

First Baptist Church

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“Holding forth the Word of Life...” Philippians 2:16

From the Shepherd's Heart . . .

There is a line in Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* which seems appropriate for me to use because “parting is such sweet sorrow”. For more than eight years, I have been privileged to be called the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Union City, Tennessee. We have shared joys and sorrows, victories and defeats, but we have loved all of you through it all. We encourage you to love and follow your new pastor as you have with us.

Thank you for giving us the privilege of serving Christ in Union City. It has been my desire to be faithful to the Word of God in my preaching and to be a good shepherd to all of you. We commend you to God for rich blessings and covet your prayers for us as we enter into new opportunities of service for Jesus. *Dr. Cecil and Sharon Sewell*

**GA's, RA's, and
Mission Friends
Begin January 9th**

**Children's Choir
begins
January 27th 5pm**

Kids Night Out

Pre-K thru 5th grade



January 18th
5pm-9pm

FLC

Pizza, Games, Movie

Kingfisher Faith

In a video on his publisher's website, Eugene Peterson tells of watching a kingfisher repeatedly dive for fish in a lake. Peterson counted 37 dives before the kingfisher caught its supper! “And he's the king fisher!” Peterson chuckles. From that bird-watching episode, he gleaned a ministry lesson: It may take a long time and many attempts — maybe dozens! — before something works out.

God calls us to live out his love faithfully, even when we don't seem to be accomplishing anything. Maybe we extend 36 invitations to worship, work 36 monthly shifts at a food bank or utter 36 prayers without seeing results. “What's the point?” we wonder. But the kingfisher urges us on: “Maybe number 37 is the charm!”

In the words of St. Paul (and mixing fishing and farming metaphors): “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up” (Galatians 6:9, NIV).



Be a Good Steward

Various committees are writing the church budget for the coming year. They're placing their trust in God and believing in our members and friends to support the church's ministry. Let us all show our faithfulness with good stewardship through our time, talents and treasures.

“I have called you by name”, says the Lord to each of us. “You are mine” (Isaiah 43:1). Thank you, God, for claiming and loving me. Amen.

We Would Love to Hear From Our Sunday School Classes!

Share your excitement with us! We would love to share in your Sunday School class success! Contact the office to share your projects, photos, ministry, or outreach with the Challenger.

The mission of First Baptist Church, Union City is to love God and worship Him
as we reach, teach and strengthen people for Jesus Christ.

GET INVOLVED IN 2019

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13th

8:00 Deacons Meeting
 9:00 Library Open
 9:30 Sunday School*
 10:45 Morning Worship*
 6:00 Evening Worship*

MONDAY, JANUARY 14th

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15th

9:00 Ladies Exercise
 7:00 Pickleball

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16th

10:00 Ladies Prayer Group
 5:00 Family Night Meal
 6:00 Youth Worship
 6:00 GA's, RA's, Mission Friends
 6:00 Mid Week Prayer Meeting*
 7:00 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17th

9:00 Ladies Exercise
 7:00 Pickleball

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18th

5:00 Kids Night Out FLC
 Pre-K thru 5th grade
 Pizza, Games, Movie

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19th

Prepare for the Lord's Day
 *Nursery Open

Deacon of the Week

Jan. 13th: Bob Carpenter
 Gary Houston
 Jan. 20th: Jim Kizer, Steve Conley

Children's Church

Jan. 13th: David & Carol Flood
 Jan. 20th: Bill & Laura Waggoner

Nursery Schedule Jan. 13th

Dr. Jerry & Charlotte Sullivan
 Robyn Burden, Leandra Moore
 Wed: Robyn, Leandra

Nursery Schedule Jan. 20th

Mary Ann Douglas, Nancy Roney
 Hannah & Ryan Burke
 Kisah Stinnett, Robyn Burden
 Wed.: Robyn, Kisah

Ushers

Bobby Williams, Terry Petty
 Red Reese, J.P. Prather
 Lanny Callicott, Johnny Quinton
 David Flood, Kyle Ross

Family Night Meal Servers

Jan. 16: Bill Flood, David Flood

January Coffee: Seekers Class

Shut-Ins

Adell Dew
 205 W. Tigrett Street
 Halls, Tennessee 38040

Additional Calendar Dates

January 20: Church Council Meeting 8:00am
 January 22: Exercise 9:00am
 January 22: M. Morrisette Circle 1:30pm
 January 22: Pickleball 7:00pm
 January 23: Ladies Prayer Group 10:00am
 January 23: Monthly Business Meeting 6:00pm
 January 24: Exercise 9:00am
 January 24: 39'ers Group 10:30am
 January 27: Children's Choir Begins 5pm
 January 29: Exercise 9:00am
 January 29: Pickleball 7:00pm
 January 30: Ladies Prayer Group 10:00am
 January 31: Exercise 9:00am

Sunday School January 6th 169

Christian Stewardship

Weekly Budget Received \$ 16,327.00
 Weekly Budget Needs \$ 17,256.50
 Annual Budget Received \$ 638,150.91
 Annual Budget Needs \$ 707,516.50
 Lottie Moon Offering \$ 17,270.00

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer." Psalm 19:14



Lottie Moon Offering in Honor

Sanctuary Choir by Mr. & Mrs. Chapy Ingersoll
 First Baptist Church Family by Rucker & Sherry Wheelis
 GAs, RAs, Mission Friends, and leaders
 by Mr. & Mrs. Chapy Ingersoll
 Billie Ragsdale, Joyce Taylor, Betty Holt, Ish Griffith
 by Ruth Lael Sunday School Class

Bereavement Fund in Memory

John Marshall & Wanda Stephens Vaden by Stephen Vaden

Lottie Moon in Memory

Arthur Melton by Mr. & Mrs. Mike Rauchle

Budget in Memory

Arthur Melton by Pete & Fretta Quinton
 Arthur Melton by Jim & Bebe Austin

First Baptist Transportation Line

If you need transportation for Sunday School or our Sunday morning worship service:

please call the First Baptist Transportation Line before 8:30am each Sunday at 884-0820, with the following information

1. Name, Address, and your Phone Number
2. Your plan to attend Sunday School **or** Worship Service
 Sunday School pick-up starts at 8:50am.
 Worship Service pick-up starts at 10:30am.

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