



FIRST BAPTIST
MARYVILLE

THE LINK

JANUARY 2023



The Mission and Ministry Fair will be an opportunity for you to explore and engage in our ministries and missions. We'll start out the day with Bible study at 9am, and then have a combined service in the sanctuary at 10am, and end with lunch and the ministry and missions fair in the gym at 11am. The Discernment Team will present their findings during the service, and they and the staff will further explain their proposal during lunch and will receive feedback.

If you would like to set up a display or staff a table for a FBCM ministry you are involved with or want to help with lunch, please contact [Gary Stinnett](mailto:gary.stinnett@fbcmaryville.org) via email or through the church office.

We hope you and your families will join us that day as we seek to further develop and strengthen the ministries of our church.



UPCOMING COMBINED SERVICES

Sundays, January 15 & 29

Bible Study at 9am

Service at 10am in the Sanctuary



FBCM VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Sunday, January 22, at 5pm, in the gym

Volunteer leaders are invited to a training meeting on Sunday, January 22, at 5PM. This meeting is regarding changes coming in February that will effect each area of the church. This will be a great opportunity to hear the pastor's vision more in depth, voice ideas, and reconnect with the leaders who lead in other areas. We will spend a small amount of time in a large group setting, and then break off into smaller groups based on where you serve (kids, tech, greeters, etc.).

This meeting will be concise as we value your time. At the same time, we believe it is vital for all of us as a church, for our unified health to be on the same page moving forward, and we absolutely cannot do this without you.

If childcare is needed, please text Nick Poole at 423-303-8107 and let him know what your needs are by Monday, January 16, so he can make arrangements.

STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

Steve Radford - 46 Years

Theresa Carnathan - 22 Years

as Church Accompanists

Thank you for years of dedicated service at FBCM!



FITNESS OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR FLC

It is New Year's resolutions time and quite often people resolve to get healthier in the new year. Through our FLC ministry, we freely offer opportunities for our church family and community to do so in our gym, weight room (orientation required), racquetball courts, and exercise classes.

Starting this month, we will begin our third annual kids kickball tournament and our first adult pickleball tournament. We have nearly a hundred people and their families signed up to participate in these events.

Currently, we offer the following group fitness classes each week in our Aerobics Room. Class fee amounts are at the discretion of each of the instructors and are payable to them.

Stay Active and Independent for Life (SAIL) – Stretching classes for senior adults that meets from 11am to 12pm and 12:30pm to 1pm on Mondays and Wednesdays. Instructor is Terri Stewart.

Restorative Movement – Restorative movement enhances mindfulness and mobility with a blend of stretching, breathing, and gentle strength. This group normally meets on Monday nights from 6-7pm, but the instructor, Sara Phillips, is currently on maternity leave.

Fit for Him – The purpose of this women's fitness group is to stir a spiritual awareness of each participant's health and fitness endeavors in the effort to further God's kingdom. It meets on Tuesdays from 4:30 to 5:30pm. The instructor is Judy Davis.

Devoted Fitness - This women's fitness group combines dance and fitness moves with Christian music for an extraordinary hour of cardiovascular exercise, fellowship, and praise. The group meets on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 6 to 7pm and Friday mornings from 10 to 11am. The instructor is Jenny Horn.

Faith Flow - Each class focuses on specific body postures that flow with the breath and concludes with a time of relaxation while mindfully focusing on God's Word. This group is open to everyone. Please bring a mat. It meets Thursdays from 11am to 12pm. The instructor is Kim Mowell.

Zumba® Fitness – This fitness class takes the "work" out of workout, by mixing low-intensity and high-intensity moves for an interval-style, calorie-burning dance fitness party. The group meets on Thursdays, from 5:30 to 6:30pm. The instructor is Bethany Maynes.

Tai-Chi - This is a series of gentle exercises used to create harmony between the mind and body. It reduces stress and improves balance strength, coordination, and range of motion. The group meets on Saturdays, from 9 to 10:30am. The instructor is Steve Kerr.

Our FLC is open Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 9am to 9pm; and Wednesdays and Fridays from 9am to 3pm. These hours are subject to change due to FLC desk staffing, and community and church events.

If you have questions or would like to serve a few hours a month at the desk or in another capacity through the FLC, please contact Director [Drew Goins](#) or Ministry Assistant [Amy Hatcher](#) through the church office.

SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

The Hope Lifters Grief group will meet on Thurs., Jan.19, at 9:30am, in FLC Room 203.

The Caregiver Cafe' will meet on Thurs., Jan. 12 and 26, at 9am, in the FLC Craft Room.

Please contact the church office for more information.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

THANK YOU

A big Mission of Hope thank you to First Baptist volunteers, donors, and prayer warriors. You gave a step up to the Yellow Creek School community in Middlesboro, Kentucky. A special thank you to Nick Poole, Steve Radford, and Cindy Williams for a program of Christmas music and of Jesus' coming to us as a unique gift. The Carole Lewis donation drive was a huge success providing socks, shoes, food and clothing. Everett Hills and Pastor Doug Hayes brought additional manpower to set up and distribute toys, hygiene kits, and Bibles. Thank you, church, for being mission-minded and having a heart for Jesus.

- Joe Hall

Dear Staff and Friends at First Baptist Maryville, Thank you for your prayers for Maryville College and Pellissippi InterVarsity and for giving to this ministry earlier this year! Because of your support, students are growing as leaders and Christ followers. I wish you all well, and I hope you have a great Christmas and New Year's!

- Emily Randles

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the friends and families of:

Jane Hadley - Jane passed away on December 22, 2022. She joined FBCM by letter on July 19, 1988.

Dr. Ken Altom - Ken passed away on January 1, 2023. He joined FBCM by letter on September 7, 2014.

Don Gibson - Don passed away on January 4, 2023. He joined FBCM by letter on October 22, 1972.



FBCM YOUTH PRESENTS THE 11TH ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

Sunday, Jan. 29, at 5pm
in the Gym

Come out and sample the best chilis that our church family has to offer. Cast your vote for the best chili by making a monetary donation to the chef. All proceeds will support our youth group's 2023 summer mission trip.

Winners will be selected in two categories:

1. People's Choice - The chef whose chili received the highest monetary donations.
2. Judges' Award - The chef of the chili most preferred by a secret panel of judges.

To enter your chili, please sign up by emailing or contacting [Gary Stinnett](#) in the church office or by filling out the sign-up sheet on the kiosk by the church office door.



KID'S HARRY POTTER DAY

Jan. 16, 10am-2pm
FLC Lobby

If you know a child that has enjoyed or enjoys the Harry Potter Series invite them to the drop-in Harry Potter Day. Kids can get sorted into their favorite houses, create their very own wand, and enjoy "butter-beer." It will be a magical experience for children of all ages.

Drop by the FLC Lobby anytime between 10am and 2pm on Monday, Jan.16th. Due to the nature of the wand-making craft, adult supervision is needed.

For more information, please contact [Drew Goins](#).

CHURCH GROWTH DECEMBER 2022

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship Services</u>	<u>Bible Study</u>
Dec. 4	250 (218 In-Person, 32 Online)	155
Dec. 11	261 (216 In-Person, 45 Online)	178
Dec. 18	271 (226 In-Person, 45 Online)	134
Dec. 24	185 (175 In-Person, 10 Online)	-
Dec. 25	164 (137 In-Person, 27 Online)	-

OFFERING INFORMATION

Dec. 4	\$ 33,947.34
Dec. 11	\$ 57,952.00
Dec. 18	\$ 15,197.00
Dec. 25	\$ 9,325.00
Dec. 31	\$ 89,246.00
Offering needs each week	\$ 20,432.00
Need to Date	\$ 531,232.00
Received to Date	\$ 586,656.27
Expenses to Date	\$ 497,403.52

BUILDING FUND

Received	\$ 10,050.00
Received to Date	\$ 273,637.00
Balance in Building Fund	\$ 113,507.51

MISSIONS

Received	\$ 1,929.50
Year to Date	\$ 4,359.50

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.



JANUARY

- 11 - Hour of Prayer 12-1pm, in the sanctuary
- 12 - Caregiver Cafe'
- 15 - Combined Service, Ministry/Missions Fair
- 16 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 16 - Kids' Harry Potter Day
- 18 - Hour of Prayer
- 19 - Hope Lifters Grief Group
- 22 - FBCM Leadership Training Meeting
- 25 - Hour of Prayer
- 26 - Caregiver Cafe'
- 29 - Combined Service; Dollar Day;
Chili Cook-Off

All dates and times are subject to change.

CONNECT WITH A CHILD CONTAINER

Our green container that was parked outside the gym has been shipped to our ministry partner, *Connect with a Child*, in Kenya. It was packed full of donated equipment and supplies that will benefit this ministry. The container itself will even be used for storage. Thanks to all who donated supplies and shipping funds.



Contribution statements will be mailed out no later than Jan. 31, 2023. It is best not to file your taxes until you receive your statement.

If you have any questions, please contact [Amy Hatcher](#) in the church office.