

THE PINNACLE

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Parent-Church-Child Dedication



Christian Baptism



Deacon Ordination Sunday

Thanks be to God!

WRITTEN BY REV. ZACHARY L. BAY

On August 19-20, you and I celebrated a major milestone: ten years of pastoral ministry together here as First Baptist Church. A week later, we baptized Ethan Shumate together. Two weeks after that, we dedicated Cora Michelle Lee together. Two weeks after that we ordained three new women to the diaconate together. Then, the next week, we celebrated World Communion Sunday, and the week after that, Jamie Johnson joined the church and we all dedicated little Jack and Duke together.

I love the metaphor of a sailing ship for the church. No matter what those of us milling about on the deck do, we can't make ship go. Only the wind can do that. If we all stood in a line and blew as hard as we could until we passed out, it'd hardly make

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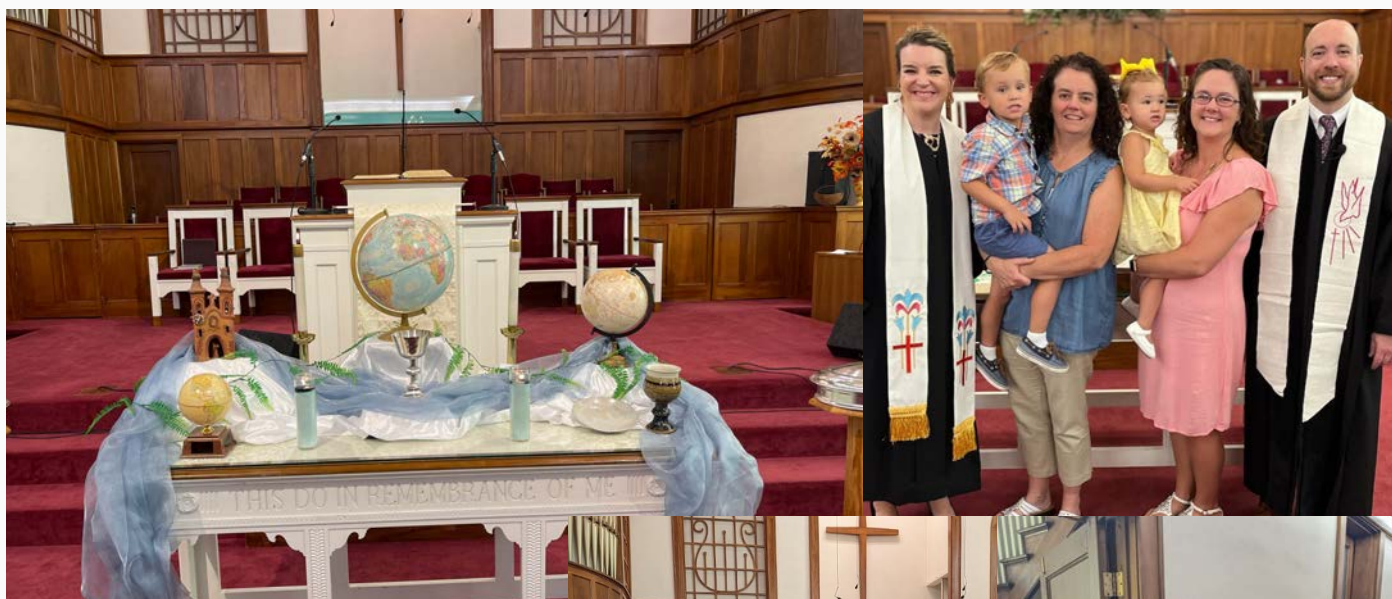
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any difference.

What we can do is the far less flashy work of maintenance and anticipation. We can keep the deck clean. We can be sure the sails are mended, and pointed to catch the wind when it comes. We can ensure that the ship's wheel that directs the rudder is angled properly.

But once we've done all that, we have to trust that though the wind has been absent for a while, it will fill the sails and drive the ship forward again.

I love that metaphor for church. And it's little coincidence that the ancient and medieval church referred to the floor of the sanctuary where everyone sits as "the nave." Nave is an old word for ship!



My mentor and friend James Lamkin once told me, "There are two times when it's hardest to captain a ship: in the middle of a storm and in the middle of a dead calm." In the past 4 years, we've experienced both. I've done all I could to remain a faithful member of the bridge crew through it all.

And now, at long last, I feel the wind blowing again. Thanks be to God!

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Hugging "Big Kev" in Whirl Welcome



Our very busy and creative Worship!



Children's sermon snapshot

And a Child Shall Lead Them...

WRITTEN BY REV. KRISTY L. BAY

We have "Whirl"-ed our way into the start of a new school year! We have dedicated three kiddos already this fall, and there are MORE to come! Along with that, we have also whirled into a new children's curriculum for the smallest members of our congregation. And boy, do they LOVE it!

Each Sunday, the youngest among us get a chance to develop their faith by learning about the Bible, by learning about the church year and what it means, and by actively participating in the rituals of worship.

While we ALL love the antics and precious learning we witness during the Children's Sermon each week, a lot is happening that we may not be able to see! My own daughter came home from church and asked to get money from her piggy bank to put in the church offering plate...because "giving makes Jesus' heart happy."

Our teachers are helping our kids know that God loves them, God created them, and that God wants us to *do* certain things to show others we love God. As a parent, and as a minister, I am so thankful for those who pour into our kids weekly.

And, if you are looking for ways to help... won't you consider getting involved? Maybe volunteer just one Sunday a month or a quarter to help out downstairs? Our children's ministry is vibrant and growing... and will continue to do so with all of us helping out!

So, make sure you get a good seat on Sunday mornings to allow the faith of a child (and children) to help usher you into a deeper connection with God. And please, consider how you could help!

October Birthdays

1 - Makenzie Napier - 8 Thaxted Ln
 1 - Roy Asher - 107 Shetland Ln, Versailles, KY 40383
 3 - Pam Johnson - PO Box 266
 4 - Georgia Banks-Barton - 501 South 34th St
 6 - William Tigue - 568 Pine Branch Rd
 6 - Helen Brooks - PO Box 1202
 9 - Margaret Peace - PO Box 1427
 9 - Trent Walters - 812 Cherokee Dr
 17- Eleanor Bay - 400 Gloucester Ave
 17 - Judy Graham - 14181 Wilderness Rd, Ewing, VA 24248

18 - Kristie Carroll - 142 Ronald Ln, Cumberland Gap, TN 37752
 18 - Hayley Gulley - 209 Foxglove St, Harrogate, TN 37752
 21 - Tina Shakleford - 1111 Exeter Ave
 24 - Gloria Jones - 2504 Cumberland Ave
 26 - Pat Mason - 605 S 29th St
 27 - Ellie Epperson Simpson, 148 Lee Dr, Richmond, KY 40475
 28 - Hilton Brooks - 412 Dorchester Ave
 30 - Bill Brumbach - PO Box 2925
 31 - Carol Stapleton - 202 Summit Dr

Congregational Calendar

Sunday, October 1

10:00 AM Children's Sunday School &
Fellowship in the Foyer
11:00 AM The Worship of God
World Communion & Baptism

Wednesday, October 4

6:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study
Women of the Bible: Tamar
7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 8

10:00 AM Children's Sunday School &
Fellowship in the Foyer
11:00 AM The Worship of God
Dedication of Jack & Duke Johnson
6:00 PM Deacons Meeting

Wednesday, October 11

6:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study
Women of the Bible: Deborah
7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 15

10:00 AM Children's Sunday School &
Fellowship in the Foyer
11:00 AM The Worship of God
4:00 PM Tailgate for Missions

Monday, October 16

5:00 PM Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 18

6:30 PM Church Business Meeting
7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 22

10:00 AM Children's Sunday School &
Fellowship in the Foyer
11:00 AM The Worship of God
Guest preacher: Rev. Scarlett Jasper

Tuesday, October 24

9:30 AM Yoga with Becky Bowling
6:00 PM Venture Women's Circle

Wednesday, October 25

6:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study
Women of the Bible: Abigail
7:15 PM Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 29

10:00 AM Children's Sunday School &
Fellowship in the Foyer
11:00 AM The Worship of God
Reformation Sunday

November Birthdays

2 - Brenda Osborne - 220 Windermere Dr

2 - Peggy Capps - 1120 Gloucester Ave

4 - Kristina Lane - Cumberland Village Apts. #8

4 - Missy Gulley - 209 Foxglove St Harrogate, TN 37752-7042

5 - Peggy Bowling - 321 S 13th St

5 - Mary Lou Massengill - 129 Maxwellton Hgts

6 - Patrick Hamlin - 119 Exeter Avenue

8 - Daniel Watson - 8540 Glade Court Huntersville, NC 28078

9 - Sandra Pennington - 1419 Queensbridge Dr Knoxville, TN
37922-6083

10 - Janice Stamper - 203 Summit Dr

10 - Missy Branscom - 507 Fairview Rd

12 - David Cook - 3226 Cumberland Ave

13 - Derek Barnett - 111 Hebrew Cemetery Rd

14 - Blake Branscom - 507 Fairview Rd

14 - Rebekah Harrell - 118 Blakeman Dr

17 - Janet Matthews - 216 S 22nd St

17 - Barbara Murray - 680 Jones Ridge Rd Speedwell, TN 37870

22 - Randy Kaw - 2156 Smyth Dr Springfield, IL 62711

22 - Sue Stapleton - 4555 Northwest 10th Way Fort
Lauderdale, FL 33309

29 - Sarah Ausmus - 1404 Dorchester Ave

Save the Date

November Dates

Sunday, November 5

11:00 AM All Saint's Service

Wednesday, November 8

6 PM Pastor's Bible Study- Rahab

Wednesday, November 15

6 PM Business Meeting

Wednesday, November 22

NO WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES due to Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 26

11:00 AM Festival of Thanksgiving
Church Thanksgiving Dinner

Monday, November 27

6 PM Hanging of the Green
Come help deck the halls!

Wednesday, November 29

6 PM Pastor's Bible Study-
Bathsheba

December Dates



Saturday, December 2

7 PM Middlesboro Christmas Parade (Children's Ministry)

Sunday, December 3

11:00 AM Advent 1 Worship

Wednesday, December 6

6 PM Family Advent Service (Bring ornament/toys for CCM)

Sunday, December 10

11:00 AM Advent 2 Worship

Wednesday, December 13

6 PM Business Mtg/ Christmas Baskets

Sunday, December 17

11:00 AM Advent 3 Worship
5:45 PM Cantata & Candles
Live Nativity

More December Dates:

December 17- 19

7pm- 9pm Live Nativity

Tuesday, December 19

6 PM FBC Polar Express (Children's Ministry)

Wednesday, December 20

6 PM Pastor's Bible Study- Mary & Elizabeth

Sunday, December 24

11 AM- Lessons & Carols Worship
4pm- 7pm Come & Go Communion

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MIDDLESBORO

Cantata & Candles

DECEMBER 17 | 5:45 P M | LIVE NATIVITY TO FOLLOW

Hope, Peace, Joy,
Love, Christ