This Week We Remember Jerry Winchester

I'm speaking this morning for a few minutes about Jerry Winchester, my grandpa. In 1971, Grandpa was a Special Agent with the FBI. He and my Grandma wanted to raise a family with strong roots in a good community, so he left the FBI, moved to Corbin, and began practicing law.

He and Grandma rented a house on old Barboursville Highway, and before they could unpack, a group of men from First Baptist Church of Corbin came to visit. The group included Reverend John Dunaway, W.C. Ashley, and John Bill Black. The group visited a few times, but what sealed the deal was a meeting with Dave Huff. One day, while walking downtown, Grandpa met Mr. Huff on the sidewalk. He told Grandpa, "I better see you in church this Sunday." He was there that Sunday, soon became a member, and was a member ever since.

Sunday school and, in particular, Bible study, was very important to my Grandpa. He quickly became the Sunday School teacher for a college age class and later taught the youth class, along with my Grandma and Steve and Betty Sue Surmont. It was then, Creston Waddle gave him the nickname "Chief", which stayed with him the rest of his life. During that time, he led several retreats and trips with both classes. When Felix Pace retired from teaching, Grandpa went on to teach his senior adult men's class for many years until he was no longer able. During his years at First Baptist Church he was a Deacon, trustee, and served on numerous committees.

He was instrumental in obtaining the property between the Church building and the Family Life Center, which is now used as a playground for children. My Dad and my Aunt JeNell told me that when they were growing up, no matter what they did on Saturday, they had to be in Sunday School and church on Sunday. It was non-negotiable. He encouraged his children to be active and participate in church. On Sunday mornings, while everyone was getting ready, Dad and Aunt JeNell told me about how Grandpa would walk through the house singing "Unclouded Day". They said that he didn't hold anything back. It was one of his favorite songs.

He spoke of many memories of special services and fellowship throughout the years, most of which revolved around some type of dinner. Most people don't know that my Grandpa started me in piano lessons when I was six. He not only took me to lessons, but he also took lessons with me from Miss Barbara for several years. The recitals were all held here in the sanctuary and later he was able to hear me play in church services. He was especially fond of the Christmas Eve service. He absolutely loved to hear Paul Sims sing "O Holy Night". After the services, on the ride home, he would say, "that Sims sure can sing".

He also enjoyed the Maundy Thursday Service at Easter. He would tell us that it was a time to remember what all Christ endured for us during the crucifixion. Both my Dad and my Aunt JeNell were baptized here and I was too. My Mom and Dad were married in this sanctuary. Grandpa told us that "this was a nice place for a wedding," and what a beautiful bride my Mom was. He loved being a part of this church and being involved in church life. Many lifelong friendships came from his involvement here. However, the most important thing to him was for his children, and later, his grandchildren, to come to know Christ as he did. He felt that this church played a major role in making that happen.

I am thankful that I was able to attend church here at First Baptist with my Grandpa. I will always value that time we had together, and we miss him very much. JP Winchester

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Sunday, February 26, 2023 8:45 am Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship corbinfbc.org/joiningusfromhome 5:30 pm Picnic with Pie and Basket Auction Monday, February 27, 2023 4:00 pm 100 Years of Worship Planning Group and Stained Glass Ad-Hoc Meeting 5:30 pm Church Council Meeting Tuesday, February 28, 2023 5:30 pm Finance Meeting Wednesday, March, 1, 2023 5:30 pm Dinner - Fried Chicken (call

the church office to make your reservation or to cancel a standing reservation by **Mon.**, Feb 27th)

6:15 pm Adult Bible Study - Book of Acts 6:15 pm Children and Youth Activities

Thursday, March 2, 2023

12:00 noon - 2:00 pm Food Pantry

Save The Date -

Business Meeting, 6:15, Wednesday, March 22,



February 26, 2023





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Sanctuary flowers for Sunday, February 26, 2023 are placed in honor of BETTY SUE SURMONT'S dedicated volunteer work with Baptist Housing bv Wes and Lynn Tipton and family



Sincere sympathy extended to the family and friends in the loss of Troy Foley



100% of your gifts to the Offering will support CBF field personnel serving in the U.S. and around the world

Picnic with Pie and Basket Auction for CBF Global Missions

Hope to see everyone there. We will have plenty to eat, lots of socializing and auctioning of scrumptious pies! Plus, we will also have Picnic Baskets full of goodies to be auctioned! See you Sunday evening at **5:30 pm**. Bring your checkbooks and come ready for a good time!



Gifts have been given to the **General Fund** in memory of Helen Carpenter and Verneda Sturgill by Terry and Pat Conrad Julian Boggs

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Deacon:

February 19, 2023 Offering Summary

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Celebrating 100 Years of Worship

Our 100 Years of Worship celebration is just a couple of months away! If you are interested in serving on the event planning committee, please attend an organizational meeting on Monday, Feb. 27 at 4:00 pm in the Library. If you cannot attend and want to be on the team, please call the church office to add your name to the list for updates and notifications of future meetings. Also-

Please let the office know if you plan to provide a picture of a Stained Glass Saint. Deadline to submit was Feb. 14th.

First Baptist Church at Worship

The First Sunday in Lent February 26, 2023 Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

Children's Moment by Jeremiah Banks

Scripture Lessons Psalm 32; Romans 5 : 12-19; Matthew 4 : 1-11

Anthem by The Sanctuary Choir Lord, for Thy Tender Mercies' Sake

Sermon by Jefferson Calico "New Longing"

Pastoral Care Emergencies Nights and Weekend:

Minister: **Paul Sims** 606-202-0595

> Nancy Rich 606-344-5504

Budget Offerings	\$	5,929.00
YTD Budget Offerings:	\$	195,357.40
YTD Budget Goal:	\$	210,042.00
Global Missions:	\$	1263.00
Loose Change Offering for Februar	у\$	87.07
Loose Change received in February will be used for		

Global Missions and final tally will be reflected in the March 5th Builder.