

The Witness

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THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2017

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HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Sunday, May 21

LeighAnne Buford - Home Life Academy

Hannah Fox - Blackman High School

Skyler Herring - Siegel High School

Sean Maddux - Blackman High School

Anna Murphree - Central Magnet School

Mary Tod Newberry - Riverdale High School

Noah Stump - Blackman High School

Stephen Ward - Riverdale High School



SUNDAY, MAY 21

Old Fort Park, Pavilion #3

Beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Eat at 6:00 p.m.

*Bring food for your family
to share.*

*The church will provide
drinks & paper products.*

SENIOR ADULT SUNDAY

Sunday, May 28



First Baptist Church
of MURFREESBORO

SANCTUARY PEWS & SPECIAL NEEDS

Our sanctuary currently has a shortage of good places to locate a wheelchair on Sunday mornings so that family members can sit next to someone with special needs. In addition, there is limited space to maneuver around the back wall of the sanctuary in the two sections nearest to the Welcome Center. This week both of these problems will be addressed by rearranging the two back pews in each of these sections to effectively shorten each pew approximately 2 feet.

In addition, a laminated handicap placard will be placed on pews in the 4 locations where it will be easiest for a wheelchair to sit beside the end of a pew. This will reserve one spot for a family member or a caregiver to sit next to each of these locations. Thank you for honoring these "reserved" markers so that folks with special needs can know that they are welcome in our midst!

Phil Potratz

CALLED BUSINESS MEETING FOR PROPOSED BUDGET & PROPERTY SALE

Wednesday, May 31
6:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

This meeting will consider two items. First, a recommendation from the Facility Planning Committee, which was presented and discussed at the April quarterly Business Meeting, to sell our property at 300 East Vine street and construct a parking lot on our property at 220 East Vine Street.

Second, a recommendation from the Budget & Finance Committee regarding the 2017-2018 proposed church budget. There will be ample time for questions and clarifications. Copies of the proposed budget will be mailed to our church family the week of May 22. As in past years, a more detailed budget listing may be viewed in the church office. If you are unable to visit the office during normal business hours, please call the church office and arrangements will be made so that you can view the budget at your convenience. The Staff and the Budget and Finance Committee want to ensure that every member has an opportunity to review the details before the meeting.



WEE SCHOOL MINISTRY UPDATE

As announced last week, Karen Paris has resigned as WEE School director with her last day of service set for Thursday, May 18, 2017. The WEE School Committee wants to thank Karen for her many years of service and hopes that others will express their appreciation to Karen in the days ahead.

The WEE School Committee in consultation with the Personnel Committee has been working quickly due to the time sensitive nature and needs of the WEE School. The committee is pleased to announce that Keri Bunasky will begin serving as interim director the week of May 22. Keri and her sons, Matthew and Stephen - 3rd graders, happen to be active members of FBC. Keri has served most recently at Lascassas Baptist Church Preschool, a licensed full day center, for six years. Prior to her tenure at Lascassas Preschool, Keri worked for child protective services as a case manager as well as working with senior adult service centers.

Please continue to keep our WEE School Committee and this important ministry in your prayers during this time of transition. Our WEE School Committee will be working in weeks to come to hire a director to follow this interim period with hopes of having a director in place by mid June.

BUDGET PLEDGE CARDS

Financial commitment cards for the 2017-2018 year will be mailed next week and will also be available at various locations around the church. Please pray earnestly about your response and the allocation of your financial resources. The budget and Finance Committee would be grateful to have your completed cards in the church office by June 12 or placed in the offering plate by June 11. Thank you for your commitment and support of the work of First Baptist Church!

WELCOME

NEW CHURCH MEMBERS!

Bob & Sylvia Johnston -
By Transfer of Membership

NEW BIBLE STUDY MEMBERS!

Kevin & Allyson Long - Trinity
Blake Long - 1st Grade
Tessa Long - 4th Grade

SOUTH DAKOTA MISSION

June 23 - July 2

SD Mission Trip Meeting

this Sunday, May 21
2:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

SD Mission Trip Meeting

Sunday, June 11
4:00 p.m.

Trinity Baptist Church
Tullahoma Hwy.
Manchester, TN

MAY MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING for the TENNESSEE BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

33% of the total annual budget comes from the Mother's Day Offering to share the love of Christ Jesus with families and children in crisis. Our goal for participating in this ministry is \$6,000. Given to date: \$2,788.00.



FBC SEWING CAMP RETURNS

June 12 - 14 & June 19 - 21
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
for 3rd - 5th graders

For specific information,
contact Linda Peterson at
dlp37129@yahoo.com.

Limited space available so you
must sign up in advance with Linda
to participate.

NEWCOMERS' CLASS

The next Newcomers' Class, led by Pastor Noel Schoonmaker, will be held Sunday, June 4 at 11:30 a.m. in the Conference Room. We invite you to come and learn more about First Baptist Church.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!!

If you or a family member are graduating from a college or university this year, please call the church office or email tfranklin@fbcmboro.org with the following information so we can place your announcement in *The Witness*:

- Graduate's Name
- Name of College or University
- Date of Graduation
- Degree Earned



Matthew Maxwell

Son of Austin & Claire Maxwell
UT Knoxville
Bachelor of Arts in Communication
May 11, 2017

Dr. Brett Farmer

Son of Jeff & Linda Farmer
Grandson of Marlene Farmer
Quillen College of Medicine
East Tennessee State University
Member of AOA,
National Honor Society
May 5, 2017

Gabriela Victoria Coronel

Granddaughter of Linda Roper
Honors College
East Tennessee State University
Summa Cum Laude
Career in Public Health following
2+ years with Peace Corps
May 6, 2017

Reece Garrard

Son of David & Jennifer Garrard
TN Tech - Cookeville
Degree in Agriculture Engineering
Technology
May 6, 2017

Alex John Pilote

Son of Pam Pilote
University of Georgia
PhD., Plant Biology
May 5, 2017

Margaret Elizabeth Hawk

Granddaughter of Mary E. Kiser
MTSU
M.S. in Computer Information
Systems
May 5, 2017

VBS 2017 HERO CENTRAL

June 5 - 9

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Pre-K - 8th Graders



Now is the time to sign up to help and to register family for VBS 2017 - Hero Central! We need a variety of volunteers to help in different ways and want children and middle school students to sign up now so we can plan ahead.

Children who have completed Pre-K - 5th Grade will enjoy Bible stories, music, arts and crafts, science and more. **Middle School students** will have a great week serving in various ministry projects in "The Boro."

Go to our website and click on the link to register to help or to register your children and students.

MISSION ACTION FOR MAY

VBS 2017 Supply Wish List

(12) Pool Noodles, Pom Poms (1", various colors), 10 Rolls Duct Tape (various colors), Balloons (72, 12", assorted colors), Stickers (stars, smiley faces), Goldfish Crackers (large boxes), Chex Mix Cereals (10 boxes, assorted), Water Bottles (12 oz.), Power Aid (8 or 12 oz., blue or clear), Baby Wipes (6, Free and Clear), White Vinegar (3 gal.), Baking Soda (4), Sandwich Bags (2), 6 Pack of Coke and Diet Coke (1), Empty Water and Soda Bottles (100), Straws (2 boxes), Metal Casserole Pan (10), Styrofoam Bowls (50), Newspaper, Paper Towel Rolls (25), Ping Pong Balls (10), Dawn Dish Soap (3)

Please place items in the designated tub in the Donation Area by May 31.



BEGINNING WATERCOLOR CLASS

Daune Jordan will be teaching a beginners watercolor class for adults beginning June 22. The class will meet from 9:30 a.m. - Noon on Thursdays in Room 200b. Anyone interested in attending or wanting more information is encouraged to contact Daune Jordan at 615.396.7480.

STAFF & DEACONS ON CALL

May 21 - 27:

Staff Member on Call: David Cates: 615.273.2806

Deacons on Call: Jim Cotey: 615.948.4755; Lara Cotey: 615.948.9032;
Scott Abernathy: 615.330.2615; Doug Brown: 615.293.8668

May 28 - June 3:

Staff Member on Call: Pam Pilote: 615.631.6402

Deacons on Call: Ben Cates: 615.893.0196; Judy Campbell: 615.804.1602;
Ronald Barrett: 615.890.1253; Kent Browning: 615.653.2103

FINANCIAL REPORT

Year to Date Budget Requirements	\$1,130,499.68
Year to Date Budget Receipts	\$1,105,039.94
Year to Date Designated Receipts	\$222,594.68
"We're Here...For Life!" Receipts	\$2,149,496.50
Outstanding Loan Balance	\$1,103,960.15
Mother's Day Offering	\$2,788.00

CHURCH CALENDAR: MAY 20 - JUNE 3, 2017

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

- Sun.:** 8:45 a.m. Media Library Open
9:15 a.m. Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Worship
6:00 p.m. Youth Small Groups, meet in host homes
- Tues.:** 4:45 p.m. Basketball, CLC
6:30 p.m. JCM (College age), CrossMain
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop # 416, Basement, CLC
Cub Scouts, Room 201
- Wed.:** 9:00 a.m. Media Library Open
4:00 p.m. Weekday Prayer Ministry, Library Conference Room
5:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner
Media Library Staff Available
5:30 p.m. Childcare for Babies - 2 years, Nursery Suite
5:40 p.m. Youth Endeavor, CrossMain
5:40 p.m. Prayer Time, Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study, Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- Thurs.:** 9:30 a.m. Watercolors, Arts & Crafts Room, CLC



**WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES WILL NOT BE HELD
DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE.
SUMMER SUPPERS BEGIN WEDNESDAY, JULY 5.**

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, May 21

- 9:15 a.m. Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Worship (Graduate Recognition Sunday)
2:00 p.m. South Dakota Mission Trip Meeting, Fellowship Hall
4:00 p.m. Church Picnic, eat at 6:00 p.m., Old Fort Park, Pav. #3

Wednesday, May 24

- 5:40 p.m. Children go on Mini Mission Trip to the Food Bank
5:45 p.m. Men's Small Group Training, Room 208b
6:00 p.m. *Galatians 5*, led by Noel Schoonmaker, Fellowship Hall
Helping without Hurting in Short-Term Missions, led by Jeff Fryer, Room 210
Ceramics, led by Daune Jordan, Arts and Crafts Room

Thursday, May 25

- 12:00 noon Children meet at FBC for Playdate and Adams' Place visit

Friday, May 26

- 10:00 a.m. Senior Adult Choir (Joyful Sound) rehearsal, Room 107

Sunday, May 28 (Senior Adult Sunday)

- 9:15 a.m. Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Worship

Monday, May 29 Church Office Closed for Memorial Day

Wednesday, May 31

- 5:40 p.m. Gym Night for Children
6:00 p.m. Called Business Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Friday, June 2

- 9:00 a.m. Senior Adult Choir (Joyful Sound) leaves to go to Trevecca Home in Nashville to sing.

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor	Dr. Noel Schoonmaker	nschoonmaker@fbcmboro.org
Minister of Christian Formation	Rev. Phil Potratz	ppotratz@fbcmboro.org
Minister to Students	Rev. David Cates	dcates@fbcmboro.org
Minister to Senior Adults & Congregational Care	Pam Pilote	ppilote@fbcmboro.org
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Interim WEE School Director	Keri Bunasky	weeschooldirector@fbcmboro.org
Media Library Director	Juana Cates	jlccates3@yahoo.com
Director of Food Services	Barbara Nisson	barbnisson@aol.com
Director of The Academy of Fine Arts	Bertha DuVall	bduvall@fbcmboro.org
Pastor Emeritus	Dr. Eugene Cotey	

ATTENTION PASSPORT CAMPERS & PARENTS

Skating and Sandwiches Meeting
Sunday, June 11 @11:30 a.m.
Sandwiches and drinks provided.
Bring salad or dessert. RSVP to
Brent (bgreene@fbcmboro.org).

HELEN BROWN SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Helen Brown Scholarship forms for collegiate undergraduate education for 2017 - 2018 are available in the church office. All who wish to contribute to this fund may do so by making your check to FBC and marking it "Helen Brown Scholarship." Also, mark your envelope - Helen Brown Scholarship.

DENE MCCULLOUGH SCHOLARSHIP

Church members pursuing college, graduate, or theological degrees are invited to apply for the Dene McCullough Scholarship. The amount awarded to recipients generally ranges from \$1,000 to \$3,000. Applications can be picked up in the church office during business hours and must be completed and submitted to the church office by May 31, 2017. Many thanks to Hubert and Dene McCullough for their generous sponsorship of this scholarship.