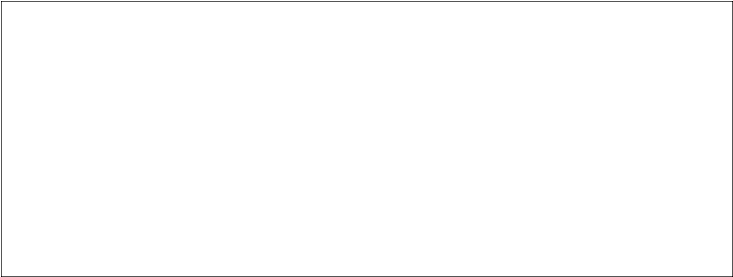


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DEACON NOMINATIONS

Please prayerfully consider who you would like to nominate to serve as an FBC Deacon. You may mail this completed form to the church or you may email your nomination(s) to [info@fbcfrankfort.church](mailto:info@fbcfrankfort.church) by Wednesday, September 30.

**THE DEACON COVENANT** - As a deacon, called by Christ and ordained by His Church, I promise to serve my Lord with all diligence and commitment. I will strive to conduct my personal affairs with the highest measure of moral integrity, doing nothing that could bring reproach upon the church or upon my ordained office. I will set an example for others by faithfully attending my church in times of worship, ministry and fellowship. I will lead my church in Christian stewardship, cheerfully giving my tithe and my talents to advance the cause of Christ.

My service as a deacon shall be conducted in a manner which promotes peace, unity, and goodwill among other deacons, and among all church members. I will attend the deacons' meetings faithfully, prayerfully considering all issues presented. While at times I may disagree, I will not act disagreeably. If offended, I will respond with grace and forgiveness, putting aside all gossip, bitterness, hatred, and strife. Since the unity and integrity of the church is at stake, I will maintain strict confidentiality regarding sensitive matters discussed in the meetings. As a deacon, I will seek not to control but to serve, relying not on the love of power but upon the power of love.

Trusting only on the power of the Spirit, I promise to keep this covenant as best as I humanly can, so help me God. (Adopted by the Deacon Fellowship of The First Baptist Church of Frankfort, March 1, 2001)

**NOMINATION** - Having personal knowledge the following person(s) meets the high ideals and expectations for deaconship, I submit the following name(s) for consideration by the Deacon Nominating Committee:

**PLEASE PRINT THE NAME OF YOUR NOMINEE(S):**

**NOTE:** Nominees must be a Christian, a member of First Baptist Church, Frankfort, and at least 18 years old.

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## First Baptist Church of Frankfort

### September 2020 Newsletter

We've greeted our new Associate Pastors, Michelle and Amanda. Now have some fun identifying a few of our masked members who helped make up the welcoming committees!

FBC KNOWS HOW TO SMILE WITH THEIR EYES!

# »FROM THE Senior Pastor»

**WE HAVE A FULL STAFF!!** I can't tell you how happy it makes me to walk in the church and see our two new Associate Pastors in their offices leading out in their respective ministry areas. What blessings we have been given in the middle of this pandemic! Pray for **Michelle** and **Amanda** as they are transitioning to their new positions in the most abnormal times. Let us be grateful for what God is doing in our midst even in a difficult season. I hope you will reach

out to Michelle and Amanda either through a phone call, message, Zoom or card. Thank you to all who participated in the 'drive-by welcome' for Amanda! It was wonderful to see you!

How are we to **CONNECT, GROW** and **SERVE** during this season of the church? Make sure you are connecting with God and others through worship, Bible study, and prayer. Set goals of connecting with individuals in our church family - especially people you don't know well. Find ways to connect with and serve people who you know are isolated because of this virus.

Maybe take groceries to someone or call and ask what their needs may be. It's possible they just need someone to talk to. Remember your tithes and offerings to FBC. With a full staff, we need to prioritize our giving to the church. Check the church website and be informed. You may find an opportunity there to connect, grow and/or serve in the life of our church. Let's serve people by being light and love on social media instead of spreading darkness and hate – especially in this election season. May we **'Set our minds on things above, not on earthly things. For we died, and our life is now hidden with Christ in God.'**

The State Journal reported on 8.31, "Sunday's new-case report gives state largest one-week total of COVID-19 cases." We are still in the middle of this challenging season. Our facilities will remain closed in the month of September. Remember, the **church** is never closed. The building might be, but **YOU** are the church – so – go **BE** the church. **Act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God.**

~Keith



Hello, FBC at the Singing Bridge! I'm so glad to be on board with you all as we continue our mission to love our community and our world. I'm so grateful to be serving a church that has such a heart for missions and continually shows up to make it happen, even when that means virtually. I can't wait to see all the ways you show up for missions once social distancing and masks are no longer at the top of our daily priorities!



The Emma Quire Mission Center in Owsley County welcomed Interim Director, Linda Witt, in April. Linda has maintained relationships with our regular groups and locals who are struggling during this time to make connections for donations of clothes, cleaning supplies, and food needs while the Mission remains closed to overnight volunteer groups. Find the new EQMC Facebook page for regular updates! Our September Mission Campaign is in support of Owsley County students. We're focusing on providing internet access to those who cannot afford it and hope to provide masks to all 750 students when they return to school. Instructions for how to participate will be on the church website and weekly announcements.

The Mission Frankfort Clinic is back to "normal" with COVID-19 procedures in place, including temperature checks, symptom screenings, and masks for both patients and volunteers. Our volunteers are so grateful for the church members who have donated meals in the last month. One of our interns called one casserole "the best thing [she] ever ate." We will continue having meal donation signs-ups for the foreseeable future.

~Michelle

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Remember to regularly  
check out website,  
[www.fbcfrankfort.church](http://www.fbcfrankfort.church),  
for announcements, up-  
dates, and to read the  
FBC Prayer List!

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Adam and Amanda Standiford  
August 30, 2020



## IN MEMORIAM

Charlotte Ivers  
August 12, 2020



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

I'm so glad to be with you at FBC! I can't wait to get acquainted with the kids and families in this church!

My primary priority this month is getting to know you. Parents and grandparents, watch for information via email about Godly Play, Zoom game gatherings, and an opportunity to come to FBC and tie dye a face mask (one

family at a time). I also plan to take time this month to connect with each FBC child's grownups and learn more about you and your family and how I can partner with you in this season.

For now, make plans for your child to attend WEDNESDAY EVENING ZOOM ACTIVITIES beginning September 16 (I will email a Zoom link). Preschool-1st graders will meet 6:00-6:30 for music and a bedtime story. 2nd-5th graders will meet 6:00-6:45 for social time and music.

I know that getting acquainted during a pandemic is a challenge, but I also believe it presents us with unique opportunities for connecting and learning together. I look forward to serving alongside you!

~Ms. Amanda

# MUSIC NOTES

Worship is hard! At least it is for me. But it is sure worth the effort. It is our spiritual lifeblood and we need to continually strive to offer our best to God. The most difficult part for me is stilling my mind so I can focus on God. This is easier for some than others, but my mind has a tendency to wander and I must work hard to focus. I have tried various routines on Sunday mornings to prepare myself for worship and recently have begun sitting still and

listening to hymns being played for about half an hour. I have found it helpful to me in stilling my mind and helping me focus as the texts of the hymns come flooding into my mind. What works for you? Reading scripture, looking at nature, or praying? What I do know is it has to be intentional.

I share my thoughts with you because the pandemic has only made it harder for me to focus and I imagine it has for you as well. It is difficult to lead worship into a camera instead of your expressive faces. Those of you at home are looking at some sort of screen, whether a tv, a computer, a tablet, or a phone. It must be hard to participate when you are either sitting alone or with just your family. I want to encourage you to create a space for worship. Perhaps light your own Christ candle, dress as if you are going to church, spend the time between Bible Study and worship to be still and read scripture or sing some hymns. Worship is work! It is active, not passive. It requires effort, but as I stated at the beginning of this article it sure is worth it. Pray for me as I will pray for you that we will worship God in spirit and in truth!

Amanda and I have set a time for the music ministry to offer an online music time for our preschoolers and elementary age children. Though we will not be able to sing as a choir due to lag time, there are many music games, activities, hymn studies, and videos we can use to teach our children about God and music. I encourage ALL parents of these students to encourage their participation. The time is short, but I believe very beneficial to our children. See Amanda's Children's Ministry article for details.

~Richard



I'm excited about the variety of spiritual formation opportunities already underway at FBC! I've had a few opportunities already to drop in on Sunday School classes and book studies via Zoom, and I'd love to come and say hello to even more groups in the coming weeks. I'm also going to be doing a lot of listening and brainstorming in the weeks ahead, both myself and with help from the Spiritual Formation team, to think about how to expand our options and create spaces and opportunities for everyone who would like to be engaged in a study or conversation group this fall. Be sure to keep an eye out for announcements on Facebook and our website about what's ahead!

~Amanda



This month I'd like to turn our attention to a central theme pressing upon my heart for both our students and the world: *connection*. While I cannot, and will not, speak for how your individual student is managing their connections with God, others, and their self, what I will speak to is its overall importance. To say that we're all coping and dealing with the impact of this pandemic in a number of ways is an understatement, in my opinion. I think we all miss what used to be "normal"- being physically present with friends and peers, being shoulder-to-shoulder at a ball game or a play, seeing a movie on a Friday night with a group. The examples could go on and on.

As youth pastor, I want to help bridge and emphasize connection with your student. Whether it's in a Wednesday evening Zoom Bible study, in a blog or podcast, or (Lord willing) even doing a socially distant activity together at some point, I want to stay connected with your student and help them stay connected in their relationship to God, other students, and even to their self. Please feel free to contact me if you have any suggestions and feedback regarding this emphasis on connection, or with anything else that I can personally do.

I love and miss each of you dearly. Peace be with you and yours!

~Marcus



I sure do miss our monthly gatherings, but mostly I miss your faces and the laughter in the room whenever we are together. In the big scheme of things, I pray this is just a blip in time. However, with all of our current restrictions, we still don't have to black out our windows at night, or hide in bomb shelters, or have food and gas ration booklets - for years at a time. It is tough to not be social, to hug and be together and sing together, but I have every confidence that we will do these things once more, when it is safe to do so. In the meanwhile, let's keep connecting through The Barnabas Group Notes of Encouragement. If you are not getting these emails, please send me your email address and I will put you on the list. Send any stories or jokes to share with the group, or new addresses, to TheBarnabasGroupFBC@gmail.com.

~Mona

