

## Stained Glass Saints

This week's Stained Glass Saints are Helen Singleton Chitwood and Ira Ona "Sonny" Chitwood. Helen moved to Corbin in 1921, when her father, Reverend W. L. Singleton, became the pastor of First Baptist Church. It was during Rev. Singleton's tenure that the present sanctuary was constructed, so it was fitting that the first wedding held in the new sanctuary should be that of Helen and Sonny. Their ceremony on June 1, 1923 was described in the Times-Tribune: "The spacious church was artistically decorated with potted plants and cut flowers and illuminated during the impressive ceremony by the mellowed and subdued rays of a myriad of bridal candles." An amusing situation preceded the wedding and a minor tragedy followed it: On the day of the wedding, in a rush to pick up the marriage license, Sonny was arrested for speeding in his Model T Ford; a few days after the wedding, a fire in the photographer's studio destroyed the wedding pictures, negatives, and proofs (the one surviving picture of the wedding party hangs in our history room). The Chitwoods remained active members of the church until their deaths. Sonny, himself a photographer, took pictures at many weddings and at other church events in the intervening years. In addition to serving as deacon, Sonny was a choir member and was active in Brotherhood. Helen was a leader in the Young People's Department, was a Sunday School teacher, and a worker in WMU. Known as a good cook, a gracious host, and an avid gardener, Helen, for many years, grew and arranged the flowers that adorned the sanctuary. We give thanks for Helen and Sonny Chitwood, our Stained Glass Saints.

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### Sunday, September 4, 2022

- 9:00 am Summer Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Worship

### Monday, September 5, 2022

Church Office Closed for Labor Day

### Tuesday, September 6, 2022

- 3:45 pm Ruth Bradley's "How to Study the Bible" study group
- 5:30 pm Church Council Meeting

### Thursday, September 8, 2022

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Food Pantry

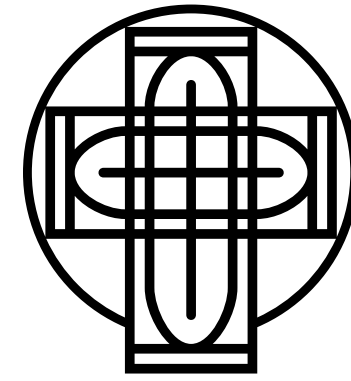
### Shoebox Ministry

If you would like to donate to the Shoebox Ministry, for the month of **September** we are collecting, Coloring Books thin enough to roll up to fit in the shoebox and Washcloths that can be dropped off across from the church office. Or, you may want to consider designating a portion of your offering to the Shoebox Ministry fund. Thank you

### Don't Forget...

Wednesday evening meals, kids activities and adult Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, September 14th. Watch the Builder for meal information and be sure to make your reservation!

3 Sisters Meal In the Garden Event will be held Friday, September 16th at 6:30 pm. Bring a dish and enter the homemade ice cream contest! Enjoy a good old fashioned food on the grounds social!



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**Marvelous**  
*are thy works;*  
**& that my soul**  
**knoweth**  
**right well.**

**Psalm 139:14**

## The Fountain of Living Water

Humanity has become rather efficient in food and water storage. Through the advances in refrigeration, we can keep food far longer than its natural life expectancy. Every home or building we inhabit has built in capacity for storage, and we have come to depend on all these amenities. I, for one, am quite thankful. I cannot imagine life without refrigeration. Something as basic as ice cold water is an expectation of mine even though it was unheard of as recently as 200 years ago.

Food pantries, refrigerators, and deep freezers are commonplace in our culture. What about the prophet Jeremiah's culture? In his day, the way they stored water and food was through hand dug cisterns, typically carved into natural rock. These cisterns would collect rainwater, which was important during the dry season. If the rock wasn't impermeable to water, they would have to create a lining within the cistern to make it waterproof.

With that knowledge, listen to God's words for the house of Israel spoken through the prophet, "For my peoples have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water." These words hit differently with the proper context.

The prophet's accusation ought to be a word of warning for all God's people. The house of Israel forgot God, forgot their place in God's world, and aimed to be self-sufficient, digging out their own cisterns. Life then taught them that their efforts to be self-sustaining were not enough, for their cisterns were cracked, unable to hold water. God's invitation is to lean on the One who is "the fountain of living water."

Yes, there is much we can do because God has gifted us and blessed us, but, apart from God, we will become empty. We must learn to lean on the fountain of living water, for God alone can nourish our parched souls. May we never lose sight of who God is to us. May we drink of the fountain of living water all the days of our lives.

In Christ, Alex



Sanctuary flowers for Sunday, September 4, 2022 are placed in memory of FLOYD & BARBARA CURD, JUNE DELPH CURD, and DON BENTON

by  
*Bryan and Sandi Curd*

and

In memory of GAYLE MAJORS

by  
*Phil Majors, Jamie Spencer, and Megan Majors-Jackson*

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Family Ministries Associate search update: After meetings with the Finance Committee and Personnel Committee, it has been determined it is in the church's best interest, financially, to suspend the search for a part-time associate to work with our students. The budget deficit is too much at this time for us to consider adding another staff person. It is our hope that in the near future our giving will meet the demands of our budget and we can resume our search.

### August 28, 2022 Offering Summary:

Budget Offerings:	\$ 5,372.00
Fiscal YTD Budget Offerings:	\$ 374,785.71
YTD Budget Goal:	\$ 463,629.00
Loose Change Offering Total:	\$ 117.23

The month of **August** Loose Change offering benefits Corbin Community Backpack Program.

The month of **September** Loose Change offering will benefit The Mustard Seed Garden.

## First Baptist Church at Worship

### The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 4, 2022  
Ten-thirty O'clock in the Morning

#### Scripture Lessons

Jeremiah 18 : 1-11; Psalm 139 : 1-6;  
Luke 14 : 25-33

#### Children's Moment by Jeremiah Banks

#### Anthem by The Summer Choir

*Give Me a Clean Heart*

#### Sermon by Alex Lockridge

"Reworked"

### Pastoral Care Emergencies Nights and Weekend:

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

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

**Deacon:** Steve Surmont  
606-524-6236