

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

A CHURCH UNITED TO ENJOY GOD'S GRACE AND EXTEND HIS GLORY



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Sunday Mornings

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Morning Worship

Wednesday Evenings

6:30 p.m. Men's & Women's Bible Studies

Children's Ministries



From the Pastor's Pen...



As another Summer comes to an end it reminds me that time stops for no one. My father always told me that the older you get the faster time seems to pass. As a young child his words seemed foolish. After all, it seemed to take forever for Christmas to arrive. Now as I age, I understand his sentiment. Time seems to go by so quickly. It's hard for me to believe that my children are 36, 33, and 31. It seems like just yesterday I was playing ball in the yard with Josh and Seth and it doesn't seem that long ago when I was walking on the campus of Campbellsville University watching Kalah trudge through the leaves as a 2 year old. But the time has passed by. I now have three grandchildren, all of whom are incredible and remind me daily of the mercies of my God.

Warren, my oldest grandchild, is the theologian of the group. At the ripe old age of three he shared with me this theological nugget: "Pappy, I believe that life is just a game and we are the pieces and God is just playing us." Wow! He is also the one who at that same age when he saw my dad getting ready to pass the rolls looked at us and said, "Remember when Jesus took the few pieces of bread and fed the multitudes," and proceeded to tell us the story. Now Madelynne, she is our uncommon princess. She loves to wear frilly clothes and dress up like a diva, yet she is just as comfortable in jeans and a t-shirt chasing chickens around their yard. She has a rare beauty that reveals a pure heart and her smile melts her pappy's heart. Then there's Henry. He is one of a kind. He has the temperament of his daddy (Josh). He is laid back and easy going. Yet, he loves the spotlight. He is a ham if there has ever been one. He loves to learn and talks nonstop...hmm...maybe he is the preacher of the bunch! These are my grandchildren and it amazes me that God has blessed me with such a family. He is truly a God of grace.

Since time passes by so quickly and James tells us that life is a vapor, it seems to me that we should make the most of every moment. As I think about my grandchildren and their futures it causes me to shudder. If it wasn't for my deep belief in the sovereignty of God over their lives, I would be terrified. As a grandparent, I have the opportunity to speak truth into their lives and help prepare them for their future. Moreover, my children have been given a strong biblical foundation to pass along to their children. But I wonder about the children and grandchildren in our community. What if they don't have someone speaking truth into their lives? What am I doing as a pastor in this community to make sure every man and women, every boy and girl hears about the love of God? How are we, as a church making a difference? God has placed us right in the center of families' lives. What are we doing with this opportunity? What are we doing with this commission?

How can we reach our community with the gospel? Jesus is our model. He saw a need and met that need and then showed them grace. What are the needs of our families in our community? We need to pray about providing tutoring, marriage training, financial training, maybe look at the possibility of launching a pre-school with the new school coming in 2020. We also need to develop ongoing family ministries and engage our neighbors with the gospel. Time is passing quickly. Let's focus on the family and provide a rich future for the next generation.

Dr. John Duncan



Committed Leadership Team

To His purpose...For His Glory

Greetings from the FBC Leadership Team,

Sometimes we ask ourselves “Why do I have to suffer?” or “Why do bad things always happen to me?” The fact is suffering just doesn’t happen to me, it happens to all of us. But why? And how are we, as Christians, supposed to react to suffering? Thankfully the Bible has a few answers for us.

Since sin entered into the world after the Fall suffering has been inevitable. In Genesis 3 God tells Eve bringing children into the world will be painful. He tells Adam that work will be “painful labor”. Never again will anything worthwhile be easy. Jesus tells His disciples that He must suffer “He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things...” (Mark 8:31), and they will as well “You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with,” (Mark 10:39). As long as we are on this earth, we will have suffering.

While that’s no newsflash to us, what is amazing is how the Bible tells us to react when we face the suffering that is sure to come our way. In a word “Rejoice”! And that sounds crazy to most people. In Acts 5:41 “The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.” Paul writes in Romans 5:17 “Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,” and 1 Peter 4:13 “But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.”

Suffering is going to happen this side of Heaven, but when we live for God we suffer for God and in that we can rejoice!

Our team members are: Pastor – Dr. John Duncan; Elders – John Dillon, Tom Gruenloh, Todd Jasper, Bruce Reinhart, Bill Whittington; Deacons – Rod Haskins, Phil Malone, Tim Harris, Eric Herndon, and Phil Hostetler.

Thank you for your prayers for us and our church.

In Him,

FBC Leadership Team

Bible Study

Beginning Wednesday, September 11th at 6:30 pm the men and women will combine for a class on Interpreting the Bible led by Dr. John Duncan in the fellowship hall. In this class we will learn how the Bible came to be, how it was inspired, what books make up the Bible, and why various translations, how accurate are the manuscripts, how to interpret various genres of literature within the Bible, and how to apply it to our lives today. Bring your Bible and join us.



Youth Ministry

Our JFBC Youth Ministry will launch on Wednesday, September 11th @ 6:30 pm. The Youth will meet in the basement for a time of Praise and Worship followed by a large group Teaching Time. After the main teaching they will break up into small groups to discuss the teaching. After the break-out groups are finished we will end with a time of fellowship/activities.

Our Youth Team is composed of the following: Large Group Teacher/Leader: Bill Thrasher, Assistant: Christy Thrasher; Break-out Leaders: David Derr, Brad Tanner; Event Planners: Ariel Derr, Melissa Tanner; Worship Leaders: Matt Sunderland, Kurtis Overpeck, Nicole Overpeck. Keep our leaders in prayer as we seek to disciple our teenagers to give them a strong, biblical foundation so they can apply biblical truths to their lives, engage teenagers in the church and community with the gospel so that their lives are transformed and they, too, are disciplined.

AWANA

AWANA will launch on Wednesday, September 11th @ 6:15 pm. AWANA focuses on the Great Connection: when the sweet spot of discipleship happens at the intersection of highly relational and highly scriptural engagement. This disciple-making approach is at the core of every AWANA program. AWANA is a children's ministry for children ages preschool- 6th grade that engages them with discipleship and scripture.



We will be offering the following this Fall: **AWANA**

CUBBIES: Preschoolers age 3-5. Preschoolers in Cubbies have a fun, friendly place to learn about God's greatness! There are exciting games, basic Bible memory and two years of curriculum that encourage parents to get involved in their child's learning. **AWANA SPARKS:** Kindergarten-2nd Grade. Sparks ignites the curiosity of early elementary-aged kids to learn about the people and events of the entire Bible with three years of curriculum, building a foundation of wisdom and knowing Christ. **T&T:** 3rd-5th Grade. With three years of curriculum, T&T engages elementary-aged kids by answering their questions about God and the Bible while guiding them to grow in Christ's love and live out their faith.

Our AWANA Commander is Holly Weyer and her assistant is Pam Gruenloh. If you have any questions about AWANA please contact one of them. We look forward to working with your children and watching them grow in Christ as the biblical foundation is laid in their lives.

Sunday School

As Fall approaches and our children are disciplining themselves to get into the groove of studying and learning new things, it's a great time for our families to get back into the groove and find a Sunday School class where you can connect with other people and grow in the Lord. If you haven't been to Sunday School, you are missing out on a blessing. God never intended for us to live the Christian life alone. We were created to live in community. The Christian life can be challenging and is often plagued with difficulties and dangers. Connecting with others in Sunday School provides you with a support group with whom you can live life together. You will discover friends that you can pray with, friends that have walked the same path you are walking. Furthermore, you will have the opportunity to speak into their lives and to help others who are just now facing some of the things you have already overcome. Make it a priority to connect with a Sunday School class this Fall. The Christian life is a difficult trek, but when you grow in God's Word and partner with others the journey becomes much easier and is filled with joy and excitement. Why not find a class this Sunday? It will be the best decision that you have made in a long time.



(Just Older Youth)

Just Older Youth with Joyful Hearts

The Joy Group met for their monthly luncheon on Thursday, August 15th. They enjoyed a great meal with a variety of meats, side dishes, and desserts. After the meal, Kaci Wehr from the Habig Older American Center shared with the seniors many of the activities that are available for all those 55 and over. She did some light exercises with them and passed out calendars for the August and September events at the Habig Center as well as sharing with them about upcoming trips. There were 17 in attendance and everyone enjoyed the food, fellowship, and presentation. All those 55 and up are invited to join them next month on Thursday, September 19th at 11:00 am.



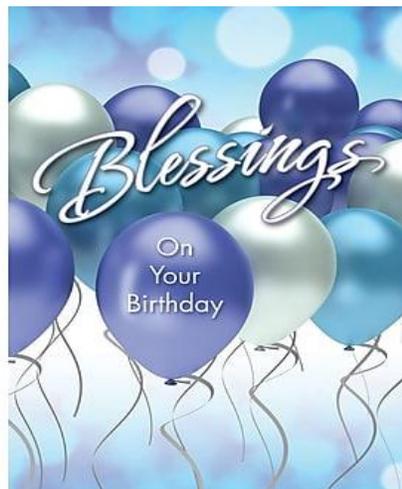
Calling All Seniors!



September Birthday's

1 Hadlie Kippenbrock	5 Tonya Jones
14 Laurie Carr	14 Marilyn Burriss
16 Hunter Kippenbrock	17 Denise Summers
18 Sandy Duncan	18 Heidi Huckelby
20 Eric Herndon	21 Nicole Overpeck
26 Doris Jones	30 Madelynne Hester

*Your First Baptist Church Family
would like to wish each of you a
Happy Birthday!*



September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Morning Worship 10:15 a.m.	2 Labor Day	3 Prayer in the Sanctuary 5:30 pm Trunk or Treat meeting 6:00	4 Adult Bible Studies Youth & Children's Ministries 6:30 p.m.	5	6	7 Men's Breakfast 9:00 a.m.
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22 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Morning Worship 10:15 a.m.	23 Red Cross Blood Drive 2:00 - 6:00 pm First Day of Fall	24 Prayer in the Sanctuary 5:30 pm Trunk or Treat meeting 6:00	25 Adult Bible Study 6:30 Youth Ministry AWANA 6:15 p.m.	26 National Family Day	27	28 National Good Neighbor Day
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