



New Castle First Baptist Church

April 2019

Proverbs 16:3 Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established (ESV).

Brothers and Sisters,

We recently began the strategic planning process for our church. As I have mentioned already, the purpose of this process is to try and discern what the Lord's will is for our congregation (and our various ministries within) so that we can walk in it. He has a plan for us; Plans for us to grow; Plans for us to thrive. A special plan, a unique plan for our congregation alone, to better reach the community in which the Lord has planted us and called us to serve. We know that our county is not what it should be. We have a lot of suffering, hurting, addiction and confusion which is all a direct result of "lostness" and spiritual brokenness. Through our van ministry and Wednesday night programming we have been ministering to some of the younger folks in our county whose families don't attend church. Many of you have devoted yourself to this through driving the van, running the AV equipment, preparing meals, praying, loving, teaching classes, and visiting with the families. Then, after all our work, prayers and emotional investment many of these young ones throw it back in our face by trying to climb on the roof, picking fights, making a mess, smoking in the bathroom, being loud and disrespectful and basically acting like kids who don't have a lot of guidance and direction during the rest of the week. It can be frustrating. We love these kids so much. We want to help get them on the right path and we want to help them to know Christ and live for him. But the reality is many of them will not. Then, in desperation we start to think, "Maybe if we can reach just one. Maybe if we can take just one of these children and get them off the path they are on and put them on a better one then it will be all worth it." Well, here is the thing, Jesus wants more than one. He came for all of them. He died for all of them. He died for them, their parents, and everyone else in their family just as he died for you and me. And while the best you and I can do is possibly reach one or two. Jesus can use us to reach them all. I believe he has a plan to use us to reach them all. But we must pursue his will, we must seek his plan, and then we need to walk in it. This is the point of the strategic planning process that we are entering into; to discover God's plan and put it into action. Not just with the van ministry, but with everything that we do. With any planning process done in church, business or our personal lives there are three crucial questions that need to be answered. Where are we? Where are we going? How are we going to get there? We can have all the dreams in the world but they are never going to be more than dreams if we don't put together a strategic plan to make them a reality. And a plan is useless if it does not first address where we are at the moment. So we need to look at all three parts, starting with discovering where we are, and that is why we are having the listening sessions now to try to discern that. So please sign up for those. Our Scripture passage for this month is "Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established" (ESV). As we willingly, consciously, and daily commit our work to the Lord, he will guide us. We do not establish our plans. God is the one that does that. But we must surrender ourselves to him time and time again (many times a day if you are anything like me) and when we do this, he will make his plans for us plain. If we do this, and God's dreams for our church become ours, we will see revival not just among us, but our city and our county will be changed too. But we must all be committed to him in every area of our lives. So please, keep praying. Keep serving. Keep turning everything in your life over to God and just watch how He is glorified through our church.

Blessings,

Pastor Kevin

APRIL MEMORY VERSE

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Circle of Friends

Meeting the 2nd Tuesday of every Month
Beaumont Inn, Harrodsburg

April 16th-11:30 am

Confirm with Linda Stewart or Peggy McCarty

March Nursery Schedule

7 Sue Banta & Lynn Adams
14 Aimee Cline & Ginger Nix
21 Emily Payton & Ella White
29 **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Special Thanks to everyone who serves!!!

SAMARITAN'S PURSE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX MINISTRY NOW COLLECTING:

<Stuffed animals and toothbrushes (NO TOOTHPASTE)>

The Annual Relay for Life Cake Auction will take place at the May Fellowship Potluck and Business meeting.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Roy Jackson-2nd Jackson Jeffries-2nd

Phil Powell-4th Susan Kurtz-5th

Greg Black-12th Butch Banta-15th

Gentry Stivers-17th Joyce Powell-20th

Connie Rawlins-26th

Casey Stamenkovic'-28th

Taylor Neuman-30th

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Deacons of the Month

Melissa Blankenship 502-220-3182

Paul Cole 502-706-1959

Please contact these individuals with needs, concerns or requests

Our Website has been undergoing updates and additions. It is a constant work in progress, as things are changing and new things are happening. Check it out!

*****If you have suggestions, please share them!*****

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