-Announcements-

<u>Birthdays</u>: Brooke Taylor (10/5) Anniversaries: Shae & Anna Brown (10/2), Justin & Jessica Straub (10/5)



Christmas cantata

practice begins at 5 PM, and "regular" choir practice moves to 6 PM. (Singers coming for cantata practice, please bring a black 2-inch, 3-ring binder for your music.) **ALL SINGERS WELCOME!**

TONIGHT: At 6 PM Pastor Ben's Bible study in the sanctuary AND optional prayer class with Chuck Bartlett in the Lydia classroom, Deacons Mtg. at 7 PM.

FBC's church secretary will be on vacation this week. Please call the church office at 304.645.3533 and leave messages for Pastor Ben if you have pressing items.

Ladies' book study continues TOMORROW, Monday, 10/2 from 6:30–8:00 in the Fellowship Hall. The text for the study is available for \$16 in the Welcome Center or at the meeting tomorrow.

-Sewing Circle (2 PM) and Ladies' Craft Fellowship (6:30 PM) Tuesday, 10/3. —Men's book study this Thursday, 10/5, at 7 PM.

Special Operation Christmas Child MEGA Shoebox Packing Day this Thursday, 10/5; our goal is to pack 1,265 boxes! Sign-up sheets for shifts from 9 AM to noon or from 1 to 4 PM are near the Fellowship Hall. All invited and NEEDED. OCTOBER SHOEBOX ITEM: SHARPENED #2 PENCILS

Men's Breakfast—Saturday, 10/14, at 8:30 AM. All men and boys 12+ are welcome. Invite a friend!

TRUNK-OR-TREAT AT FBC 10/31 FROM 6 TO 8 PM. DONATIONS OF CANDY, HOT DOGS, AND BOTTLED WATER NEEDED AND VOLUNTEERS FOR DECORATING THEIR VEHICLES. PARKING/SECURITY, SET-UP, AND PASSING OUT TRACTS (SIGN-UP SHEETS IN THE WELCOME CENTER). CANDY DONATION TUBS IN THE MISSION DONATION AREA NEAR THE FELLOWSHIP HALL AND IN THE FRONT SANCTUARY FOYER.

From Stewardship Chair Gayle McCroskey:

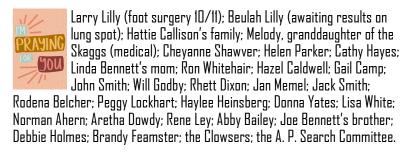
Any committee or other group from the church that would like to be included in the 2024 budget, please submit a detailed line-item request by 11/1/23 by emailing the church office (fbcsharp@gmail.com) or by dropping it off with the church secretary.

An updated Policies and Procedures "manual" for FBC is available at any entrance for you to peruse prior to next Sunday's business meeting.

September Tithes/Offerings

Regular \$32,587.01, AE Scholarship Fund \$1,080.00, Ola Cox WV Offering \$3,430.00, S.A.M. Trip Reimbursement \$1,319.50, Youth Activities \$50.00, World Hunger \$200.00, Building Fund \$50.00, Other \$3,320.90, OCC \$250.00, AWANA \$20.00. Offering plates are up front on both sides of the sanctuary AND now in the sanctuary's front foyer. Online giving is available at fbcfairlea.com. Scroll down to "Digital Giving", or text the word "give" to 304.600.7300.

Donations of non-perishable food requested for the WMU Brown Bag ministry to benefit needy students, e.g., individually packaged snacks, microwave mac'n cheese, fruit, flip-top cans of soup and spaghetti, peanut butter, crackers, individual boxes/ packets of cereal, crackers, and Vienna sausages. TY!





"But He was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed." Isaiah 53:5

FIRST BAPTIST FAIRLEA DEACON ORDINATION/ COMMUNION SUNDAY

October 1, 2023

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Pastor Ben's contact info: bensemail40@gmail.com 304.641.6003

WELCOME! We are so glad you have chosen to worship together with us this morning! This is a vital part of "Gathering, Growing, and Going". If this is your first time with us, we would love to both give you some information about our church and get some contact information from you so Pastor Ben can connect with you sometime soon.

Welcome & Call to Worship—Colossians 2:13-14 Pastor Ben

Worship Song: "Lord, I Need You" (video)

Opening Prayer: Deacon Herb Ley

Special Music: "I'm So Blessed" Grace & Ava Douglas

Ordination of Deacon Eric Fritzius & Prayer

Dismissal of Adventure Kids

God's Message from 2 Kings 21:1-16 "It's Never Too Late": Pastor Ben

"Communion in Christ"

Closing Song: "There Is a Fountain", #336, vv. 1, 3, & 4

Closing Prayer: Pastor Ben

~SERMON NOTES~



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

-Sunday School at 9:45 AM for ALL ages. -Nursery provided during all services. -Adventure Kids for children age 3 through 5th grade offered during the 11AM service.

-AWANA, the dynamic Bible club children's program, meets Wednesdays

from 6:45 to 8:15 for children age 3 (if potty-trained) through 5th grade.

-Youth Group, for students grades 6–12, also meets Wednesdays at 6:45 PM.

Servant Ministries

Today's Deacon: Herb Ley Next week: Joe Bennett

Sunday School Nursery: Kira Glazzard, Linda Bennett

11:00 Nursery: Travis & Jennifer Bennett *Next week: Connie Gottshall, Betty Mulkey*

Adventure Kids: Joey Moses, Treva Vass, Beth Shafer Next week: Kaye Hinkle, Joey Moses, Russ & Beth Shafer

Sound Specialists this week & next: Rob Thomas, Brent O'Dell

Videographer today: Kevin Ahern

Praise Team: Grace & Ava Douglas, Dwayne Hoover

Ushers: Mike Holmes, Bill Hoover, Butch Ferguson, Dale Jackson Next week: Jack Smith, Dale Vass, Bruce Sloan, Bob McCroskey

Special music next week: Johnny Shores