

1 VIRGINIA STREET
BRISTOL, VIRGINIA 24201

THE FIRST WORD

June 2019

On June 16, 2019, at 11 a.m., our church will install its 30th pastor since being founded in 1859. We are excited for the addition of our new pastor and family and the ministry that Pastor Kris has begun.

You may ask, “Why have an installation service?” Many churches have installation services when they call a new pastor. The formality of an installation service communicates that something significant is taking place, and it marks a new day and direction in the life of the church. Another benefit is that the installation service reminds everyone that each person has a vital role to play as the church moves forward for the glory of Christ.

Our service will be especially meaningful because it will also be the occasion for Sara Lyn’s dedication. We, as a church body, will have the opportunity to pledge to support our new pastor as well as to support the growth and development of Sara Lyn.

June 16 will be a good time to invite your friends and neighbors to worship with you—to experience the presence of God among us.



Reception

You are invited
to a drop-in reception
June 16, 2019
1:30-3:30 p.m.
At the new home of
Clary and Kris Aaron
205 Sparking Brook Drive
Bristol, TN 37620
Light refreshments will be served.



You Can Help with VBS

VBS is right around the corner, and we need a few more volunteers. Any days you can help are appreciated. This will be a wonderful outreach event to our community, and you can help to make it a success.

We need volunteers to...

- craft prep and Bible study prep before and during VBS
- help decorate June 2 after church
- help with registration, especially the first night
- lead children from group to group during VBS
- take down decorations June 9 after church

Let Clary know if you can help. All help is appreciated.



Ecumenical Service

Hosted by First Baptist Bristol
Sunday, June 23

Sanctuary, 6 p.m.

Speaker: Joe Dunagan, Emmanuel Episcopal Church

Refreshments: in Rosser Hall

Provided by Central Presbyterian Church

Let's welcome our neighbors!



Steele Creek Park Shelter G

Sunday evening, June 30, 6 to 8 p.m.

Activities for all ages!

Live music by Anthony Mangrum

Meat and drinks provided by the church. Bring your favorite salad, dessert, or side dish

Training for Volunteers in Preschool
(Babies—2s and Children's Church)

After Worship on June 23, 2019,
until about 1:30 p.m.

Lunch provided

New Health Dept. guidelines, new procedures.

Terrific Tuesdays

Children (K-5) are invited to be a part of Terrific Tuesdays - Both Tuesdays are in July (July 9 - Bristol Walking Tour and July 30 - Aquarium). Since we are having a traditional VBS this year, these activities will focus on fellowship together. Each Tuesday will meet at 9 a.m. at the church and return at 4:30 p.m. Register now for one or both dates. You may download a registration form from the church website or pick up a form in the church office.

Senior Trips

Will resume in September
After a summer break

Youth News

Youth Mission Trip, June 16-23. Youth who are going on our mission trip will leave for North Charleston, SC, on June 16. Pray for us as we travel and work.

Youth Summer Camp - "University 2019," July 22-27, in Maryville, TN. Registration Information: Thanks to our FBC youth budget, and the fundraising events we held, you need to pay only an \$85 registration fee and another \$125 balance as long as you participate in eight hours of church service to members of the community. Set up your church service through Ben in the church office any time between now and camp. If anyone needs help with the registration or balance payment, talk to Ben! If you choose to not work eight hours of church service to offset your cost of camp, you will be responsible for paying the \$365 cost of camp to Unidiversity. (FBC never wants a youth to be restricted from participation because of financial commitments.)

Capital Campaign

It's hard to believe that it's been almost three years since we kicked off our Capital Campaign for church improvements. Our final payments are scheduled to be complete by July. The projects are also wrapping up as new windows were installed and look beautiful. Previously, the electrical wiring was updated, and the children/youth areas were renovated.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the Capital Campaign Committee, we thank each of you for your commitment to making these much needed improvements. Thank you for helping to continue the legacy of FBC. **Here Today** – on this corner, in this town, offering Christ's love to people before us. **Here Tomorrow** – for all of those who will need this strong, healthy church to continue the unique ministry of FBC Bristol to our town and the world.

If you've already completed your pledge, thank you very much. We still have \$51,400 in pledge balances to be received, and we are hopeful this will be accomplished by the end of our pledge cycle. If you have any questions regarding your pledge be sure to check with Terri Thomas, Financial Secretary.

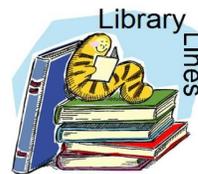
Empty to Full

My Faith Journey by Virginia Hiss

When I was in 5th grade, I became aware of those who were taking communion. I was a good person, and, wanting to do the right thing, I discovered that to partake, I needed to become a member. So I did – I went to classes, answered the questions and was baptized - but, in truth, without much conviction or understanding. But I did achieve the goal, I was accepted and I belonged.

Back then, to me, Jesus was the focus of my Bible stories as well as Easter and Christmas. Today, He is my Lord and my Savior. In God's good time, He uprooted my family and moved us. The very first day in our new home, we were invited to a wonderful Bible-teaching, invitation- giving church. How wonderful – the Bible came alive, and it all began to fit together. This, along with the faithful invitation, let the Holy Spirit show me that I was a sinner in need of a savior. The Holy Spirit convicted me, and, one night, I prayed with the pastor and asked Christ to forgive my sins and to come into my life and be my savior and be my lord.

Once I received him, life has never been the same. Ezekiel 37 is my salvation scripture. I was like dry bones, but, when the Holy Spirit came, I became alive. I am full and overflowing. Through the church, books, and television programs, as the word is given, I've grown. I've been in leadership positions and worked with Bible School, Sunday School and Bible Studies above and beyond what my personality would have me do. It's all Jesus, and now I belong to Him.



Perfect for summer reading is Richard Paul Evans' riveting new series, The Broken Road trilogy: *The Broken Road*, *The Forgotten Road*, and *The Road Home*. Chicago celebrity, Charles

James, coming from a childhood of poverty and pain has all he ever wanted, having arrived at the pinnacle of his career by employing questionable tactics. He has begun to question his choices when a customer commits suicide because of financial ruin. Remarkably, Charles is given a second chance. In each volume as he travels along the iconic Route 66, Charles has lessons to learn before he discovers and arrives at his true destination.

You might like to spend a few leisure minutes in the adult room on a challenging jigsaw puzzle in process or browsing the circulation room for books on display.

Our Staff

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FBC Minister On Call Schedule

June 1-2:	Rev. Kris Aaron	803-225-0795 (Cell)
June 8-9:	Rev. Ben Ondrak	423-217-8934 (Cell)
June 15-16:	Rev. Kris Aaron	803-225-0795 (Cell)
June 22-23:	Mr. Eric Hicks	423-534-8188 (Cell)
May 29-30:	Ms. Terri Thomas	423-963-7576 (Cell)

Ushers for the Month of June

Head Usher: Harry Scanlan
Ushers: Leroy Doran, Tripp Crockett,
Nic Crockett, and Andrew Ondrak
Greeters: Nelson and Joan Link

Deacon of the Week for June

June 3 - Eldon Wilson
June 10 - Wallace Elliott
June 17 - Bob Love
June 24 - Tom Makres