

Sanctuary flowers for Sunday, May 21, 2023 are placed in memory of WILLIAM E. HENSLEY

Glennis Hensley; Nancy, Courtney & Patrick Haggerty; Bill, Tricia, Grace & Kate Hensley; Cindy, Lars and Clara Finneseth



We extend sincere sympathy to Jack, the family, friends and FBC in the loss of Jessie Cloyd.

Memorials and Gifts

Gifts have been given to the **General Fund** in memory of

Jessie Cloyd

by

Glida Morgan

Sharon Pace

In memory of Gorman Berry Croley

Bob & Kim Croley

In memory of Brenda Huff

by

Sharon Pace

In memory of Maxine Morgan

Glennis Hensley

Pat Huff

Sharon Pace

Steve & Betty Sue Surmont

A gift has been given to the White Flag Ministry in memory of

Ann Thorpe

Cleland Thorpe

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Sunday, May 21, 2023

8:45 am Choir Rehearsal 9:30 am

Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service

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11:45 am Deacon's Meeting

6:00 pm Youth

Monday, May 22, 2023

5:30 pm Finance Meeting

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

-No Wednesday Evening Activities for Summer Break.

-Corbin High School Baccalaureate

Thursday, May 25, 2023

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Food Pantry

Monday, May 29, 2023

-FBC Office Closed For Memorial Day

Celebrate Paul Sims!

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. During the meal, we will share several stories about Paul, present him with a "Thank You" gift, and there will be a basket for thank cards and gifts.

During worship the next two Sundays, we will learn and practice a benediction song, "May the Road Rise to Meet You." **On June 4th, the entire** congregation will sing this as Paul's choir to conclude the service. Lastly, slips of paper with "Thank you for "were made available after last Sunday's service. Fill in the blank to complete a one sentence thank you note for Paul. Please turn those sentences in to Alex by this Sunday, May 21.



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RECOGNIZING OUR 2023 GRADUATES

Brody Barton is graduating from Grinnell College with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics & Computer Science with a Minor in Statistics. In October, he will start working as an Associate at Boston Consulting Group at their office in Raleigh-Durham, NC.

Samuel Garr received his Bachelor of Arts in Music with a Minor in Business Administration from Berea College. He plans to attend the University of Kentucky to obtain a Masters in Music Theory. He has earned a full graduate assistantship from the university.

Morgan Hopper graduated from the University of the Cumberlands in December 2022 with her Associates Degree in Nursing (RN) and in May with her Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She is working in the Trauma ICU at UK Medical Center.

Casie McBurney received her Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies from the University of the Cumberlands in March. She is looking forward to starting her career as a P.A.

Anthony Myers is graduating from Corbin High School and will further his education and play football at Union College in Barbourville.

Alice Tremaine Graduated May 2023 from Wake Forest University with a Master of Studies in Law. She plans to continue serving as an Advance care planning coordinator at Baptist Health

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Today We Remember Verneda Sturgill



Verneda Smith Sturgill was born in Corbin in 1932.
She and her husband, Bob were members of
First Baptist until their passing. Before coming to
our church, though, Verneda grew up at Corinth
Baptist Church where she eventually taught the junior girls
Sunday school class.

Over the course of her years, she would run into several girls from her class, and they all told her the same thing. "You are the best Sunday School teacher I've ever had." This made Verneda very emotional. She was flattered, of course, and those compliments meant the world to her, but somewhere deep inside her sweet, humble spirit, she was devasted by this compliment. She thought, "I'm the best they've ever had?"

She felt pity that these girls never had the opportunity to learn from a better teacher. Verneda exemplified Christlike humility, but Verneda could not see what we all saw. She was the best teacher for those girls. We know this to be true because Verneda lived by the greatest commandment. She loved God with all that she was, and she loved her neighbor as she loved herself.

She was so faithful, and her life exuded Christlikeness in so many ways. She epitomized the Apostle Paul's charge in Philippians. "In humility regard others as better than yourselves." She was stubbornly selfless, and this is meant with all affection.

She loved to buy gifts for people, and she sent yearly Christmas gifts to the ministers on staff at FBC. She loved to cook for others and provide desserts for all occasions. Her pecan tarts were the absolute best. Not only were they delicious but they were also utilized often to raise money at events like our dessert auction and rummage sale.

Just this past December, before she got sick, Verneda provided a smorgasbord of desserts for a busload of Christmas carolers. Children and adults filled her living room to sing the sacred songs of the season, and Verneda was on cloud nine hearing the beautiful voices, young and old alike. The carolers, too, were on cloud nine, partaking in a sugary feast for the ages.

Jesus taught us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. For Verneda, this meant serving and welcoming others, singing and worshiping God, and making this life completely about everyone but herself. Not trying to outdo her Savior by any means, Verneda took Jesus' command to a new level. She loved her neighbors- she loved us- more than she loved herself. Our church is stronger because of the faithfulness of Verneda Sturgill.

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 606-528-4738 **no later than May 31, 2023.**



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. Dates 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



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Help send our kids to Church Camp!

It's summertime and for our children and youth ministries- that means time for camp! This summer we will be attending Passport Camp in Berea, KY (Children: June 20-23; Youth: July 24-29) and we are in need of your help! To help ease the financial burden of camp for our kids, we are inviting our church family to help financially sponsor a student. If you are interested in sponsoring in part or in full, please contact Associate Pastor, Jeremiah Banks for details on how to contribute!

First Baptist Church at Worship

May 21, 2023
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Scripture Lessons
John 17:1-11; Acts 1:1-11

Children's Moment by Jeremiah Banks

Anthem by The Sanctuary Choir Soon & Very Soon

Sermon by Alex Lockridge "This is Eternal Life"

Pastoral Care Emergencies Nights and Weekend:

Minister: Alex Lockridge 606-401-9011

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

Deacon: Sherry Pace 606-521-3833

May 14, 2023 Offering Summary

Budget Offerings \$ 9,419.00
YTD Budget Offerings: \$ 280,775.40
YTD Budget Goal: \$ 330,066.00
Loose Change Offering for May \$ 22.38
Loose Change received in **May** will be used for VBS