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SUNDAY EVENING OUTDOOR WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 20 @ 6 PM

Bring a lawn chair and
join us under the tent!

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER -
THE SERVICE WILL BE HELD
SEPTEMBER 27TH.

The assembly of God's people is a vital piece of our faith. While virtual efforts have connected us in a meaningful way, we recognize that it is impossible to replicate the physical connection that comes with hugs, handshakes, and how do you dos. Also, I have a selfish desire to see your smiling face again. Recently, the Ministry Leadership Team wrestled with a reopening plan. We want to move forward in a safe and meaningful manner.

On September 4th, the Lexington Herald Leader reported that Kentucky just faced its deadliest week of the pandemic as 66 Kentuckians died of Covid and 4,742 new cases were reported in a single week. As a result, we feel like it would be foolish to disregard this reality. Proceeding with caution is reflected in our recommendation. As I share reopening plans with you, I would

like to begin by stating that **You should not feel guilty about choosing not to participate in live worship activities.** Your health is important to God, the church, and me. If you do not feel comfortable gathering, you can continue to connect with your church family from home. For others more comfortable about gathering, this is our plan:

- ◆ Host an outdoor worship service at Third Baptist Church on Sunday, September 20th at 6:00 pm.
- ◆ Invite Sunday School and small group classes to resume regular meetings on the church campus beginning September 20th. (Any class that chooses to meet is welcome, but this is not an expectation nor a requirement)



- ◆ Allow church related gatherings of 10 people or less to meet in the building during normal church office hours.

Third Baptist Church is doing our best to meet your needs and keep everyone safe. We expect everyone to follow church guidelines regarding social distancing and mask wearing. I look forward to seeing some of you very soon. Everyone else, I will continue to join you in your home every Sunday.



look miserable when they frown--they are working too hard!

Smiling, on the other hand, takes no work at all. Smiling is not only easy; it's good for you. Smiling can also make you feel better when you are in a bad mood. Imagine that! So if you are grumpy, all you have to do is smile. You will

probably perk up and make those around you feel better! You've probably heard that laughter and smiling is contagious. Try it! See what happens. If everyone did the easy natural thing, the world just might be a happier place.

King Solomon is considered to be the wisest man that ever lived. In Ecclesiastes 3:12, he

Did you know that it is easier to smile than it is to frown? Because of COVID-19 and all of the changes that it has brought to you and your family; it might not be that easy to smile! Smiling takes much less effort than frowning. I read that a smile takes 17 facial muscles while frowning takes 43 muscles. No wonder people

writes that there is nothing better than to be happy and enjoy ourselves while we are alive. Have your family gather around in front of a mirror. Tell everyone to smile their greatest smile. You will probably start laughing. Practice those smiles everyday regardless of how much stress you might feel from the situation we are living in! You just might be happy and enjoy yourself. You will feel better and you will be spreading joy. Bet you never thought that smiling is a way of following God's Word! Miss you and love you!

Trust God, Bless Others,
Celebrate Grace.



McCarty and Shirley Sandifer have gone above and beyond to provide beautiful and inspirational instrumental **music**. **They've also** accompanied our quartet and soloists who have performed. The quartet made up of Rebecca Volk, Mary Miller or Lynn Roberson, Jim Wilhoyte and myself have spent much time recording music to be **shared**. **Joe Bob's group has**

The people listed above and many not mentioned shows us that worship is not a spectator sport. It is all about participation. No matter if worship is online or in person it requires each of us to participate in every song, every prayer, every message whether we are the one leading or just listening. We are required to actively take part as we join our hearts and minds together to give God the praise, honor and glory He deserves. Thank you to each person who has made our worship meaningful during this difficult time. May we continue to work together as we continue worshipping online and look forward to meeting in person again!

For the last six months worship has been a different beast. I want to thank the many, many people who have worked on each service. Curtis Hannah has done great work filming, editing and posting our services. Charlotte has spent much time behind the scenes providing much of the text you see on the screen during the service. Stacey

sung several times along with others. Jan has been involved in almost every service with prayers, **children's updates and children's sermons**. Micah has provided many timely messages to keep us thinking and inspired during this dark time. And so many of you have taken part by praying, reading scripture and more.



Appalachia Christmas Mission Project

McCreary, Wayne, and Pulaski Counties
Shoe Box Mission Project

How does the program work?

1. Use an empty shoebox, sturdy cardboard, or plastic, photo boxes from craft store also work. If you wish to cover box wrap top and bottom separately so cover can be removed without tearing the paper. The church has some boxes available if you need one.
2. Determine if the box will go to a boy or girl and what age would be appropriate for the gift. Ages 1 to 18 years. Make a tag to place on top of the box. When completing the tag: check for boy or girl and approximate age and attach to top of box, tie box securely or rubber band together. When filling out tag, try to be specific on size of clothing,
3. All items in the box must be **NEW**. Please no religious items, cash, guns or violent toys.
4. Start with a **WOW Item**. A wow item is one thing that when the person opens the box they look at that item and say **WOW**. Example: a soccer ball deflated with a pump and needle enclosed, large stuffed animal, Lego set, action figure, Barbie doll, team sport item (cap, shirt), bath and body works items for girls, axe items for boys, craft item, watch or jewelry, etc.
5. After **WOW item** is in the box fill in with smaller items if there is room. Socks (always a great need), fingernail polish, small cars, hair items,

and contents in box.



art items, clothing items, toothbrush and toothpaste, small wrapped hard candy (nothing that will melt), school supplies, magic tricks, tiny animals, etc.

6. Return to Third Baptist Church by Oct. 29th.
7. Do not put money in boxes. Donations by check to help cover the cost of shipping is appreciated.

If you have questions contact:
Janice Raby at 270-683-1602.

MEMORIALS

in memory of Wanda Faye Shelton
by Laura Bronn, June Coons, Jean Lampkin

in memory of Sharon Thomas Lowe
by June Coons, Jean Lampkin

in memory of Margaret Chance
By Frank & Martha Beller

SYMPATHY

The church expresses its deepest love and sympathy to our family in the loss of **Wanda Faye Shelton.**

*Be Safe
We Love You*

DEACON INFORMATION

September 13
Charlie Evans, Elaine Williams
Hope and Harvest Team
Larry Catron, Curtis Hannah

September 20
Bill Genet, Ron Williams
Hope and Harvest Team
Jim Smith, Chris Holbrook



“Brothers, pray for us...”
1 Thessalonians 5:25

Bearing the burdens of others unifies us as family in Christ. Sharing our prayer concerns allows us to give and receive intercessory support, knowing that others love and care.

If you have a prayer concern, or want to share an answered prayer with the church (we want to give thanks too!) contact the office or one of your staff members.

We want to pray with you!

OUR RECORDS

	August 2	August 9	August 16	August 23	August 30
Total Offering	\$7,256	\$12,361	\$6,358	\$2,854	\$5,611
Memorials		\$135		\$10	\$55
Child/Youth	\$353	\$103	\$103	\$103	\$103
Missions	\$100	\$920	\$40	\$40	
Other Funds		\$558	\$25		
General Fund	\$6,668	\$10,645	\$6,190	\$2,701	\$5,453
Weekly Needs	\$8,552	\$8,552	\$8,552	\$8,552	\$8,552



Dear Third Baptist Church Family,
I was humbled by your generous financial gift to me for helping produce the Sunday and Wednesday services over the past several months. It was not necessary at all, but completely appreciated. I take it as an honor to be trusted to put together a service of worship for such an incredible congregation and wonderful friends. This doesn't happen alone, just know it takes all of you too! Your comments, likes, shares and thumbs up tell me you are able to worship with me every week. I was grateful to find Third Baptist, am excited to serve at Third Baptist and blessed to call Third Baptist home.
Thank you!

Dear Third Baptist Family,
Thank you to those who participated in my drive-by birthday celebration!
To Tammy Wilhoite who organized it, to those who brought cards, baked goods, and cards with surprises inside - thank you!
It was a total surprise and an afternoon I won't soon forget!
Thanks again, Phil Shown

