

# 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.



## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jerrett Dancer  
Amanda Dancer  
Robert Dancer  
Anthony Dancer

## **KIDS KORNER**

Throughout the year events are planned for our preschoolers and children. Returning this month is Trunk or Treat on Wednesday, October 28 from 6-7 PM. Something new this year is the Trunk Competition. The children will choose the best trunk display and the winner will receive a special award. Granddaughter Kaelyn said she knew she shouldn't choose a trunk just because it was family!! We'd like to see a lot of participation this year. Refreshments will be served so you won't have to worry about feeding the family. The time will allow you to attend Bible study or children's programs at 7 PM. GA JAM (for girls in grades 1-6) will be November 7 at Campbellsville Baptist Church--which means we will be leaving early that morning. The sign-up sheet is posted near the old kitchen. Girls do not have to be regularly attending GAs to participate. Moms are welcome to chaperone! We'll be packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child in November--thank you for all the donations this past year. Coming December 5 will be the International Mission Study: Indonesia at The Baptist Building for K-6th grade. We always have food to sample, games to play, crafts to make, all while learning about the mission work taking place. On February 13, 2016 we will hold Children's Ministry Day at The Baptist Building. K-6th Graders will be making treats for dogs and cats at the Logan Co. Humane Society. We encourage our preschoolers and children to participate in events, as well as be a part of our Wednesday night groups: Mission Friends, GAs and RAs. These children are an active part of Second Baptist Church, as some of you may have realized at the September business meeting. They're not just learning about missions and missionaries, they are actively doing missions. Many missionaries tell of the impact missions education has made in their lives. Who knows what child's life may be changed at SBC through children's missions and ministry!



## **THE URGENCY OF KINDNESS**

When I was younger, my friend brought in the biggest yummiest piece of chocolate cake I'd ever seen. Grinning from ear to ear, she told me she found it in the dining hall behind a chair. As I reached anxiously for it, she swatted at my hand. "I'm saving it for later!" Something came up, and it was three full days before we could get back to that cake. It was all dried out! By trying to save it, we lost it. Good intentions, like cake, get stale easily. Don't put them off!



Dear Family,

Thousands of years ago God told Jeremiah to go down to the potter's house for a lesson on how He deals with us. (Jeremiah 18:1-10) Here was an illustration of how God shapes us and molds us until we become a beautiful vessel fit for earthly and eternal use. There are three items in this story: the potter, the clay, and the wheel. God is the potter who makes the clay useful and beautiful. We are the clay and life is the wheel of hope.

Every day just like the clay in the hand of the potter, God has His hands on your life and my life to mold us, shape us, form us, and make us into the vessel He wants us to be. We are most useful when we submit to the hands of God. Like clay we are nothing without God. Can you see His plans and purpose for your life? Psalm 138:8 says, "The Lord will fulfill His purpose for me."

As we walk into the doors of Second Baptist Church I pray that we-all understand God's purpose is far greater than we usually comprehend. When we rise to see God's perfect plan we are not bothered with lesser things. In God's sovereign plan everyone is vital to future of His church. Imagine taking all the ingredients of a cake and eat them by themselves. Yuck! Raw eggs, baking powder, flour, salt, who wants to eat these? But put in the hands of a cook who knows what to do the result can be an absolutely fabulous cake. Brenda and I are so thankful to have a little part in God's plan. We must see God's purpose as He puts all the ingredients together. That is exactly what Romans 8:28 says, "God works all things out together for the good of those who love Him." You all love Him don't you!

Should the clay refuse to yield to the hands of the potter, it becomes hardened and set in the ways, and then the potter has no choice but to set the clay aside until it can be melted and formed again. Sometimes God lets difficult times come into life and He has no choice but to melt us down until we are re-shaped in His hands.

I hear God speaking to us, through Jeremiah's experience, saying: "I am always at work in your life, I want what is best for you, and God is always willing to start over with you." Jeremiah 18:4 says, "And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter; so he made it again into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to make."

Love you all, *J. David Gicka*



## Choir Loft

When I was a little boy, we enjoyed homemade ice cream quite often, but we used the old-time hand crank type ice cream freezer instead of a modern electric one. Whenever the cream would begin to stiffen, my father had me sit on the bucket so it wouldn't move around while he continued to crank it. At some point during the process however, it became obvious that I was too light to handle the load, and the bucket would begin to shift.

"You got to sit harder!" my dad would say. After responding to the command and drawing a deep breath, I would tuck my elbows tightly into my sides, lift my feet and strain every muscle to sit heavier.

"Son, it's still moving. You've got to sit harder!" No matter how hard I tried, I wouldn't become heavier than I was. Gradual growth was the only solution (and we won't talk long on that, did come! Lol).

My dad wasn't an unreasonable man, though I thought so during those times on the ice-cream bucket. With a sense of humor, he was having some fatherly fun with his young son. The talents of choir members vary greatly from person to person: some read music well, while some depend on hearing pitches and remembering them. Few, if any, choir members can claim to be an ultimate singer. There is always a vocal or musical inadequacy to overcome. Where our abilities are lacking, we find opportunity for growth.

Choir member, remember this: If you feel you're "sitting as heavy as you can" with your musical talents but still feel inadequate, rest in the knowledge that God will bless and multiply your abilities as long as you stick with it and strive for growth in your life and choir membership.

God will faithfully bless you for letting Him use your talents in your choir's ministry.

Church member, let me invite you! Our Christmas musical has arrived and we will begin rehearsing as a choir on it in October. If you would like to sing in the Christmas musical, come and join us Sunday, October 4th, at 4:45 P.M., as we begin working on "the first Noel" Celebrating the birthday of a King. Come join us!



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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

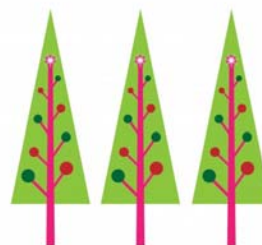


### **NEIGHBORHOOD CHILI SUPPER**

**Thursday, November 5, 2015  
6:00 P.M.**

### **NEIGHBORHOOD CHRISTMAS DINNER**

**Thursday, December 10, 2015  
6:00 P.M.**





- 01 Kyle Harris, Luke Belcher, Cami Wallace
- 02 Tanya Bell
- 04 Luke Williams, Michael Ball
- 05 Pam Duncan
- 07 Rob Gilliam, Mary Celsor, Ann McIntosh
- 09 Cheryl Duncan, Alan Owens
- 11 Patricia Blackford, Patricia Jenkins, Tyler Davenport, Kaylin Belcher
- 12 Venita Harris, Jeffery Tennison
- 13 Marvin Flatt, Hannah Farris, Ava Young
- 14 Mark Kennedy, Tina Hamilton
- 15 Zack Harper
- 16 Margie Gibbs
- 18 Donna Arnold, Christy Poole, Ethan Hooper
- 19 Steve Arnold
- 20 Kevin Prince, Kristen Miller
- 21 Neal Hamilton
- 24 Laurie Belcher, John Clinard, Addison Reeves, Randy Rigsby
- 26 Eddie Brooks
- 27 Phyllis Baker, Mary Oberhausen,\
- 28 Greg Holt
- 29 Cole Baker
- 31 Virgil Arnold



- 04 Bldg. & Grounds Committee Mtg., 5pm
- 13 Nursing Home Visitation, 7pm
- 14 Business Meeting, 7pm
- 28 Deacons Meeting, 6pm

Baptist Hour – Each Monday following 12:20pm news on WRUS-AM

GO Visitation & Meal -Each Wed. night at 5:30pm, EXCEPT on Business Meeting night

Brotherhood – meets on Business Meeting night, 6-7pm

Volleyball - Mondays & Thursday nights



- Jack & Peggy Holloway 15
- Charles & Amanda Crafton 16
- Edward & Sandy Taylor 16
- Joe & Rhonda Reynolds 19
- Sam & Fran Stanton 29