



FIRST BAPTIST
MARYVILLE

THE LINK

JUNE 2023



VACATION BIBLE EXPERIENCE (VBX) by Kids Pastor Nick Poole

MONDAY - WEDNESDAY, JULY 10-12
REGISTRATION @ 5:45PM | VBS @ 6PM
KIDS 4 YEARS - 6TH GRADE

VBX is almost here! It seems like yesterday that we were swimming around and having a great time... this year we will continue to MOVE here, there, and everywhere! This year we will embark on an urban-racing (think the *Amazing Race* in the city) adventure when we'll learn to follow Christ here, there, and everywhere He leads us.

Lists of items we'll need for snacks and crafts will be placed in both the FLC and sanctuary very soon. In the mean time, there are areas where we need your help NOW! We need leaders to step up and help us July 10-12 and in the days leading up to the launch. If you can kinda paint, use a stapler, put stuff in a bag, find and write names down, put snacks together, or sit in a room and care for a small group of kids, we need you and your passion to make a difference for the Kingdom! There is something for everyone, and everyone can make an impact! If you are interested in volunteering, please follow the QR code and signup online or go to fbcmaryville.org. We really appreciate it.

If you have any of the following items and would allow us to use them for decorations, we would greatly appreciate it! Simply find a way to put your name on it if you want it back:


- ▶ Bicycles
- ▶ ATV
- ▶ Skateboards
- ▶ Scooters
- ▶ Canopies
- ▶ Skates
- ▶ Spray Paint
- ▶ Large rolls of butcher paper (any color)
- ▶ Motor Bikes
- ▶ Half-pipe for skateboards and skates
- ▶ Refrigerator Boxes





**A LOOK AT THE
LIVING WORD**
A BLOG BY DR. BILL BOOTH
Monday through Friday

Available on our
App & Website
fbcmaryville.org



Summer
Sundae Night
Fellowship

June 11 | 5pm | Gym



We will enjoy sundaes served from an ice cream bar (with toppings) as we fellowship.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

WELCOME

We welcome Karilynn Horner who joined by statement in the Classic Service on May 14.

CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate JJ and Sarah Delpy upon the birth of their son, (James) Walker Delpy, who was born on Tuesday, May 16. He weighed in at 10lbs and measured 22.5 inches long. Big sister, McClain, and grandparents, Ed and Carole Chambers, are also excited for this new addition to their family.

SYMPATHY

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Amanda Horn and her family upon the loss of her mom, Gina McMillan, who passed away on Friday, May 19. No service will be held per her mother's wishes. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be sent to the Natural Multiple Sclerosis Society. in her mother's memory.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Amy Finch and her family upon the loss of her mother, Annabelle "Ann" Lee Yee, on Friday, May 19. Sympathy also to Lorine Shinsky and her family as Ann was her aunt. Services took place in Michigan.

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for your generosity over the last 2 years. It has meant so much to us to be able to teach our kinds in such a beautiful and fun space. What a gift to be able to teach them the truths of the Gospel, and give them a safe space to learn,

explore, grow, and ask questions. You guys have certainly shown us Christ's love.

Sincerely,
Kristen & Carla
Tapestry of Grace Homeschool Co-op

Below are notes the students wrote in their cards.

- Thank you for letting us use your building.
- Winter
- Thank you so much! – Ava
- Thank you – Jay
- Thank you! – Olivia
- Gracias – Joe
- Thanks – Devin
- Love you – Viv
- Thank you for letting us use the church! Very kind – Sophie
- Thank you for allowing us to use your church!
– Rowen
- Thank you!! – Meredith
- Thank you so much for letting us use this church to meet! We really appreciate you all!
– Mary Elizabeth
- Your generosity was a huge blessing! May the Lord bless you greatly! – Mary
- Thanks for letting us have class here – Julia
- Thank you so much for letting us do our class here! We are so grateful – Emily
- Thank you so much for letting us use this building! – Ava
- Thank you so much for letting us use your building! – Ella
- Thank you for allowing us to use your building!
– Irelyn
- I commend thee for thine generosity in furnishing us with a ping pong table. We appreciate your building. Thank you! – Bryson

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR NEXT WOMEN'S EVENT

SAT., JULY 15
9AM-12PM
FLC LOBBY



BRUNCH AND BOOK SIGNING

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.

A registration fee of \$10 for the event may be paid at the church office.



Family Promise

JUNE 18-25, 2023

CONTACT TOM COULTER FOR INFO.

NEW SERMON SERIES STARTING JUNE 4

THE BOOK OF JAMES

FAITH IN ACTION



New Beginnings

1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 1pm
in the Family Life Center

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



DOLLAR DAY

FIFTH SUNDAY

THE LONGER TABLE

TOTAL RECEIVED
\$1,095.00

COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

The Hope Lifters Grief group will meet on Thursdays, June 1 and 15, at 9:30am, in FLC Room 203. Facilitated by Kelly Ferguson.

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

Please contact the church office for more information.



**ACTIVITIES FOR
ADULTS AGES 55
AND OLDER**

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 each 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.

JUNE MISSION TRIPS

We have two mission trips scheduled for June. Please mark your calendars and support them with your prayers.

EXTREME BUILD

June 12-17 at Whitley City, Kentucky

Volunteers will work on building a house for a qualified family who would not be able to buy their own house otherwise.

YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP

June 23-30 in Folly Beach, South Carolina

The youth and their chaperones will help with local missions including a farm ministry for the needy.



Revive

Days of Prayer and Fasting

Wednesdays, June 7 and July 5

We are continuing our Revive series and merging it with the Wednesday Hour of Prayer to have First Days of Prayer and Fasting. We are setting aside the first Wednesdays of June and July as days we will pray and fast. 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 June and 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.

We ask you to continue praying for repentance, revival, and unity in our church. These are the requests we prayed for leading up to and during our last Revive worship event. We hope that through this continued prayer effort, the Holy Spirit will bring greater unity among us and spark repentance leading to revival within our community of faith.

In addition, we ask that you look over that month's edition of the Link and pray for the upcoming events, the finances, our nursery school, mission trips, the support group meetings, volunteer needs, etc. Pray that God will reveal ways you can connect with one of our ministries and give you the courage and the means to do so.

Pray also that volunteers will step-up and fill empty positions in ministry. Pray for our pastors and our ministry/team leaders that they will have discernment for the next steps in FBCM's ministry.

Please consider joining us in these Days of Prayer and Fasting and then watch and see how the Lord answers our prayers. For when we seek God, we will definitely find Him.



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 some volunteers to staff the front desk a couple times a month.

The available shifts are:

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

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

NURSERY SCHOOL DIRECTOR CHANGEOVER

FBCM Nursery School Director, Judy Tucker, is retiring after having worked in this ministry for nearly 47 years. She will train our new director, Melody Kenny, over the summer and will officially step down from this position in August. Melody's first day will be June 1.

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.

CHOIR SCHEDULE

The Sanctuary choir will not meet from June 14 to July 12 for summer break. Enjoy!



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
APRIL 30 - MAY 21, 2023

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship Services</u>	<u>Bible Study</u>
April 30	247 (230 In-Person, 17 Online)	155
May 7	229 (201 In-Person, 28 Online)	153
May 14	222 (210 In-Person, 12 Online)	141
May 21	211 (188 In-Person, 23 Online)	175

OFFERING INFORMATION

April 30	\$ 8,109.67
May 7	\$ 34,514.50
May 14	\$ 7,057.59
May 21	\$ 5,370.79
Offering needs each week	\$ 20,874.00
Need to Date	\$ 960,304.00
Received to Date	\$ 865,389.38
Expenses to Date	\$ 866,849.35

BUILDING FUND

Received	\$ 430.68
Received to Date	\$ 278,232.37
Balance in Building Fund	\$ 110,887.25

MISSIONS

Received	\$ 425.00
Year to Date	\$ 8,019.50

CONTACT INFORMATION

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

FLC GYM HOURS

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



JUNE

- 1 - Hope Lifters Grief Support Group Meeting
- 6 - New Beginnings Group Meeting
- 7 - Revive Day of Prayer and Fasting
- 8 - Caregiver Café Support Group Meeting
- 11 - Summer Sundae Fellowship, 5pm, Gym
- 12-17 - Extreme Build
- 14 - Choir Summer break (through July 12)
- 15 - Hope Lifters Grief Support Group Meeting
- 18-25 - Family Promise Week
- 18 - Father's Day
- 20 - New Beginnings Group Meeting
- 24-30 - Youth Summer Mission Trip

JULY

- 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
- 13 - Caregiver Café Support Group Meeting
- 15 - Women's Brunch and Book Signing
- 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

All events, dates, times are subject to change.

STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

NICK POOLE - 7 Years

Thank you for years of dedicated service
 at FBCM!