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Wednesday Schedule

- 5:00-6:00 - Wed Night Dinner*
- 5:30 - Preschool Missions
- 1st - 5th Grade Choirs
- Youth Handbells
- Formations Preview Class
- 6:00 - Youth Group
- Clothes Closet
- Mission Frankfort Clinic
- 6:15 - Adult Bible Study/Prayer Meeting
- Adult Handbells
- Preschool Choir
- 1st - 5th Grade Missions
- 7:00 - Sanctuary Choir**

*Reservations must be received the Sunday prior to the Wednesday evening meal. You may call the church office or place your reservation in the offering plate.
**Childcare is available through choir rehearsal.

New Member

Ed Roberts
July 28, 2019



The Sanctuary Choir has begun work on John Rutter's "Requiem" which they will present in our

worship service on November 3, All Saints Sunday. It is not too late for you to join us in singing this moving work. The first 30 minutes of our rehearsal each Wednesday, beginning at 7:00 p.m., are dedicated to this piece and you are welcome to join us.

By the time you receive this newsletter we will have begun a new year of Children's Choirs. I cannot impress upon parents enough how important I think children's choirs are for our children. They learn so much more than music. They learn about God, the church, teamwork, and develop gifts that can be used for a lifetime praising God. Parents, please bring your child to choir!

The Instrumental Ensemble will play for worship this Sunday, August 25. I am grateful for all those who give so generously of their time and talent to lead us in worship. If you play an instrument, please come and join us.

Also by the time you receive this newsletter our Adult Handbell and Youth Handbell ensembles will have begun. I'd like to add members to both of these ensembles, so please consider joining us on Wednesday evenings for rehearsals. The Youth rehearse at 5:30 and the Adults rehearse at 6:15.

Our recording of the Christmas CD has been postponed until January. We will still present the same anthems, as planned on December 15, but will not record them until January. The CD's will be available next year in time for Advent/Christmas.

~Richard

First Baptist Church Sanctuary Choir
to present

John Rutter's

REQUIEM

Sunday, November 3 (All Saints Observance Day), 10:50 am

Church Picnic

Our annual church picnic is Sunday, September 15, 5:00 - 7:00 pm, at the Hancock Pavilion of Lakeview Park. Chicken, beverages, and paper goods provided. Come and bring a side dish or dessert and enjoy the playground, splash pad, and games. This is a wonderful time to enjoy a fun night with friends of all ages.



Rahab's
Rope
Songs to lighten the load
rahabsrope.band



ALL are welcome to this FREE gospel concert
Thursday, September 19
6:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church Sanctuary

Rahab's Rope is a Lexington, Kentucky, based band. Band members describe their music as having a folk flavor which may bend toward old time jazz, gospel, southern rock, and even classical. Invite your friends and enjoy a wonderful evening of music!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Labor Day Office Closed	3 12:00 pm Book Study	4 5:00 pm Wednesday Night Activities	5 9:00 am ROMEOs 6:00 pm Deacons' Meeting	6	7
8 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship 4:00 pm Enneagram Journey	9	10 12:00 pm Book Study	11 5:00 pm Wednesday Night Activities	12 9:00 am ROMEOs 10:00 am Ladies' Spiritual Formation Group	13	14
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THE BARNABAS GROUP

On Thursday, September 19, TBG will enjoy a catered dinner and concert at FBC. We have invited the "Living Life and Loving It Group" from First United Methodist to join us. The gospel singing group, Rahab's Rope, will be performing, and this is a concert you will want to attend! Dinner will be in Fellowship Hall at 5:00, with the concert to follow in the Sanctuary at 6:00. There will be donation baskets set up to cover the cost of the food and the singers. Bring a dessert to share. PLEASE SIGN UP BY SEPTEMBER 11.

On Saturday, October 5, TBG will be going to lunch at Shakertown with a boat ride on the KY River to follow. Lunch is at noon and the boat ride is at 2:00. The cost of lunch is \$19.20 each (that covers tax and tip) and the boat ride is \$10. This event needs to be paid to the church in advance. You can go to the lunch and NOT go on the boat ride if that is your preference. The sign up sheet will give you that option. PLEASE SIGN UP AND PAY FOR SHAKERTOWN BY SEPTEMBER 19 (the day of our September dinner/concert).

I have started work on the 2020 event calendar for TBG and would love to have your input! Please send any and all suggestions to TheBarnabasGroupFBC@gmail.com or call me at 859-948-1238.

~Mona

Spiritual Formation



NEW! TUESDAY BOOK STUDY *Embracing the Love of God* by James Bryan Smith

"Life is a journey, not a destination. We never arrive. And yet the path along which we walk is marked by certain promises. These promises are fixed, solid, and secure; they are stable, bound, and firmly fastened for all eternity, even if we do not trust them. God whispers them into our soul: 'I love you. I am with you always-no matter what you have done. You are precious to me. I will never leave you.'" Let God's immense love for you sink into your heart and soul like never before! These days it seems many Christians are overcome with activities and trying to please people so their faith becomes legalism. The only way to stop the cycle is to let God's love and approval embrace you, now and every day. Banish feelings of fear and insignificance, and develop a lifestyle of love and acceptance. God loves us and when we completely understand and accept this truth, how can we not love ourselves and love others.

- Begins Tuesday, September 3
- Noon in Fellowship Hall
- Six weeks
- Dwight Lovan, Facilitator
- Sign up on bulletin board
- Books, \$11, are available in the church office or you may purchase elsewhere (Kindle, \$7.99)
- Video conferencing available if you would like to participate from home.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS PROJECTS: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

We are encouraging each of our Sunday School classes to plan a Love Your Neighbor project together to complete this fall. It could be a big project or a small one that involves the whole class. Be creative. We will designate a report back time later in the fall so we can hear the stories of what other classes have done. We don't want to limit your thinking but here are some suggestions if you need them: Help an elderly or disabled neighbor or church member who needs something done around the house; help sort clothes in the Clothes Closet; work in the soup kitchen. We have a community resource list in the office that may give you an idea.

Show our neighbors what God looks like: "No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.... God is love." (1 John 4:12, 16)



NEW! LADIES' SPIRITUAL FORMATION GROUP

If you are a lady yearning for a deeper experience with God and desiring to broaden your faith, consider being part of our new weekly ladies' study, meeting at the home of Doris Wallace each Thursday, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Most of the studies are approximately six weeks long. A kick-off/informational brunch will be September 12, 10:00 a.m., at the Wallace home, 1123 Deer Haven. Sign up on the church bulletin board. Ladies of all ages are welcome.

LOOKING AHEAD: SAVE THE DATES!

Room at the Table - October 12

On Saturday, October 12, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, join Erica Settelen, FBC children's ministry staff, chef, and culinary arts instructor, as she teaches us kitchen basics and ease of preparing a meal at home. Paired with a discussion on reviving family dinner around your table, this is a great experience for adults, youth, and families. All are welcome. A fee of \$10 per adult and \$20 per family will defray the costs of the food and tastings. Please sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office by Sunday, October 6.

Welcome to FBC! Luncheon - October 13

For new members, inquisitive visitors, or members who have been around a few years and would like to learn more about the church. We invite you to join us for lunch on Sunday, October 13, immediately after morning worship. This will be a wonderful opportunity to get to know our staff and other church leaders and hear from them regarding different aspects of our church beliefs, ministries, and facilities. We'll also answer any questions you may have and take you on a tour of the building.

FBC School for Discipleship - November 9

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth;" so opens the book called *Genesis*. If the story of Israel begins in chapter 12 with the calling of Abram; then everyone's story, humanity's story, your story, my story begins in Genesis 1-11. These chapters stand apart from and read differently than the rest of the book; they must be understood differently.

Put your thinking cap on. Prepare to be challenged and stretched. Bring your Bible and your questions. Come with an open mind and join us as we "deep dive" into Genesis 1-11 on Saturday, November 9. Rick White, Teacher.



FBC CONNECT: CALLED TO LOVE TRAVEL MUG

We have a limited number of our beautiful insulated 16 oz travel mugs available for \$10 each. The Mission Frankfort Clinic will receive \$5 for every mug sold, so your purchase will help support this important ministry to our community.

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If you have a Facebook account, please “Like” and “Follow” our church page, *First Baptist Church at the Singing Bridge*. We also encourage you to “share” our Facebook posts to your own timeline. This is a quick and easy way for your friends to see the multitude of opportunities and ministries happening here at FBC.

**Book Drive for Clothes Closet Christmas Store**

During September and October, our Children’s Ministry is sponsoring a special book drive to support the FBC Toy Store. Our Clothes Closet has a large number of families who could use Spanish language and bi-lingual (Spanish/English) books. Beginning September 1, we will collect Spanish language and bi-lingual (Spanish/English) books to provide to the Toy Store. We would like to concentrate on easy reader (leveled) books through elementary age chapter books.

We will have a collection area in the vestibule of the church for you to place your donations. If you prefer to provide a monetary donation for us to use to purchase books on your behalf, you may place those donations in the offering plate or drop them by the church office. Please indicate on the memo line or envelope that the donation is for “Children’s Ministry – Book Drive.”

**Making The “Konnect”ion**

On Wednesday evenings this fall, our 3rd through 5th graders will be working with a new curriculum called Konnect. The overarching purpose of this curriculum is to help our children understand that “Together, we live out God’s mission.” Each week they will learn about different aspects of following Christ, including what is a disciple, what makes us the church, how we worship, and that each of us is unique and matter.

Here is a Bible verse we would challenge the entire church to learn:

Ecclesiastes 4:12 [NIV] “Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.”

~Jenny



Hello!

There’s so much we can look forward to this coming month in the life of our youth group.

Sunday school will consist of a couple different topics including “The Resilient Body of Faith” (from Youth Ministry Conversations) and “Identity” (from Open Life Church, a follow-up to our discussion on “Character”). Wednesday evenings will include a time of worship with youth-led music, sharing stories

and testimonies, and several spiritual practices (spiritual journaling, *lectio divina*, and prayer walking).

We can also look forward to a CHURCH-WIDE CANOE TRIP and our annual DESSERT AUCTION. The canoe trip is set for Saturday morning, September 21, at Canoe Kentucky. We’ll be meeting at the church at 8:45AM and busing to Canoe Kentucky for a 2-3 hour canoe trip. Please RSVP and PAY THE \$30 CANOE RENTAL FEE to the church by Sunday, September 15. There will be 14-20 spots for 2-people canoes (we can add more spots as needed!). Please plan on bringing a sack lunch to eat mid-trip.

Our dessert auction will be Wednesday, September 25, at 6:00 p.m. Please plan on coming to show your love and support for our youth, and bring those delicious goodies for us to auction!

As always, if you’re looking to get involved in the life of our youth group, please reach out to me. I’ll be more than happy and willing to get you plugged in somewhere!

Peace be with you!
Marcus



My Mom was a school teacher for over thirty years. My Dad was a principle, teacher and coach for many years. Being in education is not an easy job, to say the least. I know about the early mornings, late evenings, parent meetings, unruly students and all the other stresses that go along with being an educator. I believe it is one of the most important jobs. I am thankful for all our FBC folks involved in education – teachers, administration and staff. I will be praying for you and all our students during this year. I hope it turns out to be one of the most productive and satisfying years of your career.

Keep up this good and critical work. Our future depends on it!

Many of you know that after two and half years, Dana Nickles, our Mission Frankfort Clinic Administrator, is resigning as she has taken a new job. I am excited about her future as she works with public health departments across our state. We will miss her in the clinic. She has done a fantastic job! Dana is currently going the extra mile with the MFC as she is continuing to manage our clinics while our Board searches for her successor. Please pray for us as we seek God’s guidance in seeking an individual to take on this important position. Of course, Dana and her family are members of FBC so we will continue to have her around. I hope you will express thanks to her for serving the MFC with excellence over these past couple of years.

With the beginning of the school year, it is a great time to find your place of ministry at FBC. Maybe you can be a substitute teacher for your Sunday school class or partner with someone to help teach children on Wednesday nights. Maybe you could pick out a Wednesday evening to serve in the Clothes Closet once a month. Maybe you could volunteer as a receptionist in the Mission Frankfort Clinic. There are many opportunities and during the fall season, we need ‘all hands on deck’ to make sure the ‘body of Christ’ is functioning to its full potential. Thank you for stepping up and helping us advance the Gospel. I believe our best days are ahead!

Please join me for Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting/Bible Study. We will be studying the Acts of the Apostles. I believe this study will be crucial for us in the beginning days of this new chapter in the life of our church as we discover how some of the earliest believers manifested their faith. We can learn from them as we attempt to express our faith and follow Christ in the present.

In Christ,
Keith