

# SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

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where *He* is first

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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.

## With Sympathy



Second Baptist Church would like to extend its deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one. May God give peace and comfort to you and your family.

To Marlene Page in the loss of her son,  
Thane Austin (Scooter Davis).

To Doug Wright in the loss of his father, Benjamin "Jack" Wright.  
To Brenda Barton in the loss of her husband, Larry Barton.  
To Martha Arnold in the loss of her brother, Virgil Parrish.



Congratulations to Scott and Casey Wright on the birth of their daughter, Amelia Claire, on Monday, June 27, 2016!

## KIDS KORNER

August will see the first group of girls, since our restart of children's missions education, to complete six years of GAs. What a joy and privilege it has been to watch them grow in their faith, watch them develop a heart for missions and to be a part of this. It is a bittersweet time as they not only will move out of GAs, they will also be leaving our 5th & 6th grade Sunday School class. Cassidy Reynolds, RaeAnn Whitley and Brissa Jones have accomplished so much during this time. All three have had the opportunity to be "on mission" in Owsley County, attend mission camps and participate in missions in the community. They have also set an example for the younger boys and girls...look who is helping clean up after church events—the GAs and RAs of Second Baptist Church!! Our prayer is that, as they enter the "youth" stage of their lives, that their faith and servant hearts will continue to grow.

While the focus has been on the three girls, we have a great group of other GAs and RAs who have participated all year in various activities. All the GAs and RAs will be recognized during the latter part of August with a Recognition Service for them and their families.

Thank you for the continued support of Operation Christmas Child. The August collection is school supplies.

## COMING SOON!

### Church Directory Pictures August 13 & 14 August 27 & 28

Volunteers will be needed. If you would like to help, see Michelle Green, Jan Mills, or Sonja Cauley for more information. There will be activity pages in the new directory, so please begin taking photos of your group events that you can share to be included in the book.



**<sup>8</sup>The grass withereth, the flower fadeth:  
but the word of our God shall stand for  
ever.**

**Isaiah 40:8**

Jesus made it clear that we would endure hardship in this life. But God gave His children amazing tools to keep trials from overwhelming us.

For instance, He placed His Spirit inside each believer to guide and empower. In addition, He gave us prayer so we could not only communicate and stay connected with our Father, but also bring Him our requests.

Isaiah tells us yet another one of God's marvelous gifts to us: the Bible. Scripture is the actual Word of God Almighty. It is truth. It never changes. It enables us in all circumstances, so we have a sure foundation on which to base our lives and decisions.

There are thousands of promises in the Bible--countless assurances that we can rely on with perfect confidence. God wants us to learn them so we won't miss out on blessings He wants to give. And wise believers will turn His promises into prayers and the cries of their hearts.

Let me give you an example that relates to difficult decisions. **Psalms 32:8** states, *"I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you."* We can pray God's words back to Him, saying that we believe He will teach us and reveal His path, while remaining by our side as our caregiver through the entire situation.

When hardships arise, we need a solid foundation on which to stand. Otherwise, our emotions could easily lead us astray through faulty thinking. God is faithful and unchanging, so we can trust in His promises, which enable us to rest confidently and act boldly.

Pastor Michael & Terri

**Psalm 19:14**

**<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.**



## Choir Loft

I love the television show American Pickers! Mike and Frank do pretty well traveling through the country picking through junk just to find something to make a few dollars on. Whether the guys find an old toy train some little boy had as a child or an ole sign that had hung by the roadside advertising a long forgotten business, each one brings back a memory that is still fresh.

As Pam and I were on vacation this past month, traveling through five states out west by way of a tour bus I saw on the side of the road an ole "nameless" church building that made me think about that show. It also brought sadness to my heart. I thought about the building as I saw the date etched in the cornerstone and it told me how old the building was. I saw the architecture of the building and it represented what kind of people had attended there: professional people, movers and shakers, philanthropic types. I also saw how the arched stained glass windows had been shattered by vandals. A domed shape skylight was gone. I could only imagine the paint on the walls would have been peeling from the intricate scrollwork in the ceilings and walls inside. And yet, I'm sure it was a marvelous church in its day. A church building any small town would have wanted in it. But sadly, the beauty and historicity was in decay. So much of our history is lost year by year, as our "built environment," our regional heritage, returns to the elements.

As we traveled down the road I felt the need to honor the unseen lives, the "cloud of witnesses," that had brought their stories into that holy place. How many tearful or grateful prayers were whispered there- forgotten now by everyone except the One to whom they were addressed? How many people marked their life's transitions there: the happy, nervous wedding days, the baptisms, the desperately sad goodbyes with coffin and chrysanthemums? How did the music resound from the piano or pipe organ, rattling the windows and stirring the soul? How many tears were held back or allowed to flow in that room, now wasted? My heart ached for the stories those crumbling walls would never tell.

The promise at the end of the book, the promise at the end of time is, "Behold, I make all things new." But which thing will be made new in this dismal place: the glorious house of prayer, or the dry dusty field that existed before?

There are places in our lives that are made sacred by the events that occur in them, the thoughts we think in them, the emotions we feel in them. There are places in our lives that cause us to be better than we would be without them. And those places are worthy of our frequent visits and our loving attention. What are some of your life's holy places? I hope one of them is right here at Second Baptist Church.

In Christ's Peace,

Mike



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## **IN THE COMFORT OF THE LORD**

We never know what lies ahead  
Or what each day will bring,  
But it's good to wake each morning  
And hear a robin sing.

We must always be prepared  
To meet life's joy or grief  
And seek the comfort of the Lord,  
In Him there is relief.

And when our cross is heavier  
Than we can truly bear,  
He lightens all our burdens  
And shows us He does care.

So if, amidst the pain and tears,  
We remember He is there,  
The Lord will not forsake us  
If we talk to Him in prayer.

— Angie Monnens



- 01 Edward Taylor, Katye Smith, Alex Canales
- 03 Sarah Duncan
- 05 Jimmy Moss
- 06 Mona Lawrence, Elijah Bird
- 07 Joyce Scott, Victor Romero
- 08 Konnie Smith, Dustin Garmon
- 09 Bettie Bond
- 10 Andy Holland, Morgan Harper
- 12 Linda Crafton, Mike Mann
- 13 Lisa Browning, Judy Brooks
- 14 Jackie Flatt, Conner Dill
- 15 Mae Locke, Brittany Holloway  
Jonathan Baugh
- 16 Barry Dill, Zach Matthews
- 17 Amy Owens, Nathaniel Jenkins
- 18 Melanie Chestnut, Evan  
Humphrey
- 19 Tim Yell
- 20 Jack Thomas, Brittany Carter,  
Nathan Wright
- 22 Rebecca Gregory, Karen Hinton,  
Janet Offutt
- 23 Bill Johnson, Carlee Baker
- 24 Brenda Reeves, Andrew Gregory
- 25 Ricky Stoker, Phil Baker, Angela  
Seabolt, Kelly Whittaker, Ashton  
Yell, Alexis Croft, Trevor Wright
- 26 Tony Norman
- 27 David Foster, Gene Sweeney
- 28 Nannie Scott, Lou Jones, Rita  
Williams, Amber Bagby
- 29 Annette Whitley, Bethany Goble
- 30 John Wheelock
- 31 Bobbie Head, Brenda Blick,  
Sharon Kirkpatrick



- 02 WMY Training, SBC Gym, 6pm
- 07 Building & Grounds Committee Mtg., 5pm
- 09 Nursing Home Visitation, 7pm
- 10 Business Meeting, 7pm
- 13-14 Directory Pictures
- 26 Golden Heirs to Grand Rivers, 9:30am
- 27-28 Directory Pictures
- 31 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



## *Happy Anniversary*

Dewey & Sue Wood	03
Noble & Sara Clark	05
Melvin & Bonnie Chambers	06
Joe & Deborah Davenport	07
Tim & Heather Blick	09
Glenn & Linda Gilliam	10
Boyce & Suzann Coles	14
Frank & Bonnie Noe	18
Ben & Venita Harris	22
Seth & Kelly Whittaker	31