



CBC Church Family,

Thank you for the prayers, calls, texts, visits and delicious meals while I was recovering from my recent surgery. My family and I are so thankful and appreciate you so much.

Thank you, Chris, Amy, Katie & Ellie Boshears

Dear Church Family...My words cannot express how grateful I am to you. During John's long illness and his passing, it seems that God sent someone to comfort me and John every step of the way until he finally called him home. John sure did appreciate the visits and all the prayers. My heart is saddened but I know he is in such a magnificent place where tears and pain do not exist. Thanks so much for the love you have shown and that you continue to show toward me. Thanks for all the food, visits, phone calls and most of all for your continuing prayers which gave us both so much strength. I am eternally grateful... Love Edna Stanley.

Dear Church Family,

I want to take this time to thank you most of all for the prayers during, before and after my time at Cleveland. Thanks for all the phone calls, cards & food. Your acts of kindness & concern have been so greatly appreciated. A special thanks to Pastor Steven for being such a caring Pastor for me and my family during that time. It means so much to have such a loving church.

Thanks Again, Ann Fitzpatrick

Central Baptist,

Thank you for your gift of love and peace lily for our 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Pastor John Reese & First Baptist Church Family

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The King will reply, 'Truly I say to you, inasmuch as you did it for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it for me.'

Matthew 25:40

September 9, 2017

Meet in the Sanctuary at 8:30 AM

Family participation is encouraged ...  
Questions? Contact Bill Sprinkle 987-6768



As many of you know, I've been in the doctoral program at Southern Seminary since July 2015. The degree I'm pursuing is the Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) which involves, among other things, planning and completing a "project" in my local church context. If I am to graduate in May 2018, my project must be completed this fall.

My area of study is church revitalization and specifically the role of church membership in the revitalization process. Studies demonstrate a clear connection exists between healthy, growing churches and a biblical understanding and practice of church membership. The aim of my project is to help move us towards greater church health by discovering and implementing what God says about church membership in the Bible.

There will be two main components to this project: a six-week sermon series on church membership and the launch of a new member class. The sermon series will begin September 17th and our new member class will be held on November 5th. (We'll push pause on our Mark sermon series for these six weeks and resume upon completion.)

I am humbly requesting your help with the project! In addition to praying for our church and attending our services during the six-week sermon series on church membership, here are other ways you can participate:

-Take the "Biblical Church Membership Inventory." I'm in need of 75 church members to answer questions about church membership. This questionnaire will be taken before the membership sermon series begins and is designed to assess where we are as a church as it pertains to our beliefs about membership.

-Take pre- and post- surveys relating to the sermon series. I'm in need of 50 church members to take a survey (different than the "Biblical Church Membership Inventory") before the first sermon and after the last sermon to see if there has been a change in beliefs and convictions regarding church membership as a result of the sermon series.

-Agree to be part of the inaugural New Member Class on November 5th. I'm in need of 20 church members (10 who have joined in the past two years and 10 who have been members for longer than two years) to be guinea pigs! You'll also be asked to take pre- and post- surveys measuring growth and the impact of the class.

-Though not technically part of my project, an additional way to participate in our emphasis on church membership is to be part of our discussion of the book *Membership Matters: Insights from Effective Churches on New Member Classes and Assimilation* by Chuck Lawless. This discussion will be held on Sunday evenings in the sanctuary at 6:30 beginning September 17th. Books are \$10 and are available for purchase now on Sundays and in the church office. Unlike other similar studies in the past, we will not break into small groups as I'll be leading the discussion each evening in the sanctuary.

Sign-up sheets are available at the Registration Center (across from the church office) for each of the above-mentioned opportunities. You are welcome to participate in more than one opportunity. The only criteria for participation is membership in our church. The surveys will be done via email unless a hard copy is requested.

I'm excited about the impact our focus on biblical church membership will have upon our church. Thank you in advance for your help and support. If I can answer any questions about my project or how you can help, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you,

Pastor Steven

**Central Baptist Welcomes New Members**  
Tanessa Jones, Sherri Peters & Charlie Redwine

**Average Attendance & Giving Report through August**  
Sunday School 198    Worship 290  
Year to Date Budget Required \$309,400.00  
Year to Date Budget Giving \$292,852.30



## MUSIC NOTES

### MUSIC MAKERS

On Wednesday, September 6 Music Makers rehearsals begin in preparation for their annual Christmas Musical. This fun and exciting group for children in Kindergarten through Grade 5 meets on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30 in Room 205 under the direction of Kathy Kenimer and Leslie Morris. NOTE: In keeping with the children's ministry guidelines, all students, regardless of age, must at least be in Kindergarten to participate.

### WORSHIP CHOIR

We have begun work on our Christmas cantata but it's not too late for you to join us. We will rehearse the Christmas music from 7:30-8:00 on Wednesday nights. From 8:00-8:45 we will prepare selections for Sundays.

### YOUTH ENSEMBLE

On Sunday, September 10 all youth with at least one semester on their instruments should bring their instrument to rehearsal. Parents, please strongly encourage your student to participate in this discipleship program. I didn't want to participate as a teenager, either; but thanks to my parents' insistence in my participation, I was prepared to answer God's call to ministry! It grieves me to see so many talented teens not using their talents and reaching their potential.

### BOOMERS and SENIORS

#### Day Trip to Whistle Stop Café

In September, we will travel to historic Glendale, Kentucky for a day of antique and gift shopping and an enjoyable meal at the Whistle Stop Café. **The date for the trip has been changed to Thursday, September 14.** Be sure to get your name on the signup sheet at the Registration Center as space is limited.

### COUNTY CHOIR FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING

On Sunday, October 15 we will host the annual meeting of the Central Kentucky Network of Baptists. They have asked us to invite other churches in the association from within our county to form a choir for that night's service. SO... you are cordially invited (urged, begged, beseeched, etc.) to participate in a rehearsal that afternoon at 5:00 to sing with us that night. **All singers from age 12 to 112 should be there!**

PERSONAL NOTE: I was recently diagnosed with a vocal fold hemorrhage which, thankfully, heals on its own with rest and silence. I am so thankful for Sue Ellen, Ernie, Curtis, and the many others who have stepped up in leadership so I could remain (mostly) silent. Voice therapy begins next week and I hope to be back to full strength soon. Thank you for your prayers.

#### DATES OF NOTE:

September 6: Music Makers begins

September 14: Boomers and Seniors Day Trip to Glendale/Whistle Stop departing at 9:00

September 18-20: Boomers and Seniors to Jubilee Conference in Gatlinburg departing at 9:30

November 10-12: KBC All-State Junior High Choir (Grades 7-9)

December 3: Music Makers Christmas Musical

December 10: Youth Night

December 16-17: Christmas Cantata with First Baptist Church



### *Jonny's Corner*

WOW!! How quickly August has flown by. Schools are back in session and everyone is back to the normal grind of life. September is here and that means it is time for fundraisers. Next summer the youth will be heading to Charleston, South Carolina for Mission Fuge. We currently have 70 spots reserved and majority of them are spoken for. There will be a youth fundraiser at The Rock on September 14<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 9. This year there will be several fundraisers but they will be different than the norm. I will keep everyone posted on what is going on.

Children's camp is still processing a decision as to where has not been decided as of yet. As soon as I get everything figured out, I will let everyone know and there will be a sign up on my board next to my office.

There is an awesome opportunity to serve in the city of Lexington on September 16th. Students are heading to the NEW LIFE DAY CENTER to serve the homeless with breakfast. If you are interested in going please contact me or the church office. We meet at the church at 7:30am and usually return between 11:30am and noon. It is an incredible opportunity to serve and meet some great people.

FAMILY FUN DAY will be on October 21st. This is our annual trip to Natural Bridge and everyone is welcome. This is a family oriented day so families have the opportunity to spend time together and with other families to have some fun for the day. If you enjoy hiking, or just enjoying the outdoors this event is a blast! We will meet at the church at 8:30 in the morning and families can leave when they would like. I ask families to drive themselves so they can come and go as they like. The van will be reserved in case it is needed. There will be a sign up by my office, so I can get an idea of numbers that are going. Please bring a picnic lunch.

Our purpose in the world is to share the gospel, serve and make disciples. Please take the time to talk to people about Christ, take time to serve others and take the time to encourage other believers to be a light in this world for Christ. It is encouraging to see adults getting involved in the lives of their children, not just in activities, but also helping them grow spiritually. It is easy to allow all the busyness to take up your time, but please remember to make time for Christ, because He made time for us.

God Bless,  
Jonny

#### **Mission Trips Report**

Savannah Purcell and Paige Honaker will be sharing about their mission trip experiences this past summer on Sunday, September 3rd at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary. Please come and be encouraged as you hear how God used Savannah in South Africa and Paige in Gatlinburg.

#### **Central Kentucky Network of Baptists Annual Meeting**

Our church will host the Central Kentucky Network of Baptists (formerly the Elkhorn Association) Annual Meeting on Sunday, October 15th. Everyone is invited to be part of the Annual Celebration Service in our sanctuary at 5:45 PM. Pastor Steven is the current president of the network.

#### **Property Steering Committee**

The Property Steering Committee led a discussion on August 20th about church facilities, church property, and the possibility of renovating and expanding. Special thanks to all who attended the meeting. The committee plans to formally propose a recommendation in October with a vote on the recommendation to follow in November. Please pray for God's guidance as we discern His plans and purposes for our church. Michael Swearingen is the chairmen of this committee.

#### **Eliza Broadus**

Our annual Eliza Broadus offering will be collected in September. Our goal is \$3,000 and all of the money collected supports missions and ministries in Kentucky. Three quilts have been donated by our quilting ladies with all proceeds to benefit Eliza Broadus. The quilts are available to view and bid on in the hallway between the sanctuary and church office.

#### **AED Training**

Training for how to use our recently installed AED (located on the wall outside the church office) plus training in Basic Life Support will be available Saturday, September 23 at 8:00 AM. The training will last approximately three hours and will be led by three of our church members, cost will be \$7.00. Training is limited to the first 18 who sign-up at the Registration Center.

#### **Hurricane Harvey**

SBC Disaster Relief teams are on site in Texas helping those hit by the recent hurricane. If you would to donate to the recovery, visit [www.namb.net](http://www.namb.net) (the website of the SBC North American Mission Board) where you will find a link to contribute.

#### **Deacon of the Month**

##### **Terry Jones**

Terry was born in Paris to Lewellyn (Jake) and Lillian Jones. He was raised in Paris along with his older sister Letitia. After high school Terry attended the University of Kentucky Community College in Lexington. After completing his education, he was hired as a draftsman at Kentucky Utilities in the General Office Transmission Relay and Communication Department. After a 43½ year career he retired August 1, 2015 from LGE-KU Energy Services Company as Supervisor Drafting Services. Terry married his high school sweetheart, Judy and they recently celebrated their 48<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in August. Terry loves his family, he and Judy have been blessed with 3 children, Chris, Mike and Leslie all who love and serve the Lord. He also has 7 grandchildren, Zack, Aiden, Parker, Emily Jones and Samuel, Emma and Madeline Morris. Chris & his wife, Shana & their children along with daughter Leslie and her husband, James and their children serve the Lord at Central Baptist Church. Mike and his children attend & serve the Lord at Crossroads Christian Church in Lexington. Over the years Terry has served on many committees as well as being a charter member of the young married couples Sunday School Class. He loves being a servant to Christ, his family and his church. One of his favorite Bible verses is Romans 8:38-39.

# September 2017



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

3	4	5	6	7	8	9	2
6 PM AWANA Grandparents Day 7:30 Deacon's Meeting	9 AM Willing Hands Quilters Labor Day Office Closed	12	13	14	15	16	11 AM Sisters In Christ @ 8th Street First Baptist Church
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	8:30 AM Inasmuch
6 PM AWANA	9 AM Willing Hands Quilters	19	20	21	22	23	7:30 AM New Life Center 9 AM Sew Blessed
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	8 AM AED Training
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
12 PM Women's Luncheon "Come To The Table" 6 PM AWANA	9 AM Willing Hands Quilters	Jubilee Conference in Gatlinburg 	11 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Music Makers				

## Our Ministry Opportunities

### Sunday:

- 8:30 AM – Worship
- 9:30 AM – Sunday School for ALL Ages
- 10:45 AM – Worship and Children's Church (K-Grade 5)
- 4:30 PM – Worship Band Rehearsal
- 5:30 PM – Youth Ensemble
- 6:00 PM – AWANA (K – Grade 5)
- 6:00 PM – REV 3 Ministries (Youth)
- 6:30 PM – Worship

### Wednesday:

- 6:00 PM – Meal in Fellowship Hall by reservations
- 6:30 PM – REV 3 Ministries (Youth)
- 6:30 PM – Prayer Meeting
- 6:30 PM – Music Makers & Mission Friends
- 7:30 PM – Worship Choir Practice

### Third Tuesday of the Month:

- 2:00 PM – Current Missions

### Monday:

- 9:00 AM – Willing Hands Quilters

### Third Wednesday of the Month:

- 1:00 PM – Mamie Willmott

### Tuesday:

- 2:00 PM – Encouragers Visitation Ministry

### Third Saturday of the Month:

- 9:00 AM – Sew Blessed