FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

MAY 2019





Hello First Baptist Church Family,

Wow! I cannot believe it is already the end of April and we are looking into May! The warmer temperatures and longer days always make this time of year one of my favorites. As I reflect on this first part of 2019, I am encouraged and thankful for all the Lord has done at First Baptist in just a few months. As you know, we had our revival in late March and just last weekend we had a wonderful time of reflection and celebration as we God's Work-Our Hands celebrated Easter with the Good Friday Service, Community Easter Egg Hunt, and Easter Service on

Sunday. Thank you to everyone who served, volunteered, and worked behind the scenes to help make these times special and meaningful. It is my prayer that through these times, you personally grew closer to the Lord in your walk with him and that seeds were sown that will sprout in the hearts of those who do not yet know Christ.

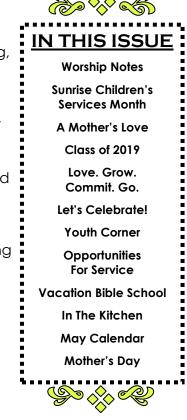
Some of you may have noticed Brittany and I have been working for a few weeks at weeding, mulching, and replanting around the parsonage. We are so thankful to live in such a nice home and we want to steward it well by making it look nice on the inside as well as the outside. However, there is one major problem with all of that - neither Brittany nor I have much of a green thumb (which I am sure is painfully obvious to any passerby). Still, we are committed to at least trying. Recently, on one evening we

were discussing whether to plant seeds or potted flowers. Brittany made the comment, "I would rather plant blooming flowers than seeds because I want to see the beautiful result right away." When she said this, I was struck by how true that is in ministry and especially the life of the church. As a pastor, I find myself ready and sometimes disappointed if I do not see the fruit of my work (preaching, evangelism, outreach, etc.) right away. Perhaps you can feel that as well. However, I think it is crucial for you and me to take a lesson from the necessity of waiting for seeds to be planted, sprout, and then bloom. Yes, this takes time and patience, however the growth God gives is the only growth that will sustain. Pray with me and for our church that we will not only see this growth but be faithful to wait, work, and trust God in the process.

As we continue throughout this year, I am also praying the excitement and momentum will carry on and the Lord would be pleased to add to our church in those who come to know Christ as well as though who decide to join their lives with us in membership. Most of all, we pray the Lord would grow us all spiritually deep. I am excited for us to continue our series through Philippians titled "Pressing Onward" and then moving on to an upcoming sermon series beginning in June titled "Summer in the Psalms" in which we will spend time each week looking at God's word to us in the book of Psalms.

To the praise of God's glory!

Tastar Chance





"I am resolved no longer to linger, Charmed by the Worlds delight; Things that are higher, things that are nobler, These have allured my sight. I am resolved to go to the Savior, Leaving my sin and strife; He is the true one, He is the just one, he hath the words of life. I am resolved to follow the Savior, Faithful and true each day; Heed what He sayeth, do what He willeth, He is the living way."

Today as I sit down to write this article, the words of Palmer Hartsough are running through my head. I can't seem to keep them from singing over and over again. "I am resolved no longer to linger..." Up until a few moments ago I didn't even really understand what he was trying to say. I know the words are fairly simple, but my bald head has a way of letting things slip right by. Considering this, sometimes I must take a few minutes to slow down and listen to what is being said.

Hartsough was a musician by trade and spent many years traveling about as a music teacher until in the late 19th century he was hired by a music production company from Cincinnati. While there he was challenged to spend more time creating than teaching. In his early 50's you can imagine this was a hard task for a man who spent all his time teaching and playing other people's music. The thought of writing his own music was quite daunting. However, he began to write and the words of "I Am Resolved" came to be.

Look at these words as they come from the man in his 50's pouring out his creative heart to God. You see, the word resolve adds to the story that there must be conflict. What kind of conflict? It seems the conflict is between Hartsough and Christ. He has decided to not allow the things that twinkle and catch his eye to distract him any longer. No, instead he is turning toward Christ and the life he can find in him. He says specifically "Leaving my sin and strife;" This is a great example of the repentance that takes place as we resolve to follow Christ.

You see, many times we use the word resolve to speak of a forceful plan of action, but in reality, a resolve is a solution to the problem. What is the problem? We are all sinners struggling between the wants of this world and the calling of Christ. Christ tells us to leave these things behind, and yet we are so quick to set them down only to pick them right back up when no one is looking. We need resolve. We need to have the conviction of the truth as Hartsough had. Why, because without it we are not "straining toward what is ahead" or "Pressing on toward the goal."

Singing His Praises! *Bro. Carl*

In 1869 a small group of Kentucky Baptist women began to care for abandoned children. There were so many children that they soon had to create a "place" for them to live. This home for children has undergone many changes over the years but the ministry has remained exactly the same. Every single day for the past 150 years, Sunrise Children's Services has cared for hurting children. Today these children in crisis are orphans of the living who have lives dominated by chaos and fear.

First Baptist has been a partner in caring for the hurting children at Sunrise for longer than anyone can remember. In addition to facilities and programs all across the state, Sunrise has a residential home for boys, Spring Meadows in Mt. Washington. While these abused and neglected children may never know a "mother's love," the staff of Spring Meadows strives to show them the hope and healing only Christ can provide.



This is our ministry, our mission field and our responsibility. As we are reminded of the love and care of our own mothers this month, please remember the children and prayerfully give to our May Offering for Sunrise Children's Services.

Please Pray for our 2019 Children of Spring Meadows in Mt. Washington Lakota Brandon Jayden Juwan Dustin Keegan Teddy Brady Timothy Justin Parker Louis Cayden LaShawndre Marshall Guy James

CHANGE A CHILD'S LIFE TODAY!

First Baptist Church **Sunrise** Children's Offering **Goal** \$1,500

Mother's love is something that no one can explain, It is made of deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain, It is endless and unselfish and enduring come what may For nothing can destroy it

or take that love away.

It is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking, And it never fails or falters even though the heart is breaking. It believes beyond believing when the world around condemns, And it glows with all the beauty of the rarest, brightest gems.

It is far beyond defining, it defies all explanation, And it still remains a secret like the mysteries of creation. A many splendored miracle

man cannot understand And another wondrous evidence of God's tender guiding hand.

WRITTEN BY Helen Steiner Rice



GRADUATE RECOGNITION

May 19th - 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

HOME SCHOOL

Kendra McClain

SPENCER COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Courtney Green Ethan Pollett Ian Robinson Jillian Sharp

TENNESSEE TECH UNIVERSITY

Leigh Ellen Thomas

As the school years draws to a close, teachers and students alike are joyous at the coming summer vacation. Yet, the end of this school year is perhaps more exciting for some as they complete this portion of their educational journey. Graduation is joy beyond measure as we complete one level of education and move on toward new challenges in our lives. Some of those challenges will be exciting and adventurous while others might be a bit scary and tumultuous.

I am reminded of the Israelites before they entered the promised land. Moses spent some time instructing them on what was to come and reminding them of where they had been. He knew his time was drawing short and it was time to pass on the leadership to Joshua. There were many great things to come for the children of Israel, but they had to keep focus on God and his purpose. Joshua would be their leader and he had to move at God's command. Moses then encourages Joshua with these words from Deuteronomy 31:8

> "It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; He will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."

Those graduating this year will all have many changes and challenges ahead, but the truth is that the Lord goes before each of you. He will be with you and he will not leave your or forsake you so do not fear!

Congratulations to each of you!

Bro. Carl







Some of the Empty Spools Quilt Friends enjoyed the day at the American Quilter's Society annual Quilt Show in Paducah.



Pastor Chance and Bro. Carl led in prayer and singing at the National Day of Prayer Service held at the Spencer County Courthouse.



Pastor Chance ran in the Kentucky Derby Mini Marathon. Layli McConnell participated in her first Easter Egg Hunt!





Many thanks to the volunteers who helped make the Community Easter Eggstravaganza a success!



MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR

Congratulations to Ian Robinson who has been awarded the Murray State University Presidential Fellowship Scholarship. This prestigious scholarship awarded to 16 recipients each year covers the cost of tuition, on-campus



housing, and a meal plan for four consecutive years . lan was selected from more than 200 applicants. All University Fellows are expected to lead on campus and direct other students towards academic and community success.

lan recently participated in a

Scholarship Signing Ceremony with his mother, university leaders, and professor. Photographed below with Ian include Dr. Warren Edminster, Director of the University Honors Program on the front left. Dr. Bob Jackson, University President on the front right. The second row includes Dr. David Gibson, Math Professor, Ian's Mother Kimberly Robinson and the University Provost Dr. Mark Arant.

Ian is the grandson of John Robinson and the late Rose Robinson.



FFA STAR SOPHOMORE

Congratulations to Michelle Thomas for being named FFA Star Sophomore in Placement at the Spencer County FFA Banquet held on May 2, 2019! The Star Sophomore Award is the highest recognition given to a FFA member in the Sophomore class. This is the second year in a row that Michelle has taken the top honors for her class in FFA! Michelle's project is growing and selling chrysanthemums. This year's crop included 1,200 mums in four colors.

Michelle is the daughter of Allen and Missy Thomas and the granddaughter of John Crenshaw and the late Peggy Crenshaw.

SPENCER COUNTY HIGH BAND WINS!



The Spencer County High School Band recently competed in the Music in the Parks in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. The Wind Ensemble received a Superior rating and First Place in AA. The Symphonic Band also received a Superior rating and Second Place in AA. The Wind Ensemble won Best Overall Band which is the highest honor! Members of the band include Abigail Shouse, Michelle Thomas, and Jill Sharp.





June 15th - 21st Russellville Kentucky

The youth will be participating once again with Kentucky Changers. This year 11 people will spend the week Russellville Kentucky to do community service projects and grow in their spiritual walk.

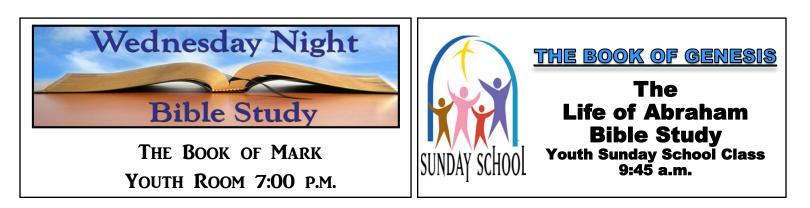
First Baptist Members and Friends can be a great help with the Kentucky Changers mission experience. In the coming weeks Bro. Carl will release the names of all the students and adults going on the trip. You are requested to encourage each of the participants by adopting one student or adult for the week. By adopting someone you will be agreeing to do a few things:

• Pray for your person every day for the weeks leading up to and the week of Kentucky Changers.

• Prepare a small care package for your person to take on the trip. In this package you can include snacks, candy, and notes of encouragement to help them through the week.

• Make personal contact with your person after they arrive home. Ask them about their trip and give them an opportunity to share how God has worked in their lives.

Please pray and consider how you might encourage our youth as they go through the challenges of real-life missions.





First Baptist Hosts Banquets



First Baptist will host the Spencer County High School Wrestling Team and Band Banquets. The Wrestling Team Banquet will be held on Tuesday, May 7th starting at 6:00 p.m. The Band Banquet will be held on Tuesday, May 14th at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Chance serves as a Character Coach for the Wrestling Team while Bro. Carl serves the Band. If you are available to help with set up, greeting guests, and clean up, please contact Pastor Chance or Bro. Carl.



National Nursing Home Week May 13 - 19, 2018

To show Appreciation to the staff for their dedication and care for the residents, First Baptist will provide a basket of snacks and candy





Snacks and candy are needed to fill the Appreciation Basket! Suggested Items Include:

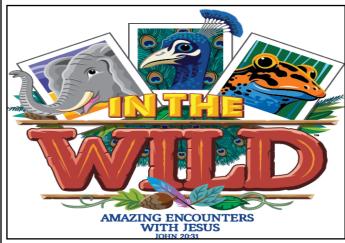
Snack size chocolate candy, Hershey Kisses or Hugs, Starbursts, mints, etc. Individual packages of chips, cookies, snack cakes, etc.

Donations may be placed in the plastic container located outside the church office or in the Sanctuary foyer.

Please pray for the Signature Healthcare Staff as they care for the residents each day.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 3 - 7 * 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Vacation Bible School is a fun-filled summer program offered by First Baptist Taylorsville. Join us on our wilderness adventure, "In the Wild", as we focus on amazing real-life encounters with



Jesus. Throughout the week, we will have games, snacks, crafts, songs, puppets and Bible study. It is free of charge to the community for children ages two years through new seventh graders.

Whether you attend church regularly or not, Vacation Bible School is sure to be a fun filled experience for all involved! For more information or for transportation, please call our church office 502-477-8197.

Contact Belinda Snider, VBS Director for more information or to volunteer. Continue to pray for this important ministry of First Baptist Church.



Chicken Cordon Bleu

6-8 boneless skinless chicken breasts or tender strips 1 can cream of chicken soup 2 T. wine 2 T. sour cream sliced swiss cheese

salt & pepper to taste thinly sliced ham

Wrap each chicken breast with swiss cheese and ham. Place down in baking dish. Bake 40 minutes at 350 degrees covered. Bake uncovered 10 minutes. Serve over rice.

> From the Kitchen Of The Late Bonnie Ochs Mother of Selina Parrish & Luree Welch

Mexican Chicken Enchiladas

3 c. chicken breast, shredded 1/2 jar salsa 16 oz. sour cream 1 pkg. dry ranch dressing mix 1 lg. pkg. mix shredded cheese of choice 1/2 c. green onions, chopped 1/2 c. black olives, chopped 1 pkg. tortilla shells 1 can enchilada sauce

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GOLF COURSE

Mix all ingredients together, except sauce and save 1/4 cup of shredded cheese to sprinkle on top. Spray pans with cooking spray. Spoon chicken mixture in the center of each shell. Wrap and place face down in pan. Bake covered with foil for 30 minutes at 350 degrees. Uncover and sprinkle remaining shredded cheese over shells along with enchilada sauce. Cook uncovered for 15 minutes. This dish is better the second day.

From the Kitchen Of The Late Bonnie Ochs

Mother of Selina Parrish & Luree Welch

In recognition of Mother's Day, the recipes this month are in memory of two Mothers who were not only good cooks but served First Baptist faithfully for many years.

Bonnie Ochs was involved in the Missions Ministry as an Acteen Leader and worked as the Church Secretary.

Peggy Crenshaw was involved in the Music Ministry as a member of the adult choir and director of the Handbell Choir. Peggy also served as the Sunday School Secretary.

Italian Cream Cake

Brian shares, "the most important ingredient in Mom's cooking was TLC!"

1 stick margarine 2 c. sugar 1 c. buttermilk 2 c. flour 1 c. coconut 5 egg whites, stiffly beaten 1/2 c. crisco 5 egg yolks 1 T. soda 1/2 t. vanilla 3/4 c. pecans

Mix soda and buttermilk. Cream sugar, margarine, and crisco. Add egg yolk one at a time. Beat well. Add buttermilk and flour. Add vanilla. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites, coconut and pecans. Bake in three pans for 25 minutes at 325 degrees.

From the Kitchen Of

The Late Peggy Crenshaw

Mother of Missy Thomas & Brian Crenshaw

Carrot Cake

This cake was entered into the Kentucky State Fair.

- 3 eggs, beaten 1 1/3 c. cooking oil 1 t. salt 2 t. baking soda 2 c. grated carrots 1 c. crushed pineapple
- 2 c. sugar 3 c. self-rising flour 2 t. vanilla 1 t. cinnamon 1 c. nuts

Beat eggs. Add sugar and oil. Sift together all dry ingredients. Beat in flour mixture, carrots, nuts, pineapple, and vanilla. Pour batter into three 9 inch cake pans, greased, floured, and lined. Bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes. Ice with Cream Cheese.

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RST BAPTIST CHURCH GOLF LEAGUE

SCRAMBLE FORMAT Every Monday - April 8 - October 7

Pairing of Teams - 5:15 p.m. * Tee It Up - 5:30 p.m. Fee - \$12 Including Cart

All golfers welcome to join the fun, fellowship, and awesome golf!

CONTACT DAVID NEDROS FOR MORE INFORMATION

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5 Cedar Hill 6:00 p.m.	6 GOLF 5:15 P.M.	7 Coffee With Carl 6:30 a.m. The Tea Cup Love My Neighbor	8 Faith Family	9	10	11
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CELEBRATE WITH WORSHIP

<u>May 12, 2019</u>

Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Nursery & Children's Church Available



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