First Baptist Church  
Calvert City, Kentucky

Pastor: Bro. Jim Ewing  
Minister of Music & Education: Bro. Rick Johnson  
Secretary: Donna Ford  
Church Organist: Vicki Madison  
Interim Pianist: Tracy Phillips  
Custodian: Ken Musgrove

The Challenge

Our Mission: Encounter ... Grow ... Serve ... Share
Our Vision: Becoming Fully Committed Followers of Jesus Christ ... making a Kingdom Impact on Calvert City

September 2013

First Baptist Church  
PO Box 366  
Calvert City KY 42029-0366  
270-395-4600

Return Service Requested

Sunday Schedule
9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Worship Service
6:00 pm Worship Service
6:00 pm AWANA

Wednesday Schedule
5:00 pm Fellowship Meal
6:00 pm Prayer Service & Children's Choir
6:15 pm Student Ministry
7:05 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Prayer Concerns for Our Church Family
Jack Norwine – stroke – Baptist Hospital
Chuck Thompson – bone marrow cancer
Phyllis Brandon – health concerns
Becky Albritton – improving with medication
Wilma Satterfield – severe back pain
Shirley Pace – recovering from hip replacement
Leah Adkins – ongoing health issues
Will Myrick - chemotherapy
Jackie Prater – recovering from surgery

Prayer Concerns for Friends & Loved Ones
Jack
Waylon Johnson – 2 yr. old – neuroblastoma
Mark Madison – serious motorcycle accident
Sylvia (Harrell) Anderson – son David has spina bifida
Glen Camp (friend of Dale McKee) - cancer
Marshall Mann – cancer metastasized to liver
Patty Mann – ovarian cancer - chemotherapy
David Dix – serious kidney problems
Rhonda Blackburn – pancreatic cancer
Mary Sawchuck – stage 3 kidney failure
Sarah Lawson (cousin of Amanda Casto) cirrhosis of liver
Bridget Smith (Ray & Sheri Tucker’s niece) health issues

Convalescent Centers/Assisted Living
Connie Heater (Calvert City)
Wilma Fay Farmer (Calvert City)
Martha Miller (Calvert City)
Hershel Haley (Oakview)
Linda Beck (Stilley House)

Homebound
Linda Terry
Doris Haley
Laura Smith

Military Members
Cory Joiner
Ben Sewell
Wes Dyson
Aaron McKee
Zac Grimes
James Ward

$ AUGUST FIGURES $

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DEBT RETIREMENT
Debt Retirement Needs Monthly     $ 2,500.00
Debt Retirement Receipts July     $ 1,895.66
Debt Retirement YTD Receipts      $12,660.66
Balance Due On Note              $154,037.07

YOUTH MINISTRY

News
By: Savannah McKee

This month, we’ve been doing a video series by Francis Chan called Crazy Love. It’s pretty self-explanatory, but I’ll go into it a little deeper.

It’s all about how God loves us a crazy amount and it’s so much that it can be hard to understand. This video series really goes in deep and focuses on how much He really loves us and encourages us to really think about it and try to get on a personal level with God.

We’ve hung out a few times this month, from going to the mall and just having fun, to going to the drive in. We tried to get in as much bonding time as possible before we all went back to school.

We thank you guys for everything you continue to do for us to help us grow in our walks with God and we hope you continue to pray for us and support us as we go on through the end of this year.
As you know, I am on the Board of Directors of the HOPE Clinic in Benton. What you may not know is that HOPE Clinic sponsors abstinence training at our middle school campuses. I am so grateful that we’re still able to bring this powerful message to our children in a day when many think it’s not realistic. In a recent board meeting, our director shared with us that many of our own children have concluded that marriage isn’t a realistic institution!

In light of that revelation, I want to pass along an excerpt from an article I read recently at www.BreakPoint.org … that drove home to me the way this kind of thinking can progress.

According to Mr. Paul Rampell, a Palm Beach attorney specializing in estate planning, the whole “till death do us part” thing ignores the fact that just as we have the option of leasing a car or a home, maybe we should have the option to “lease” a spouse. What he has in mind is something like this: “Two people commit themselves to marriage for a period of years — one year, five years, 10 years, whatever term suits them.” … If at the end of the term they want to remain “married,” they can re-up for an additional term. If not, they can go their separate ways.

Thus, according to him, “the messiness of divorce is avoided and the end can be as simple as vacating a rental unit.” So instead of “wedlock,” you have “wedlease.” His words.

But what about the children? Well, “there could be an option to have the lease automatically continue until the child reaches the age of majority.” An option? Really?!

Unfortunately, Mr Rampell’s proposal does nothing about the number of failing marriages — it only re-labels them. Whether it’s called a “divorce” or “termination of a lease,” the result is the same … the social consequences continue to build.

As absurd and ridiculous as this proposal is, it does reflect contemporary thinking about marriage, which treats the institution as a purely private agreement between two parties that can be dissolved when either party wants out.

We Christians aren’t immune from this kind of thinking. Based on what we’re hearing from our school-age children, many of our friends and neighbors have forgotten the truth and beauty of God’s plan for marriage; a lifelong union between a man and a woman for their mutual joy and the procreation of children; a relationship that helps us understand Christ’s love for His creation.

Marriage is a “covenant of commitment” … not a “relationship of convenience.” Read through Eph 5:22-31. Think carefully about what Paul is saying to us. It’s the plan for marriage that works! One where everybody wins!

Let me encourage you to pray for our homes and families and marriages. Pray for your own. Talk to your family about marriage. Answer their questions and describe God’s plan for a covenant of commitment … the same kind of commitment God has given to each of us who know Him as Savior and Lord. I’m praying for you.

Together in Him,

Bro Jim

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**Minister of Music and Education**

**Rick Johnson**

**Meals and Children’s Choir Ministry**

Our Wednesday meals and the children’s choir ministry will begin for the new church year on Wednesday, September 4. Check out the schedule below and come join us each week!

**FALL WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE**

5:00 P.M. Fellowship Meal – sign-up sheet across from the church office
6:00 P.M. Adult Prayer Service in the Sanctuary
6:00 P.M. FBC Student Ministry for grades 6-12
7:05 P.M. Sanctuary Worship Choir Rehearsal

**FALL SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

6:00 P.M. AWANA Evening Worship Service/Teaching Series
7:00 P.M. Worship Service Dismisses
7:30 P.M. AWANA DISMISES Regular sessions will end at 7:30 unless there are any schedule changes throughout the year. These will be announced.

**Projection Team Ministry**

Presently, we have three individuals interested in running our projection system on Sundays. I had another person who expressed interest when their schedule allows. Anyone else who may be interested would need to contact me as soon as possible. We plan to begin training soon on the projection software that we will eventually use for all projections and videos, since we now have a brand new computer to run the software! The only item left to purchase, when the money is available in our fund, is the rear screen monitor for our stage people to see the projections. Please pray for our projection and audio personnel as they run this equipment. If you have any issues with sound or projection, please address them to me first and I will see if the issue can be corrected. We will do our very best to see that everyone hears well and follows what is projected on the screens each Sunday. Thanks for your patience and understanding, as we learn the process.

**Children’s Choir Ministry Begins for New Year**

Our Children’s Choir Ministry begins on Wednesday, September 4, along with our weekly fellowship meals. LifeWay has set the theme for this year’s curriculum as Radical Retro Ride because they have been publishing these materials for 50 years! We will be looking at different decades and generations and how things have changed through the years. The children will be reminded in the music and activities how God never changes and is God for all generations both past and present.

Choir rehearsals will be upstairs in the children’s Sunday School area. We will rehearse each Wednesday from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. and parents may pick up children right after the rehearsals are done. Please let us know of any other approved people that may come to retrieve your child. When you bring your child for the first rehearsal, please add your name or any other approved names to a list for child pick-up. This will be a great help as we do our best to protect your child. We look forward to seeing your child (children) at our first rehearsal on Wednesday, September 4, at 6:00 p.m.

Serving with Joy!
Bro. Rick
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**NURSERY ASSISTANTS**

- **Sept. 1:** Babies/2-3 Yrs: Jo Beth Jones PM: Sarah Peck
- **Sept. 8:** Babies/2-3 Yrs: Tanara Babcock PM: Anna Hodge
- **Sept. 15:** Babies/2-3 Yrs: Jamie Tucker PM: Sarah Peck
- **Sept. 22:** Babies/2-3 Yrs: Cheryl Ewing PM: Mona Johnson
- **Sept. 29:** Babies/2-3 Yrs: Kathy Poague PM: Sarah Peck

**SANCTUARY GREETERS**

- Peter & Joyce Wolff
- Bill & Karen Kunnecke
- Jason Cornwall/Adam Morton
- Earl & Nancy Whitler
- Lance & Trena Gregory

**USHERS**

- Jess Bennett, Chuck Thompson, Danny Sewell, Jeff Peck & Billy Hodge
- Dale Smith, Landon Smith, Andy Pagel, Mike Wiles & Jerry Devine
- Lowell O’Daniel, Sam Jones, Conner Jones, Larry Coursey & Lance Gregory
- Oral Sickling, Phil Broyles, Peter Wolff, George Heater & Billy Pierce
- Jess Bennett, Chuck Thompson, Danny Sewell, Jeff Peck & Billy Hodge

**PRAYER ROOM SCHEDULE**

- **Sept. 1:** Sue Bull/Letha Sickling
- **Sept. 8:** Daryl Smith/John Phillips
- **Sept. 15:** Judy Smith/Kathy Poague
- **Sept. 22:** Oral Sickling/Ray Tucker
- **Sept. 29:** Leroy Sewell/Jess Bennett

**TELLERS – September 2013**

- Dale & Jean Smith

**DEACONS OF THE WEEK**

- **Week of Sept. 1:** Ken Musgrove 270-210-4710 Jess Bennett 270-559-4071
- **Week of Sept. 8:** Andy Pagel 270-210-7589 Daryl Smith 270-703-4300
- **Week of Sept. 15:** Lance Gregory 270-703-4881 Dale Smith 270-564-8457
- **Week of Sept. 22:** Ken Musgrove 270-210-4710 Jess Bennett 270-559-4071
- **Week of Sept. 29:** Andy Pagel 270-210-7589 Daryl Smith 270-703-4300