



FIRST BAPTIST
MARYVILLE

THE LINK

OCTOBER 2023

SAVE THE DATE ————— 10

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RENEW.
RESTORE.
REJOICE.

please join us
for a day of **spiritual
invigoration &
enrichment** as we
clarify our **identity &
purpose**

On October 14-15, we'll have an exciting opportunity to come together as a congregation and participate in a Renew weekend. On Saturday, from 9am to 4pm, Mark Tidsworth of Pinnacle Leadership Associates, will guide us through activities designed to help us understand some things about our post-pandemic culture. We will focus on how FBC Maryville can best minister for Christ in our community. Sunday will be a day of combined Bible study and worship.

Renew Weekend questions we'll consider:

- What do we need to understand about the current situation in order to lead our church today?
- Are there pivots, large or small, that we can take to position our church to respond faithfully?
- What might we discover about how God is reshaping churches into greater expressions of the body of Christ?

Anticipated Outcomes:

- Spiritual Invigoration and Enrichment in our congregation
- Clarification of Identity: Kingdom, Community, Baptist and Church Identities

- Clarification of Purpose
- Identification of Initiatives to Pursue for the Present and the Near Future
- Comprehensive Identity Statement Serving to Guide the Church as it Pursues Its Mission

Please plan to be a part of this special visioning event. Registration is required for Saturday (we need a head count for lunch). Childcare is available. You can register at the displays in the FLC lobby and church office areas, or online using the QR code. If you are unable to attend the full-day Saturday, please consider attending the morning session (9am-12pm) or afternoon (12:45-4pm).

SCAN ME



October is
**PASTOR
APPRECIATION
MONTH**

I Thessalonians 5:12

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

THANK YOU

Dear First Baptist Church family,

Lisa and I would like to express our deep gratitude to our family of faith at First Baptist Church. During my diagnosis, surgery and recovery, which all happened very quickly, you were there with us every step of the way. Your generosity has poured out in many tangible ways such as meals, gift cards, visits, and countless words of encouragement. Your prayers have surrounded us and upheld us with the courage of knowing we were not alone and we were held securely in God's loving hands. It is moments such as these that remind us how important our community of faith truly is to us. Your sincere love and support continue to fill us with joy and hope.

With Love and Respect,
Bill & Lisa Booth

Thank you for your help with the "Back to School" program. Without the help of First Baptist Church Maryville, we could not have helped over 10,000 kids in rural Appalachia.

Mission of Hope



UPCOMING JOY CLUB EVENT

TOUR A REPLICA OF THE PINTA TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

Join us on a journey back in time to see a replica of the Pinta, the ship in which Christopher Columbus sailed to America. We will enjoy lunch and a private tour of the ship in Knoxville. You won't want to miss your chance to see this exhibit. We will leave the church at noon and travel to Calhoun's on the River for lunch which is NOT included in the amazing tour price of \$5. Space is limited. Sign up today in the church office.

The Joy Club is for adults ages 55 and older.



JOY DOWN IN MY HEART!

Saturday, October 7, 2023 at 5:30pm
First Baptist Church of Maryville

Jim Chapman, Tonya Stoutt-Brown, and Murlin Williamson invite you to enjoy an evening of classic hymns, contemporary gospel favorites, and more. The concert will include a sing-along from the old red Church Hymnal.

There is no admission charge or offering, but donations will be accepted for Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking.

Sundays in October

RENEW WEEKEND COMBINED SERVICE October 15, in the sanctuary

Combined Bible Study and worship. We'll celebrate two baptisms in the service.

UNDIE SUNDAY (SEE PAGE 4) AND FELLOWSHIP AFTER CHURCH October 22, in the parking lot

You're invited to stay after worship and do lunch together. *Food and Company* Food Truck will be with us to offer a selection of items for lunch for you and your family. We will provide waters. You will be responsible to purchase your own lunch—or you can bring a picnic, if you prefer. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, etc., and if the weather permits, we will go outside. If not, we will eat in the gym. There is no program or scheduled activity; it's just a chance to stay after and eat together and enjoy each other's company.

FIFTH SUNDAY COMBINED SERVICE October 29, in the gym

We will meet together after our fellowship time for a combined service in the gym. Then, after the service, we will have a brief business meeting to affirm our nominated Pastoral Council member, our new church team members for next year, and our new deacons. We will also vote to fill two at-large positions on our Administrative Council. The two receiving the highest number of votes will be selected to serve on the Council.

Dollar Day and Missions Moment have been moved to the first Sunday after the fifth Sunday. So our next one will be on Nov. 5. The Dollar Day offering will benefit InterVarsity at Maryville College, and the Mission's Moment will feature testimony from the Puerto Rico Mission Trip.

FBCM COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL:

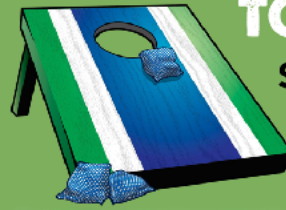
MIKE BISHOP	BILL MARRISON
BARBARA CHAMBERS	DAN MICHAELIDES
LYNN FRANKLIN	JOHN STINSON
WILL LUKE	JOHNNIE WILLIAMS

FOR PASTORAL COUNCIL:

ALLEN KELLEY



CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15,
AT 5PM IN THE GYM

FOOD AND FUN FOR
THE WHOLE FAMILY

AUCTION

OCTOBER 15, 2023

5:00PM IN THE FLC GYM

SPONSORED BY DEACON MINISTRY
PROCEEDS TO FUND MINISTRY
PROJECT SUPPLIES

SILENT AUCTION & LIVE AUCTION ITEMS

- Custom, framed paintings of Blount County landmarks: Cades Cove, Blount County Courthouse, Maryville College & More
- Sports, Exercise & Outdoor Equipment
- Kitchen Appliances & Home items
- Vintage items
- Jewelry
- Crafts
- Service Gifts:
pets, hobbies, automotive, photography
- Miscellaneous items
- Over 100 items for auction



UNDIE SUNDAY

Sunday, October 22, 2023

Please join us in gathering undies and other sundries to help CommunityWorx provide this practical blessing to children and teens with their ChristmasWishes gifts.

Drop off your **new** items with receipt attached (in case we need to swap sizes) in the church bins located by the church office and in the FLC lobby.

Items to be Collected

Teen Boys/Men

New underwear, any size
(boxers preferred)
Socks

Teen Girls/Women

New underwear, any size
(smaller sizes are in demand)
Sports Bras
Training Bras
Socks

Children

New underwear
Socks

COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

The Hope Lifters Grief group will meet on Thursdays, Oct. 5 and 19, at 9:30am, in FLC Room 203. Facilitated by Kelly Ferguson.

The Caregiver Cafe' will meet on Thursdays, Oct. 12 and 26, at 9am, in the FLC Snack Room. Facilitated by Lori Bishop.

LOCAL SPECIAL EVENTS

These events will be held at our church this month.

Fall Festival Local Craft and Vendor Event
Saturday, Oct. 7, 10am to 4pm, FLC gym

For more information, contact Diana Hayes at [865-556-3955](tel:865-556-3955)

Life Down on the Farm - A Focus on Farmers' Health – Thursday, Oct. 12, 6PM, FLC gym

Gather with us to increase public awareness about how to support our farmers and hear the stories of the joys and challenges of farm life. Free event! Everyone is welcome. Dinner will be served. Register at 865-982-6430. Event sponsored by UT Extension's Agriculture Dept.

The Daily Times Senior Expo
Thursday, Oct. 19, 10am-2pm, FLC Gym

Join us for an afternoon of vendors, free health information, food, door prizes, and more. This event is free to all senior adults in Blount County and the surrounding areas. For more information, contact The Daily Times at 865-981-1100.

Keep Blount Beautiful America Recycles Day
Saturday, October 28, 10 AM - 1 PM

(Note: electronics collected until 2pm)
Parking Lot in front of FLC

This event is a free, drive-through collection of various items for proper recycling or reuse. The collection items include documents to be shredded, electronics (some carry a charge fee), clothes, shoes, DVD/CDs/Books, hardwares, luggage, blankets, towels, eyeglasses, reusable grocery bags, used Brita products, used oral care products. More information including excluded items and fees can be found on their website at keepblountbeautiful.org.



KIDS FIRST PRESENTS

TRUNK OR TREAT



OCT. 26 | 6-8PM | FBCM
CANDY! FUN! MORE!

It's time for our annual TRUNK OR TREAT! We are going to change things up this year, aiming higher than we ever have before, and living into our mission of being a Christ-like community of believers!

This year, our goal is to have **!!!~50~!!!** cars wrapped around our church, with our people hosting, giving out candy to the kids of our community, and ministering to families where they are. We do this together as a church, and we need everyone to participate who is able. There is no specific theme, so decorations can be simple and generic. If you need help decorating, however, we have plenty of supplies at the church to help you out. We are asking each car to bring 500 pieces of candy to start, and the Kids Ministry will provide another 500.

If you want to sign up to have a trunk or to volunteer in another way, please contact the [church office](#). This is going to be a great opportunity to reach out to the people of Maryville and spend some time together as a church family!




THIS IS OUR STORY: BUILDING FRIENDSHIPS & COMMUNITY

A Women's Event

Saturday, November 11, 9am - Noon

Ladies, join us for a morning of fun, food, and fellowship together! Part of the morning's activities will include an hour-long class to make a guided craft! Shabby Chic Snowman Class will be led by Janet Hughes, and Seasonal Wreath Class will be led by Stephanie Garrett.

Shabby Chic Snowman: Make a snowman, which will be perfect for decorating for Christmas and can be used throughout the winter season. A variety of colors of buttons, scarf materials, and toppers will be available for your choice to complete your approximately 12" snowman.

Seasonal Wreath: Make a burlap bubble wreath that can be customized for the seasons. A variety of ribbons, flowers, and winter/Christmas decorations will be available for your choice to complete your 12-14" seasonal wreath. You are welcome to bring additional decorations as desired that match your home color scheme.

All supplies will be provided for the class you register to attend. A \$25 registration fee will cover craft supplies and brunch. **Register in the church office no later than Sunday, October 8, and choose at that time the craft class in which you want to participate.**



WORLD COMMUNION DAY
Sunday, October 1

We will observe Communion in both Worship Services

CHURCH GROWTH

SEPTEMBER 2023



ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Date	Worship Services	Bible Study
Sept. 3	221 (197 In-Person, 31 Online)	147
Sept. 10	294 (260 In-Person, 34 Online)	165
Sept. 17	240 (194 In-Person, 46 Online)	139
Sept. 24	281 (229 In-Person, 46 Online)	164

OFFERING INFORMATION

Sept. 3	\$	36,775.35
Sept. 10	\$	7,285.67
Sept. 17	\$	2,734.00
Sept. 24	\$	6,286.34
Offering needs each week	\$	20,356.00
Need to Date	\$	264,628.00
Received to Date	\$	159,003.31
Expenses to Date	\$	234,288.85

BUILDING FUND

Received	\$	854.68
Received to Date	\$	1,989.04
Balance in Building Fund	\$	106,829.93

MISSIONS

Received	\$	1,085.00
Year to Date	\$	2,076.00

OCTOBER EVENTS

- 1 - Communion (World Communion Day)
- 1-6 - Puerto Rico Mission Trip
- 3 - New Beginnings Group, 1pm, FL215
- 4 - Admin Council Meeting
- 7 - *Joy Down in My Heart* Event, 5:30pm, Sanctuary
- 12 - Farmer Appreciation Event - 6pm, in the gym
- 14-15 - Renew, Restore, Rejoice Weekend
- 15 - Combined Service, Cornhole Tournament
Fellowship and Deacon Auction at 5pm
- 17 - New Beginnings Group, 1pm, FL215
- 19 - The Daily Times Senior Expo, 10am-2pm, gym
- 22 - Undie Sunday and Fellowship after church
- 24 - Joy Club tour of Pinta ship, Knoxville, 12pm
- 26 - Trunk or Treat, 6-8pm, Parking Lot
- 28 - America Recycles Day, 10am-1pm, Parking Lot
- 29 - Combined Service, Quarterly Business Meeting
- 30 - November Link Deadline

All events, dates, times are subject to change.



Marriage Conference

with Gary Chapman

Saturday, January 20th | 9:00am-3:30pm
First Baptist Knoxville | 510 W. Main St.

REGISTER NOW



bit.ly/FBCKchapman

CONTACT INFORMATION

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

FLC GYM HOURS

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