



May Calendar

Sundays	9:00 AM	Adult Class
	10:15 AM	Worship Service
Wed.	5:30 PM	Family Supper
	6:00 PM	Bible Study
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Saturday, May 4	8:00 AM	Men's Breakfast
Monday, May 6	5:30 PM	Deacon & Worship Boards
Tuesday, May 7	5:30 PM	Trustee Board
	6:30 PM	CE and M&E Boards
Saturday, May 11	11:00 AM	Ladies' Tea
Tuesday, May 13	6:30 PM	Council Meeting
Thursday, May 16	Noon	"SALT" soup luncheon
	6:30 PM	Sac and Fox Lapidary Club
Tuesday, May 21	1:00 PM	Maxine Bates Circle

	March Finances	
	Giving: \$31,079.85	
	Expenses: \$17,066.28	



Grow in Grace. 2 Peter 3:18



Baptist Tidings

Fairfield First Baptist Church
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Fairfield First Baptist Our Family Characteristics Humble - Hungry - Hopeful

As parents we have some idea of what we would like our family to be like; the way we would like our family to be characterized. We may not have thought through it consciously or written anything down as to the characteristics we desired, but in the back of our minds we hope our family would be defined in certain ways.

As I think about it, now, the characteristics I desired for my family were that we would be thoughtful of others, kind, helpful and honest; that our kids would come to know their place in the world; that God has given them unique gifts that they can apply in useful ways and that they would learn to continually grow to love him more and more.

In the same way every church has characteristics that are the result of the environment around them and the makeup of the people who are connecting together. Some of those characteristics

are simply the result of natural, sociological behaviors, (groups just naturally learn ways to interact with one another.) But then there are characteristics that are intentionally developed because they're clearly Biblical and healthy church family traits.

When I think of Fairfield First Baptist I think of three characteristics that would describe this church family well. These are characteristics I found were already true of you all when I came as your pastor, but they're traits that we want to continue to develop. They are, that we would be a church family that's humble, hungry and hopeful.

Humble

Philippians 2:³ "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. ⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus..." (A humble community values and enjoys each other and respects each other's gifts.)

Hungry

Philippians 3:¹³ "Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." (A hungry community is constantly looking for ways to get more spiritual nutrition and help each other grow.)

Hopeful

Philippians 3:20 "But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body." (A hopeful community is expectant of God's goodness and looks forward to the good things God plans for it.)

Thanks for being humble, hungry and hopeful!

Let's excel still more,
Pastor John

PRAYER LIST

Cameron Symmonds, Rod Ryan, Nolan Stevenson, Ruth Leazer, Ralph Paulding, Jan Hunerdosse, Dave Dutcher, Sandy Lathrop, Ray Woody, Dick and June Workman, Steve Cardis and family, family of Russell Rippey, Lisa Greenig's mother, Jean Clark, and niece, Alyssa.



"SALT" POTLUCK. The May Gathering of "SALT" (Senior Adults Living Triumphantly) will be Thursday, May 16th @ Noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to pass. All senior adults age 55+ are invited.

Mother's Day is May 12. We would like to honor our mothers with a slide show during the service on Sunday Morning. If you would like your mother to be remembered in this way, please email a photo to the church office, officefbc@lisco.com or text it to Amy at 815-213-1503. You can also bring a photo in during office hours. This is for all mothers, young and old, living or passed on. We will do the same on Father's Day if you'd like to submit a photo of your father at the same time. **Last day to submit mother's photos is May 6.**



There's No Place Like HOME! Ladies' Tea

Saturday, May 11, 11am~1pm
There will be games, a light lunch, musical entertainment and a short devotion. Optional: dress as your favorite character from the Wizard of Oz! A free-will offering will go to the Youth Fund. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.



2 Steve Cardis
2 Haley Ryan
4 Lundy Anderson
5 Henry Salee
7 Iris Voreis
11 Portia Bisgard

13 Ashley Worley
17 Janelle Epperson
19 Lulu Reed
22 Halibel Baerg
22 Roger Wright

24 June Workman
25 Kellen Copeland
27 Willow Worley
28 Marv Roemen
28 Mark Epperson
30 Rod Ryan



14 Greg and Deb Fritz
19 Virgil and Jane Symmonds
21 Jason and Lisa Crandall
22 Dick and June Workman
23 Greg and Julie Hanshaw
27 John and Amy Kermott

Note: If your birthday or anniversary is this month, but is not listed, please call the church office with that information.

HEAD USHERS		KIDZONE LEADERS	
5	Bob Keller	5	Tom & Jill Baerg
12	John Van Winkle	12	Erica Voreis/Jan Baird
19	Ted Munson	19	Betsie Wotherspoon/Lisa Greenig
26	Jim Wotherspoon	26	Erica Voreis/Nigel Baerg

COMMUNION SERVERS MAY 5: Ted Munson, Margaret Wilson, Greg Hanshaw, Jason Crandall, Ray Woody

CHILDREN'S SERMON May 19: xxxx

First Baptist Church Council Meeting 4-9-24

Present: Virgil Symmonds, Dick Hunt, Ted Munson, Bob Keller, John Rathbun, Margaret Stephens.



Devotion by Pastor John from 2nd Samuel. Pastor opened meeting with prayer. Motion made to approve minutes from previous meeting. Motion made by Bob Keller and seconded by Virgil Symmonds. So passed. March financial report with income being \$30,451.00 and expenses being \$17,000.00. April 14 is Church retreat with a potluck meal. Plans for Cochren and Co. in the works. Will have a dinner with program at 7:00 PM. Plans for bathroom remodel will fix heat, flooring, and painting. Also work on temperature of water. Prices will be coming in. There is \$5400.00 in memorial fund for remodel of bathrooms. Hopefully will be done in May. New Business – Spring Clean-up day for certain areas. Bob Keller will let us know when. Also baby changing station might be put in nursery. Pray request for Greg and Julie. June had cataract surgery. 9 year old Cameron, grandson of Symmonds'. Clester Graham, son of Margaret Stephens. Lisa Greenig's niece, Alyssa. Kim Halvorson. Motion to adjourn by Bob Keller, seconded by Dick Hunt. Jason prayed.

Respectfully submitted, Margaret Stephens

All-Church Retreat, April 14, 2024

Potluck lunch was attended by 30 people. 22 people attended retreat. Opening meeting with song; "He who began a Good Work in You", with Pastor John and Dick Hunt on guitars. Dick Hunt gave opening prayer. Pastor discussed Family characteristics. There was discussion on what our church does well and areas where our church needs improvement. It was said our church needs more volunteers for KidZone. There should be people in training. Pastor John talked on the Alpha course. He showed 2 videos about Alpha. It is a way for people to be introduced to Christ in a more laid-back setting. The Alpha Course will start in the future – maybe winter. Pastor John closed in prayer after a time of open group prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Margaret Stephens

First Baptist Church Quarterly Meeting, April 21, 2024

Greg Hanshaw opened the meeting with devotion – “There’s No Place like Home” from Wizard of OZ. Greg prayed. There were 26 present. Minutes from the last meeting were approved. Motion made by Lee Muntz and seconded by John Rathbun. So passed. Jan Baird shared about headstone for Joann Winter. It has been completed. Ray Woody shared that March was one of the best giving months. John Rathbun said to please share prayer requests with Deacons at any time. Ashley said she can help with videos and posts after Cochren if others will take photos and videos, as she will not be able to attend the concert.

New Business: A vote to approve Ralph Paulding’s Transfer of Membership to Ringgold Baptist Church, Somerset, KY. Motion made by Jan Baird and seconded by Virgil Symmonds. So passed.

Bob Keller gave an update on bathroom remodel. Walls will be painted, upgrade on heat, hot water will be quicker. Will paint the stalls in both bathrooms and replace counters. Remodel will be approximately \$6500.00. Part of the work will be done by church members. Carpet in Sanctuary priced at \$30,000.00. Will also stretch the carpet in Pastor’s John’s office. There was approval to use some undesignated memorial money to cover expense of remodel. Bob Keller announced a cleaning date of Saturday, April 27 from 9:00-Noon. Take Away Hunger is no longer operating so a similar type ministry will be found for that designated money in the budget. Sarah Stiemsma asked about the money in the Children’s Book Fund. There was discussion about whether or not some of that money could be used to have bibles on hand to provide for KidZone kids 3rd-5th grade who do not have a Bible. Council will be discussing this. Lisa Greenig added that the Prayer Tent could be set up during Worship in the Park and Bibles could be available there.

Pastor John prayed.
Respectfully Submitted,
Margaret Stephens



Exciting New Church Family Group Study to give you tools for getting the most out of your Bible! Wednesday Nights at 6:00, April 3rd-May 22th. Feel free to come early for Wednesday Night Supper. May sessions are as follows:

- May 1: Chapter 6, “The Key to Discovering Truth” led by Dick Hunt
- May 8: Chapter 5, “Experiencing Scripture with Others”, Jason Crandall
- May 15: Chapter 7, “Interpretation: Understanding the Intended Meaning” - Ray Woody
- May 22: Close & Chapter 12, “Why You Can Trust the Bible”
Greg Hanshaw/Pastor John



**A Night of
Worship with
Cochren & Co.**
Fairfield First Baptist
**Thursday, June 6
7:00 PM**
**Tickets are now
available in the
church office.**

Blue tickets (for our church family) include a 5:30 dinner and “meet and greet” time with Michael & Co. before the 7PM program. The Deacons are offering this as a gift and a prayer ministry to the Fairfield Community.

Worship in the Park



Outdoor Worship dates for Summer 2024:

June 18th

August 18th

July 21st

September 8th (All FF Churches)

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

Need help? Can't get out to purchase your groceries or medication? Need your garbage carried to the curb? Our Helping Hands Program, through the



Deacon Board Ministry, is available to help with many small jobs that you are unable to tackle by yourself. Just call the church office (472-5205) any weekday morning or contact one of your deacons and we will try to fulfill that need.

John Rathbun	919-5828	Darrel Bisgard	819-2401
Margaret Wilson	472-5594	Jan Baird	472-5293
Harold Munson	472-8895	Lee Muntz	919-3337
Lisa Greenig	919-4343	Sharie Leazer	919-8471