

**OPPORTUNITIES**

Mar. 18	8:30 AM	Early Worship
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	10:45 AM	Morning Worship
	6:00 PM	Evening Worship
Mar. 19	8:00-11:00	Preschool
	6:00 PM	Men's / Women's Prayer
Mar. 20	8:00-11:00	Preschool
	NOON	Keenager's Potluck
	6:00 PM	Men's Basketball
Mar. 21	8:00-11:00	Preschool
	6:15 PM	Awana
	6:30 PM	Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
		Adult Choir
	6:45 PM	Youth W/3
Mar. 22	8:00-11:00	Preschool
	3:00 PM	Children's Choir
Mar. 23	8:00-11:00	Preschool
Mar. 24	9:00-10:30	Easter Egg Hunt

Worship 3/11/18	345
Sunday School	255
Week Day Bible Studies	18
Awana 3/7/18	112

Budget Offering 3/11/18	\$12,508.25
Given to Date	\$141,910.35
Budget Needs To Date	\$144,056.40
Designated Offering	\$2,764.00
Building Fund 3/11/18	\$90.00
Building Fund This Year	\$1,490.00
Lottie Moon (2018)	\$2,293.75
Edward Jones Endowment Fund	\$81,048.13

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# *The Voice*



*March 13, 2018*



Sunday was a great day as we had the opportunity to baptize, to have people join the church, to have Griffen Ives and his family back with us at church and to hear Cory McArtor. It is always thrilling to witness the power of God at work among us. We realize He has the power to save, to heal, to comfort and to grow us into His likeness more and more every day. When we witness Cory's growth and maturity, we rejoice over God's goodness and the manner in which He moves in people's lives.

Cory and Adah plan to be back in April to speak with more Sunday School classes about their work in Erbil, Iraq. As they spoke with the class I teach, their presentation clarified the work they would be doing with International Baptist Church in Erbil. Although the area is 99% Muslim, the Kurdish people are much more open to the gospel and Cory and Adah will be going there with the freedom to share the gospel. They are presently in the process of raising support to go. Their goal is to raise approximately \$7,200.00 a month which will cover their salaries and all the other expenses related to the ministry they will be conducting. You may make one-time contributions to their ministry or make monthly gifts to their ministry through the church.

We also have three college-age students who will be engaged in mission work this spring and summer. Cody Lewis will be returning to Puerto Rico in June. Cody's trip will cost \$1,300.00. Claire Edwards, who is presently doing prison ministry during Spring Break, will head to Ireland in May and that trip will cost \$2,500.00. Rachel Prange will go to China for six weeks this summer and her expenses will be approximately \$7,000.00. You may contribute to any of these people by giving through the church. Thank you for your help.

**Don Wilson**



Retired Adults, join us Tuesday, March 20 (1<sup>st</sup> day of Spring), for **Celebration of Spring Potluck!** Bring your favorite dish or dessert and we'll provide meat and drinks. We have so much to celebrate! Hope you can join us!

Hope to see you this Sunday for worship and Bible Study!

**Bro. Mark**



Hey FBC Friends and Family!  
It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas-  
Er, I mean, it's snowing. It's hard to believe that we just sprang forward, had snow Sunday night and yet Resurrection Sunday is only a few short weeks away. This also means that Tater Day is only a few short weeks away. In order to be able to do our big Tater Day parking fundraiser, I am going to need both youth and parent volunteers. You need to let me know ASAP if you are going to be able to help. Tater Day will be Easter Weekend March 30th. We will most likely not man the parking lot on Easter Sunday, being that it is Resurrection Sunday.

Also, Amanda will be doing a fudge fundraiser soon, so keep an eye out for the details!

The Best is Yet to Come,

**Daniel**



The Easter Egg hunt is two weeks away! It will be on Saturday, March 24 from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. We will have donuts, fruit and pastries for everyone! If you have bags of empty eggs, please return the filled eggs to the church no later than Wednesday, March 21.

On April 22, we will have a family trivia night. Be looking for information and be catching up on your Bible trivia!

We are into our third month of the Bible Reading Challenge. We have 25 kids who have completed the challenge up to this point! That means 25 kids are reading their Bible every day in 2018! Psalm 119:11, has always been a verse I have kept on my heart as a children's minister. "I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you." You never know when the Bible verses we teach our kids will be needed later in their lives. I don't know how many times we have heard over the past 7 weeks about how Bible verses have come to the minds of our high schoolers. Verses that they learned as a child gave them comfort in times that they needed them most. A mom sent me a text this week after our talent show in Awana. She said, "My favorite part of all was sitting behind a group of boys and watching them during the verse challenge before the talent show when they were trying to identify the Bible verses. The joy they had just warmed my heart when they got the verses right! To see kids get so excited about getting scripture correct is an absolute sign that God is working in their lives." I encourage everyone to get into the Word. Our boys and girls are doing a simple monthly reading plan that is

about 15 verses a day. If you would like a copy we have them in the Welcome Center and on the bulletin boards.

Have a great week!

**Margaret**

**BIRTHDAYS**

- Mar. 14 Cayce Hendrickson
- Mar. 16 Amy Northcott
- Mar. 17 Jennifer Jezik
- Carolyn Hinton
- Joanne Johnson
- Josh Powell
- Charles Riley
- Mar. 18 Greg Carter
- Mar. 19 Wyndi Cossler
- Joy Gee
- Gunner Young
- Brodie Young
- Mar. 20 Hadley Johnston



There will be a baby dedication on Sunday, March 25, during both morning worship services. Contact the church office if you haven't already.



**WELCOME NEW MEMBER!**

Shayna Johnson  
2320 State Route 1949  
Symsonia, Kentucky

**SYMPATHY**

Christian sympathy is extended to *Debbie Dowdy & family* in the loss of her father, *Wallace McPherson*.

**THANK YOU**

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you." Philippians 1:3 Thanks so much for the flowers, cards and prayers.

*Family of Wallace McPherson*