



FIRST BAPTIST
MARYVILLE

THE LINK

JULY 2023



VACATION BIBLE EXPERIENCE (VBX)

Monday-Wednesday, July 10-12

Registration @ 5:45PM | VBS @ 6-8PM

Kids in PreK (4 yrs.) – 6th Grade

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- 📍 Invite your friends, family, and neighborhood kids to our VBX.
- 📍 Pre-register your kids by scanning the QR code below or by going to our [website](#).
- 📍 Volunteer to help decorate the FLC and/or to help group leaders (no prep work required). Please contact [Nick Poole](#) or scan the QR code to sign up.
- 📍 Pray referencing the prayer guide.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Each year at VBX, we have a competition between the boys and the girls as to which group brings the most offering money for a designated church ministry or mission.

This year, however, we will compete with school supplies instead of money. These supplies will be donated to a school for the teachers to use or give out to the kids as needed. For a list of school supplies, please go to page 2.

PRAYERS FOR VBX

Please pray for God to **MOVE**...

- ✝️ Pray for each person who **MOVES** through our doors feels welcome and loved.
- ✝️ Pray for each leader and child to be focused, receptive, **OPEN**-hearted and brave in seeking Jesus.
- ✝️ Pray for each heart to **VALUE** what Jesus values most.
- ✝️ Pray that each child has an **ENCOUNTER** with Jesus that is everlasting.

FOLLOW JESUS HERE,
THERE, AND EVERYWHERE



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

WELCOME

We welcome Chris Call who joined by baptism in the Contemporary Service on June 11.

THANK YOU

Thank you for allowing me to take a shower. It really made me feel so much cleaner. Being homeless and a female, I felt blessed to get clean.

Just came here for dinner for the first time. Beans, cornbread, applesauce with cinnamon, cake and tea. Can't beat that. I definitely left here with a full belly. Everyone was so nice and generous. I really appreciate what you all are doing for people like us in this community. It really is a blessing indeed.

– Angel Day

COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

The Hope Lifters Grief group will meet on Thursdays, July 6 and 20, at 9:30am, in FLC Room 203. Facilitated by Kelly Ferguson.

The Caregiver Cafe' will meet on Thursdays, June 13 and 27, at 9am, in the FLC Snack Room. Facilitated by Lori Bishop.

Please contact the church office for more information.



MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

DONATE SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Sam Houston Elementary is our neighborhood school that we partner with for ministry to the staff and students. Please join the Mission Team in welcoming them back for a new year with a collection of school supplies. Here is a list of requested items.

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| 24-pack of Crayola Crayons | Post-It Notes |
| Crayola Classic Color Markers | Notecards |
| Ticonderoga Pencils | Paper Towels |
| Black Dry Erase Markers | Cap Erasers |
| Elmer's Glue Sticks | Flare Pens |
| Pink Pearl Erasers | Sharpie Markers |
| Yellow Highlighters | |
| Gift Cards from Amazon, Target, and Walmart | |

Items will be collected at our VBX on July 10-12; at the door of our Back to School Bash at John Sevier Pool on Sunday, July 30, at 6pm; and in a bin outside the church office on Sundays and throughout the week. Thank you for sharing in this ministry!

DONATE CLOTHING ITEMS

The deacons invite you to contribute to a clothing drive for Yellow Creek School located in Middlesboro, KY. The elementary school is considered a center that assists local residents who are in need of clothing as a result of a fire, job loss, illness, or other such situation. Any type of new or gently used (but clean) clothing will be welcome—baby items; shoes, shirts, jeans, socks, underwear, rain gear, boots, coats, sweaters, etc., for infants, children, teens, and adults.

There will be a bin outside the church office to collect donations. Please place your items in a plastic trash bag before leaving them in the bin. Thanks in advance for all you do to help.



**LADIES BRUNCH
FEATURING
FIRST BAPTIST
AUTHORS**

**Saturday, July 15
9am-12pm in the FLC**

Women are invited to attend a light brunch on Saturday morning, July 15, 9 am - Noon, in the FLC Lobby.

Kelly Ferguson, Ministry Assistant at First Baptist, and Lynn Franklin, member of First Baptist, have both authored Christian books and will be our guest speakers as they share the background stories on how their books came to be written. A book signing will also be held for those who want to purchase autographed copies.

Please register by contacting the [church office](#). A registration fee of \$10 may be paid there or at the door.

**HAPPY
INDEPENDENCE
DAY**

**The church office and the
FLC will be closed on
Tuesday, July 4.**

STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

Thank you for your many years of dedicated service at FBCM...

- Dawn Herring - 4 Years (in current position)
- Drew Goins - 4 Years

**NURSERY SCHOOL DIRECTOR
CHANGEOVER**

FBCM Nursery School Director, Judy Tucker, is retiring after having worked in this ministry for nearly 47 years. She is training our new director, Melody Kenny, now and will officially step down from this position in August.


There will be a retirement reception for Judy on Sunday, August 13, from 2-5 pm in the FLC Lobby. We hope you will come out and celebrate Judy and her years of dedicated service to our church and our community.



New Beginnings

Tuesday, July 18 at 1pm in
Room 215 in the Family Life Center

Friendship, Community, and Spiritual Growth opportunities for FBCM and Maryville women who find themselves alone on Life's Journey.




**A LOOK AT THE
LIVING WORD**

A BLOG BY DR. BILL BOOTH

Monday through Friday

Available on our
App & Website
fbcmaryville.org




**THE LONGER TABLE
FOOD MINISTRY**

Serving hot meals to
our neighbors on
Fridays, 6-8pm, Gym

Volunteers needed.
Be there at 5pm to help.



UPCOMING JOY CLUB EVENTS

CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY TUESDAY, JULY 18

We will travel to Crossville, TN, to the Cumberland County Playhouse to enjoy the play, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. We will eat lunch at the all-you-can-eat buffet at Homestead Harvest Restaurant located in the Cumberland Mountain State Park. The cost is \$50 per person and includes play ticket, lunch, and transportation. Sign up today in the church office.

PIANO CONCERT BY STEVE RADFORD TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

Join us for a piano concert performed by Steve Radford starting at 11am in the sanctuary. Afterwards, we'll have a baked potato bar lunch with salad, dessert, and drinks.

The Joy Club is for adults ages 55 and older.



DAYS OF PRAYER AND FASTING

WEDNESDAYS, JULY 5 & AUG. 2

We are continuing our *Revive* series with Days of Prayer and Fasting on the first Wednesdays of July and August. The sanctuary will be open on those days from 12 - 1pm for people to come to the church and pray. (The Hour of Prayer will only meet on those first Wednesdays in July.)

If you are not able to come to the church at that time to pray, we hope you will join us in prayer and fasting on your own.

This opportunity is available to people in our community and in our church





MEN'S GOLF RETREAT

All men of the church are invited to a golf retreat on Friday and Saturday, September 22 and 23, at the Sevierville Golf Club. It is sure to be a fun time of fellowship on the golf course.

We'll play in a modified Ryder Cup format (team golf) based on handicap in order to make it more inclusive for golfers of all skill sets. We will play one round of golf on Friday afternoon and two rounds on Saturday.

The cost is \$300 which covers lodging on Friday night, three rounds of golf, breakfast, and lunch. Spots are limited and available on a first-come, first served basis. Please note that your spot is not reserved until your fee is paid.

You can sign up by going to our [website](#), emailing [Drew Goins](#), or by stopping by the church office. Please direct any questions to Drew Goins.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES IN THE FLC

Are you interested in volunteering your time to serve folks in our community? The Family Life Center is looking for volunteers to staff the front desk a couple times a month.

The available shifts are:

- 1st and 3rd Mondays from 9am to 12pm
- 1st and 3rd Fridays from 12pm to 3pm

Contact [Drew Goins](#) for more information and to sign up.



COOKING CLASSES

Sign up today for these upcoming cooking classes. Whether you are looking for a date night or an activity for the family, we've got you covered! The classes are \$30 each for two people. Or if you sign up for both, you'll save \$10. That's four meals and two wonderful experiences for \$50! To reserve your spot(s), visit the church office or call Drew Goins.

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

TASTE OF ITALY

Monday, July 31, at 5pm, in the gym
Cook the perfect Italian dinner for two.

Menu:

Sparkling Lemonade

Homemade Pasta with Grilled Chicken

Your choice of homemade cheese or red sauce

Cheesecake with your choice of homemade raspberry sauce or chocolate sauce.

TASTE OF THE SOUTH

Monday, August 14, at 5pm, in the gym
Cook all things southern and enjoy samples of many different southern foods!

Menu:

Sweet Tea and Lemonade

Fried Chicken

Collard Greens

Cornbread

Key Lime Pie

We look forward to seeing you in the kitchen soon!

CHURCH GROWTH
MAY 28-JUNE 25, 2023



ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Worship Services</u> | <u>Bible Study</u> |
|-------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| May 28 | 247 (230 In-Person, 17 Online) | 155 |
| June 4 | 229 (201 In-Person, 28 Online) | 153 |
| June 11 | 222 (210 In-Person, 12 Online) | 141 |
| June 18 | 211 (188 In-Person, 23 Online) | 175 |
| June 25 | 207 (188 In-Person, 19 Online) | 165 |

OFFERING INFORMATION

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| May 28 | \$ 6,420.68 |
| June 4 | \$ 49,106.17 |
| June 11 | \$ 6,112.00 |
| June 18 | \$ 4,520.34 |
| June 25 | \$ 12,949.55 |
| Offering needs each week | \$ 20,432.00 |
| Need to Date | \$1,062,487.00 |
| Received to Date | \$ 944,498.12 |
| Expenses to Date | \$ 953,990.36 |

BUILDING FUND

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| Received | \$ 216.01 |
| Received to Date | \$ 278,448.38 |
| Balance in Building Fund | \$ 104,840.89 |

MISSIONS

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| Received | \$ 76.00 |
| Year to Date | \$ 8,095.50 |

JULY

- Sign-Ups for 4x4 Groups*
Sam Houston Elementary School Supply Drive
Yellow Creek Elementary Clothing Drive
- 4 - Independence Day - Office and FLC Closed
 - 5 - Revive Day of Prayer and Fasting
 - 6 - Hope Lifters Grief Group Meeting
 - 10-12 - Vacation Bible School Experience
 - 10-14 - Family Life Center Closed
 - 13 - Caregiver Café Support Group Meeting
 - 15 - Ladies Brunch Featuring FBCM Authors
 - 18 - Joy Club trip to Crossville
 - 20 - Hope Lifters Grief Group Meeting
 - 27 - Caregiver Café Support Group Meeting
 - 30 - Combined Service, Business Meeting, and Dollar Day; Back to School Bash Pool Party
 - 31 - Yum! Cooking Class

AUGUST

- Month of Prayer for our Schools*
4X4 Groups Begin Meeting
- 6 - Drew Goins' Ordination Service, 5pm
 - 13 - Reception for Judy Tucker, 2-5pm, FLC
 - 20 - First Step: Meet the Pastors, 10am
 Chosen Season 3, Episode 1, 5:30pm
 - 23 - Rehearsals for Christmas Cantata Begin

All events, dates, times are subject to change.



CONTACT INFORMATION

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

FLC GYM HOURS

9am-9pm - Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
 (Showers close at 6pm)
 9am-3pm - Wednesday & Friday