

*THE* FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

# ILLUMINATOR

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

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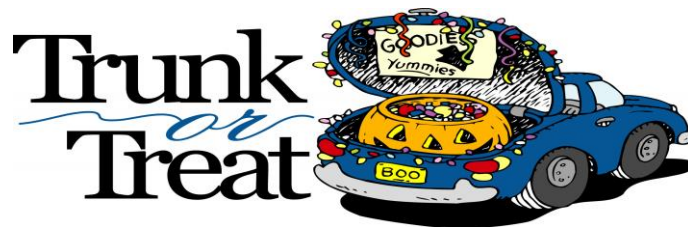
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## FALL FESTIVAL



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29  
1:00-3:00 P.M.**

Hotdogs, Inflatables, Games, Prizes -- ALL FREE



**MONDAY, OCTOBER 31  
5:00-8:00 P.M.**

# FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

What is the Christian attitude towards the elections – any election? First, what are some of the negative attitudes Christians may have?

1. **Apathy.** They just don't care. They don't spend much time praying for God's will to be done in the election.
2. **Pessimism.** They worry. This demonstrates a lack of trust in God that He is in control of the outcome of every situation.
3. **Negative.** They choose to focus strictly on the negative sides of any issue rather than being open to the positive points of the opposing views.
4. **Criticism.** They choose to attack our potential leaders relentlessly with unchristian comments that hurt their Christian witness.
5. **Judgmental.** They choose to champion their candidates by putting down other people. They will say things like, "I don't know how you can be a Christian and vote for that candidate." It seems to make us feel better about ourselves when we can put others down.

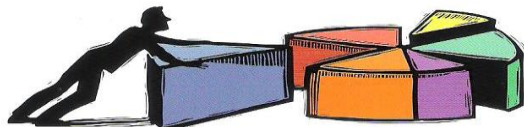
So, what should be Christian attitude? The truth is...it is the same attitude that we ought to have in any other circumstances in our lives. We are to be caring, kind, and loving. Even when we speak, we speak the truth in love. We are to be on our knees in prayer. We are to be trusting God wholeheartedly that He is in control of all circumstances in our lives and in our world. We are to employ Godly wisdom and learn how to tame the tongue. We learn to attack the problems, not the people.

Unfortunately, many Christians compromise their values at election time, the values they keep the rest of the year. They seem to think that during election time it is all right for Christians to attack one another and that God gives us some special kind of permission to be mean and cruel to each other. The result is – as Christians we lose a great opportunity to demonstrate Christian love and to show the world that we are different.

Next week, I will look closely at some guiding scriptures that will help us to face all circumstances in our lives with the proper Christian perspective.

*Bro. Tony*

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**Submit Your Budget Requests**

**WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

By profession of faith and baptism:

**IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!** The Stewardship Team is requesting that **ALL** proposed budgets for 2017 be turned into the church office no later than **October 30<sup>th</sup>**.

**JOSEPH ROBERT FISHER**

# MEMORIAL GIFTS

## DESIGNATED

MARY ANN & TODD HENLEY  
In Memory Of  
JUDITH VERMILLION

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Oct. 30: Edison Banks, Tina Sizemore  
Nov. 2: Kim A Combs  
3: Robert Brown, Daniel Hurst,  
Deanna Hipps  
4: Evie Johnson

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## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

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.

# EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS

**October 30**

Linda Setzer, Patricia Lewis

**November 6**

April Ramirez, Rita Broome

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## PRESCHOOL WORSHIP

**October 30**

Elisa Cook

**November 6**

Calviston & Rebecca Cook

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## CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS

**October 30**

Angie Horn, Tracie Day, Kathy Perry

**November 6**

Misty & Richard Wright, Viva Anderson

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## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

# FAITH AND THE FAMILY

## **OCTOBER 29 FALL FESTIVAL, 1:00-3:00 P.M.**

Awana families will be invited and it will be open to the entire community. Food, inflatables, and games (with prizes!) will all be free.

## **OCTOBER 31 TRUNK OR TREAT, 5:00-8:00 P.M.**

Hundreds of children and their family members will come out to enjoy candy and popcorn. If you would like to decorate your car and give out candy, let me know.

## **NOVEMBER 11 OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD LOCK-IN, 6:00-8:00 P.M.**

Kids will learn about Operation Christmas Child and pack shoeboxes to be given to children across the world. Youth and adults may participate by helping kids pack the shoeboxes.

## **NOVEMBER 14 – 21 OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX COLLECTION WEEK**

Once again, our church will be a collection center. See Lee Adams if you would like to volunteer to help with collection.

## **DECEMBER 3 BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS, 5:00-8:00 P.M.**

Children from 2 years old through 4<sup>th</sup> grade will celebrate Jesus' birthday through music, crafts, making a treat, games, food and story time. Parent and youth are welcome to help during this activity, please let me know if you would like to help.

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.

## **PROPOSED CHILD PROTECTION POLICY**

In November, we will be voting on the Proposed Child Protection Policy. The policy is available for review via our website, mobile app (visit the Apple App Store or Google Play to download the app for free), or you can pick up a copy from the welcome desk.

## MUSIC NOTES

*"He has given me a new song to sing,  
A hymn of praise to our God.  
Many will see what he has done and be amazed  
They will put their trust in the LORD."  
Psalm 40:3*

Have you ever wondered what really happens at choir practice? Ever wondered what you would have to do if you came to choir practice? Do you think you may be asked to sing a solo or read music? When I attended college some of my classes had prerequisites. Guess what? Choir has no prerequisite. All that is required is a willingness to sing from your heart to the Lord. Every week I am blown away by our choir. I eagerly await practice each week. It helps to start my week off on the right foot. Our practices are a time of worship, fellowship, family, hard work, and fun. Consider coming out and becoming a part of our choir – we would love to have you.

**PARENTS:** don't forget to bring your children to Children's Choir practice. They are preparing for the children's Christmas Cantata and practicing songs they will be singing with the Adult Choir for their cantata, *"Born is the King"*. It is not too late to come and join us and be a part of our Christmas festivities. We would love to have you.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**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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We could learn a lot from crayons: some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, some have weird names and all are different colors ... but they all exist very nicely together in the same box.

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## YOUTH HAPPENINGS

Practice, Practice, Practice! Beginning this week, we will start practicing at 5:00 on Sunday nights. There will be more scheduled practices because there are only seven weeks left until our play. Be practicing those songs and memorizing those lines.

Don't forget our Genesis Bible Study every Wednesday evening! It is not too late to join us as we begin to dig into God's Word. Please invite your friends to come and join us for this in-depth study.

It is also not too late to sign up for **Winter Extreme, December 29-31**. Sign-ups are on the wall in the youth room. The cost this year will be \$125.00, which includes a motel in downtown Gatlinburg and the conference cost. On each deposit date, \$25.00 will be due. The dates for deposits are: Oct. 2, Oct. 16, Nov. 6, Nov. 20, and Dec. 4. As always, if you need assistance with attending this conference, just let Regina or Jeremy know.

## SUNDAY MORNING SNACKS

**October 30**  
**Josh Triplett**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**October 31**  
Trunk or Treat

**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 ----- 105  
Adults -- 62  
Youth -- 20  
Children -- 16  
Preschool -- 7  
Morning Worship ----- 142

## SPECIAL MINISTRIES

Housing Authority -----  
Letcher Manor -----  
AWANA / IGNITE  
Children: 50            Adults: 15  
Youth: 10             Adults: 4

## ADDITIONS TO DATE

(September – August)

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

## TOTAL RECEIPTS

Budget Receipts ----- \$ 4,608.00  
Budget Requirement ----- \$ 7,138.00  
Family Life Center ----- \$ 100.00  
Designated ----- \$ 117.00  
Budget Required to Date ----- \$306,934.00  
Budget to Date ----- \$278,672.93

## IN THE HOSPITAL

DURWARD NARRAMORE, Local ARH  
MARGIE ISON, Local ARH  
BRENDA BOGGS, Pikeville  
JERRY COOTS, Lexington

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## FAMILY LIFE CENTER

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

**GIVEN TO DATE**  
\$410,802.00

**NEEDED**  
\$89,198.00

## DEACON OF THE WEEK

October 30 – November 5

**J. W. COMBS**