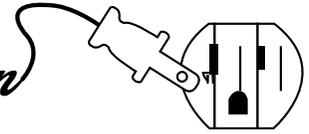


"Believing in God from Generation to Generation"



The Connection



The newsletter of
First Baptist Church

301 West Pike Street, Louisa, KY 41230

OCT '16



"What are you waiting for? Get up and be baptized. Have your sins washed away by calling on the name of the Lord. - Acts 22:16

From Pastor Chuck's Desk

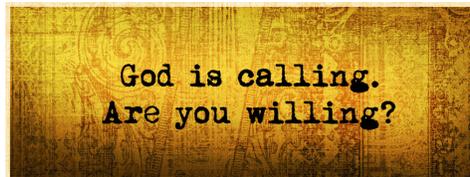
Fall is in the air! That means we have a football game to watch almost every day of the week, the air gets colder, the days get shorter, and we have the so called "scariest night of the year". This year Halloween is projected to bring in over \$8 billion in our frightful economy. The question is, "How should we, as Christians, respond to Halloween?" Mixing it with Christian beliefs does not work. Deuteronomy 18 says that occult practices (such as sorcery) are detestable; yet, we are reluctant to (over)react. So what do we do?



First, don't be superstitious. We know the truth of God's Word. Evil spirits are active everyday, not just on October 31st. The devil is always like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. But we know that greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world. The scariest night of someone's life will be the one when God says "this night your soul will be required of you" if not ready to meet the Creator.



Second, we should respond to Halloween with gospel compassion. Nowadays, nobody hardly ever comes to your door except after a Halloween treat. This makes for an awesome opportunity to meet your neighbors and their children. Our vision this Fall at our church is that we will not stop until that stranger next door is a stranger no more. In a time where people are frightened, terrified, worried, spooked and just simply scared to death of life, it would be a beautiful time to comfort, encourage our neighbors with God's love, and build a relationship that will have eternal blessings.



The gospel of Jesus Christ is the good news. What better time of the year is there to share such a message than Halloween? I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings. 1 Cor. 9:23

May His face shine upon you!



Pastor Chuck Price

Treasurer's Note



by Debbie Ward

As of August 26nd, 2016

Current Loan Balance: \$1,368,961.88

YTD BUDGET: \$372,607.47

YTD GIVING: \$406,347.14

2016 avg # of givers: 56

"Take from among you an offering to the LORD; whoever is of a generous heart, let him bring the LORD'S offering...And they came, every one whose heart stirred him, and every one whose spirit moved him, and brought the LORD'S offering..." Exodus 35:5,21-22.

Pastor Chuck spoke on this last Wednesday night. This was the first time God had asked the Israelites to actively participate since they had left Egypt. They did not respond out of guilt or duty, but out of **LOVE**. They got excited about what God was doing! May we all be excited about what God is doing and bring our gifts (resources & abilities) and lay them willingly at His feet not out of guilt or duty BUT because of the amazing things He is doing in our lives and in our church.

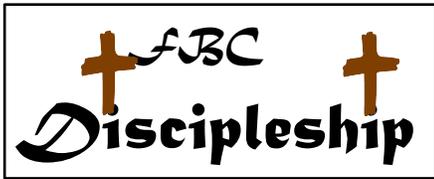


"Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost." Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556), Jesuit Founder



Believe it or not, Christmas is on its way! The choir has begun working on the 2016 Christmas cantata, "JOY", but it's not too late to join in and we desperately want you to participate with us! We meet at 5pm on Sunday evenings in the choir room. Practice cd's and book are provided so don't worry if you don't have prior choir experience. Thank you! - Michelle Canterbury

Thanks to so many who helped make FBC Homecoming 2016 a great success!



Classes are in full swing at FBC Louisa and a new one with Mike Harris will start on **October 8th at 8am** in the café. The class is called "Crazy Love" and was written by Francis Chan. If you are not involved in a small group, try this one out.



If you have never experienced a home Bible study then try Mike and Dana's house every Tue. at 6pm. Who really is this Jesus that we find in the Gospels? Join us and find out.

David Maynard, Assoc. Pastor

CHURCH-WIDE TEACHERS MEETING

If you are involved in FBC teaching whether it's youth, Sunday School, Discipleship, Home Bible studies, after school program etc., then you are invited for two hours on **Sat. the 8th at 10am – 12pm or Sunday the 9th at 12:30pm – 2:30pm**. It will be a time of encouragement and a time to discuss the challenges we face in our teaching ministries here at FBC now and the challenges we will face in the future. We pray that you will attend one of these two hour sessions. Thank you

October 2016
Greeter Schedule

- 10/2 - Kim & Kenny Horn Family
- 10/9 - Paul & Heather Miller Family
- 10/16 - Brenda Hughes Family
- 10/23 - Don West Family
- 10/30 - Brian Frazier Family

On **Sat. the 22nd of Oct.**, we are putting together a one day event for anyone who is interested in learning where the church is at in America today, where it's headed if something isn't done, and where FBC Louisa is in the midst of all that. It will be an exciting time for us to get together to hear and discuss the challenges that we face and will face in the next few years. You will come to understand



the trends taking place in America that will affect the future of Christ's church. If you're a leader of any kind in our church you should not miss this day. If you're a member at FBC Louisa and are concerned about the future of the church, you should attend. We will start at **9am and go till 12pm**. Lunch will be provided. We will then finish up from **1pm to 3pm**.

Can you believe it's October already?! Cool nights, warm and some not so warm days!! It's by far my favorite time of each year. Our youth are a busy (perhaps the busiest of all time) group of people. Between fall sports, demanding school schedules, family, church, and on and on and on... You get the point. It's the same for us as a youth group. All of our regular church youth services, creative ministry practices, Marcum Terrace, and Dinner Church... Again you get the point. As I was driving to Ashland this morning and thinking about just how busy of a people

we are, I wondered what God thinks about all of that... What does God require of us? - of me? And this verse came to me. "He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." -Micah 6:8



It's as simple as that. No matter what we're doing, no matter how long the list, no matter what-act Justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. You can't go wrong!!!

*In Christ's Care,
Tim Ellis*

ROMANIA NEWS

Things continue to move forward in Schitu Duca with some last moment things to do and then classes will start Oct. 3-5. Please pray for new students that plan on coming as well as returning students. Pray for all our teachers and staff (Marcela – Administrator / Translator, Pastors Emil, Liviu, Chiprian and Mitica) who are all ready and eager to begin. Please pray for Toporas and Rebeca who live at Schitu Duca and the three baby girls as they face daily challenges there.



Prayers are much needed for new places like Poine, Dancu and continued prayers for Vasile, Mitica, Liviv, Mihai and many others that strive daily to take the gospel to those who have never heard it.

- Thanks, David & Rody

Deacons Of The Week

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Dan DeLong 606-483-1566
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Oct 23rd

Mike Ellis 606-483-3523
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Oct 30th

James Ellis 606-571-0082
Don Thompson 606-483-1114

How NOT to share your faith on Halloween:

- 5.) Give kids the choice between angel food cake and devilled eggs to see where they are spiritually.
- 4.) Tell kids that Halloween is the Devil's birthday.
- 3.) Go as a zombie with a sign around your neck that says "dead in my sins".
- 2.) Put a "Happy Halloween, now repent!" sign in your front yard.
- 1.) Dress up as a TV evangelist and tell the kids if they give you all their candy, God will pay them back a hundred fold!



EVERY SUNDAY @ 11AM!

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