

In-Person Worship - What You Can Expect

We are pleased that you are worshiping with us today. The staff and the deacons with the advice of health officials encourage a few precautions as we gather together.

Precautions

- We strongly encourage all worshipers to wear masks. (We will have masks available.)
- A box will be available for tithes and offerings. You may also give online or mail contributions to the church.
- *Social Distancing* will be modeled on the platform.
- Every other pew will be blocked off.
- Families are encouraged to sit together.

Thank you for doing your part in keeping everyone safe.

Online Giving: Check out the church website for updated news and information on how to give online. **Visit www.fbcwky.org.** Point your iPhone or Android camera at the QR code to go directly to the online giving website.



Church Needs: When you have or become aware of a need in our church family, be sure to notify Rebecca in the church office or one of the Deacons of the Week.

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Worship in Song	Congregation
<i>Open The Eyes Of My Heart</i>	
Welcome	David Etter
Video	The Skit Guys
‘Labor Day: A Prayer For New Times’	
Worship in Song	Congregation
358 - <i>Because He Lives</i>	
Worship in Song	Congregation
83 - <i>There's Something About That Name</i>	
Prayers of the People	Brent Logan
Worship in Song	Praise First
<i>The Potter's Hand</i>	
Message	Bob Fox
“Temptations in the Wilderness - God Has a Plan” Matthew 4:1-11	
Time of Commitment	Congregation
602 - <i>I Have Decided To Follow Jesus</i>	
Benediction	Bob Fox
Postlude	Alex Stone
<i>His Mercy Is More</i> By Matt Boswell and Matt Papa Arranged by Ken Barker	

Prayer Concerns

Sandra Brown	George & Nina	Shelby’s mother)
Mark Byrd	Herring	Ernie Siler
Eddie Byrd	Bill Heid (Janet	Sadie Smith
Barbara Carnes	Logan’s father)	Carol Stephens
Marian Collette	Judy (Neubert) Jett	Dinah Taylor
Chuck Criscillis	Maggie Logan	Gayle Taylor
Randy Croley	Shirley Mattingly	Shannon Taylor
Chuck Dupier	Judy Mattox	Marilyn Teague
Henrietta Duke	Kenny Nighbert	B.J. Temple Family
Grant Duke	Donnie Rains	Ernest Triplett
Wilma Faulkner	Tom Rains (Sharon	Barbara Wasano
J. Don Faulkner	Perkins’ father)	Donnie & Betty Witt
Imogene Halcomb	Nick Rainwater	Florence Young
Boots Hamblin	Sam Reeves	
Ralph Higginbotham	Elsie Shelby (Bryan	

Deacons of the Week: Gene Siler (549-2276)
 // Bryan Shelby (549-2176)

Ushers and Greeters: Abigail Stone // Donna Mauney
 // Mike Bordes // Bryan Shelby

Nursery: Allison Maxey // Gail Bordes

Giving Report // January - July 2021

Budget Gifts Year to Date: \$166,179
Budget Goal Year to Date: \$186,391

SERMON NOTES:

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

****Holiday Office Closure:** The First Baptist Church office will be closed Monday, September 6th in observance of Labor Day.

****FBC Passion Groups:** Join a FBC Passion Group! Get to know your church family as you serve together. On **Sunday, September 12th**, in the CLC you can enjoy a snack lunch, after morning worship, while you choose which Passion Group you wish to join.

****Small Group Opportunity:** **The Post Quarantine Church** by Thom Rainer will be delved into beginning **Sunday, September 12th at 10:00 AM** in the classroom above the church office. The discussion will run for 7 weeks. All are welcome! Come hear what the Bible tells us to do during this time. You can purchase the book at Amazon.com. If you need more information, please contact the church office.

****Food Pantry:** Our monthly curbside distribution will be **Wednesday, September 15th from 4:30 till 5:00 PM**. If you could help distribute the groceries that afternoon, please let Norma Dunston know.

****Deacon Election:** Deacon nomination ballots have been sent out through the mail to all current church members. Please give these ballots prayerful consideration. Completed ballots may be returned Sunday mornings, dropped off to the church office, or returned in the envelope provided with your packet. **All ballots must be submitted by Sunday, September 19th**. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

****Yoga Class:** Yoga class has resumed! Come and join teacher Jennifer Ledford in the **CLC on Fridays from 9 till 10:00 AM**. Cost of the class is \$8.00 per session. Mats and other equipment are provided. We are social distancing and masks are optional. For more info, call Jen Ledford at 606-224-0900.

****FBC Memorial Grounds:** There is an effort underway to beautify our church grounds. The focus is on the area in front of the CLC, Triangle Park, and perhaps some other spots as well. A fund is being established whereby donations may be made in memory of a loved one(s) or families. If you would like to contribute to this project, please designate *“landscaping”* or *“Memorial Grounds”* with your donation. A lot of the work is being done voluntarily, but there are expenses for shrubbery, plantings, etc. A list of the honorariums will be kept but not published. If you have any questions, please contact John Harris.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH PASSION GROUPS

others and share the love of the Lord Jesus. Our goal is not only to feed the body, but to nourish the soul through the personal interaction that occurs at meals and events where food is served.

We have two big events during the year - Easter Breakfast and Thanksgiving Dinner. The group meets to decide how the meals will be provided. Sometimes the church supplies the whole meal, sometimes members of the congregation and/or group members provide the meal, or a combination. There are other occasions where meals are considered such as luncheons, picnics, etc. The number of times the group meets depends on the number of meals provided that year. The group usually meets no more than 2-3 times a year.

Having a team of dedicated volunteers ensures the events go smoothly and are enjoyable by all involved. Many hands make light work, and we can use several volunteers in this vital ministry of the church.

If you would be willing to prepare a dish, help serve, plan a meal, or help with clean-up please consider joining our group.

WEDDINGS

The Wedding Passion Group is charged with the oversight of the procedures outlined in the Wedding Policies-FB-CW, adopted in 2018. Persons using FBC facilities for weddings are to receive the guidelines and meet the deadlines. After the application is completed, the date established, and the fees are paid, members of the group are to oversee the carrying out of the arrangements when the wedding party is on the premises.

G. E. M. (Greet. Eat. Meet)

We meet once a month, on the third Monday of the month, in the CLC kitchen. The purpose of our meeting is to fellowship

with friends, enjoy a meal together, and take short trips as a group. On occasion, we even have special interest programs.

We do a card ministry. Each month, we send cards to our shut-ins, and we pray for the sick in our community.

There is no age limit for the group. If you like to fellowship with other believers in Christ, then come join our group. Food will be provided at our get togethers.

LIBRARY

The First Baptist Church Library was the vision and fulfilled dream of Florence Young. It is open to all members of our congregation and community. The mission of the church library is to provide resources that expound our faith tradition, provide us more knowledge of our church, and the Christian faith. It provides books that challenge us to grow in our personal journey as Christians, to make us more aware of social injustice, and current events in our society. Books that we hope will create an appreciation of literature, and provide entertainment while still exemplifying the values we have as Christians. As well as fiction that we hope provides inspiration, encouragement, wisdom, and humor.

NURSERY

First Baptist Church Nursery is a wonderful and nurturing environment for nursery to pre-school age children. Our goal at FBC, is to care for our children with love and make them comfortable coming weekly to a familiar surrounding. We have a variety of toys available for pretend play while also teaching God's love, to share, and to care for each other. Our nursery has two staff present for each church service and two rotating volunteers to assist during Sunday church service. Volunteers are always welcome!

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PEACE BY PIECE QUILTING

The FBC Quilting Ministry uses donated fabric and supplies to create lap quilts for individuals in area nursing homes and hospitals to let them know they are loved and cared for. Baby quilts are also created and donated to Whitley County Health Department for new mothers and infants that participate in the HANDS home visitation program. These handmade quilts bring much warmth and love to those who need them most. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to pour a lot of love into the lap of those less fortunate.

TECHNOLOGY

We would love to have you join our passion group "Technology". We work behind the scenes on Sunday mornings to make sure that the message of our Lord is able to be viewed by anyone that wishes to come and worship with us. We have many parts:

- Sound: we make sure that the microphones are up and running. We also work to make sure that those who are hearing impaired have the tools necessary to be able to participate in worship.
- Video: We film the worship service. We work on creating the different view shots of our worship service and are able to include the lyrics or scriptures that are used within the recording.
- Projector: this is how we project the songs, videos, pictures, and scriptures that are used in our worship service.
- Any Technical Issue: from security cameras, to making sure the nursery has the service, Wi-Fi is working in the CLC and in Helen's house. We look at it all and make recommendations to the church on the best options going forward for the issue.

The best part is no experience is required to serve. We love to have anyone and

can show them the "ropes" within a month's time. If spreading the message through a technological means is what you would like to do, to make sure that our shut-ins are able to worship with us, to help those that are on vacation to be able to participate with us, then this is the calling for you.

USHERS & GREETERS

This is a very important group. As a greeter, you are the first impression visitors have of the friendliness and openness of our church. It is important to be the positive spirit of this congregation. Research shows that people have decided this is the church for them before the main part of the worship service even begins.

Those willing to be a greeter are asked to be at the door at which they are serving 15-20 minutes before the service begins and return to that position at the end of the service. Greeters are rotated so you have a responsibility about one (1) Sunday every three months. An email reminder is sent to inform you when you're scheduled for the next Sunday and at which door you are to serve. If you cannot serve that week, you let the church office know as soon as possible.

As a group, greeters only meet one (1) time at the beginning of the new year, and volunteers are always needed. Come join us!

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BENEVOLENCE

The Benevolence Committee provides financial assistance for individuals and families in the Williamsburg area. Typical applications are for past due utility bills. The committee gives consideration for people who are generally managing their finances but have had an unforeseen situation such as an illness, job loss, accident, etc. There is a limit of one (1) request per year. The committee meets Sunday mornings as required to review applications and determine the amount of reasonable assistance.

BEREAVEMENT

The Bereavement Passion Group is charged with providing food or a meal upon the death of a church member, family member, or a close relative. Plans are made at the time of funeral arrangements, in consultation with and in consideration of the family's wishes. It may be a meal at the church, their home, or other accommodations. There is a basic committee to make the decisions, and, if it is a large gathering, many church members may be called on to provide dishes or help in the kitchen.

DECORATIONS

The primary responsibility of the Decorations Committee is to decorate the church in order to enhance the worship experience. Each committee member volunteers for one month of the year. During that month, the person decorates the communion table in the sanctuary, as well as places arrangements at each of the three entrances into the church building. The person may also choose banners to hang in the sanctuary. The individual may use silk arrangements that belong to the church and are stored in the flower room on the second floor, or he/she may make their own arrangement from silk or fresh flowers.

Don't want to be responsible for a

month? Here are 3 other options:

1. At times, the Decoration Committee is called upon to decorate the Christian Life Center for church wide events. This involves decorating tables with place mats and centerpieces.
2. We also need committee members who love to decorate for Christmas! The entire committee is encouraged to join us for one Saturday (usually right before Thanksgiving) to hang garland and wreaths to prepare our sanctuary for the Christmas season.
3. We need to repair our existing banners as well as create new ones. If you love to sew and create, this might be an area of service for you.

FOOD PANTRY

On the third Wednesday of each month, the Food Pantry Board and volunteers serve local families struggling with food insecurity. Bags of groceries, laundry detergent, toilet paper, and other necessities are distributed to families in need. Prior to that Wednesday, bags are packed, groceries are ordered, and inventoried. Weekly, backpack bags for school age children are prepared so children will have food for the weekend. Volunteers are always needed for both these projects and for projects we hope to be involved in in the near future. We hope you are interested in being a part of this vital and necessary ministry.

HOSPITALITY

For many cultures, eating together is more than an opportunity to take in nourishment - it is a social event. Sharing meals together is a way for us to connect and build relationships. As a species with a need to belong, group meals provide the pleasures of both food, friendship, and fellowship.

The Hospitality Ministry at First Baptist Church is an excellent way to serve