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THE FIRST WORD

August 2018

First Baptist Bristol Highlights

Various committees in our church are working to provide programs, activities, fellowship, and events to minister to our members and reach out to the community with the word of God. Here are some highlights of what has been happening at First Baptist Bristol and a look at what is coming up.

The Pastor Search Committee is seeking a new senior pastor. The Committee is interviewing candidates, attempting to be transparent, and endeavoring to find the best pastor for our church.

Several Sunday school classes adopted children for the "Christmas in July" program that was sponsored by Communities in Schools of Southwest Virginia. In Rosser Hall, the Missions Team collected school supplies to be given to students with needs in our community.

In youth news, the church-wide yard sale on May 4 and 5 was a success. Additional contributions of merchandise will be accepted, and a one-day sale at the end of August or early September will complete the effort. Also, our high school seniors, Braden Talbert and Blake McElroy, were recognized on Sunday, May 20, during the worship service.

The Membership Committee is trying out a new event labeled the 5th Sunday Potluck and Singing. The first potluck/singing was held on April 29, with meat, rolls, and drinks provided by the church and sides and desserts provided by members. Anthony Mangrum provided the music. The Membership Team announced that the next potluck and singing event will be on Sunday, September 30.

The children of First Baptist Bristol have enjoyed holiday events, kid's night out, and Terrific Tuesdays. Our children are studying the books of the Bible during Children's Church on Sunday mornings by taking a road trip on Route 66 discovering the authors, timelines, stories, and key people of each book of the Bible. This is similar to "A Walk Through the Bible" which was very popular for adults a few years ago. Also, we have had a blast this summer with Terrific Tuesdays. We dug into Noah's Flood, learning about obeying God and standing with God. We visited the Creation Kingdom Zoo, Kingsport Aquatic Center, and finished with a day trip to the Ripley's Aquarium.

Speaking of trips, the youth completed a mission trip to North Charleston, SC, on June 20-27. There were 15 youth and 4 adults who worked to clean and paint a derelict house and build a wheelchair ramp for a homebound woman. The trip was in concert with Metanoia Ministries in North Charleston. Then, during the week of July 23, the youth attended Youth Camp at the University of Tennessee.

An ad-hoc committee is working on ideas to revamp the Wednesday night services. The committee is processing suggestions from members for Wednesday night services. If you have not had a chance to give your ideas, turn those in at the church office.

On September 22-23, First Baptist Bristol will be hosting the Joann Feazell Choir Reunion. This reunion has been set to honor the memory of Joann Feazell, who served as the Minister of Music at First Baptist Bristol for 40 years. She led choir tours all over the country and abroad.

Family breakfast

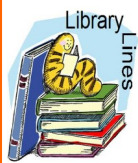


Sunday, August 5
9 a.m. in Rosser Hall
Free to all!!

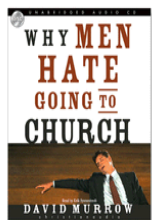
Thank you!

We would like to say a very special "Thank you" for the surprise meal and sweet gifts to honor our upcoming wedding. Our hearts are full with God's blessings of having each and every one of you in our lives!

*In God's Love,
Jeff and Jackie*

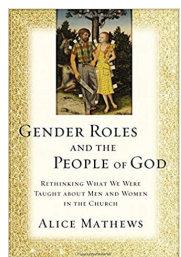


Summer reading should be relaxing and just plain entertaining. Our library has lots of fun books; but, in addition to these, are non-fiction selections that may be challenging, perhaps controversial, and, almost always, growth-promoting. Recently, we've acquired some additional thought-provoking ones. Two of these are *Why Men Hate Going to Church* by David Murrow, and *Gender Roles and the People of God: Rethinking What We Were Taught about Men and Women in the Church* by Alice Mathews.



In *Why Men Hate Going to Church*, we learn that Christianity is the only major religion with a chronic shortage of men. David Murrow identifies the barriers to male participation and explains why it's so hard to motivate the men who do go to church.

Then he takes the reader into several fast-growing congregations that are winning the hearts of men and boys.



In *Gender Roles...*, the author surveys the roles women have played in the Bible and throughout church history, demonstrating both the inspiring contribution of women and the many hurdles that have been placed in their paths. She examines the difficult passages often used to preclude women from certain areas of service and points to other understandings of those verses. For the benefit of our church, its future and its ongoing mission, you are challenged to review these and similar books.



We would like to send out a very big "Thank You" to Jeff Burnette for his huge contribution to the Joann Feazell Reunion Seafood Boil Fundraiser that was held June 13, 2018! We greatly appreciate his generosity and support!

With great thanks,
The Joann Feazell Reunion Committee



I would like to thank all the individuals and Sunday school classes that helped to make our Wednesday night suppers a huge success. A special thank you to the Talberts for sharing their "amazing meatloaf" with us! First Baptist is blessed with members that are willing to help out at a moment's notice, and everyone chipped in to provide delicious food. I'm already looking forward to our next potluck!

Thank You,
Jeff Burnette

FIRST MONDAY



On Monday, September 10, we will travel to The Billy Graham Library in Charlotte, NC. We will experience "The Journey of Faith" tour and exhibits, the Graham Family Homeplace, Ruth's Attic Bookstore, Graham Brothers Dairy Bar, and the Memorial

Prayer Garden. Admission is free, but you will want to purchase lunch in the Dairy Bar (sandwiches and salads). The bus will leave the church at 7:30 a.m. Please contact the church office to sign up.

BalladHealth



FBC is responsible for Ballad Health Hospice needs August 1 - 15. We are responsible for providing meals for the families and restocking the pantry with food and paper goods. Monetary donations can be made to the church for the supplies. Sharon Kerr and Lu Ann Crockett are in charge of shopping. Nell Campbell is coordinating the meals. She will be contacting volunteers during July.

ATTENTION

JOANN FEAZELL FORMER YOUTH CHOIR MEMBERS

CHOIR REUNION WEEKEND, Sept. 22-23

Be a part of the Sunday morning choir.
fbcbristol.org has the details and parking pass registration.

Weekend Schedule:

Saturday

- 3:00 Dedication of Chapel to Miss Feazell (Dr. Bill Tuck)
- 4:00-5:30 Choir Rehearsal
- 4:30-8:00 Heavy hors d'oeuvres at Church (drop in)

Sunday

- 8:30-10:00 Continental Breakfast and Jam Session
- 9:45-10:15 Choir Rehearsal
- 10:45 Choir in sanctuary and Prelude starts

*If you cannot make the Saturday rehearsal, you can still join us on Sunday.



Joann Feazell Memorabilia

The reunion committee is seeking any photos, posters, programs or other items that you would like to display during the weekend of the reunion. All items will be returned. Please clearly mark your items and drop them off to the collection point in the church office. Contact Linda Spouse at 276-591-3235 if you have questions or need additional information.

CHILDRENS' NEWS

Terrific Tuesdays! Thank you to all the volunteers, youth, and adults, who worked hard to make our Summer Terrific Tuesdays Children's Program successful! The three Terrific Tuesdays had a VBS theme of **Ocean Commotion: Diving Into Noah's Flood** along with Bible study, crafts, music, games, snacks, lunch, and day trips to Creation Kingdom Zoo, Kingsport Aquatic Center, and Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies. Our children had a wonderful time learning about Obeying God and Standing for God, and in whatever we do work for the Lord.

Ministry Team

The Ministry Team will be starting the process of filling positions on our teams and boards for the 2019-2021 term. If you are one that rotates off your team this year, we appreciate your service and hope you will want to fill a slot on another team or board.

If you are rolling off and would like to remain on said team for another three year term, that is possible one time. If you are ending a two-term obligation, you must roll off. If you are a team chair, the Ministry Team must know if any of these members would like to stay on another term by August 30. If we are not contacted, we will assume we need to fill the vacancy.

When you are contacted, we trust you will prayerfully consider and accept the opportunity to serve FBC in this capacity. If there is a team or board you are particularly interested in serving on, please contact any member of the Ministry Team, and we will make that happen. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Ministry Team Members:

Sarah Parker, Leroy Doran, Betty Jones, David Hicks, Nell Campbell, Michael Warren, Donna Hare, Joan Link, and Sandy Leonard



Sunday, August 12, several of our children and youth will be promoted to the next class.
Congratulations to all!

Our Staff

Dr. Walter Draughon
Rev. Ben Ondrak
Mrs. Tabettha Palumbo
Mr. Eric D. Hicks
Mrs. Angie Hicks

Interim Pastor
Associate Pastor
Children's Director
Minister of Music
Assistant Minister of Music

Ms. Jackie Crum
Ms. Kay LaSpina
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July 2018 Financial Report

Capital Campaign

Budgeted Income	\$ 43,400.00
Actual Income	\$ 41,460.00
Actual Expenses	\$ 30,070.00
Monthly Gain/(Loss)	\$ 11,390.00

Year-To-Date for 2018

Budgeted Income	\$ 267,480.00
Actual Income	\$ 260,320.00
Actual Expenses	\$ 232,590.00
YTD Gain/(Loss)	\$ 27,730.00

Account Balances

General Fund	\$ 154,612.00
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Ushers for the Month of August

Head Usher: Bob Bruce (276) 466-8591
JoAnne Barbour & Susan Barnes
Terri Cook
Virginia Hiss
Tom Parker

Greeters:

Michael & Kim Warren

Deacon of the Week for

August 5 - Jerry Sorrell
August 12 - David Crockett, Jr.
August 19 - Gary Malcolm
August 26 - Linda Pruner