

"Believing in God from Generation to Generation"



*The newsletter of
First Baptist Church*

301 West Pike Street, Louisa, KY 41230

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"And this is the testimony; God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His son." - 1 John 5:11

From Pastor Chuck's Desk

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." Matthew 1:23

With whom are you going to spend time over the Holiday season? This time of the year, we actually like hearing the doorbell ring. We are looking forward to some good Christmas visits. Our deacons are attempting a Christmas miracle this year. We are going to try to make 200 Christmas home visits. They want to get to know you, discover how to better serve you and just spend some time with you and your family.



Have you ever wondered whether you are supposed to spell Immanuel with an "I" or an "E"? The best answer is yes. What we need to know is what it means – "God with us!" People have always struggled with God's desire to have an intimate relationship with us. We were not able to get to Him so He came to us. "For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." -Isiah 9:6. Emmanuel shows the nearness of God. Christ's birth brought the Holy God within reach of sinful man. God came to live with us so we could live with Him. "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:14

The best gift of all is God is with us! Constantly throughout the Bible we are reminded that He is with us. "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me." Ps. 23:4 As believers, we are certain that He is with us whether we are aware of Him or not. This is a fact that we can count on and a fact that will change our lives forever.

He is and always will be with us. We get to spend this Christmas with Jesus!

*Merry
Christmas*

Pastor Chuck Price

Treasurer's Note



by Debbie Ward

As of November 21st, 2016

Current Loan Balance: \$1,348,832.00

YTD BUDGET: \$448,616.55

YTD GIVING: \$487,357.27

"Now we have the key. Abel had faith, Cain did not. In Genesis 4, we can see the lack of faith and presence of faith in HOW they offered to God. The faith, or the absence of faith, is revealed through the ORDER in which the gifts were received. The first and the best belong to the Lord and that is what faith will always cause you to do. Always! Why? Because it's risky to give to God first. What if no other sheep have babies, what if no other sheep produce healthy mature ones, how will I be taken care of? If I give to God first it takes faith saying I believe He will provide for me continuously. It takes faith to give to God first. It honors God when we give to Him of the best." -Levi Lusko, Pastor Fresh Life Church

Credit is what keeps you from knowing how far past broke you are.



December 2016
Greeter Schedule

12/4 - Rick Staniford Family

12/11 - Randy Hinkle Family

12/18 - John & Jennifer Pannell
Family

12/25 - Bo Brumfield Family

FBC CHRISTMAS CANTATA

"JOY"

SUNDAY

DEC 18th

11:00 am

Amy from Africa will be at FBC on December 12th at 6:30 pm to speak at the Celebrate Recovery meeting

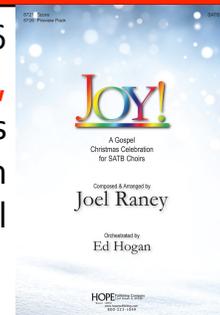


The walking track will be closed during the final 2 weeks of December



The FBC Choir is excited to present the 2016 Christmas Cantata, titled "JOY", on **Sunday, December 18th at 11:00 am**. The choir has been working hard for 2 months in preparation of this special day and we hope that you will join us as we thank God for sending His son!

- Michelle Canterbury



"I sought the Lord and He answered me; He delivered me from all my fears... The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."
- Psalms 34:4-18

Christmas can be a time of sheer joy, yet it can also be a time of great pain. I was recently affected by the story of a woman who couldn't stop sobbing over the loss of her daughter as the holidays approached.

She tried to put on a brave face for her healthy sons, but even three years later the grief of losing her only daughter—and along with her, many dreams—was difficult to bear.

Contrary to what some secular counselors might think, God's word teaches there's little peace in death. But there is hope in Jesus Christ. You see, that's what Christmas is all about—God's love coming in the form of a small baby to bring hope to a lonely and broken world. If you're grieving or know someone who is struggling this season, look to the true story of Christmas and find hope. . . hope God gave us in the baby, our redeemer, Jesus Christ!

Taken from The Life Recovery Devotional: Thirty Meditations from Scripture for Each Step in Recovery by Stephen Arterburn and David Stoop

FBC Discipleship

Over the last few months it has been a busy time at FBC Louisa with all the discipleship classes that have been going on. If you weren't involved, think seriously about getting involved. **Suggestions:**

Come to Mike and Dana every Tuesday night as we continue to study the Gospels each week. We gather as brothers and sisters, not just to grow in our faith but to fellowship with each other and get to know each other better. There is always a small meal and then good Bible study. Plan on coming anytime. They open up their home at 6pm every Tuesday evening.

Could you improve your prayerLife? I believe all of us could answer without a doubt, "YES", then come to the church a little early on Wednesday nights and join us Dec. 7 at 5:30pm for "Disciples PrayerLife."

We live in a time when prayer is most critical for the church. The ladies meet after the church service to pray each Sunday night and a small group has been getting together on Wednesday mornings at 8am. Make plans to join the class and come and pray with us as we go into challenging times.

David Maynard, Assoc. Pastor

ROMANIA NEWS

The work you partner with, pray for, and support, continues daily and we thank the Lord for so many there that continue God's work. Continue to pray for our staff: George, Emil, Ciprian, Liviu, Mitica, Marcela and Toporas and Rebeca. Pray that the Lord gives us all His wisdom as we look forward to a new and challenging year ahead.

Also continue to pray for the work in Benin, Africa that Steve and Teresa are involved in and that the challenges that are faced there can be resolved so that God may be glorified.

Pray for those that serve in Northern China near the North Korean border that God's will be done there in that dangerous work. Also pray for Caitlin Hall as she continues to raise funds for her work with the Wycliffe Bible society. Pray that Lord willing she will be able to go to Asia in the fall of 2017.

- Thanks,
David & Rody



Deacons Of The Week

DEC 4th

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DEC 11th

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DEC 18th

Brad West 606-899-3919
Ray McKenzie 606-638-3349

DEC 25th

Kenny Horn 606-369-1336
James Ellis 606-571-0082

DEC NURSERY SCHEDULE

12/4 - Team 3 - Marti Moore,
Teresa Pannel, Sarah Pack,
Melissa Stepp, Camber Maxie

12/11 - Team 4 - Allison Arbaug,
Elsie Mills, Misty McCarrol, Stacy
Pollack, Courtney DeLong, Cam
Diamond, Shelbie Hughes

12/18 - Team 5 - Jessica
Vanhoose, Pam Frazier, LeAnne
Spry, Susan Little, Danielle Adkins,
Rikki Staniford, Haleigh Webb

12/25 - Team 1 - Lindsey
Branham, Natalie Wellman, Cassie
Burgess, Gretchen Harris, Rylee
Miller, Shannon Boyd

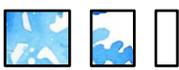


EVERY SUNDAY @ 11AM!

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