

First Baptist Church • (270) 586-3205 • 303 East Cedar St., Franklin, KY 42134

Purpose Statement

We seek to glorify God by leading people to a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ

Church Schedule

Sundays

9:30A Bible Study
10:45A Worship Service
5:30P Study Groups

Wednesdays

5:00P Fellowship Meal
6:00P Prayer & Bible Study, Children's Music and missions, Youth worship/study
6:45 – Worship Choir

Thought of the Month

No action, whether foul or fair,
Is ever done, but it leaves somewhere
A record written by fingers ghostly
As a blessing or a curse, and mostly
In the greater weakness or greater strength
Of acts which follow it: till at length
The wrongs of ages are redressed,
And the justice of God made manifest.
-Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



CHRIST HAS RISEN!

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE EASTER

April 12th

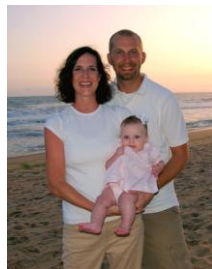
When religions are compared, there is one undeniable defining difference between Christianity and all others. While religious leaders have died for their beliefs, only Jesus rose from the dead. The resurrection of Christ sets us apart. In fact, early Christians viewed the resurrection as so

central to their faith that they incorporated it into their greetings. The first person would declare, "Christ is Risen!" And the second would respond, "Christ has risen indeed!"

Today we affirm the same. But why does this really matter anyway? In 1 Corinthians 15 Paul listed at least five consequence of rejecting this truth. [1] Our message is empty. [2] Our faith is

meaningless. [3] We are false witness about God. [4] Those that have died have perished forever. [5] We should be pitied.

But, praise God, there is an empty tomb for Jesus has risen. So, join us this Easter to celebrate the wonder, power and majesty of our Lord and Savior. See you there.



WELCOME HOME Mark, Parker & Isabelle

During April First Baptist welcomes home our very own missionaries, Mark and Parker Phillips, from their service through IMB in Ayorou, Niger. And a special welcome to Isabelle on her first visit to Franklin and First Baptist. Although they will be traveling

throughout the month, we are honored to have them sharing with us on April 5th during the our time of worship.

Also, plan to join us after the service that morning for a meal together in the CLC. After the meal, FBCF will host a shower for Parker and Isabelle.

This will be a great time to fellowship and to hear of the answers to the many prayers that FBCF has lifted on their behalf.

For those who may not know yet, Mark is the son of Bro. Don and Janice. We rejoice together with them as part of our family.

April Calendar

- 2 – Deacon's Mtg@ 6:30
- 5 - Lord's Supper Lunch & Shower For Isabelle & Parker
- 6-10 Spring Break Week
- 10 – Good Friday (Office Closed)
- 11 – Easter Egg Hunt @ 10:00AM
- 12 – Easter Sunday
- 14 – 11:30 Primetimers
- 14 – Church Council @ 6:30PM
- 15 – Quarterly Business Mtg. @ 6:00PM
- 17 – Relay for Life Fish Fry in the CLC @ 5:00PM
- 18 – VBS Training @ Eastwood in BG
- 18 – Youth Nashville Concert
- 19 – Deacon's Meeting @ 4:00PM
- 19 – Bldg. Ad hoc Meeting @ 4:00PM
- 21 – Bloodmobile in CLC (12-6)
- 26 – Relay for Life Meal
- 26 – Committee Training @ 3:30PM

Missionary Focus

Missionaries with the North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention

Music Ministry – “Unsung Hereos”

There are so many “unsung heroes” here at First Baptist – people who work behind the scenes to make the “up-front” things happen. I thought I would use my column to express thanks to some of the “Unsung Heroes” of our Music Ministry:

All who help in our Wednesday PM Music and Missions – those that drive the bus or van, ride the bus or van

to help, those who prepare, serve, and clean up after the children's meal, those who are hall monitors, and those who work as leaders in our Music and Missions Groups.

Our Tech Team - Every Sunday presents new challenges for our Tech Team as the coordinate sound, sometimes up to twelve or more different channels. **John Rick, Wayne, and Steve** do a

great job, and I really appreciate them!

Mandy Forbis selects the music, makes PowerPoint slides, and rehearses with the singers for *Faith Matters* and also for the Adult Praise Team that sings in Morning Worship. In addition, she and **Matt** also select music for and work with *Arms Wide Open*, the Youth Praise Band. Thanks, Matt and Mandy, for all you do!

Youth and Children Ministry

I want to begin by saying how proud I am of our students for leading worship during Student Lead Worship last month. Everyone did a phenomenal job. *Arms Wide Open* was awesome again. All who had a part were used by God to make the day a blessing. A big thanks goes to Marci Biggs for helping make Student

Lead Worship a success. Our students are growing and deepening their walk with Christ. The spiritual growth over the past few months has been great. Keep an eye on the bulletin and announcement sheets for events and updates. Our Children's Ministry is experiencing some exciting times. Last Sunday we issued a

challenge to our children if we can have 30 for Children's Worship. I will be “Gunked”. Curious? Ask your child. There are several events for children on the calendar, Easter Egg Hunt on April 11, Children's camp June 22-26, and more. We still need volunteers to assist with Children's Worship.

Melinda – Women's Ministry

A special thanks to all who helped with the Free Garage Sale that was held in the CLC in March! What a blessing to see many families (about 150) that were able to receive some much needed help! I so much appreciate the planning, prayers and work that the Wednesday Night Mom's Group did to make this event such a huge success. We give God the glory for every opportunity we have to minister in His name!

Have you ever considered Foster Parenting? April 2nd @ 6:00PM in the game room there will be an informative meeting for our community to ask questions and to learn about Foster Parenting. Did you know that we presently have five families that serve as foster parents and there are over 30 Simpson County children who have been placed in homes outside of Simpson

County. Can you imagine being a school-age child, being taken from your home, and having to go to a new school? There are many hurting children in families all around us. If you might be interested in finding out about being a foster parent, please attend this very important meeting.