

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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Hello First Baptist Family,

I hope this newsletter finds you all doing well and enjoying the beginning of the holiday season! You may recall for the last few months we have been taking a closer look at the newly adopted motto and vision statement of *First Baptist* – *Love. Grow. Commit. Go.* We previously discussed the *Grow* and

Commit components of this vision as we looked at the various services offered for preaching, teaching, and Bible study time as well as the opportunities we have for fellowship and commit our lives to one another. This month we will look at the *Go* component of the vision.

Jesus words to his disciples in what we call the great commission are likely familiar to us. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..." Matthew 28:19. It is significant that Jesus choose for some of his last words to his disciples are words of actions. As believers in the Lord Jesus Christ we – by our own confession – believe that "there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12). This tells me that as individual believers in Christ and as a church, one of the most fundamental

things we should be doing is "**Going**" – and this going is two-fold in both local and international ways. Or as someone has said "across the street and across the ocean". Here at First Baptist, the Outreach Committee is working hard to lead in efforts that provide opportunities for gospel conversations to help (the Progressive Dinner, Fall Family Fun Fest, participation in various other community activities, as well as future outreach plans). While these opportunities are designed specifically for and aided greatly by your participation they are not the only outlet you have. What I mean to say is that God's design to reach our town and beyond is **YOU**. God has uniquely placed **YOU** in this community, with your family, your job, your friends, your neighborhood, and your gifting for the ultimate purpose that you might use those outlets as opportunities to communicate the hope that is only found in Jesus Christ. As clear as I can say it, You and I together and our church is God's plan to reach the world for Christ.

Would you commit to praying with me for opportunities to share the gospel as we are out and about in the community? Would you pray for boldness to have gospel conversations with our families, friends, neighbors, classmates, and coworkers? Would you pray that the Holy Spirit would convict those whom we share with? Would you pray for our church as we seek to engage the lost around us and that God would use us in his efforts to reach Taylorsville and beyond?

*Be*hold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear.

Isaiah 59:1

Because He Lives! *Pastor Chance*





Two years ago, when I joined First Baptist it was with great joy and great trepidation. The joy came from knowing the opportunity set before me as the Worship Pastor of First Baptist was appointed by God and the ministry was exactly what I longed to do. The trepidation came when I learned of the Taylorsville Community Tree of Life. I envisioned a nightmare of logistics, music, planning, and work beyond my wildest imagination. Yet, I knew God had prepared me for this place and so I moved with faith and caution.

Then came November! My first tree construction day was one for the record books! I watched as men older than me worked circles around me. Posts of painted steel transformed our beautiful sanctuary into a work site of green scaffolding. And before long the monstrous tree structure was erected in place where I had only led worship a few times.

That month flew by and before long we had passed Thanksgiving and flown right into the Tree Presentations the very next week. Then something beautiful happened. Amid the chaos and crazy of production week I found myself oddly at peace. The Lord had taken the one thing I was causing trepidation and calmed me. How? He showed me how we were sharing the gospel through music to hundreds of people across a single weekend. God reminded me of my love for music and the expression of our hearts that can come when we use it for worship.

Well, we are at that time of year once again! While the Tree of Life is a Christmas Presentation, it occurs so closely to Thanksgiving that we must address it sooner rather than later.

I want to encourage you to come to one of the Tree of Life presentations this year, but more importantly bring someone with you. Bring that person you know needs to hear the about the Good of News of Jesus. Bring the friend who is struggling to find joy during all their struggles. Bring the neighbor that is often forgotten and needs to experience the love of Christ.

Over the next several weeks as we plan to celebrate and worship through Thanksgiving, let's not forget praying for the Tree of Life. Our message is clear, and the power of the Gospel is real.

In Christ Alone, **Bro. Carl**

Children Dedication

On Sunday, October 28th brothers Colton Blake and Joshua Eugene Goodwin along with Layliana Joy McConnell were presented for dedication during the morning worship service. Bro. Chance led the special time by challenging the parents, extended family and church family to work together in the spiritual growth of the children.



Layliana Joy McConnell age 5 months with her parents Bro. Chance & Brittany.

church friends showed support for the family through their attendance and participation. Pray thanking God for the blessing of these precious children, a loving gift. In this sweet and innocent child is God's promise of a

Many family

members as well as

better world, a glimpse of perfection, a reminder of His unconditional love.



Colton Blake age 6 and Joshua Eugene Goodwin age 2 with their family Erica Stevens and Heaven Shelburne.



Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. DEUTERONOMY 6:5

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION

The first Sunday in October is the beginning of a new year of Sunday School. Bro. Carl Newman recognized three students promoted to new classes! Hannah Prater was promoted to the



Hannah Prater, Noah Bilger, Bro. Carl Newman, Jacob Prater classes meet in the Annex.

First and Second Grade Class. Noah Bilger was promoted to the Junior Department. Jacob Prater was promoted to the Youth.

Sunday School meets at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday morning. Classes are available for children to adults. Children classes meet in the Education Building while the Adult



VETERANS DAY

WRITTEN BY CHERYL DYSON

On Veterans Day we honor all, who answered to a service call.

Soldiers young and soldiers old, fought for freedom brave and bold.

Some have lived, while others died, and all of them deserve our pride.

We're proud of all the soldiers who, kept thinking of red, white, and blue.

They fought for us and all our rights; they fought through many days and nights.

And though we may not know each name, we thank *ALL* veterans just the same.

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As our nation celebrates Veterans Day on November 11, please take time to thank a veteran and their family for their sacrifices. Remember in prayer the many service men and women along with their families who are currently on active duty.

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, Kitty Miller shares a newspaper clipping she has tucked in her Bible. The following Ann Landers column was published on November 25, 1999.

Dear Ann:

When you asked your readers to send those columns they had saved over the years, I thought it would be a good opportunity to send you one that has been tucked away in my Bible. Please print it again this Thanksgiving for those who may have missed it the last time. --Bonnie in San Diego

Thank you for the opportunity to loaf a little. I liked your selection. Here it is:

Every Day Thanksgiving

Even though I clutch my blanket and growl when the alarm rings each morning, thank you, Lord, that I can hear. There are many who are deaf.

Even though I keep my eyes tightly closed against the morning light as long as possible, thank you, Lord, that I can see. There are many who are blind.

Even though I huddle in my bed and put off the effort of rising, thank you, Lord, that I have the strength to rise. There are many who are bedridden.

Even though the first hour of my day is hectic, when socks are lost, toast is burned and tempers are short, thank you, Lord, for my family. There are many who are lonely. Even though our breakfast table never looks like the pictures in magazines and the menu is at times unbalanced, thank you, Lord, for the food we have. There are many who are hungry.

Even though the routine of my job is often monotonous, thank you, Lord, for the opportunity to work.

There are many who have no job. Even though I grumble and bemoan my fate from day to day

and wish my circumstances were not so modest, thank you, Lord, for the gift of life.



Dear Friends:

What follows was written by Judy Vekasy, a registered nurse and director of activities at a nursing home in Savannah, Tenn. It originally appeared in the Memphis Commercial Appeal.

In this season of thanksgiving and just plain giving, I have some suggestions for those who need something to be thankful for, or those who need someone to allow them to give of themselves. Nursing homes are full of opportunities.

You say you can't do anything. Can you read? Good. Read to me. My eyes aren't what they used to be.

Can you write? Good. Write a letter or a card for me. My hands are shaky.

Can you sing? Good. Help me with the words, and I'll sing along.

Can you tell me about your job? I was a nurse once myself.

Can you listen? Wonderful. I'm starved for conversation.

Can you bake a sponge cake or zucchini bread or angel biscuits, or make fuge? They aren't on the nursing home menu, but I remember how good they were, and I would like to taste them again.

Do you play checkers or dominoes or rummy? Fine, so do I, but there is never anyone who has the time. They are understaffed around here, you know.

Do you play the violin or the flute or the piano? My hearing is poor, but I can hear any kind of music. Even if I fall asleep, you'll know I enjoyed it.

Once we were somebodies, just like you. We were farmers and farmers' wives and teachers, nurses, beauticians, stockbrokers and electricians, bankers and sheriffs, and maybe a few outlaws, too. We're not all senile -- just old and needing more help than our families can give us. This home, whatever its name, is "home" to us, and you're an invited guest.

Please come. The welcome mat is always out, not just on Thanksgiving. I hope you will keep this, and read it again in January, February, and every other month of the year. We'll still be here, and our needs will still be the same.

FALL FINANCIAL UPDATE

The Lord continues to bless our church through our members' giving. During September, we emphasized our "United We Build" project giving and, once again, you responded with September gifts totaling over \$12,000! This giving will help reduce <u>both</u> the principal due on our loan, as well as the future interest costs. A special thank you to those who gave their testimonies as to how the United We Build project has been a blessing.



We have also been blessed with generous and consistent giving toward our 2018 general budget needs. Through September 2018 we have exceeded our year-to-date budget. Thank you again for your support in this important area.

We recently celebrated the five-year anniversary of our United We Build project and renewed our loan in accordance with the original terms of the note. You may recall that we initially borrowed \$600,000 of the project's \$750,000 total cost. Today, only \$300,000 of the debt remains thanks to the generosity of so many current and former members. If you are being led to make a special year-end gift, please consider making a gift to United We Build or to any of our other programs. If you need help with your giving decisions, please contact Bro. Chance or a member of our finance committee.

Work has begun on our 2019 church budget and we are excited about plans for several new initiatives in the new year. The budget will be presented to the church for discussion at the November 11th business meeting. Your attendance and support are appreciated.

I will freely sacrifice unto thee: I will praise thy name, O LORD; for it is good.



TAYLORSVILLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH & SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, November 4th, 2018 Second Baptíst Church

The Combined Worship Service was held on Sunday, November 4th at Second Baptist Church. The tradition started under the leadership of Dr. Robert Sutton who pastored First Baptist from 1989 to 1998 and Reverend Dr. Charles E. Burton, Sr. who pastored Second Baptist from 1975 to 2018 is to have a combined service in the fall season and a "Pulpit Exchange" during the spring.

This year will be remembered as a significant time in the history of both First and Second Baptist churches. First Baptist celebrated 190 years and Second Baptist celebrated 152 years of ministry and service.

In 2018, God again blessed both churches by sending leaders to continue guiding the ministries for the next generations. In January Second Baptist celebrated the retirement of Reverend Dr. Charles Burton who diligently served for 43 years and promoted Reverend John Lewis to Senior Pastor and in June First Baptist extended a call to Rev. Chance McConnell.

Members and friends of both churches enjoyed a time of fellowship with a potluck lunch prior to worship. Pastor Chance McConnell shared the message from the Word of God and the combined choirs shared special music. The offering collected during the service will benefit Dare To Care.

For a combined 342 years, God has greatly blessed and provided First Baptist and Second Baptist Churches with leadership, ministries,



Rev. Chance McConnell & Rev. John A. Lewis enjoy a time of fellowship . The combined choirs are ready to make a joyful noise!



programs, and resources to share the love of God in Taylorsville, Spencer County, Kentucky, and around the world! Our prayer is that both churches will continue until the return of Christ spreading the Gospel message and following the Great Commission:

Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age. MATTHEW 28:19-20

 TAYLORSVILLE COMMUNITY

 TREE OF LIFE

 OUCONA Silent Digit

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 November 30

 December 1 & 2

 Performances 5:30 & 8:00 p.m.

 Tickets - \$2





Joy Shouse and Lillie Shelburne at the Photo Station. Below Noah Bilger, Elleigh Zabenco, Jeremy Newman ready for action!



Belinda Snider and Sandra Stewart at the Duck Pond. Below Linda Shelburne, Heaven Shelburne, Heidi Newman, Judy Gritz, and Hannah Newman ready for Tattoos and Face Painting.





FAMILY FUN FEST SPENCER COUNTY HOMECOMING DAY



The Annual Spencer County Homecoming Day was held on the first Saturday in October. Pastor Chance ran in the 5K.

Shoppers found many "treasures" at the Youth Yard Sale.

A big THANK YOU to Carl Fletcher for providing his truck and boat for our "Fishers of Men" Parade float for the children to ride.

Many thanks to everyone who donated candy for the parade!





LOVE + GROW + COMMIT + GO







Construction of the Tree of Life started on October 28th with the removal of the furniture and railing in the sanctuary. At 8:00 a.m. the next morning many volunteers started the actual construction with a time of prayer that the words and songs of the Tree of Life will be a blessing to all who attend.











SAVE THE DATES!

January 18 - 21, 2019

Stay tuned for more details!







DRESSING:

Beat 1 egg thoroughly and add 3 T. white sugar, stirring until smooth. Then add 3 T. vinegar. Cook over medium heat in a double boiler stirring constantly until mixture thickens. Let cool.

Use food chopper to grind 2 cans of cocktail peanuts moderately fine. Peel bananas and cut into thirds if average size banana.

Dip each piece of banana into the dressing, making sure it is well covered. Dip each slice in the peanut mixture using care to coat the entire piece of banana. Enjoy!

From The Kitchen Of Hilda G. Snider

Italian Cream Cake From A Box

1 box yellow cake mix 1/4 t. cinnamon 1 c. crushed pineapple 1 small box vanilla instant pudding 1/2 c. chopped pecans or walnuts 1 c. coconut

Mix cake mix according to the direction on the box. Add pudding and cinnamon and beat with electric mixer. Fold in nuts, pineapple, and coconut. Frost with cream cheese icing.

ICING:

1 - 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese
 1 tsp. vanilla flavoring

1 stick butter or margarine 1 c. chopped nuts 1 box powdered sugar

From The Kitchen Of Hilda G. Snider



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| WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHEDULE 8:30 a.m Worship Choir Rehearsal 9:15 a.m Men's Prayer Group 9:45 a.m Sunday School 11:00 a.m Morning Worship 6:00 p.m Evening Worship | | | | 1 Empty Spools Quilt Friends 10:00 a.m. | 2 | 3 Deve to FALL Start to FALL BACK |
| 4 First Baptist Second Baptist Combined Worship Service 4:00 p.m. | 5 | 6 Coffee With Carl 6:30 a.m. The Tea Cup XXXXX VOTE XXXXX Love My Neighbor Tree of Life | 7 Faith Family | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 Remember Our VETERANS Deacon's Meeting 4:30 p.m. Business Meeting 6:00 p.m. | 12 | 13 Coffee With Carl Grossman WMU Love My Neighbor Blood Drive American Red Cross Tree of Life | 14 Thanksgiving Banquet 6:30 p.m. | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 Rev. Dr. Charles E. Burton Sr. Guest Minister 11:00 a.m. | 19 | 20 Coffee With Carl Love My Neighbor COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE Tree of Life | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 Do of the Greens Do of the Greens Contraction Contr | 26 | 27 Coffee With Carl 6:30 a.m. The Tea Cup Love My Neighbor Tree of Life | 28 Faith Family | 29 DARE CARE FOOD BANK | 30 Tree of Life 5:30 & 8:00 p.m. | |



JOIN FAMILY & FRIENDS IN DECORATING THE SANCTUARY FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Sunday \star November 25th \star 6:00p.m.



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