



FIRST BAPTIST
MARYVILLE

THE LINK

February 2023

Hello!

I am excited to be at First Baptist Maryville on January 29, to lead worship. As an introduction, let me tell you about myself and my family.

I grew up in a Christian home as a member of First Baptist Church in Murray, Kentucky. God spoke to me when I was fourteen to convict me of my sin and my need of Him. I accepted Him as my Savior then and still strive to follow Him daily.

I met my wife, Rita, while attending a Southern Baptist Church in Madison, Wisconsin. At the time, I was working on my Master's Degree and she was a biomedical engineer. Rita was born in Kingsport, TN, grew up in Conyers, GA, and graduated from Emory and Georgia Tech before moving to Madison.

Rita and I married in 1989 and moved to Cincinnati where I attended the Cincinnati College- Conservatory of Music to pursue a DMA in Piano Performance and Rita taught math and computer science at the College of Mount St. Joseph. We moved to East Tennessee in 1993 when I joined the faculty at Carson-Newman University. I've held various positions at C-N over the years including Chair of the Music Department starting in 2020. We have three adult children: Steven works as a data modeler for the DOT in Indianapolis, Jonathan drives long-haul truck routes, and Luke finished college this past December with majors in math and German and is looking for employment. All three are accomplished musicians who enjoy singing and playing various instruments.

I began my ministry in January of 1983 and have served as a pianist, organist, choir director, or minister of music ever since. God called me to Emmanuel Baptist Church in Jefferson City as Minister of Music in March of 1996 and allowed me to stay in that role for twenty-six years. I was ordained in 2003. While at Emmanuel, Rita started and ran a children's church program and taught ESL classes.

Outside of church, Rita and I have enjoyed raising service puppies for Canine Companions for Independence, and we led the Smoky Mountain Chapter of CISV (a global peace organization that provides camps for children and youth) as Co-Presidents for three years. We both like working in our garden.

I love God, love working with choirs and musicians, and love crafting and leading worship services. I feel God calls me to develop meaningful worship experiences that help draw people closer to Him and to each other. I enjoy creating opportunities for people to use their gifts and abilities within the body of Christ.

I look forward to getting to know you over the next couple of weeks. I am excited about the possibility of joining you to help lead your Classic Worship Service.

—Mark

Isaiah 58:11

¹¹ And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.



Mark & Rita Hussung

FIRST BAPTIST MARYVILLE **KIDS**
CONSIGNMENT
SALE & HOMEGOODS



2023 SPRING / SUMMER CONSIGNMENT SALE
MARCH 2-4, IN THE GYM

It's almost time for the Kids Consignment Sale and we need YOU! There are many ways to be involved in this community outreach. Proceeds from the sale fund Kids First Ministry to help with camp and mission expenses.

- Consign your best items as a consignor. You may sign up for \$10 in the church office.
- Donate your excess wire hangers.
- Volunteer to sort and tag items as they are donated for sale.
- Provide security during the sale.
- Help set up and tear down.
- Help publicize on social media and tell your friends and neighbors.
- Help sort and organize the items leftover after the sale for consignor pick-up or community charity delivery.
- Shop - Shop - Shop

If you volunteer 3 hrs. for the sale, you will receive a pass to shop at the 5:00 pm pre-sale on Thursday evening. If you work (2) 3 hr. shifts, you can shop even earlier at 4:00 pm on Thursday. You may sign up by calling Dawn in the church office or emailing her at dawn.herring@fbcmaryville.org

COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

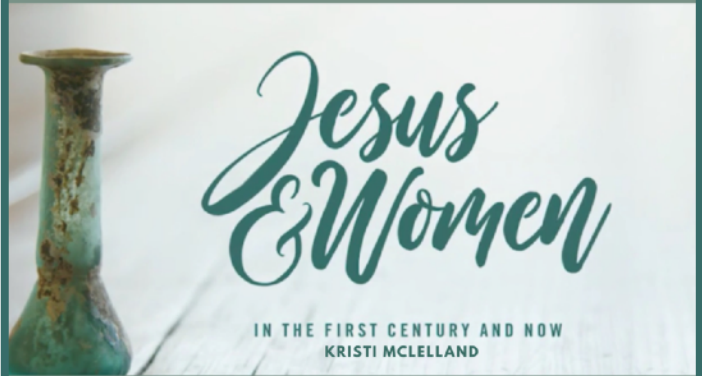
If you have gently used children's and junior-sized clothing, toys, furniture, or household goods you no longer want to keep, please donate them to our Community Resource Center (CRC). The CRC will tag and sell the items in the Kids Consignment Sale as a fundraiser.

Please bring your items to the church office or FLC desk by Wednesday, Feb. 22nd. For larger furniture pieces, please call Drew Goins or Nick Poole to make arrangements. You may contact Drew or Nick by calling the church office or by emailing them at the following addresses: drew.goins@fbcmaryville.org or nick.poole@fbcmaryville.org.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MARYVILLE

Women's
Bible Study Group

FACILITATED BY SUSAN MORTON - 865-233-4884



Beginning February 8, 2023
Wednesday Nights
6:00 pm - 7:30pm in FLC #207



The workbook for this study is \$25 which can be ordered and paid for in the church office by January 29th. It is not required but is helpful.



FIRST BAPTIST
YOUTH PARENT LUNCH

FEBRUARY 12
 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SERVICES IN THE FLC CRAFT ROOM

"It may not be a cheeseburger, but there will be food.... We are Baptists."

Gary Stronoff
 FBCM Associate Youth and Small Group Pastor

Youth and parents will have lunch on February 12th in the Craft Room of the FLC, following the morning services. At this meeting, we will discuss plans for winter/spring and our summer mission trip. Come hungry!

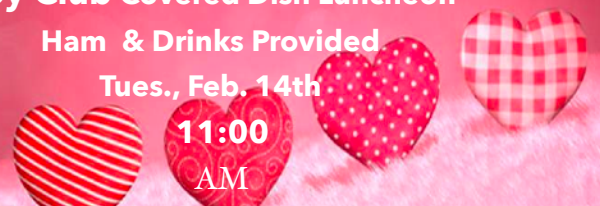
Happy Valentine's Day

Joy Club Covered Dish Luncheon

Ham & Drinks Provided

Tues., Feb. 14th

11:00 AM



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS

Travis and Sydnee Nuchols on the birth of their son, Theodore Parker Nuchols "Theo" on January 8, 2023.

Ron and Kelly Cobb are the proud grandparents.

WELCOME

We welcome Ed and Carole Chambers who joined our church family during the Classic service on Sunday, January 15, 2023.

THANK YOU

On behalf of myself and my extended family, we want to thank everyone at the church for your prayers, calls, food, visits and support during the loss of my husband, Don Gibson. Please know Don loved you and Maryville First Baptist. All your expressions of sympathy are greatly appreciated!

Much love,
Sue Gibson and the Gibson family

With the leadership of the Bob Stewart Bible study group, we were able to send 500+ boxes of macaroni and cheese to Second Harvest. Thank you to all who donated.



SAVE - THE - DATE

Kids **GLOW** Indoor
Easter
Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 1st
Watch for times

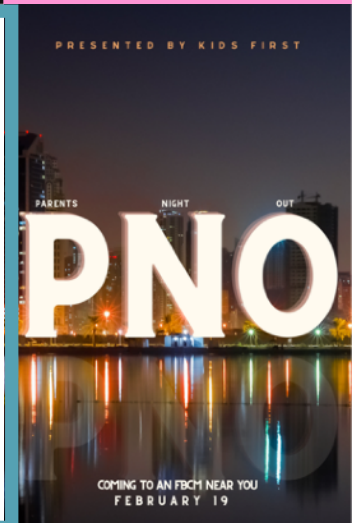
Candy - Prizes - FUN

Parents Night Out

Sunday,
February 19th
4pm-8pm

Sign Up at the Kids
Check-In or email

Mr. Nick at
nick.poole@fbcmaryville.org



CALLED BUSINESS MEETING

FEBRUARY 12 @ SANCTUARY
TO VOTE ON MARK HUSSUNG
FOLLOWING SERVICES AT 11:30



Wednesday Nights 6:00pm - 7:30pm

COLLISION

first baptist church student ministry

CHURCH GROWTH JANUARY 2023



UPCOMING EVENTS

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Date	Worship Services	Bible Study
Jan. 1	199 (173 In-Person, 26 Online)	106
Jan. 8	251 (217 In-Person, 34 Online)	131
Jan. 15	220 (203 In-Person, 17 Online)	121
Jan. 22	285 (224 In-Person, 61 Online)	136
Jan. 29	--	

OFFERING INFORMATION

Jan. 1	\$ 5,722.00
Jan. 8	\$ 6,378.00
Jan. 15	\$ 5,023.00
Jan. 22	\$ 6,131.00
Jan. 29	--
Offering needs each week	\$ 20,432.00
Need to Date	\$ 612,960.00
Received to Date	\$ 609,910.27
Expenses to Date	\$ 555,579.35

BUILDING FUND

Received	\$ 750.00
Received to Date	\$ 274,387.00
Balance in Building Fund	\$ 114,257.51

MISSIONS

Received	\$ 216.00
Year to Date	\$ 4,575.50

FEBRUARY

- 1 - Kids Consignment Sale packets for the March 2-4 Spring/Summer sale available for purchase in the church office.
- 2 - Hope Lifters Grief Group, 9:30am, FL 203
- 5 - Communion
- 9 - Caregiver Cafe', 9am, Snack Room
- 11 - Valentines Gala dinner and dancing at Green Meadow Country Club provided by John Owens
Email John at jdowens1957@att.net to RSVP (deadline 1/29/23)
- 12 - Youth and Parents Luncheon and Called Business Meeting & vote
- 14 - Valentine's Day, Joy Club Valentine's Luncheon
- 16 - Hope Lifters Grief Group, 9:30am, FL 203
- 19 - Parents Night Out, 4:00pm - 8:00pm
- 20 - President's Day - No mail
- 22 - Ash Wednesday Service
- 23 - Caregiver Cafe', 9am, Snack Room

All dates and times are subject to change.

CONTACT INFORMATION

202 West Lamar Alexander Parkway
Maryville, TN 37801
Website: fbcmaryville.org
Office Phone: 865-982-5531

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

8am to 4:30pm - Mon. through Thurs.
Closed Tues., 10:30am-1pm, for staff meeting
8am to 3pm - Fri.

FLC GYM

9:00am to 9:00pm - Mon. Tues, Thurs.
9:00am to 3:00pm - Weds. and Fri.

Inclement Weather Information

The church office, Family Life Center, and nursery school close during the week when Maryville City Schools close. If we determine the need to cancel services on a Sunday, we will notify you via automated phone call and social media and local TV stations. Your safety is our concern. Please use your best judgment as to your ability to drive in the current weather conditions before you do so.