



# THIRD BAPTIST CHURCH

*Trust God Bless Others Celebrate Grace*

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# The Courier

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Pastor Micah hosts a new 4-week series  
entitled "Grief, Stress & Jesus" beginning  
Wednesday, January 20 at 6PM  
to be broadcast on our Facebook Page.  
Join him as he and special guests  
discuss these issues and more!



INSIDE FOR IMPORTANT  
INFORMATION REGARDING  
CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES!

**GRIEF,  
STRESS &  
JESUS**

Hosted by  
Pastor Micah Spicer

**WEDNESDAYS AT 6PM  
January 20-February 10**

## Ho! Ho! Ho!

Santa and Mrs. Claus (a.k.a. Bob Dasher and Sandra Meschko) helped Jan and her crew deliver 145 gifts to 40 of our church families. Pictured with Santa & Mrs. Claus are Noré and Frankie Shemwell. Meanwhile, Janice Raby and the Missions Team helped 78 community families with Kroger gift cards for their holiday meals.

Thank you to all you contributed to make this year's mission a success!





**Pastor Micah Spicer**

Journey is an appropriate metaphor for the Christian life. Traveling through the wilderness or desert can be lonely and painful. Approaching a fork in the road demonstrates that there are choices to be made. We often meet other travelers who are trying to find their way much like we are. There is beauty around us: rippling waters, chirping birds, and vibrant landscapes. Each experience is different, yet eerily familiar.

I have been on a journey with you for the past 3 years. We have gotten to know each other pretty well. We have laughed and cried together. We have made new friends together and said goodbye to some we cherish. It is no surprise that our journey has brought its ups and

downs and twists and turns along the way. The road we travel together took a sharp turn last spring. A deadly virus upended our path, quite literally! Experts told us that if we would just hunker down for a few months, things would get better. Social distancing, mask wearing, and vaccines would enable us to get back to normal. In a few months, everything would be alright. Many of us began to believe that if we could just get through 2020, 2021 would bring an end to the suffering and grief. However, here we stand in our journey. It's January, 2021; yet, seemingly nothing is different than it was last month. The vaccine rollout has been unimpressive, a new Covid mutation has the UK in lockdown, and we are seeing loved ones suffer and die.

Like you, I want so desperately for our journey to get easier. Sadly, I am unable to tell you when that might be. Some things are, simply, beyond our control. All we can do is the best we can. As a church, our mission is to Trust God, Bless Others, and Celebrate Grace. That's what we do in good times and bad times. Like John of Patmos, who served God during great strife, we also envision a day where God will unleash mercy and love in unimaginable ways: "God will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup>He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." (Revelation 21:3-4)



**Jan Lampkin**  
*Children's Minister*

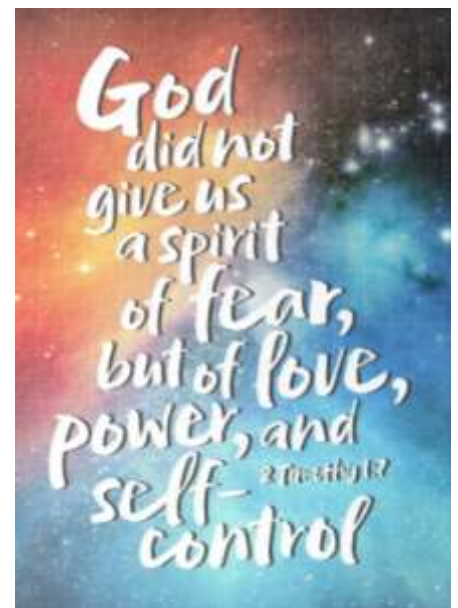
"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it."  
*Proverbs 2:6*

Happy New Year! This week is the beginning of a new year. It is scary because of the Covid-19 virus and how it will affect us all in 2021. It seems that none of us know what to expect these days. The past year has certainly been a challenge to us all. Our minds race with questions about what life will be like this new year. Hopefully, the answers will not be frightening. Only time will tell how and where this year will take us.

I was so glad our Music Director, David Roberson included the song "Create In Me A Clean Heart O God" in our worship experience this past Sunday. This song has been a tradition that the congregation sang on the first

Sunday of a New Year since I can remember. The beginning of a new year is a time that we reflect on the past and look to the new year as an opportunity to either drift into the next year timid and afraid of what's going to happen, or enter this year with a smile on your face expecting better things.

One of my favorite people in the New Testament is Paul. Paul encourages Timothy to rely on God's Spirit to make him powerful. As a believer in Jesus Christ, we have that same Spirit inside of us to help us to be strong instead of afraid. Let's face this new year with a strong Spirit instead of fear. Let go and let God be in control of your life in this new year!



# Worship MINISTRY

For nine months we've gathered for worship around Facebook or the radio. Unfortunately, it looks like we will continue this method of worship for the coming months. I appreciate the folks who have taken part in worship through this unusual period. Stacey and Shirley have done wonderful work, our Quartet/Quintet made up of Rebecca Volk, Mary Miller, Lynn Roberson, Jim Wilhoyte and myself have been so faithful in providing us choral music in a time when we can't have a choir. Many have shared solos, duets and trios. We've had many individuals who've shared scripture readings or prayers during our services. Jan

## DAVID ROBERSON

has reminded us of the children of our church and shared prayers and Micah has faithfully brought us messages of hope and comfort during a very stressful time. And Curtis Hannah has spent many hours taping, editing and posting our services online and to the radio station.

To steal a phrase, it takes a village! Even though we haven't been able to meet together many, many people have taken part in providing us a little sense of normalcy with our services. Thanks to all those I've mentioned and to any others who have had a hand in providing worship to our congregation. And there is hope



for the future. Sometime this year I think we'll be worshipping together in our beautiful sanctuary. I hope we all can stay faithful, keep each other in prayer and find ways to share the goodness of our great God. See you soon!



**Joe Bob Pierce**  
*Formations*

It's remarkable to me how we have adapted to the current Covid-19 crisis and all the changes we've had to make. I've never spent so much time away from church on Sunday! Being a "PK" (preacher's kid) made me a lifetime regular in the "church attendance department."

When the pandemic hit, it was such a novel thing for me to not be at church on Sunday morning! Yet, I will admit, I am pretty used to being at home now and viewing our services on Facebook. And they've been really good! The music, prayers, sermons, special occasions over the holidays, and

the general experience of virtual worship has helped keep me grounded throughout our long hiatus from regular congregational worship. But I will admit that I miss making announcements on Sunday morning, seeing people's faces sitting in the sanctuary, having the choir come into the choir loft as the service starts, watching Micah shaking hands and greeting people. However, I am a man of faith, most of the time, and I have faith we will see one another again in worship together sometime in 2021. Until then, let us pray for one another's physical and spiritual health.



### FINALLY ARRIVED!

However instead of shipping them to your home as we had planned, they were sent to the Church. The building will be open on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday from 10 am to 3 pm if you'd like to pick yours up; or you may call the office to schedule a time that's more convenient, or let us know yours will need to be delivered or mailed to your home.



**SYMPATHY**

The Church expresses its deepest love and sympathy to: Steve & Sherry Lee and their family in the loss of her mother **Jackie Peveler**; **Court & Jenny Lewis** in the loss of his mother; **Greg & Cindy Wolfe** in the loss of his father.

**MEMORIALS**

- in memory of Lis Cravens* by Frank & Martha Beller
- in memory of Vernile Whitmer* by Nancy Gordon Tom & Judy Dixon
- in memory of Betty Sue Hill* by Nancy Gordon
- in memory of Court Lewis' mother and Greg Wolfe's father* by Bettie Kincaid
- in memory of John D. & Pauline Morrison* by Peggy Maglinger
- in memory of Jackie Peveler* by Jean Lampkin

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 8 Becky Burns
- 8 Hadiya Stallings
- 8 Jacob Agee
- 10 Wendell Walker
- 10 Addison Crawford
- 10 Elliott Lewis
- 10 Darius Davenport
- 11 Emily Lindsey
- 13 Jane Cravens
- 13 Susan Dewitt
- 14 Bill Webb
- 17 Jean Snyder
- 18 Carolyn Morrow
- 18 Delanee Thurber
- 22 Lexie Jaranillo
- 23 Barbara Wells
- 23 Kendall Light
- 24 Harold Wilson
- 25 Cameron Taylor
- 25 Julianna Woolridge

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

- ◆ The family of Jackie Peveler
- ◆ Court Lewis & his family
- ◆ Greg Wolfe & his family
- ◆ Tony & Betty Delack's daughter working in the ICU
- ◆ Frank Beller
- ◆ Braxton Ledlow
- ◆ Lindy Mercer
- ◆ Joe Bob Pierce's father
- ◆ Phil Shown
- ◆ Martha Smith
- ◆ Tammy Wilhoite's mother
- ◆ Linda Spinks
- ◆ Russ Page
- ◆ Mae James
- ◆ Allen Camp's sister
- ◆ Covid-19 Pandemic Victims
- ◆ Health Care Workers
- ◆ Those who are grieving

Goals for the New Year

- \* Put God first
- \* Read the Bible more
- \* Pray more
- \* Trust God always

**THANK YOU**

I would like to thank all the members for the Christmas cards, and to the Church for the gift card to Krogers. I would also like to thank Mr. Ron Williams and Mr. Harold Wilson for rides to my VA appointments; and to Mr. Williams for the ride to the hospital for my surgery and for staying with me. God bless everyone and thank you! *Allen Camp*

**2021 SPECIAL OFFERINGS**

- \* Capital Fund
- \* Building Upgrade Fun
- \* Support A Child
- \* Thank You to God
- \* Baptist World Alliance
- \* Sunrise Children's Services
- \* Cooperative Baptist Fellowship
- \* CBF- KY
- \* CBF Global Missions
- \* Southern Baptist Convention
- \* Daviess McLean Association
- \* SBC Annie Armstrong Missions
- \* SBC Lottie Moon Missions
- \* SBC World Hunger
- \* Oneida Baptist Institute

**DEACON INFORMATION**

**January 10**

Bill Genet, Harold Wilson

Hope and Harvest Team

Carole Anne Barrass, Chris Holbrook

**January 17**

Curtis Hannah, Dan Atteberry

Hope and Harvest Team

Larry Catron, Dan Atteberry

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I JUST FLEW IN FROM HEAVEN AND BOY ARE MY ARMS TIRED, HAH! ... C'MON FELLA, LOOSEN UP ... I CAN'T SHOW YOU A VISION WHILE YOU ARE ALL SCARED

**2021 CHURCH BUDGET Summary**

<b>Total Budget</b>		\$446,205
<b>Income</b>		
Offerings		\$370,000
Rental Income		\$3,500
Transfers <i>if needed</i>		\$71,205
Average Weekly Offering Needed		\$8,481
<b>Expenses</b>		
Facility		\$140,000
Office Support		\$18,525
Personnel		\$258,100
Missions/Programs		\$25,200
Support		\$4,380
<b>Designated Funds Balance</b>		
Music Ministry		\$2,587
Children/Youth		\$8,074
Community Meal		\$4,049