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THE FIRST WORD

May 2018

First Baptist Church *90 days at a glance*

It is hard to imagine that one quarter of the year is already gone, and as the days speed by, so does the amount of work being done by our members. First Baptist Bristol is blessed to have many members willing to serve with both their time and talents.

A big thank you to Mike Browder for his work during Phase 1 of our capital campaign. With Mike's leadership, new wiring came in under budget, and this has allowed the church to address lighting issues. We are all looking forward to the new LED lights coming soon to our parking lot.

Phase 2 is also winding down, due to the hard work of Ben and Tabetha. I'm sure our children and youth are enjoying the improvements that have been made.

Looking ahead, we hope to start Phase 3—new windows—soon. The church has many old school-house type single-pane windows. Replacing these windows will benefit the church in both electric bills and safety. Tom Parker has agreed to assist with the windows. Tom suggested doing the windows in phases, possibly starting with CLC windows when they are out for the summer. Don't worry, our beautiful stained-glass windows are not being replaced. Thank you, Tom, for your help.

Great News! Mark Your Calendar! Walter Draughon will be with us on Wednesday, June 13. Our church is having a seafood boil on that night, and Walt will be bringing the message. We are raising money for our youth and the Joann Fezell reunion. Supper will be by donation. Please let the church office know if you will be attending so we can order plenty of food.

Bringing Back Wednesdays! The Church approved the BOA recommendation to create an ad-hoc committee to evaluate our Wednesday night service. David Hicks and his team have put together a diverse group of members to address all aspects of Wednesdays, with low attendance being the top priority. The group will be reaching out to our congregation for suggestions.

I believe the next 90 days will be just as fast. The youth have a summer schedule with many upcoming events highlighted by trips to North Charleston, SC, in June and youth camp in Big Orange Country scheduled for July at the University of Tennessee.

Look for exciting new ideas from our membership team! Harry Scanlan and his team are hard at work and will be developing plans to attract new people. Our membership roll has remained steady during the absence of a Senior Pastor, and giving to date has remained good.

Rhythm & Roots will have some competition from First Baptist Church this year. The Joann Fezell Choir Tour Reunion will be the same weekend. Sorry R&R, the best music on State Street will be just a little farther up the hill this time!

Romans 15:13. "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Respectfully,

Jeff Burnette, Chair
Board of Administration



FIRST MONDAY

On Friday, May 11, we will visit the Amis Mill Eatery in Rogersville, TN. Amis Mill, in its heyday, was a self-contained community beginning with the 1780 construction of the Thomas Amis House Inn, which was surrounded by a palisade for protection against the Indians. Thomas also built a saw and gristmill, a dam on Big Creek, a trading post, a blacksmith shop, and a tavern and distillery. In 2008, Wendy Jacobs the 5th great-granddaughter of Thomas Amis purchased the Amis Mill so it would remain in the family. Wendy and her husband Jake had a vision to restore and preserve the site's remaining structures as a historic treasure. The Amis Mill Eatery was built in 2010 to generate revenue for the ongoing restoration projects, and serve some great food, too. The bus will leave the church at 10:00 a.m. Please contact the church office to sign up.



The 7 Laws of the Learner: How to Teach almost anything to practically anyone!
Does this seem like a too-bold statement?

Bruce Wilkinson had been teaching and preaching all his life when he found, to his utter dismay, that much of his philosophy and practice of communication had been wrong. This is the story of his personal pilgrimage and the revolution that occurred in his thinking and teaching. His book shares the universals that govern teaching and learning, arranged in seven laws and discussed in two chapters each. These laws can be put into practice immediately and formerly boring teachers and preachers can be revolutionized immediately.

From *Nurturing Faith*, comes *Trailblazer: Part Two* by Lynelle S. Mason, a historical novel set in the midst of 18th-century Georgia. Join youthful N. W. Jones on an adventurous journey as he rises to leadership in the young Georgia colony, fighting the Spanish takeover as a dedicated soldier and battling disease as a budding physician. In the process, he met the love of his life and entered on another kind of adventure. This only-84-page book will appeal to older children and adults alike.



The church office will be closed on Memorial Day, May 28, 2018.



May 13 is Mother's Day! We will have a special time of recognition for all mothers during our worship service that morning. Please join us in honoring these special ladies.



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Thursday, May 3, at noon
Cumberland Park, Bristol, VA



Our Pray for Me Campaign is underway! Thanks to everyone for their participation and support for this event. Just a reminder that you are asked to pray for the child whose name you were given. If you would like to send cards, make phone calls, etc., please contact the child's parents to set that up. For more information, please contact Tabetha Palumbo at the church office or tabetha@fbcbristol.org.



Low Country Boil Fundraiser

Celebrating the Youth at FBC and the upcoming Joanne Feazell Reunion.

Wednesday, June 13, 2018, at 5:30 p.m.

Walter Draughon will bring our message during prayer meeting

Reservations are needed and can be made through the church office.

The first \$2,800 raised will go to the youth programs. Any donations over the allotted amount for the youth will be used for incidental expenses for the Joanne Feazell Reunion Weekend.

Youth News

Put these dates on your calendar! FBC Youth Yard Sale Fundraiser May 4 & 5, Youth/Adult Mission trip June 20-27, Youth Camp "Unidiversity" July 23-28.

Youth Mission Trip - Mission to North Charleston, SC. We will be helping the Metanoia Ministry. They work with inner city families to set them up in new or refurbished housing. They also run programs for inner city kids. They have a wonderful volunteer house in which we will be staying. Total cost is \$75 per person. The deadline to register is May 20.

Youth Summer Camp - "Unidiversity 2018" July 23-28 at University of Tennessee in Knoxville. There are still spaces available. Register now to reserve your spot!

The Youth Missions Team is looking for a covered trailer to transport materials for their summer mission trip. The trailer would need to be available during the dates of June 18-27. If you have one available, please contact Ben Ondrak at 423-217-8934.



ATTENTION GRADUATES

On May 20, we will honor any FBC family members who are graduating from high school or college. If you or someone in your family would like to be recognized, please contact the church office.

Church-Wide Yard Sale

May 4 & 5

Our youth are sponsoring a church-wide yard sale to raise money for this year's mission trip, camp, and summer activities. Come out and support our youth!



TERRIFIC TUESDAYS

Terrific Tuesdays - One Tuesday in June and two in July, children are invited to be a part of Terrific Tuesdays which include games, sports, swimming, and learning of God's love for us and how to share it! Tuesday, June 12 & July 10, will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 31, will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. Cost for children K-5th grade is \$10 for each Tuesday with early registration before June 8 and \$15 after this date. This includes lunch, snacks, activities, tickets, and transportation.

Our preschool program will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12 and July 10. The preschool children are invited to join us for the afternoon activities; however, if your preschooler is attending the afternoon activity on July 10 there must be a parent available to attend with them for liability purposes due to this being a swim activity. On July 31, all preschool - 5th graders will be visiting the Ripley's Aquarium in Gatlinburg, TN. We will be leaving at 8 a.m. and returning at 5 p.m. (There is a \$10 charge per child if attending the afternoon activities and the Aquarium). Please register by June 8.

Terrific Tuesday Schedule

June 12 - Creation Kingdom Zoo - Gate City, VA
July 10 - Kingsport Aquatic Center - Kingsport, TN
July 31 - Ripley's Aquarium - Gatlinburg, TN

Call or visit the office to register during regular business hours. You can download the forms on the church website, www.fbcbristol.org. If there are spots available on a given Terrific Tuesday event after registration, then a late registration will be accepted with a cost of \$15. Youth may register as junior counselors for the same fee. ***If a booster seat is required, parents will need to leave one at the church.**

Our Staff

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April 2018 Financial Report

Capital Campaign

Pledged Income	\$ 246,914.00
Giving to Date	\$ 181,413.00

Year-To-Date for 2018

Budgeted Income	\$ 143,640.00
Actual Income	\$ 143,590.00
Actual Expenses	\$ 130,320.00
YTD Gain/(Loss)	\$ 13,270.00

Account Balances

General Fund	\$ 132,572.00
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Ushers for the Month of May

Head Usher: Harry Scanlan (423) 217-9347
David Crockett, Jr., Brad Talbert,
Drew & Amy Talbert,
Eldon & Linda Wilson

Greeters:

Ernie & Linda Sprouse

Deacon of the Week for

May 6 – David Hicks
May 13 – Harry Scanlan
May 20 – Mike Warren
May 27 – Gene Eller