



New Castle First Baptist Church

AUGUST 2019

Dear Church,

This month we celebrate our one-year anniversary of our family joining with yours! And what a wonderful year it has been! In such a short time we have done so much. I wanted to take this opportunity to point out some of the highlights of the year so that we can all reflect on how God is moving here at First Baptist Church.

First, we are a church that fellowships. We had some great luncheons with Circle of Friends. Every month we have gotten together at many different venues in the area. We have gone to some fine restaurants from the Key West Shrimp House in Madison, IN, to the Whistlestop Café in Glendale, KY. And while the food was usually good, the fellowship was always wonderful. If you are able to attend luncheons in the future, I strongly encourage you to pencil it in for every second Tuesday of the month. We also had some other great fellowship events as a church at Johnnie Allison's annual pumpkin bonanza (which I am looking forward to again this year). The HCBA Senior Adult Luncheon which we hosted in October. We had a wonderful dinner to send off Dr. Orrick and to welcome our family. We saw Brittney and Ryan tie the knot in a beautiful ceremony and reception. We also had our incredible Christmas Cantata organized and directed by our wonderful music minister Karen Greenwell and a great time for fellowship and deserts afterwards.

Second, we are a church that serves. We had a clean-up day where over 50% of the church showed up and did a great job cleaning up our building. I have also been involved with impromptu cleanups where certain members of our church have invested their own money, time and tools to make sure that we have a nice garden in front and that the church continues to look as pretty as it has. They have not advertised what they have done and they likely would rather I not tell

you who did it, but if any of you would like to take an active interest in the church or the grounds and would like to participate let me know and I will get you plugged in. We also took a van load of members to Boone, NC to pack shoeboxes, we have dedicated men every week while school is in session who go and pick up kids from all over the county for our Wed night programing. We also showed up in force here at the church for Trick or Treat and many families saw the love of Jesus in our people's eyes as they stopped by the church. Finally, thanks to servants in this church we were able to put together the first directory that we have had in 17 years. We also initiated the church council which has been working hard this year to help us do and be the church that God has called us to be.

Third, we are a giving church. For the Henry County Public Schools we worked with the Henry County Baptist Association to offer free school supplies to all the K-12 students in Henry County Public Schools. This year we had over 11 volunteers help us with this and every family that came was invited to join us in church and given a flyer about all our activities. We gave 230 shoeboxes towards the Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child, filled over 50 baby bottles with cash for ALC Pregnancy Centers fundraiser, eggs for the community Easter Egg hunt, counseled over 25 different benevolence requests, and gave over a thousand dollars through a special fundraiser for the HCPS Backpack program; we also provided 12 backpacks to Children in Appalachia with the HCBA, the Relay for Life, the youth and children's summer camp at Crossings. We also collected \$1,530 for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering and \$1,205 for the Annie Armstrong Easter offering. We have also opened our church and welcomed in our local Cub Scouts (Pack 412) and Celebrate Recovery. Both ministries strive to help participants live Christ centered lives.

We are a learning church. We had members that went to the WMU conference, conferences on poverty, evangelism, and church leadership. We have doubled our Sunday School participation over 12

months and Mrs. Jessica Wilkerson has also added an additional class for younger ladies. Furthermore, we have been blessed with gifted guest preachers like Dr. Larry Orange and Dr. Steve Gouge.

Fourth, we are a praying church. Our prayer list stays pretty heavy with names because our people know that prayers are being lifted on their behalf. God has seen us through some hard times, both corporately and privately, and it is all a result of him responding to our saints on their knees! 40 Days of Prayer was also a great tool to prepare us for the vision process as well.

Finally, we are a growing church. We added 7 new members this past year through baptism or letters of transfer from other churches and we also have 2 people that we will baptize this month who will also be joining our church as well. We have had a 30% increase in attendance this past year but what is really exciting is to see the spiritual growth of our members! Also, we have added Mrs. Angela Buckler as Church Office Manager and Mr. Todd Cutler as Youth Minister to continue serving as the great servants before them had done.

God is moving in this church! There is no doubt about it. And I for one feel blessed that my family and I get to be a part of it. While there is still much to be done, sometimes it is good to take a breath and reflect on what the Lord has already done. Because this I know is true, He is not finished with us yet. And the fact that He has guided us, moved through us, and served through us over this past year is the greatest evidence that we have, that He will continue to walk with us as we serve Him. And as Pastor Paul stated, "I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."

Be God's,

Pastor Kevin

AUGUST MEMORY VERSE

BEING CONFIDENT OF THIS, THAT HE WHO BEGAN A GOOD WORK IN YOU WILL CARRY IT ON TO COMPLETION UNTIL THE DAY OF CHRIST JESUS. PHILLIPIANS 1:6 (NIV)

Circle of Friends

Meeting the 2nd Tuesday of every Month
August 13th-11:30 am

Olive Garden, Louisville

Confirm with Linda Stewart or Peggy McCarty

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

AUGUST COLLECTION

PENCILS-PENS-CRAYONS

SMALL COLORING BOOKS

AUGUST NURSERY SCHEDULE

Special Thanks to everyone who serves!!!

- 4 Sue Banta & Lynn Adams
- 11 Aimee Cline & Ginger Nix
- 18 Emily Payton & Ella White
- 25 Amanda Ott, Akacia Kurtz, Sara & Becca
Wilkerson

THANK YOU!

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THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT BOUGHT PAPER, DONATED MONEY, AND HELPED WITH THE HCBA BACK TO SCHOOL BASH. IT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMS RESUME!!!!!!

Join us beginning Wednesday, August 28th

Children's Program K-5th

Middle School Youth

6-7:30pm

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2 ND Ashley Foree	2 nd Jenny Kimes
10 th Aimee Cline	13 th Mikaela Kline
14 th Rhelda Moore	14 th Jared Payton
17 th Rachel Vegh	18 th Brenda Graham
21 st Jordan Bryant	23 rd Berley Cline
23 rd Jamie Graham	24 th Chase Neuman
24 th Michael Stewart	26 th Tony Kurtz
27 th Marilyn Rose	27 th Kim Cole
30 th Brittany Roberts	31 st Tony McGhee

CHURCHWIDE PICNIC

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4TH

HARRY HILL PARK

5:30pm

