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# *ILLUMINATOR*

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

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## *SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY*

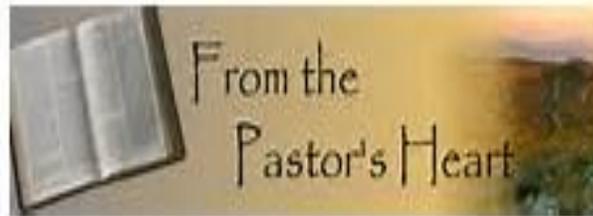
**JANUARY 21, 11:00 A.M.**

**Guest Speaker: Jake Pelfrey  
Central Region Director, Sunrise Children's Services**

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***BAPTIST MEN'S DAY  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 28***



When I log on to my computer - WOW - there is such a beautiful background scene...mountains, oceans, deserts, animals, colors and designs...you can be so creative in what you put as your background on your screen. Right now, it is a picture of my mother smiling as she stands in her room at the assisted care center where she lives. Because they are so beautiful, I could look at some backgrounds all day and never get tired of them.

Then when I get to work on my computer I take my seat, put my hand on the mouse, and move the little cursor where I want it. The cursor is very small and sometimes hard to see, but without it I can do nothing on my computer. It opens pages, moves side to side, up and down, and allows me to start and stop something. The cursor isn't particularly beautiful to look at...like my background. Truthfully, I hardly notice it is there.

For many of us, God is the background. He is beautiful and wonderful. We can spend all day watching Him and never get tired of Him. For many of us, "I" am the cursor. I move around and make things happen the way I want them to happen. I move it where I want it to go anywhere on the screen. God is there only to look beautiful.

BUT ... the truth is we have it backwards. God is not the background. He is the cursor and we are the background. He moves freely all over our lives making things happen according to His purpose for our lives. He is not meant to be simply observed and admired. He is to be integral part of our lives that is completely in control. Without Him no good pages could ever open for us to enjoy.

One day God moved the cursor to the cross of Calvary and sent Jesus to die for me. Then he clicked on my heart with His love and grace and a whole new window to life opened for me. My whole background changed. It is so beautiful. I thank God for my cursor. What about you? Is God your background or your cursor? Do you keep grabbing the mouse in an attempt to keep control of your life? Get up and give the seat to God. Let Him have full control of your life. He will make all things beautiful in His time.

**Bro. Tony**

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**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4**



*"For it was you who created my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I will praise you because I have been remarkably and wondrously made. Your works are wondrous, and I know this very well. My bones were not hidden from you when I was made in secret, when I was formed in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw me when I was formless; all my days were written in your book and planned before a single one of them began." Psalm 139:13-16*

This article is a continuation on the theme of the sanctity of human life, with a shift in focus. I hope that most of us, if not all of us, in our church agree that abortion is wrong. My personal stance is there is no justification for taking the life of a baby. I do know that there can be some situations that seem to make abortion sound like a good option, but these sad or scary situations cannot justify ending the life of a child. Speaking up in this situation is a good thing, but more than speaking is needed. Are we willing to help parents, children, and families in order to show that our faith is more than just words?

For the past five years, my family has been committed to being a foster family. In that time period we have been blessed with getting to provide care and share God's love with ten children. It is the hardest and best thing that we have ever done! We have offered up a lot of prayers for these children, and their parents, and will continue to do so for each one of them. Did you know that there are 8,624 children in foster care in Kentucky, and that 352 of those kids are in our region? Did you know that there are 355 kids in Kentucky who are freed up for adoption but do not have a family that is willing to adopt them? The need is great, not everyone should become a foster or adoptive family, but everyone can help.

This Sunday, **Sanctity of Human Life Sunday**, Jacob Pelfrey will be speaking to the church about this top and about Sunrise Children's Services. Sunrise provides services to parents, children, and families across our state and is associated with the Kentucky Baptist Convention. They offer wide scope of services: adoption, fostering, counseling, parenting classes, case management, independent living programs (for 18-21-year-olds who aged out of foster care), psychiatric residential treatment, and therapeutic residential care. I encourage you to come and hear him speak this Sunday; be ready to worship and open to listening to the Holy Spirit and God's will for how you can put your faith in motion.

In Christ,  
**JEREMY**  
Prov. 27:17

### **4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> GRADE PARENT MEETING**

On Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, at 5:00 P.M., there will be a meeting for the parents of 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders to discuss camp and mission opportunities that will be happening this summer. This meeting will take place in the Fellowship Hall.

### **SCHOOL RESOURCE CENTER NEED**

Children's jogging pants are needed in all elementary boys' and girls' sizes (small and medium are the most frequent needs). If you can help, please drop off the jogging pants to the church office by January 24<sup>th</sup>.



Our Easter Cantata, ***Road to Calvary—A Journey of Grace and Resurrection***, is in and I am excited to get started practicing. If you would like to sing with us this Easter, we would love to have you! Come by the choir room this Sunday and sign-out a book and listening tape, and by all means come to our choir practices each and every Sunday evening at 7 P.M.

Saranell and Tessa have chosen a play with speaking parts for Easter as well. They would love to have folks come out and be a part of this growing ministry. Please prayerfully consider taking on a speaking part in our Easter play – *"It Is Finished"*. I can assure you that those nerves in the pit of your stomach can be channeled into great acting! If you are interested, please let these ladies know. Their Christmas performance was amazing, and I am sure Easter will be as well.

Calling all children! Children's Choir begins this Sunday and Wendy, Eleanor, Angie and Mitzi have your music ready. *Game On* is the theme for Vacation Bible School this summer and it is the name of the musical you will be learning. You will be performing *"Game On"* during our evening worship service on May 6 at 6:00 P.M. Mark this date on your calendar.

If you would like to be a part of a church praise band, Tagan Cox is looking for you! If enough people are interested, Tagan would like to rotate members of the praise band each week so that you may only have to play/sing once monthly. If you are interested, please contact Tagan. The church praise band will practice on Sunday evenings at 4:00 P.M.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, January 21, 6:00 P.M.** -- Children's Choir resumes

**January 28, 5:00 P.M.** -- **Music Ministry Team Meeting** - Conference Room

**March 25, 6:00 P.M.** -- ***"It Is Finished"*** – Easter Play

**March 30, 6:00 P.M.** -- ***"Road to Calvary-A Journey of Grace and Resurrection"***  
Fellowship immediately following

**April 1, 7:00 A.M.** -- **SUNRISE SERVICE** -- Breakfast Brunch afterwards

**April 1, 11:00 A.M.** -- ***"Road to Calvary-A Journey of Grace and Resurrection"***

**May 6, 6:00 P.M.** -- ***"Game On"*** – Children's Musical



We are going to start offering some "How to" type classes for our youth this year. We would love for some of our church family to pray about leading one of these "how to" classes. Some of the classes we are considering are: Hunting taught by Jerry Ingram; Sewing Techniques-basic stitching, hemming, etc.; Fishing; Making Fishing Lures; basic car care; wood working projects, exercise class; jewelry making, basic cooking skills, cake decorating, flower arranging, hair and make-up; and table etiquette. We think this is a great opportunity for our youth and adults to bond and learn some very helpful skills at the same time. If you would be interested in leading one of these classes listed above, or have another great idea for a class we could offer, please let us know.

We will be attending SEESALT Youth Camp this summer. The cost of the camp is about \$300 per person which includes most meals. The youth from Highlands Baptist in Ocala, FL will be joining us at camp this year so it will be a great opportunity to fellowship with our Ocala family.

We will also be returning to Ocala for a week of mission activities this summer. The cost for this trip is minimal as we stay at Highlands. Attendees usually split the cost of any motel stay while traveling, and then pay for meals while traveling back and forth from Florida.

Please mark these dates on your calendar so that your son or daughter will be able to attend camp and go on mission trip.

We will be discussing ways to raise funds to assist in attending camp and going on mission trip. Our goal is to help those attending be able to go and to place a minimal strain on those families that have students attending. We will be conducting a painting class and some dinners after morning worship and other fund-raising activities to assist with the cost of attending camp and mission trip. If your son or daughter would like to have the cost minimized, or if they need a scholarship, working these fund-raising activities will be required. We will have a parent meeting on Wednesday evening, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 in the Youth Room at church to discuss camp, mission trip and fund-raising participation requirements.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SNACKS

**January 21**

*Philip & Julie Bentley*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| January 24:     | Parent Meeting – 6:00 P.M. – Youth Room                       |
| January 31:     | Youth Leaders Planning Meeting – 5:30 P.M.<br>Conference Room |
| February 4:     | "Souper Bowl" Sunday – Food Bank Collection                   |
| February 4:     | Super Bowl Party – home of Philip & Julie Bentley             |
| June 17-22:     | SEESALT Youth Camp – Myrtle Beach                             |
| June 30-July 6: | Ocala Mission Trip  |



- Jan. 22: Ted Cook, Maggie Little,  
Waughletia Little  
23: Mollie Caudill, Liz Sergent  
24: Gary Cornett  
25: Brooklyn Lucas, Mary Richardson  
26: Charles Hall, Margie Ison,  
Bernadine Miracle  
27: Tricia Lewis

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## Deacons Meeting



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 7:30 A.M.**



Just a reminder that any announcements and articles that need to be in the newsletter must be in the church office no later than noon on Tuesday. Announcements for the bulletin must be received no later than Wednesday.

If you are presently receiving our newsletter by mail and would like to receive it through e-mail, please contact the church office with your e-mail address.



## LESSONS FROM A SNOWMAN

- \*It's okay to wear white well after Labor Day.
- \*Simply hanging out in your front yard can be fun.
- \*We're all made mostly of water.
- \*You know you've "arrived" when a song is written about you.
- \*So what if you're a little bottom-heavy?
- \*Don't get too much sun.
- \*Sweating too much can be disastrous.

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## HOW TO KEEP WARM IN CHURCH

Rush to the front of the sanctuary. That will warm you up, and you'll avoid the draft in the back of the church.

Invite your neighbors and friends, and sit 12 people to a pew.

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## ATTENTION ALL VAN DRIVERS

We need to update our records. Even if you have provided a copy previously, we need a new copy. Please submit a copy to the church office as soon as possible.



**UNIFIED BUDGET**

ELLIS CAUDILL  
WAUGHLETIA LITTLE  
In Memory Of  
CARROLL SHACKLEFORD

**FAMILY LIFE CENTER**

PHIL & LINDA BENTLEY  
In Memory Of  
HERB CAUDILL

**DESIGNATED**

STEVEN C & GLENDA SEXTON  
STEPHANIE BENTLEY  
In Memory Of  
HERB CAUDILL  
CARROLL SHACKLEFORD



The FBC staff and church family extends love and sympathy to SARA RUTH SHACKLEFORD and family in the death of her husband, CARROLL H. SHACKLEFORD.

Laughter is the sun that drives winter from the human face.

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**EXTENDED SESSION WORKERS**

**Jan. 21**  
Linda Setzer, Tricia Lewis

**Jan. 28**  
Rita Broome

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**PRESCHOOL WORSHIP**

**Jan. 21**  
Deanna Hipsps

**Jan. 28**

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**CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS**

**Jan. 21**  
Amanda & Byron Thomas

**Jan. 28**  
Saranell Caudill, Margaret Fisher

In Loving Memory Of

**CARROLL H. SHACKLEFORD**

December 21, 1928 - January 13, 2018

## LAST SUNDAY'S STATISTICS

Sunday School ----- 82  
Adults -- 45  
Youth -- 14  
Children -- 12  
Preschool -- 11  
Morning Worship ----- 126

## SPECIAL MINISTRIES

Housing Authority ----- 4  
Letcher Manor -----  
AWANA/IGNITE/YOUTH ----- 105  
Children: 73      Adults: 32

## ADDITIONS TO DATE

(September – August)

By Baptism ----- 3  
By Letter ----- 0  
By Statement ----- 1  
**TOTAL ADDITIONS ----- 4**

## TOTAL RECEIPTS

Budget Receipts ----- \$ 7,776.00  
Budget Requirement ----- \$ 7,255.00  
Family Life Center ----- \$ 285.00  
Designated ----- \$ 322.00  
Budget Required to Date ----- \$ 14,510.00  
Budget to Date ----- \$ 13,604.00

## IN THE HOSPITAL

JIMMY BATES, Local ARH  
GUS TOLLIVER, Local ARH

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## FAMILY LIFE CENTER

### TOTAL NEEDED – PHASE 2

\$500,000.00

### GIVEN TO DATE

\$434,712.00

### NEEDED

\$65,288.00

## DEACON OF THE WEEK

January 21 - 27

**LARRY ADAMS**