



FIRST BAPTIST
MARYVILLE

THE LINK

SEPTEMBER 2023

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MEET MELODY KENNY

We welcome Melody Kenny to our staff as our full-time Nursery School Director. Melody joined us on June 1, 2023.

Melody was born and raised on a farm in Macon, Missouri—a small town of 5,500 people. She has an Associates Degree in Child Development, and she was fortunate to work for a Child Development Lab School where she trained college students in preschool teaching.

She and her husband, Mitch, joined FBCM on Sunday, July 30th. They have been married for 35 years and have a 27 year-old son and a 24 year-old married daughter who live locally.

Melody says she especially enjoys the hugs from the children as they greet her each day. She also loves helping the teachers in any way possible so they can focus on what is important. She is happiest when she's being helpful.

When asked about her hopes and dreams for the FBCM Nursery School, she answered that she hopes the children have lasting memories that are joyful and help shape their future. She hopes the parents feel safe and confident that their children are loved in their absence. She dreams and hopes that the teachers will leave at the end of the day feeling energized and excited for the next morning.

RENEW. RESTORE. REJOICE.

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

FIRST BAPTIST MARYVILLE

NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS

PASTORAL COUNCIL &
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
2024-2027



FORMS ARE LOCATED OUTSIDE THE
CHURCH OFFICE AND IN FLC LOBBY



MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

SAM HOUSTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (SHE) CARNIVAL VOLUNTEERS

The Missions Team is partnering with SHE to help out with their Family Fall Carnival on Friday, Sept. 22, from 5 to 8pm. We still need 12 volunteers to help with games. Please call or text Cindy Williams at 248-766-2240 if you would like to be a part of this community ministry.

CHRISTMASWISHES PROGRAM CHANGES

This year, our participation with this program will look different. We will still have fifty wishlists to sponsor, but we will not host the distribution party. We are giving New Hope Baptist Church an opportunity to host the party this year, and we will support them however we can.

CommunityWorx is buying all the socks and underwear for the kids participating this year, and they are having fundraisers to raise the \$6,000 remaining to do this. One opportunity will be at the Fall Arts and Crafts Festival at Foothills Mall on Sept. 15-17. CommunityWorx will be the recipient of the sales from raffle tickets purchased for the gift basket drawing. A second opportunity is at Blaze Pizza on Oct. 10th. Blaze Pizza will donate 20% of all sales from people who present the fundraiser flyer before paying. These flyers will be available to you by the end of September.

As always they can always use volunteers. To volunteer, go to <https://mycommunityworx.com>.



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.

FIRST BAPTIST MARYVILLE KIDS CONSIGNMENT SALE & HOMEGOODS

FRIDAY, SEPT. 15 - 8AM-12PM & 3-6PM

SATURDAY, SEPT. 16 - 8AM-1PM
(Most items 1/2 off)

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Melody and Mitch Kenny - Joined on July 30

Trevor Dempsey - Baptized on July 30

Todd and Linda Barnes - Joined on August 27

SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to the family of Ann Staley who passed away on August 10, 2023. She joined FBCM by letter on June 27, 1976.

THANK YOU

Friends from 1st Baptist Maryville,

Thank you so much for the financial donation you gave to Isaiah 117 House Blount County. We are thankful for your generosity, helping us continue to meet the needs of the voiceless children in our community!

With Gratitude,
Cindy and Whitney

There are not enough thank you's to express my feelings for having been given the opportunity to be a part of such a valuable ministry to the families of Blount County and surrounding areas. I have been blessed to work with supportive, caring, dedicated staff members—ministers and support staff. There has been hundreds of wonderful parents and beautiful children of all ages entered the doors daily. I leave with a full heart of memories and blessings.

Judy Tucker
Recently Retired FBCM
Nursery School Director

Just a note to thank you for the use of your wheelchair. Your kindness is deeply appreciated. Don't know what I would have done without it. Again thank you!

Love in Christ,
Dawn Sanford

The Deacon body would like to thank the church for the successful clothing drive for Yellow Creek Elementary School. There was a big box truck full of donations (See pictures below). Thank you, Encourager's class, for taking care of the gas money needed for the truck.



**UPCOMING JOY
CLUB EVENT**

TOUR A REPLICA OF THE PINTA

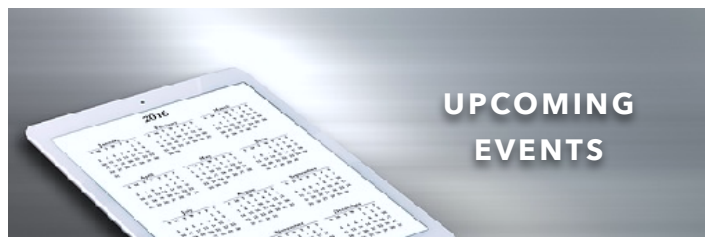
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

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.

CHURCH GROWTH

AUGUST 2023



ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

| Date | Worship Services | Bible Study |
|---------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Aug. 6 | 252 (229 In-Person, 23 Online) | 165 |
| Aug. 13 | 247 (220 In-Person, 27 Online) | 177 |
| Aug. 20 | 260 (235 In-Person, 27 Online) | 186 |
| Aug. 27 | 242 (221 In-Person, 21 Online) | 167 |

OFFERING INFORMATION

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| Aug. 6 | \$ | 35,762.46 |
| Aug. 13 | \$ | 10,992.67 |
| Aug. 20 | \$ | 3,987.67 |
| Aug. 27 | \$ | 6,996.67 |
| Offering needs each week | \$ | 20,356.00 |
| Need to Date | \$ | 183,204.00 |
| Received to Date | \$ | 105,921.25 |
| Expenses to Date | \$ | 148,080.32 |

BUILDING FUND

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| Received | \$ | 979.68 |
| Received to Date | \$ | 1,134.36 |
| Balance in Building Fund | \$ | 105,975.25 |

MISSIONS

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| Received | \$ | 876.00 |
| Year to Date | \$ | 991.00 |

CONTACT INFORMATION

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 Maryville, TN 37801
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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

SEPTEMBER

- 4 - Labor Day, FLC and Office Closed
- 5 - Staff Planning Day - Office Closed, 8am-12pm
New Beginnings Group - 1pm, FL215
- 6 - Hour of Prayer, 12-1pm; Admin Council Meeting
Youth Worship, 6:45-7:45pm, Youth Room
- 7 - Hope Lifters Grief Support Group, 9:30am, FL203
- 8 - The Longer Table, 5:30-7pm
- 11-16 - Gym Closed for Consignment Sale
- 13 - Hour of Prayer, 12-1pm; Youth Worship (6-12 grades), 6:45-7:45pm, Youth Room
- 14 - Caregiver Café, 9am, FLC Craft Room
- 14-16 - Kids Consignment Sale, Gym
- 15 - The Longer Table, 5:30-7pm
- 16 - Kickoff Rehearsals for Christmas Cantata
- 17 - End of Nominations for Pastoral & Admin Councils
- 18-23 - Gym closed for Quilt Show
- 19 - New Beginnings Group - 1pm, FL215
- 20 - Hour of Prayer, 12-1pm; Youth Worship (6-12 grades), 6:45-7:45pm, Youth Room
- 21 - Hope Lifters Grief Support Group, 9:30am, FL203
- 22 - The Longer Table, 5:30-7pm
- 24-Oct. 1 - Family Promise Week
- 27 - Hour of Prayer, 12-1pm; Youth Worship (6-12 grades), 6:45-7:45pm, Youth Room
- 28 - Caregiver Café, 9am, FLC Craft Room
- 29 - The Longer Table, 5:30-7pm, Gym

OCTOBER EVENTS

- 1 - Communion (World Communion Day)
- 1-6 - Puerto Rico Mission Trip
- 4 - Admin Council Meeting
- 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
- 24 - Joy Club tour of Pinta ship, Knoxville, 12pm
- 26 - Trunk or Treat, 5:30-7:30 pm
- 29 - Combined Service, Quarterly Business Meeting

All events, dates, times are subject to change.