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The Sanctuary Choir completed recording our Christmas CD this past Sunday. I look forward to releasing it at our Hanging of the Green Service in November! We were, unfortunately, not able to complete it in time for this past

Christmas, but I look forward to sharing it with you this Fall!



Thanks to the choir for being so incredibly patient throughout the process and for their amazing spirit in preparing and recording.

Thanks also to Linda McKinley and Lois Summers for the hours spent in preparation for the accompaniments. I have shared with the choir my deep admiration for their ministry and how blessed I am to work with them.

Now we turn our attention to the future. The Sanctuary Choir will begin working on "The Art of the Hymn" by Mary McDonald next Wednesday, January 29. What an excellent time for you to join the choir! We meet on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:15 for rehearsal. It is open to youth 9th-12th grades and adults who can match pitch. It is a hard working ministry team that strives to offer its best every time we lead in worship. Come and join us! If you have any questions, please let me know.

This is also an excellent time to join the Instrumental Ensemble. If you have two years of playing experience, we'd love to have you. Many of you may have played an instrument in high school or college. I have read that with a couple of months of practice you can regain your playing ability. Why not find your old instrument and start playing again? The Instrumental Ensemble meets on most Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. and plays for worship once a month. If you have questions, let me know!



We are always looking for handbell ringers! We have a youth/hybrid ensemble and an adult ensemble as well. The youth meet on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:00. The adults meet on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:00. You must read music to be a part of these ensembles.

Parents, please bring your children to Children's Choirs. I cannot stress enough the benefit children receive from being in choir! We are blessed with incredible teachers! Please make Children's Choirs a priority!

-Richard

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ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

FEBRUARY 26
6:15 p.m.

We encourage your attendance at our Ash Wednesday service, February 26, 6:15 pm. First Baptist Youth are working hard to prepare a meaningful time of worship. All ages are welcome to attend, but childcare is provided.



CONNECT GROW SERVE

FBC FRANKFORT 2020

CHURCHWIDE RETREAT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Join us for a morning of worship, study, and fellowship as we explore our 2020 theme: CONNECT GROW SERVE. Sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office to register.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

Connect

- 8:45 – Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 – Welcome Activity
- 9:10 – Theme Interpretation (Connect) – Dr. Keith Felton
- 9:20 – Community Building Activities
- 9:45 – Communion

Grow

- 10:00 – Worship
- 10:10 – Theme Interpretation (Grow) – Dr. Keith Felton
- 10:20 – Bible Study
- 10:40 – Prayer Experience

Serve

- 10:50 – Interpretation (Serve) – Dr. Keith Felton
- 11:00 – Service Project (Clothes Closet and Care Visits)
- 12:00 – Lunch and Sharing/ Benediction



FEBRUARY

Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Don't forget to fill out your FACES of FBC form and return to the office!						1
2 9:45 am Introduction to Connect Grow Serve Sunday School 10:50 am Worship 4:00 pm Book Study 6:00 pm Souper Bowl	3	4 12:00 pm Book Study	5 5:00 pm Wednesday Night Activities	6 9:00 am ROMEOs 10:00 am Sisters in Grace 6:00 pm Deacons' Meeting	7	8 8:45 am Church-wide Retreat
9 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship 12:00 pm Youth Family Meeting 4:00 pm Book Study	10	11 12:00 pm Book Study	12 5:00 pm Wednesday Night Activities	13 9:00 am ROMEOs 10:00 am Sisters in Grace	14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>	15
16 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship	17	18 12:00 pm Book Study	19 5:00 pm Wednesday Night Activities	20 9:00 am ROMEOs 10:00 am Sisters in Grace	21 11:30 am TBG to Claudia Sanders 6:30 pm Youth Bowling	22 9:00 am Clinic
23 9:45 am Bible Study 10:50 am Worship 4:00 pm Book Study	24 9:30 am Soup Kitchen	25 12:00 pm Book Study	26 5:00 pm Wednesday Night Activities 6:16 pm ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE	27 9:00 am ROMEOs 10:00 am Sisters in Grace	28	29



The Barnabas Group

Welcome to 2020 and another year of fun, food, and fellowship. We are kicking off this year with lunch at Claudia Sanders Restaurant in Shelbyville. This event is scheduled for Friday, February 21 at 11:30. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board if you want to ride the bus.

Thank you for your notes, visits, and meals as I have recovered from foot surgery. You all are the sweetest folks. I have missed my Barnabas friends and look forward to seeing everyone soon.

-Mona
859-948-1238, TheBarnabasGroupFBC@gmail.com

"Souper" Bowl

It's a Super, Souper Party! On Sunday, February 2, 6:00 pm., we'll have food and fellowship while we watch a little football and a lot of commercials. Sign up on the bulletin board to enter our 11th Annual Chili/Soup Contest and vie for the coveted green jacket! The church will provide chicken and drinks, but you are welcome to bring sides and desserts to share.




CONNECT GROW SERVE in SUNDAY SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

On Sunday, February 2, 9:45 a.m., most of our adult Sunday School classes will meet in fellowship hall for the kickoff of concentrated study to learn about our theme for 2020, CONNECT GROW SERVE. If you are not a member of a Sunday School class, now might be a good time to join. This study will focus on Jesus' encounter with the lawyer where he cites the great commandment, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself," and two stories that teach us about loving God and others, the parable of the Good Samaritan, and Jesus at the home of Martha and Mary (Luke 10:25-42). We will explore eight key functions of the church as ways we love God and neighbors: community, worship, teaching, prayer, missions, witness, care, and leadership. These will also be the themes for worship each week.

Three resources will be available to our members: (1) The Student Guide, which will focus on one of the different key functions each week. This booklet includes: (a) an imaginary conversation with me, Sam (the Good Samaritan), and Mary (Martha's sister), which is designed to highlight key themes from the session, and (b) a discussion of the topic. This is the main resource, something like your Sunday School book. (2) *Putting it into Practice*, offers five additional daily readings on the theme each week. (3) This Connect-Grow-Serve series is a condensed version of a church resource I've been working on titled, *Being a Disciple Community: Loving God and Neighbor*. If you are interested in reading the complete chapter for each session, they will be made available on my website (www.stillwell.thefaithlab.info/home/), or we can provide printed copies on request.

CONNECT GROW SERVE SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE:

CONNECT

Sunday, February 2 – Introduction (joint Sunday School in Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, February 9 – Community

GROW

Sunday, February 16 – Worship
Sunday, February 23 – Prayer
Sunday, March 1 – Teaching

SERVE

Sunday, March 8 – Missions
Sunday, March 15 – Witness
Sunday, March 22 – Care

CONNECT

Sunday, March 29 – Leadership



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Giving Statements!

2019 Giving Statements were mailed Wednesday, January 22. If you have any problems with yours, please contact Kara.



Save the Date

Please put these important dates on your calendars.

- February 19, Wed: 1st – 5th Grade children will discuss the meaning of Ash Wednesday during their mission time
- February 26, Wed: 1st – 5th Grade children will attend the Ash Wednesday service. Preschool/Kindergarten children will discuss the meaning of Ash Wednesday during their mission time
- April 5, Palm Sunday: Children will process the palms in during morning worship
- April 29, May 6, Wed: Prepare for Children’s Day in all children’s mission classes
- May 13, Wed: Rehearsal for Children’s Day for all children
- May 17 is Children’s Day: All children’s choirs will sing and children will lead worship in the service



Ash Wednesday News

Preschool - 5th Grade children will learn what Ash Wednesday is and why we observe it in our church. We will explore this special day beginning the 40-day journey of Lent, which helps us come closer to the Mystery of Easter. During this journey we will remember, reflect, and repent. We remember who Jesus was and the work God gave him to do. We reflect on ways we can be more loving to God and others. And finally, we repent from unloving ways in order to become love.

-Jenny



Hello, church!

On Sunday, February 9, immediately following morning worship, Dr. Stillwell and I will lead a time of discernment toward curriculum and lesson planning with the youth. We highly encourage both parents and youth to participate and share insights on what our youth are interested in learning, but what they also need to be learning (i.e. Biblical stories, interpretation of Scripture, missions, issues facing society, etc.). Lunch will be provided. Please contact me as soon as possible if you’ll be attending.

On Friday evening, February 21, we’re going to Capital Bowl, 6:30 - 8:30 pm to bowl a couple of games. The cost is \$10.00 which covers two games and a pair of shoes. For those interested in attending, please contact me as soon as possible for lane reservations. Also, please plan on eating dinner beforehand or bringing money to eat at the bowling alley.

On Wednesday evening, February 26, the youth will lead the church in our Ash Wednesday service. For the past several Wednesday evenings we’ve dedicated a great deal of time and energy toward the service. I couldn’t be more excited to watch our youth lead and guide us through this service and what it means for our walks with Christ.

Be sure to follow us on Instagram at @frankfortyouth201 and Facebook at “First Baptist Frankfort Student Ministry”!

Peace be with you,
Rev. Marcus J. Pernell



OUR 2020 THEME: CONNECT GROW SERVE

In Acts 2:37-47, we are introduced to the Greek term KOINONIA which Luke used to help describe the earliest of communities of faith we now call churches. Intrinsic to this term is an understanding of being mutually obligated to one another. In short, the members of the Christian communities were to be connected to God and each other, they were to grow closer to God and each other, and they were to serve God and one another. The passage describes how the communities grew in number as the KERYGMA, or Gospel message, was expressed in word and deed. This tells us we are to be connecting others with God and to the faith community – helping those outside the faith family to also grow and serve. Jesus connected with God/others and connected those he

came in contact with to God and one another. Scripture tells us as a boy, Jesus grew in wisdom and he helped grow others through teaching, modeling ministry, and ultimately making a relationship possible with God. Jesus did all of this through love which is the connective tissue of faith families.

There are many ways in which we connect with God and one another, grow and serve – and connect individuals who are outside of our family of faith with God and other believers. The Greatest Commandments (Matthew 22:36-40) and the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) are about CONNECTIONS in Christ through love – GROWING and SERVING. If you have ever asked the question, ‘what am I supposed to be doing as a member of First Baptist Church?’ my prayer is you will remember the three terms we are exploring this year: CONNECT, GROW, and SERVE.



I look at our announcements in the bulletins on Sunday mornings and I am excited about all the different activities where we can CONNECT with God and one another, where we can GROW with God and one another, and where we can SERVE God and one another. How will you plug-in to the life of the church in 2020? One thing is for certain – there will not be a lack of opportunities! All of these events with our family of faith are perfect for inviting others to experience our community. I have seen the power of the personal invitation at work since the beginning of 2020. Some of you are taking me seriously, when I have talked about the plan for church growth is not rocket science – it is simply a loving and caring invitation for someone to join you at FBC. I’m convinced that if we are successful in getting people here, they will discover a congregation that genuinely cares and that truly expresses the love of Jesus. Who will you extend an invitation to this week?

PRAYER LIST REVAMP

I am ‘revamping’ the Prayer List for Wednesday evenings. We are not doing away with the prayer list, but giving it a remodel so it can be current. What remains the same is you can call, email or text Kara Johnson or myself someone you would like prayed for this week. We will keep a list of those names for the present week, and I’ll share those on Wednesday with those in attendance at Prayer Meeting/Bible Study. What changes is there will not be an ongoing list we print every Wednesday with names that may or may not be currently in need of prayer. If there is a continuing need, then please contact us the following week and we will certainly pray as long as necessary. This not only keeps us current and relevant with our prayers, but saves money on weekly prayer list copies. Our announcements will project on the screen in Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays and will rotate so folks can read while they are eating and fellowshiping. We are not decreasing our prayers or lessening this cause in any way. We are simply making the process more up to date and efficient.

In Christ,
Keith