



FIRST BAPTIST  
MARYVILLE

# THE LINK

## FEBRUARY 2024



**ASH  
WEDNESDAY  
SERVICE**

Feb. 14 | 12pm  
Sanctuary

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**SUNDAY, FEB. 4  
5PM | FLC**

**VOTE ON YOUR  
FAVORITES  
WITH MONEY**

Proceeds benefit the 2024  
Youth Summer Mission Trip

Share the  
*Love of Christ*  
this Valentine's Day.



*First Step* *New to FBCM?*

**MEET OUR  
PASTORS**  
Feb. 4 @ 9am  
in the  
Learning Center

**LEARN ABOUT  
FBCM WITH  
PASTOR BOOTH**  
Feb. 11 and 18 @ 9am  
in the Learning Center



**UPCOMING JOY  
CLUB EVENT  
For Adults aged 55+**



### CONCERT WITH PAM WESTON Tues., Feb. 13, 11am, in the Sanctuary

Pam Weston has been performing country music for 23 years and gospel music for 13 years. She has performed with several Grand Ole Opry artists. You do not want to miss this concert. We will enjoy a boxed lunch from McAlister's afterwards in the Craft Room. The concert is free, and the boxed lunch is \$10. Please RSVP by Friday, Feb. 9, in the church office so we know how many lunches to order. Check out Pam's website at [pamwestonministries.com](http://pamwestonministries.com) or contact [Drew Goins](#) for more information.

### New Women's Bible Study Wednesdays at 6pm starting Feb. 21, 2024 Facilitated by Linda Lawson Please register in the church office.

Anne Graham Lotz draws on her rich biblical knowledge as well as her personal journey to help us understand that the Holy Spirit is a Person who prays for us, guides us in our relationships and decisions, comforts us in pain, and stays by our side at all times. She explores seven key aspects of the Holy Spirit that will revolutionize how you understand and relate to this Person in the Trinity.



## 2024 SPRING / SUMMER CONSIGNMENT SALE FEB. 29-MAR. 2, 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 the 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 three hours for the sale, you will receive a pass to shop at the 5pm pre-sale on Thursday evening. If you work two three-hour shifts, you can shop even earlier at 4pm on Thursday. You may sign up by calling Dawn in the church office or emailing her at [dawn.herring@fbcmaryville.org](mailto:dawn.herring@fbcmaryville.org).

## COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

If you have gently used children's and junior-sized spring/summer clothing, or 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 Tuesday, Feb. 20. 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](mailto:drew.goins@fbcmaryville.org) or [nick.poole@fbcmaryville.org](mailto:nick.poole@fbcmaryville.org).



## SAVE THE DATES!

### Kids Easter Event

Saturday, March 23

Event and time to be announced.

### Start the Party VBX

Mon. through Weds., July 15-17

6-8pm



## KIDS FIRST WORSHIP

Sundays, 10:30am, in Kids' Park

Grades K-5

# OUR CHURCH FAMILY

## THANK YOU

Thank you for your recent Dollar Day offering for InterVarsity's ministry at Maryville, Pellissippi, and Carson-Newman! I really appreciate your financial generosity and prayers. – Emily Randles

I want to send you a heart-felt thank you and a big hug for all the blessings you have poured out on me since my diagnosis in November. From cards, texts, messages, phone calls, food and hugs, you have poured out your love and support on me and have truly helped me navigate this overwhelming diagnosis. While I am still struggling emotionally with this disease, I feel God is working through each and every one of you to help me to traverse the information concerning this illness.

But most of all, I want to thank you for your prayers. So many of you have told me that you are praying for God's healing. Thank you. Your prayers have been a source of inspiration and courage. Thank you for being God's servants and working for each and every one of us at First Baptist. Your kindness has blessed me so much! Thank you for blessing my family and me. We love you all. – Robin Burchfield and Family

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Travis Nuchols, Brandi Younce, and Lainey Younce upon their baptisms on Jan. 14, in the Contemporary Service.

Congratulations to Mark Hussung on completing one year of service as our Classic Worship Leader.

## SYMPATHY

Sympathy to Caleb Bashaw upon the loss of his mother, LisaMarie, who passed away on Sunday, Dec. 14.

Sympathy to Lena McClanahan upon the loss of her husband, Gary, who passed away on Jan. 16 after a long illness.

Sympathy to David Smith and his family upon the recent passing of his distant relative, Rodney Baker. Rodney was a former member of FBCM.



**QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETINGS**

Sunday, Feb. 18  
after the services

**COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS**

The Hope Lifters Grief group will meet on Thursday, Feb. 15, at 9:30am, in FLC Room 203. Facilitated by Kelly Ferguson.

The Caregiver Cafe' will meet on Thursdays, Feb. 8 and 22, at 9am, in the FLC Snack Room. Facilitated by Lori Bishop.



**SPRING CHURCH WORKDAY**

Sat., March 16, at 8am  
In the Encouragers' Class  
Breakfast Provided

Raindate: March 23

**CHURCH GROWTH**  
**JANUARY 2024**



**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**

**ATTENDANCE INFORMATION**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship Services</u>	<u>Bible Study</u>
Jan. 7	287 (236 In-Person, 51 Online)	167
Jan. 14	297 (253 In-Person, 44 Online)	159
Jan. 21	226 (173 In-Person, 53 Online)	---
Jan. 28	300 (250 In-Person, 50 Online)	123

**OFFERING INFORMATION**

Jan. 7	\$ 6,729.00
Jan. 14	\$ 17,602.00
Jan. 21	\$ 1,360.00
Jan. 28	\$ 12,948.00
Offering needs each week	\$ 20,356.00
Need to Date	\$ 631,036.00
Received to Date	\$ 650,433.51
Expenses to Date	\$ 586,491.63

**BUILDING FUND**

Received	\$ 100.00
Received to Date	\$ 10,777.05
Balance in Building Fund	\$ 70,949.64

**MISSIONS**

Received	\$ 145.00
Year to Date	\$ 7,734.00

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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**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.

**FEBRUARY**

- 4 - First Step: Meet the Pastors; Communion; Chili Cook-off
- 6 - New Beginnings Group, 1pm, FL215
- 7 - Hour of Prayer, 12-1pm, Sanctuary
- 11 - First Step Session 1, 9am, Learning Center
- 13 - Joy Club
- 14 - Valentine's Day / Ash Wednesday (Lent Begins)
- 18 - First Step Session 2, 9am, Learning Center  
Quarterly Business Meeting
- 21 - Hour of Prayer, 12-1pm, Sanctuary
- 26 - March Link Deadline
- 29 - Consignment Pre-Sale

*All dates and times are subject to change.*



**2024 EASTER SCHEDULE**

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

Feb. 14, 12pm, in the Sanctuary  
Beginning of Lent - Lenten information  
will be available on Sun., Feb. 11

**PALM SUNDAY COMBINED SERVICE**

Mar. 24, 10:30am, in the Sanctuary

**PASSOVER SEDER**

Maundy Thurs., Mar. 28, 6pm. in the Gym

**GOOD FRIDAY**

Mar. 29, Office and Gym Closed

**EASTER SUNDAY**

March 31- Regular Sunday Schedule