

# First Baptist Church Challenger



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

## Special-Called Business Meeting To Be Held on September 27th

### Minister of Families Search Committee

The church has approved hiring a Minister of Families. This was included in the Vision Report. By church policy, the deacons appoint members to the search committee. Therefore, the deacons are recommending the following to serve on the Minister of Families search committee: Kathy Clark, Melissa Reeves, David Flood, Kyle Ross, Tyler Russell, Mary Carpenter, Jim Towater, and Andrew Bowlin.

### Deacon Updates

The church thanks the following deacons for serving faithfully the last three years: Tim Nipp, Steve Conley, Ray Douglas, Dr. Robert Clendenin, and Cloney Taylor. The deacons are recommending these men to serve as deacons for the next three years: Billy Reese, Art Ross, Andrew Nipp, Bob Carpenter, Donnie Cox, and Andrew Bowlin.

The above-mentioned recommendations will be made in a special-called business meeting on Wednesday, September 27th.

## Christmas in September

When a family crisis prevents a child from remaining in his/her home or with other family members, the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes is there to accept children into its residential care program. Through this program, up to eight children live together as an active, giving family unit in campus cottages with a married couple who serve as houseparents. Each cottage is a large, family-style home with a kitchen, family room, and activities area. These large family units provide a safe environment where the children can be children guided by God's principles and direction.

On September 27th, residents from the Boys Ranch in Millington will visit First Baptist Church for Christmas in September. They will join us for our Wednesday Night Meal and share some of their background with us during Prayer Meeting at 6:00pm. The Boys Ranch could not meet the needs that they do without the help and support of First Baptist Church and other Tennessee Baptist churches. They have provided a current list of their greatest needs at the present time. We hope that you will plan to be here and support the boys and houseparents this year.

*Toilet Paper*

*Paper Towels*

*Liquid HE Laundry Detergent or Pods*

*Lysol Wipes*

*Spaghetti Sauce in jars*

*Cereal (not Cheerios or Fruit Loops, we have plenty of those brands)*

*Breakfast Bars*

*Pop Tarts (no strawberry, we have an abundance)*

*Individually packaged snacks (nuts, fruit roll ups, Goldfish, crackers, cookies)*

*Pre-sweetened Kool-Aid or Lemonade*

SENIOR ADULT  
MINISTRY

**39'ers will meet Thursday,  
Sept. 28th at 10:30am**

## A Matter of First Resort

When King Jehoshaphat of Judah got word that neighboring peoples were on their way to attack his nation, 2 Chronicles 20:3 (NRSV) tells us he “was afraid [and] set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.”

The Message paraphrase of the Bible is even more direct: “Shaken, Jehoshaphat prayed. He went to GOD for help and ordered a nationwide fast.” We get the sense that the king prays immediately after hearing the bad news.

Often we pray as a last resort, not a first one. This ancient monarch reminds us to consult God before doing anything else — in times of trouble as well as celebration. God preserved Jehoshaphat and will surely provide and care for us.

## Perfect Peace

Peace is Christ's distinctive gift — not money, not worldly ease, not temporal prosperity. These are at best very questionable possessions. They often do more harm than good to the soul. They act as clogs and weights to our spiritual life.

Inward peace of conscience, arising from a sense of pardoned sin and reconciliation with God, is a far greater blessing. This peace is the property of all believers, whether high or low, rich or poor. J.C. Ryle

**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.**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th**

9:00 Library Open  
9:30 Sunday School\*  
10:45 Morning Worship\*  
5:00 Discipleship Training  
6:00 Evening Worship\*

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th**

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 26th**

9:00 Ladies Exercise  
1:30 G.Hill & M. Morrisette  
Circle Meeting  
7:00 Pickleball

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 27th**

10:00 Ladies Prayer Meeting  
5:00 **Family Night Meal**  
Chicken Tetrazinni, Salad  
Roll, Green Beans  
California Blend, Dessert

**Servers:**

Paul & Joy Olexa

6:00 Youth Worship  
6:00 GA's, RA's and  
Mission Friends  
6:00 **Christmas in September  
with The Boys Ranch**  
7:00 Sanctuary Choir  
Rehearsal

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 28th**

9:00 Ladies Exercise  
10:30 39'ers

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th**

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 30th**

Prepare for the Lord's Day  
**\*Nursery Open**

**Deacon of the Week**

Bill Flood, Jim Towater

**Ushers**

Kenny Capps, Tim Nipp  
Chuck Wheelis, Bill Flood  
Andrew Bowlin, Brent Mobbs  
Dr. Rob Jordan, David Moran

**Children's Church**

Andrew & Katie Worrell

**September Coffee Schedule**

Seekers Class

**Remember Our Shut Ins**

Danie Bradford  
1021 Summer St.

**Budget in Memory**

Charles Haley, Jr. by Barbara Cross  
Peggie Moore, Charles Haley, Jr. by Beverly Miller

**Heavenly Vision**

Known as the "queen of gospel song writers," Fanny Crosby (1820-1915) wrote more than 9,000 Christian hymns, including "Blessed Assurance" and "Safe in the Arms of Jesus." Blind from a young age, she developed a love for poetry and Scripture, memorizing about five chapters of the Bible each week. Crosby was the first woman to speak in the U.S. Senate, lobbying to support education for the blind. She also was an abolitionist who made friends with several presidents.

A well-meaning pastor once told Crosby, "It is a great pity that the Master did not give you sight when he showered so many other gifts upon you."

She responded that her blindness was a blessing she wouldn't wish away. "When I get to heaven," Crosby said, "the first face that shall ever gladden my sight will be that of my Savior."

**Calendar Events**

**October 3rd**  
Exercise 9:00am

**October 4th**  
Ladies Prayer Group 10:00am

**October 5th**  
Exercise 9:00am

**October 8th**  
Deacons Meeting 8:00am

**October 10th**  
Exercise 9:00am

**October 11th**  
Ladies Prayer Group 10:00am

**October 12th**  
Exercise 9:00am

**October 15th**  
Sunday School  
Teachers Meeting 8:00am

**October 17th**  
Exercise 9:00am

**October 18th**  
Ladies Prayer Group 10:00am

**Seek to Please**

Shift your prayer life from "Please, God" to "Please God." Take the comma out of those two words when you pray, and transition your praying from asking God for things to asking God for the pleasure of God's pleasure.



**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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