



FIRST BAPTIST  
MARYVILLE

# THE LINK

AUGUST 2023



## 40 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR SCHOOLS

The 2023-24 school year is beginning, and the school teachers, students, and staff certainly need our prayers for a safe and productive school year. Let's shower God's love over our local schools by praying for each one of them. Below is a list of schools to pray over each day for forty days. We will officially start on August 1 with Sam Houston Elementary, but you can join us at any time.

1. Sam Houston Elementary School (our adopted school)
2. John Sevier Elementary School
3. Foothills Elementary School
4. Coulter Grove Intermediate School
5. Montgomery Ridge Intermediate School
6. Maryville Jr. High School
7. Maryville High School
8. Maryville Academy
9. Maryville District Office
10. Maryville Christian School
11. Alcoa Elementary School
12. Alcoa Intermediate School
13. Alcoa Middle School
14. Alcoa High School
15. Alcoa Central Office
16. Clayton-Bradley Academy
17. Carpenter's Elementary School
18. Eagleton Elementary School
19. Fairview Elementary School
20. First Baptist Nursery School
21. Friendsville Elementary School

22. Lanier Elementary School
23. Mary Blount Elementary School
24. Middlesettlements Elementary School
25. Montvale Elementary School
26. Porter Elementary School
27. Prospect Elementary School
28. Rockford Elementary School
29. Townsend Elementary School
30. Union Grove Elementary School
31. Walland Elementary School
32. Carpenters Middle School
33. Eagleton Middle School
34. Eagleton College and Career Center
35. Heritage Middle School
36. Union Grove Middle School
37. Heritage High School
38. William Blount High School
39. Samuel Everett School of Innovation
40. Blount County Schools Central Office

**Revive!**  
Day of Prayer and Fasting  
Wednesday, Aug. 2, from 12 to 1pm  
Weekly Hour of Prayer resumes Aug. 9


*First Step* *New to FBCM?*

<p><b>MEET OUR PASTORS</b> Aug. 20 @ 9am in the Learning Center</p>	<p><b>LEARN ABOUT FBCM WITH PASTOR BOOTH</b> Aug. 27 &amp; Sept. 3 @ 9am in the Learning Center</p>
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**ORDINATION SERVICE  
FOR DREW GOINS**

SUNDAY, AUG. 6, 5PM  
SANCTUARY

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW



**LIFE DOWN  
ON THE FARM**

**A FOCUS ON FARMERS' HEALTH**

**FREE EVENT!**  
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**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

**FARMERS ARE PEOPLE TOO**


**WHEN:** TUESDAY, AUGUST 22  
**WHERE:** FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MARYVILLE  
**TIME:** 6:00 PM

**Gather with Us ...**  
To increase public awareness about how to support our farmers and hear the stories of the joys and challenges of farm life

**DINNER WILL BE SERVED**

**HELP BLOUNT COUNTY BECOME A FARMER FRIENDLY COMMUNITY**

Register:  
UT/TSU Extension Office:  
865-982-6430 x 5 or online  
<https://forms.gle/Roa1FKyPDnMpENAJ7>



 **ACTIVITIES FOR  
ADULTS AGES 55  
AND OLDER**

**UPCOMING JOY CLUB EVENT**

**Piano Concert with Steve Radford**  
Tuesday, August 8, at 11am,  
in the Sanctuary

Join us on August 8th for a concert with our very own Steve Radford. We will gather in the sanctuary and enjoy the fine tunes as Steve tickles the ivories. The performance will start at 11am, and we will have lunch afterwards. Lunch will be a potato bar that would rival any potato bar around. There will also be salad, dessert, and drinks. For planning purposes, please sign up with the church office so we can make sure we have enough food.

**4X4 groups**

4 FRIENDS 4 MEALS  
4 MONTHS 4 FUN

**SIGN UP TODAY  
IN THE FLC LOBBY**



**Let's Cheer,  
for 47 years!**

**A RETIREMENT PARTY TO HONOR JUDY TUCKER**

SUNDAY  
AUGUST 13,  
2023

FIRST BAPTIST  
CHURCH  
MARYVILLE

2:00PM-5:00PM  
DROP IN  
GYM

**THE CHOSEN (SEASON 3)**

Starting Sunday, August 20, in the Kids' Park

You are invited to meet with Pastor Bill Booth to watch episodes from the third season of *The Chosen* and discuss each episode together afterward. The group will meet at 5:30pm every Sunday night unless announced otherwise.





**THANK YOU**

Thank you for letting SAIL\* exercise class have a room in your church. – Kathy Adkins

\* *Stay Active and Independent for Life*

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Thank you so much for opening your facility to exercise. It is hard for seniors to find a place to exercise in comfort. God bless your church as it reaches out to the community. – Beverly and Bob

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On behalf of Foothills Community Players, I wanted to extend a gigantic thank you to your church for allowing us to use your facilities for auditions and practices. Your support of our organization and local theater is both kind and well-appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Foothills Community Players  
Board of Directors

**SYMPATHY**

We express our sympathy to the family of Winston "Sid" Davis who passed away on June 13, 2023. He joined FBCM by letter on April 12, 2009.



**IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP AND DONATE FOR THE FALL/WINTER SALE ON SEPT. 15-16**

We are accepting consignors for our upcoming fall and winter sale in the church office starting Monday, July 24. The cost to consign is \$10 which includes 100 price tags. A portion of each sale goes to our Kids Ministry. For more information about the sale, please call Dawn Herring in the church office Monday through Thursday between 8am and 4:30pm.

**COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS**

The Hope Lifters Grief group will meet on Thursdays, Aug. 3 and 17, at 9:30am, in FLC Room 203. Facilitated by Kelly Ferguson.

The Caregiver Cafe' will meet on Thursdays, Aug. 10 and 24, at 9am, in the FLC Snack Room. Facilitated by Lori Bishop.

Please contact the church office for more information.



The Deacons will host an auction on Oct.15th, to help raise needed funds for some small home repairs that our In-Reach Ministry does. Would you be willing to donate items to be auctioned? Some ideas include art work, handmade crafts, collectibles, vintage furniture, photography sessions, gift baskets and more. Please drop off your items by the church office.

**GOLF RETREAT IN SEVIERVILLE**

**SEPTEMBER 22-23, 2023**  
**SEVIERVILLE GOLF CLUB**

FOR COST AND SIGN-UP INFORMATION, VISIT [FBCMARYVILLE.ORG/FLC](http://FBCMARYVILLE.ORG/FLC)



# CHURCH GROWTH

## JULY 2023

### ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Date	Worship Services	Bible Study
July 2	237 (225 In-Person, 12 Online)	145
July 9	229 (207 In-Person, 22 Online)	140
July 16	239 (221 In-Person, 18 Online)	156
July 23	252 (226 In-Person, 26 Online)	161
July 30	250 (232 In-Person, 18 Online)	162

### OFFERING INFORMATION

July 2	\$	9,979.34
July 9	\$	8,215.67
July 16	\$	2,538.67
July 23	\$	6,373.13
July 30	\$	21,075.67
Offering needs each week	\$	20,356.00
Need to Date	\$	101,780.00
Received to Date	\$	48,182.48
Expenses to Date	\$	89,614.78

### BUILDING FUND

Received	\$	154.68
Received to Date	\$	154.68
Balance in Building Fund	\$	104,995.57

### MISSIONS

Received	\$	115.00
Year to Date	\$	115.00

### CONTACT INFORMATION

202 West Lamar Alexander Parkway  
 Maryville, TN 37801  
 Website: fbcmaryville.org  
 Office Phone: 982-5531  
 Fax: 982-5533

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

8am to 4:30pm - Monday through Thursday  
 8am to 3pm - Fridays  
 Closed Tuesdays from 10:30am to 1pm for staff meeting

### FLC GYM HOURS

9am-9pm - Monday, Tuesday & Thursday  
 9am-3pm - Wednesday & Friday



### AUGUST

- 1 - Begin 40 Days of Prayer for Schools, New Beginnings at 1pm in FL215
- 2 - Admin Council Meeting
- 6 - Communion in services; Drew Goins Ordination at 5pm with reception in the FLC Lobby afterwards
- 8 - Joy Club Piano Concert & Potato Bar - 11am, Sanctuary
- 10 - Caregiver Cafe' - 9am, Snack Room
- 13 - Judy Tucker Retirement Reception, 2-5pm, FLC Lobby
- 14 - YUM! Taste of the South cooking class, 5pm, gym
- 15 - New Beginnings at 1pm in FL215
- 17 - Hope Lifters Grief Group - 9:30am, FL 203
- 19 - Craft Fair in FLC
- 20 - First Step: Meet the Pastors, 9am, Learning Center  
Chosen 3, 5:30pm, Kids Park
- 22 - Farmer's Appreciation Dinner, 6-8pm, gym
- 23 - Choir Rehearsal - Christmas Cantata Kickoff
- 24 - Caregiver Cafe', 9am, Snack Room
- 27 - First Step group session 1 - 9am, Learning Center

All events, dates, times are subject to change.



### FBCM STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

#### GARY STINNETT

Associate Pastor and Youth Pastor - 19 years

#### KELLY FERGUSON

Ministry Assistant - 14 years

Thank you for years of dedicated service at FBCM!

## **First Baptist Church Maryville (FBCM) Deacon Nominations - 2023**

### **Who comes to mind when you think of "servant leaders" within our church body?**

FBCM deacons are chosen and ordained by the church to be servant leaders and ministers to the congregation. They serve in vital servant-ministries and provide service-oriented leadership. Deacons assist the pastors by providing care for the church's members and other persons in the community.

Our church maintains a rotating deacon membership with active deacons serving for three years and then rotating off for at least one year. For 2023 there are currently 20 active Deacons with 8 of these rolling off at the end of the year.

Nominees must have been FBCM members for at least one (1) year as of August 1, 2023. For other deacon qualifications and responsibilities, see the Deacons document approved by the Deacon Body June 28, 2018 and available on [fbcmaryville.org](http://fbcmaryville.org).

After prayerful consideration, please complete the form below to nominate individuals you consider gifted and qualified to serve as deacons. You may submit names of persons to be considered for deacon service either as a new deacon or an inactive deacon returning to active service. It is NOT necessary to have contacted your nominees. Inactive deacons must be nominated and affirmed to return to active service. Those elected this year will serve a three-year term January 2024 through December 2026.

Active deacons NOT eligible for nomination this year are listed on the back of this page.

Place this nomination form in the offering plate/kiosk or in the box located in the hall outside the church office. Nominations are NOT valid if the form is not signed.

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### **First Baptist Church Maryville Deacon Nomination Form**

Nominations accepted through Sunday, August 6-27, 2023

1. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

The following men and women are currently serving as active deacons and are NOT eligible to be nominated as deacons for the term 2023-2025:

TERM 2021-2023	TERM 2022-2024	TERM 2023-2025
Doug Alexander Kathy Alexander Dolores Barr Susie Epperson Jay Hammett Norma Harris Martita Lalasz Carl Lawson	Ron Cobb Bruce Epperson Roger Franklin Stephanie Garrett Lois Hammett Dan Michaelides Joyce Michaelides	Joe Hall Tom Haynes Cris Hughes Allen Kelley Bill Lalasz