savior first. I hope that our church experiences true revival and I suspect that we each get to choose if that is going to happen.

In Christ,  
**Jeremy**  
2 Timothy 1:6-7

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## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Help is still needed for our Fall Festival on October 29<sup>th</sup> and Trunk or Treat on October 31<sup>st</sup>. If you are interested in serving, please sign up on the sheets at the welcome desk in the foyer or contact Jeremy.

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## THE WAY TO A REVIVAL

Let God's people RECOGNIZE their need.  
Let God's people CONFESS their sins.  
Let God's people TURN from their wicked ways.  
Let God's people INTERCEDE for their lost friends.  
Let God's people CLAIM the promises of the Scriptures.  
Let God's people GO out to win others in His name.  
Let God's people BRING their friends to the House of God.  
Let God's people PRAY for the evangelist.  
Let God's people REJOICE that His blessings are not withheld.  
Let God's people EXHIBIT in daily living true Christian joy.  
Let God's people GIVE first place to the Lord, His Word and His Church.

## **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF WHITESBURG CHURCH COVENANT**

Having received Christ as my Lord and Savior; having been baptized; and being in agreement with First Baptist Church's vision, purposes and objectives, I now am led by the Holy Spirit to unite with this church family. In doing so, I commit myself to God and to the other members of First Baptist Church with the aid, counsel and teaching of the Holy Spirit to do the following:

1. I will strive to protect the unity of the church:
  - By acting in love toward other members; (John 13:34-35; I Peter 4:8)
  - By refusing to gossip and by guarding my tongue; (Ephesians 4:29; James 3:6-12)
  - By remembering other members in prayer; (James 5:13-20)
  - By aiding other members in sickness and distress; (Acts 2:42-47)
  - By practicing Christian sympathy and empathy in my relationships; (Rom. 12:15; 2 Cor. 1:3-7)
  - By being slow to take offense; (James 1:19-21; Rom. 12:17-21)
  - By seeking reconciliation and extending forgiveness without delay; (Matt. 5:23-24; Matt. 18:15-20)
  
2. I will share in the responsibilities of my church:
  - By praying for its effectiveness in meeting its objectives; (I Thessalonians 1:2-3; Col. 1:9-12)
  - By inviting the un-churched to attend; (Luke 14:23)
  - By warmly welcoming those who visit; (Romans 15:7)
  - By seeking the salvation of my family and acquaintances; (Deut. 6:4-9; Acts 16:31-34)
  - By being zealous in my efforts to advance the Kingdom of God; (Matt. 28:19-20)
  - By giving regularly of my time and money; (I Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 9)
  
3. I will serve the ministries of my church:
  - By discovering my gifts and talents; (I Peter 4:10; Rom. 12:3-8; 1 Cor. 12; 1 Pet. 4:10-11)
  - By equipping myself at every opportunity to serve; (2 Tim. 3:16-17; Eph. 4:11-16)
  - By developing a servant's heart (humility); (Philippians 2:3-4, 7; John 13:1-17)
  - By acting upon opportunities to serve my church and community for God's glory; (Acts 4:31-32; Acts 6:1-7; Matt. 5:13-16)
  
4. I will support the testimony of my church:
  - By attending faithfully; (Hebrews 10:23-25)
  - By studying God's word to enable the Holy Spirit to equip me for service; (2 Tim. 3:16-17)
  - By living a life that glorifies God; (I Peter 1:13-16)
  - By striving to develop Christ-likeness in my thoughts, attitudes, words and actions; (Matt. 5:48; 2 Cor. 13:5-8; Proverbs 3:23)
  - By devoting sufficient time to care for myself spiritually, mentally, emotionally and physically; (Matt. 22:37-39)
  - By being faithful in my engagements, just in my dealings, exemplary in my deportment and will consistently exhibit integrity; (Mark 8:34-37; Matt. 5:16)
  - By striving not to worry and by trusting God in all areas of my life; (Matt. 6:25-34)

I commit that when I remove from this place I will as soon as possible unite with some other church where I can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

**VOTE ON CHURCH COVENANT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9**

## EXTENDED SESSION

### WORKERS

**October 9**

Julie Bentley, Tiny Caudill

**October 16**

Pam Pratt, Holly Caudill

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### PRESCHOOL WORSHIP

**October 9**

Lee Adams

**October 16**

Allison Combs

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### CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS

**October 9**

Amanda & Byron Thomas

**October 16**

Saranell Caudill, Margaret Fisher, Rita Broome

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### DEACONS MEETING

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 7:30 A.M.**

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### THREE FORKS ASSOCIATION FALL MEETING

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 17**

**HINDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH**

## MUSIC NOTES

*"Revive us again;  
Fill each heart with Thy love;  
May each soul be rekindled  
With fire from above."*

October 9-12 our church will be in revival each evening beginning at 6:00 P.M. The choir will be singing each evening. Choir members will need to meet in the choir room at 5:45 each evening so we can run through the songs we will be singing.

The Children's Choir will still practice on Sunday evening during the revival service, so bring your son or daughter for practice.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Revival

October 9 – 12  
6:00 P.M.

### Children's Christmas Cantata

December 11 – Morning Worship

### Youth Christmas Play

December 11 – Evening Service

### "Born is the King" Cantata

December 18 – Evening Service

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**The Stewardship Team** would like to express appreciation to those who have made contributions to the Carpet/Pew fund. Anyone can make a donation by writing Carpet/Pew Fund on their envelope or check.

If you are receiving our newsletter by mail, we would like to encourage you to view it on our website, mobile app or receive it by e-mail to help defray postage costs. If you would like to receive it by e-mail, please contact the church office with your e-mail address.

# ***YOUTH HAPPENINGS***

Our church will be having Revival October 9-12 so we will not have youth on Sunday or Wednesday evenings. The youth will be doing a drama during Sunday night worship. Everyone will need to meet in the youth room at 5:30 to run through the drama.

Don't forget to come out on Wednesday night for Bible study. Philip will be leading a Bible study on the book of Genesis. Please invite your friends to come and join us for this in-depth study.

It is not too late to sign up for **Winter Extreme! Winter Xtreme 2016** sign-ups will be on the wall in the youth room. This year we will attend the December 29-31 session. The cost this year will be \$125.00. On each deposit date, \$25.00 will be due. The dates for deposits are: October 2, October 16, November 6, November 20, and December 4. As always, if you need assistance with attending this conference, just let Regina or Jeremy know. 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**

**October 9**

***Shaun Mynster, Linda Bentley***

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**October 16**

2<sup>nd</sup> Deposit (\$25) for Winter Extreme

**October 29**

Fall Festival – FBC

1:00 – 3:00 P.M.

Sign up to work a booth/game

**November 5**

Murder Mystery Night, 6:00 P.M.

**November 6**

3<sup>rd</sup> Deposit (\$25) for Winter Extreme

**November 11**

Operation Christmas Child Children's Lock-In

Youth will help – 6:00 P.M.

**November 16-21**

Shoebox deliveries and packing

Every evening at FBC

**November 20**

4<sup>th</sup> Deposit (\$25) for Winter Extreme

## LAST SUNDAY'S STATISTICS

Sunday School ----- 118  
Adults -- 72  
Youth -- 19  
Children -- 18  
Preschool -- 9  
Morning Worship ----- 153

## SPECIAL MINISTRIES

Housing Authority ----- 5  
Letcher Manor ----- 15  
AWANA / IGNITE  
Children: 45            Adults: 27  
Youth: 14              Adults: 3

## ADDITIONS TO DATE

(September – August)

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

## TOTAL RECEIPTS

Budget Receipts ----- \$ 7,364.00  
Budget Requirement ----- \$ 7,138.00  
Family Life Center ----- \$ 310.00  
Designated ----- \$ 39.00  
State Missions ----- \$ 201.44  
Budget Required to Date ----- \$285,520.00  
Budget to Date ----- \$264,093.93

## IN THE HOSPITAL

DARRELL BELL, Pikeville  
MARGIE ISON, Local ARH

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## FAMILY LIFE CENTER

**TOTAL NEEDED – PHASE 2**  
\$500,000.00

**GIVEN TO DATE**  
\$410,282.00

**NEEDED**  
\$89,718.00

## DEACON OF THE WEEK

**October 9 - 15**  
**MYREL SHORT**