

# SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

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Live internet streaming of Sunday morning worship service  
Sunday School-10:00 A.M. Sunday Morning Worship-11:00 A.M.  
Sunday Evening Worship—6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study—7:00 P.M.



10:00 AM

Sunday

## FOCUS: Try It, You Might Like It

Our August "Back to School Roundup" high attendance Sunday was a good day for our Sunday School Ministry. Although we fell short of our goal, attendance was still 242 on August 19th, much higher than our average. Thanks to each class for a great effort! Now do we just wait until the next "high attendance Sunday" to invite those not in regular attendance? I trust that we will continue to invite those not in Sunday School to come join in each Sunday. Sunday School is the corner stone of SBC as well as most Southern Baptist Churches. Growing in the word of God is more important than making the goal that was set for high attendance day. We must reach the "LOST" and Sunday School is a place where we can fellowship together and reach the lost, but they have to be there for that to happen. Try Sunday School you might like it! If you try it or have in the past, but it just didn't click for you, come to me and make your suggestions known so we can as a Church or a class can make Sunday School improvements. We can't fix it if we don't know what's broken. We are starting a new church year in September. We are expecting great things in this church year. There are a few new teachers, and some other have moved to different classes and yet others are being promoted to a different class. So bear with us through the adjustment time, and you will still be fed the word of God. We have a great, committed group of teachers from the Nursery to our Senior classes. The best thing in the world is "free" God's saving grace. "Come and get it". This Sunday School group is acting on God's greatest commandment "The Great Commission" Matthew 28:19-20. God bless each of you and see you in Sunday School.

*Gaylen Baugh, SBC Sunday School Director*

## ATTENTION: SBC COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The 2012-2013 Committee on Committees Report is now posted on the bulletin board in the old fellowship hall. The committees are asked to meet as soon as possible in order to elect a committee chairman. The church council will meet on Wednesday, September 19th, at 6:00 P.M. All committee chairmen are expected to attend each council meeting to make plans and address concerns for these committees and for the church as a whole.

## **KIDS KORNER**

Just as Fall brings a season of change, so, too, will there be a season of change in our Children & Preschool activities. In Sunday School we will see some new faces, both teachers and students. We welcome them but also wish the best to the number of young people who have "graduated" to a new class. Some will be in GAs and RAs for the first time; several are now in the Youth Group. There may now be some old enough to join Mission Friends (preschool thru Kindergarten). In Children's Church, Bro. Joe will continue to lead. However, the change is that we are working toward having two groups: 3 yr. olds - Kindergarten and 1st thru 4th Grade. Adults are needed to assist in these groups. If done on a rotating basis, adults would miss very few worship services. One Sunday each month, we will need 2 adults in Children's Church to allow Bro. Joe the opportunity to be in the Worship Service. There are volunteer "job applications" on the bulletin board for Children's Church/Wednesday nights. Several "job openings" are available. Where is God leading you? ALSO on the bulletin board: we need a basic information form completed on your children/grandchildren if they attend Sunday School, Children's Church and/or the Wednesday night programs. (this is for all children from nursery through sixth grade). The information provided is to ensure that we know who to contact in case of emergency, what allergies, especially food, they may have, health concerns, etc. Their safety is important to us, so please do this. One more thing, beginning this month on Wednesday nights, light refreshments will be served from 6:45-7:00 PM to the preschoolers and children. Mission Friends, GAs & RAs will then meet 7:00 - 8:00. One Wednesday each month will be designated as a special interest night, with music and a mission project. Jamie and I will be working on this.

In Christ, Konnie



## It's a New Year!



We typically think of January as the start of a new year and in many ways it is. But if you think about it September is really a month of new beginnings in a lot of ways. It's the new school year, maybe a new school, or school for the very first time, a new church year, new ministries begin. It's an opportunity for growth, to meet new friends, to start afresh.

With our new church year come many opportunities for a fresh start and to change our world for Christ. We have graduation day on September 2 for those moving into a new class. We have those assuming new positions to serve as an officer, teacher, or on a committee. I hope too that we have some classes who are looking to birth new classes in the near future.

With that in mind we are going to be having a Sunday School Revival November 3-7. One of the major things we will be looking at is the grading of our classes. I have asked our teachers to determine what age group they want their class to be, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, etc. Grading is so important to put adults in a class together that are in a common position in life, with common interests, challenges, and needs. We send our children to school to get an education by grades and then we forget this principle when it comes to churches. You wouldn't put a six year old in a class with teenagers nor would you put a teenager in a class of eight year olds, so why do we have someone in their forties with two teenage children in a class with newly-weds? We will be asking, not forcing, everyone to put themselves in the proper class for their age group and stage of life. This will also help us to see where we need new classes and where to put guests as they attend our church.

Here are just a few other things on the horizon. One, we are going to start a New Members Class during the Sunday School hour beginning September 16 and lasting four weeks. We will be inviting and urging all those who have joined our church in the past year to attend. We will be asking those contemplating membership to attend. And for anyone interested in just learning more about our church we would love to see you. Two, we are going to start a 'Men of Russellville' Breakfast every Tuesday morning at the Colonial Inn beginning September 11 at 6:45 am. We will have a buffet breakfast for \$5.99 and then we will have a thirty minute Bible Study. We will be finished by no later than 7:45. This is not going to be a Second Baptist outreach, but a ministry for all the men of our community. What better way to start each Tuesday than for men to gather to fellowship and study His Word.

God wants to do some great things at Second Baptist and in our community this year. It's a new year, our question is will we let Him?

Bro. Steve



## Mike's Minutes

Now that fall is looming, it's time to put the bathing suit, suntan lotion, and barbecue grills away for another year. I always think of the end of August and the first of September as a time of new beginnings. Look at the calendar:

It's September- the beginning of another school year for students and teachers. It's the beginning of a new church year. It's also time to pull back together what summer vacations, camps, and so forth, have torn apart. In fact, I usually have several "pity parties" for myself and wonder why I struggle, during this time of year, to provide leadership in such situations. When I begin to get these feelings, I think about the following poem by Muriel Blackwell. I found this poem some time ago and have kept it all these years as a reminder of times like this. Read it prayerfully and substitute the word "children" with "adults" or "youth," according to whom you minister.

**Teacher of the Children  
Teacher of the children, lovest thou me?**

Yea, Lord, thou knowest that I love thee.

**Then feed my sheep.**

In this place, Lord, Where heaps of litter cover way,  
And children crowd the narrow street to play? Surely not here,  
Lord. In this place, Lord, Where lonely mountains upward reach,  
And there are only two or three to teach? Surely not here,  
Lord.

In this ghetto? Despair. Hunger. Dirt. Frustration. Anger.  
Fear and hurt. Surely not here, Lord.

**Teacher of the children, lovest thou me?**

Yea, Lord, thou knowest that I love thee.

**Then feed my sheep.**

You doubt me, Lord. This grieves me so.  
**You grieve me, child. You said you'd go  
Where'er the service pathway led;  
"To teach the child," these words you said.**

**Teacher of the children, lovest thou me?**

Yea, Lord, thou knowest that I love thee.

**Then feed my sheep.**

**Muriel F. Blackwell- Preschool Leadership 1971**

Second Baptist Church is blessed in so many ways. God has given me, and you, a flock of sheep to love, teach, minister to, and make music with. Indeed, some of you are hurting today, afraid of tomorrow, and some maybe were frustrated yesterday. But as we think on a new beginning, may we pick ourselves up and say a special prayer of thanksgiving and renewed dedication. Remember: We are indeed blessed to have such a high calling.

Serving together,

Bro. Mike



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*"Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold."*  
2 Corinthians 3:12 NIV 1984

KBC Kentucky WMU

**AMERICAN  
RED CROSS  
BLOOD DRIVE**

Wednesday, Sept. 19th  
2-6pm  
FLC Gym

All donors are welcome to enjoy beans and cornbread after donating blood to thank them for giving the gift of life!

**DON'T FORGET!!**

Annual SBC Picnic  
Sun., Sept. 9th  
City-County Park

Following the morning  
worship service