

# 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.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ryland Thomas Nichols



Congratulations to JD and Janna Shanklin on the birth of their son, John Walker Shanklin, on Thurs., Aug. 4th! He weighed 7 lbs, 7 oz., and was 20" long.

## *With Sympathy*

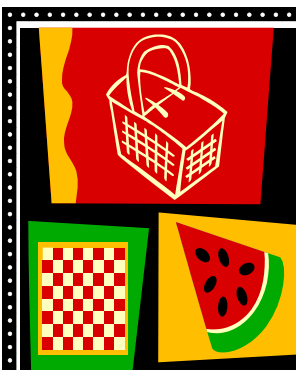


Second Baptist Church would like to extend its deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one. May God give peace and comfort to you and your family.

To Oma McIntyre in the loss of her brother, David Abney, Jr.

## **KIDS KORNER**

With the WMU Emphasis, By All Means, children will learn that their entire lives should be lived on mission for Christ. The children's theme: Mission: My Life is based on 1 Corinthians 9:22. The challenge will be for children to live on mission daily so as they encounter friends and community members who do not have a personal relationship with Christ, they can share what God means in their own lives. It will allow children to deepen their understanding of their own faith as they learn ways they can share their faith and what they are learning with those around them. The month of September is the Eliza Broadus Offering for State Missions, with our church goal \$5000. Our children will learn about God's Appalachian Partnership (GAP) located in McDowell, KY and its North American missionaries, John & Shaughanessy Morris. Wednesday nights we begin at 6:30 PM with the Children's Choir, led by Mike Duncan, followed at 7 PM with GAs and RAs (girls and boys in Grades 1-6). At this time we do not have leaders for pre-schoolers. At the end of August our GAs and RAs were recognized for their accomplishments during the 2015-2016 year. A complete list of this, as well as awards received, will be presented at the September business meeting.



## Annual SBC Church Picnic

Sun., Sept. 11, 2016  
City-County Park

Immediately following the  
morning worship service.



### **Delight instead of a Duty**

1 Corinthians 2:12-16

**<sup>12</sup> Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.**

**<sup>13</sup> These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy<sup>al</sup> Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. <sup>14</sup> But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup> But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is *rightly* judged by no one. <sup>16</sup> For "who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.**

"I just don't understand the Bible." That's a comment I hear quite often, even from believers. We can understand why those without Christ are unable to comprehend biblical concepts, but why do those who know Him struggle? Some people think that a seminary education is the answer, but I have met several trained pastors and teachers who didn't really understand the Word of God. They knew facts, but they had no excitement for the Scriptures or for the Lord.

The key is not education but obedience. As we act on what we read, the Holy Book "comes alive," and we begin to hear and understand the voice of God. However, if we have not obeyed what He's previously revealed to us, why would He give us His deeper truths?

#### **Look at these two passages of**

**"The secret of the Lord is for those who fear Him" (Ps. 25:14),**

**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth forever. (Ps. 111:10).**

Living a fleshly lifestyle of disobedience to the Lord clouds our eyes, diminishes our ability to hear, and fogs our thinking. Although we have full access to the mind of Christ, our attachment to our own sinful ways keeps us from tapping into the rich treasures of wisdom that are found in His Word.

As you read the Scriptures each day, look for God's instructions. Then with reliance upon the Holy Spirit, commit to do what He tells you. When you obey His voice, He'll reveal deeper truths, and your understanding will grow. Soon your time in the Word will become a **delight instead of a duty.**



## **Choir Loft**

I have a hard time each month of knowing the right thing to write about. So generally, I choose to write on things that may encourage you as a member of the church. I want to speak from my heart if I may today.

I felt something was wrong, but I couldn't seem to figure it out. I was trying to serve the Lord and share Him with others. Yet I found myself feeling strangely drained. Something had happened to my joy? Can I get a witness?

One afternoon, it hit me! I was devoting myself to *servicing* the Lord instead of devoting myself to *knowing* Him. As a result, I was, like Martha of old, I was missing out on "that good part."

Maybe today you are like me. Don't let anything, even the desire to serve God, keep you from simply sitting at His feet and getting to know Him. Remember that He wants our hearts and love, not just our service. Although we tend to focus on what we want and what we do, God sees our hearts (1Sam. 16:7). Deep down, are we sitting at His feet, or have we become consumed with other things? Are we consumed with how we can *serve* God, or with how we can *know* Him? Let's not forget that God has come so that we might have eternal life and that we might *know* and enjoy Him forever.

*"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly," John 10:10*

*"And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." John 17:3*

On my way to work the other morning, I noticed the shrubs and the rose bush beside my garage desperately needed trimming. That morning, after my bus route, I rummaged through the garage to get the weed-eater, the electric trimmers, gloves, a hat, and the list goes on and on. After several minutes, I was confident that I had everything I needed. I decided to trim the shrubs first before attacking the rose bush, as it looked like an overgrown jungle with all the rain we've had. As I picked up the trimmers I pushed the switch only to find I had forgotten the most important thing. I couldn't expect to get *anything* done without first plugging in the trimmer.

How about you today? Are you, like I was, feeling something is wrong in your spiritual life? Have you lost your joy to *serve* the Lord? Let's get plugged into the most important thing! Spend some time getting to *know* God!

*"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." John 15:5*

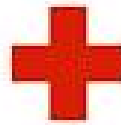
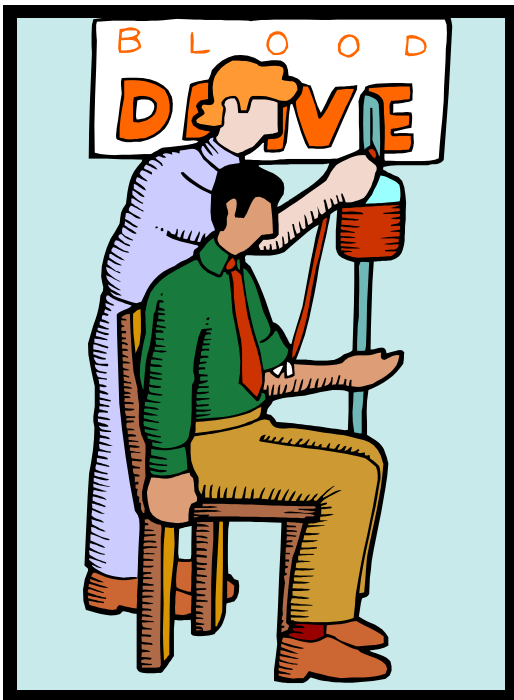
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Mike Duncan*

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**American  
Red Cross**

**Wednesday, Sept. 14th  
2-6pm  
FLC Gym**

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



- 01 David Kitchens, Brad Wallace
- 02 Frank Noe
- 03 Victor King, Ray Graham
- 04 Pearl Page, Brayden Seabolt,  
Cayden Seabolt
- 05 Marie Romero, Peggy Vick,  
Wesley Simpson
- 06 Jeff Green, Richard Elamon, John  
Robertson
- 07 Barbara Penrod
- 08 Doris Gregory, Marilyn Stratton
- 14 Evelyn Yell
- 15 Cindy Coffman
- 16 Jimmy Prince, Bobby Woodall,  
Kim Fulcher, Dana Stoker
- 17 Peggy Holloway, Susie Rigsby,  
Amy Dill, Christa Carter
- 18 Grace Woodall
- 19 Kim Short, Carol Holloway
- 20 Kim Matthews
- 22 Andrea Porter, Rylee Grayson
- 23 Maggie Parham
- 24 Bobby Brown, Ashlee Setzer
- 25 Thomas White
- 26 Gradie Belcher, Alexa Young
- 27 Bonnie Noe
- 28 John Dworske, Fred Dempsey,  
Troy Yell, Kyle Ashby, Alicia  
Croft
- 29 Tommy Sprouse
- 30 Coleman Tilghman



- 11 Church Picnic, following morning service  
Building & Grounds Committee Mtg., 5pm
- 13 Nursing Home Visitation, 7pm
- 14 Business Meeting, 7pm
- 15 WMU Meeting, Penrod/Beasley homes, 6pm
- 25 Baby Shower, Dustin & Melanie Chestnut,  
2-4pm
- 28 Deacons Meeting, 6pm
- 29 Golden Heirs to Shady Cliff, 4pm

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*

Bruce & Crystal Jones	01
Robert & Carolyn Madden	07
Jimmy & Lois Prince	10
Cory & Katye Smith	14
Joda & Faye Boley	17
Joe & Sue Laird	17
Joey & Jennifer Young	17
Bobby & Rita Woodall	18
Jeff & Michelle Green	21
Tyler & Lori Davenport	22
Phil & Lynette Baker	30
Gaylen & Shelia Baugh	30