



Sanctuary flowers for Sunday, May 14, 2023 are placed in memory of MARIE LEAKE by Linda Leake Wilson

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Sunday, May 14, 2023

- 9:00 am No Choir Rehearsal
9:30 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service
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Wednesday, May 17, 2023

- 5:30 pm Dinner - Breakfast for dinner (call to reserve your spot or to cancel a standing reservation by Mon., May 15th)
6:15 pm FBC Game Night
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 18, 2023

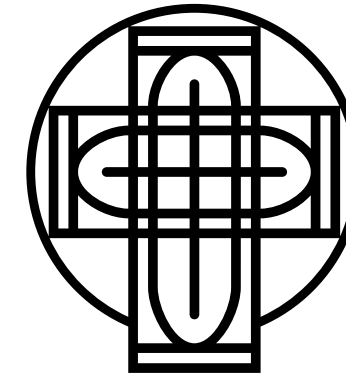
- 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Food Pantry
7:00 pm Learn 'N Grow Graduation

Save the Date

Deacon's Meeting Sun., May 21, 11:45 a.m.

OPEN FLOWER DATE JUNE 11th

If you would like to remember or honor loved one(s) by placing flowers in the sanctuary, you have an opportunity to do so on Sunday, June 11, 2023. Please contact Ann Hacker at 606-528-8969 or the church office at 606-528-4738.



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We send sincere sympathy to the family, friends and FBC members in the loss of Maxine Morgan.

Sympathy is extended to Bob Croley, family and friends in the loss of his brother, Gorman (Berry) Croley

Memorials and Gifts

Gifts have been given to the General Fund in memory of Maxine Morgan by Stan & Patti Brasher Jennifer Hannah

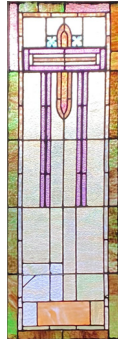
A gift has been given to the General Fund in memory of Brenda Huff by Stan & Patti Brasher



We are glad to welcome Helen Diehl to the FBC Family! She comes by statement of faith and baptism. We are inspired by the work of Christ in her, and we are grateful for the Spirit's guidance that led her to this body of Christ.



We move now into a season of change for the church. For nearly 29 years, we have been blessed to have been led in worship by Paul Sims. He poured his soul, passions, and gifts into all he did, and we are better Christ-followers and a better church for it. Paul will be with us for one last Sunday on June 4, and he will give the sermon that day. After the service, we invite you to stick around for a church wide potluck in his honor. We encourage you to bring a large dish of your favorite vegetables, salad, or dessert to share in celebrating this special occasion. There will be lots of laughs and memories to share, so keep this date and look for more information to come. In the meantime, the Personnel Committee and Church Council will carefully consider how to move forward. During this time of thoughtful and prayerful consideration, Carolyn Garr has agreed to fill in as our music and choir leader. We are thankful for Carolyn's willingness to serve. She is gifted and experienced in the ways of worship leadership, and we have counted on her many times before. Over the next few weeks, you will also notice Samuel Garr playing at the piano and utilizing other expressions of music as well. He is filling in for Dr. Yukiko Fujimura as our accompanist while she is visiting her family in Japan. Again, we are grateful for Samuel's willingness to offer his gifts and passions for the church's worship.



## Today We Remember Coach John “Crow” Fletcher

He was many things to the people he encountered in his lifetime. He was a son, a brother, a husband, a teacher, a coach, a mentor, a friend, a storyteller, and a loyal member of First Baptist Church.

He told stories of how he grew up in Clay County, played high school and college basketball, serviced in the US Navy, came to Corbin and became assistant and then head high school basketball coach and history teacher. He never left Corbin. His ability to tell stories was one of the things that drew you to him. Laughing along with him at the story he had just told was always the best part.

He was a personality that once you met him, you never forgot him. You could travel around southeastern Kentucky, strike up a conversation with a stranger you just met and when they found out you were from Corbin, it seems they would always ask you, “Do you know Crow Fletcher?”

Coach was loved by the students of Corbin High School. It’s unknown, because he never talked about it, how many students he helped who needed food, clothing, and shelter. He did this his entire teaching career.

Alex told of the time the church was raising money to upgrade the sanctuary sound/video system; they were \$1,000s short of the goal. Coach pulled Alex aside, found out what was needed, and wrote a check for the amount needed. He did not want any recognition for doing so.

From the time he joined FBC, he was a tireless volunteer and worker. In the food pantry, the mustard seed garden, repair work that needed to be done, and anything else that was needed, he was there to help. He was a faithful member of Bob Lockhart’s Sunday School class.

He came to FBC the last 30 years or so of his life with his wife Nancy. She was instrumental in his baptism. She passed from a terminal illness.

He kept coming to church, His close friend, Darrell Tremaine will tell you how dedicated Coach became after his salvation to being a proud member of FBC. He would always encourage everyone he knew to go to church. Coach was instrumental in his friend, Curt

### John Fletcher Continued

Selvey, coming to the church. He married Orita and they were very active and loyal members of FBC.

People knew of Coach’s health issues and would ask, “Have you seen Coach? How’s he doing?” The answer was, “He’s a fighter. He’s hanging in there.” I always told those who asked, if they want to see Coach, shake his hand, or hug his neck to come to First Baptist Church on Sunday morning. He’d be there.

~ Mark Daniel



Being chosen as a Stained Glass Saint was such an emotional surprise to me. Thank you for bestowing this honor on me. Never did I ever consider not sharing my gift of music at church. It is so much a part of worship and everything we do in life.

Enjoying working with our members in the many ways we all serve God has been a large part of my life. The old saying “It takes a village” is certainly true with a church and I can say I have been a part of that! God gives each of us a gift and we are to use it for him.

Thank you for this humbling and loving honor,  
Ann Hacker

### VBS Volunteer Sign-Up Has Begun!

Calling all adults (and youth)! VBS is fast approaching and the church is looking for volunteers to help prep, plan, and participate. Date are Mon., June 12 - Thurs., June 15, from 6-8:00 pm. We are looking for volunteers for the following:

- Decorating Team (late May & early June)
- Classroom Teachers
- Kitchen (Prep, Serving & Cleanup)
- Set-Up & Tear Down and Check In

You can call the office 606-528-4738 to sign up or online at <https://corbinfbc.org/vbs>

## First Baptist Church at Worship

May 14, 2023  
Ten-thirty O’clock in the Morning

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

**Scripture Lessons**  
Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66; John 14:15-21

**Children’s Moment by Jeremiah Banks**

**Sermon by Alex Lockridge**  
“To an Unknown God “

### Pastoral Care Emergencies Nights and Weekend:

**Minister:** Jeremiah Banks  
325-301-8311

If you are unable to reach this minister, please leave a message on voice mail. Messages will be monitored at regular intervals.

**Deacon:** Glennis Hensley  
606-528-1611

### May 7, 2023 Offering Summary

Budget Offerings	\$ 9,401.00
YTD Budget Offerings:	\$ 271,356.40
YTD Budget Goal:	\$ 320,064.00
Loose Change Offering for May	\$ 7.07
Loose Change received in <b>May</b> will be used for VBS	