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Trust God Bless Others Celebrate Grace

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“With special thanks to all of you: To know you is to know people who are kind, considerate, and thoughtful. To know you is to be grateful for the special things you do. For everything you’ve done...for being the special people that you are... thank you so very much.”

To my TBC Family,

It is hard to put into words how much you all mean to me. Each of you have loved me, supported me, forgiven me, and have been a great influence in my ministry at Third. I’m honored to have served alongside you. The last 23 years as your secretary has been special— more than you will ever know. I can honestly say that you have made this the best place to work. Thank you for the wonderful Reception and Retirement gifts. I will cherish my memories of each of you!

Much love,

Charlotte Benningfield



I was not the valedictorian in my class. In fact, I barely survived Algebra II. No one mistakes me for being scholarly or particularly intelligent. While writing at home, I often yell across the house to my wife, “How do you spell _____?” She yells back, slowly stating letter after letter. To which I always reply, “Thank You!” Granted, I only ever ask when Spellcheck fails to recognize my word choice. Sadly, that is a common

occurrence.

The human quest to learn and grow is one that we all walk, all the time. We learn in the classroom, at home reading a book, in the workplace honing a new craft. We learn through relationships, through trial and error, do-it-yourself projects, and listening to the wise. We learn our entire lives. This is required, for many of the things learned are quickly forgotten.

On Wednesday evenings at 6:00, I have been leading a Bible study through the New Testament on the church Facebook page. Preparing for these lessons has caused me to read and reread Scripture. My head has been in New Testament textbooks that haven't been opened in years. I

find that I am learning new things about the Bible and relearning things that I once knew but have forgotten.

I will never have all the answers, and neither will you. We will obtain knowledge, learn a great deal about God, and grow in our faith. Like the first disciples, Christ will teach us. And like the first disciples, we will forget things, too. That's okay! It is part of the process. Loving the Lord with all our mind requires us to be vigilant with our mind – to read, to listen, to learn, to relearn. May we put in to practice our role as disciples, as learners, and as students of the Master!



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

Jan Lampkin
Children's Minister

Do you know the most dangerous words in the English language? Approach a snake- NO; Rock-slide area- NO; Homework-NO, wrong answer but a good guess; Cafeteria food-NO! Two of the most dangerous words in the English language is IF ONLY! They may not look scary at first, but if you use them enough, you could end up getting in a real mess or get hurt! IF ONLY I were more athletic. IF ONLY I could play a musical instrument like my friend. IF ONLY my nose was not so big. IF ONLY my eyes were a different color. IF ONLY my brain would allow me to do math better. IF ONLY I didn't have to stay in a wheelchair all the time. Using the words IF ONLY can cause lots of trouble because they lead you to compare yourself to other people. When you compare

YOU to other people, you begin to feel bad about yourself. It's easy to compare yourself to your classmates, siblings, and friends, but God wants you to be satisfied with exactly who you are - even if things are not perfect. In Romans 8:28 Paul writes that God takes everything--any situation, and physical trait, or circumstance and uses it for good. Bad things happen-it's a fact of life. Life isn't always fair. It's not! God blesses us more than we deserve. God can take any bad situation in your life and turn it into something good. All you have to do is let him. So instead of saying IF ONLY, say "God bring some good from this". Tell God you're going to trust Him to turn everything in your life into something good!
Trust God, Bless Others, Celebrate Grace!

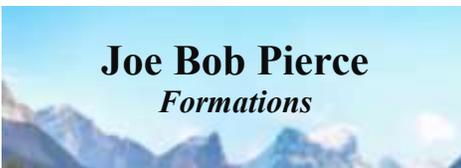


DAVID ROBERSON

This pandemic is driving me crazy. I know I'm not the only one! The Sanctuary Choir made the decision a few weeks ago to spread out more in the choir loft and to wear masks when we sing. Singing spreads the virus further than regular talking so we felt like we needed to take these precautions. It doesn't allow for the best performance from the group since our mouths are covered, it's hard to breathe and we can't hear each other as well when we sing. But, your choir is doing their best to provide you with music worthy of worship. Also, Curtis helps by adjusting

the microphones to make us sound better. Please thank them for their efforts! Our Handbell choir hasn't started this fall like we usually do. I'm waiting for the Covid numbers to go down some. But we have been rehearsing bells with a small group of 4 ringers. This ensemble gets to ring lots of bells and get in each other's way as they play together. Hopefully they will be ready to play soon. (no pressure group!) I'd love to hear the sound of the bells in the Sanctuary again.

Looking forward to seeing you and singing with you this Sunday. - David



Third Baptist Church has long been an unofficial home for Encore Musicals of Owensboro. The Encore Board of Directors includes several TBC members, so we have naturally migrated to our church for rehearsals, to store materials, and to hold meetings. I don't think Encore would exist if it weren't for Third

Baptist! The performance scene has been very quiet over the past year. However, Encore has a new project in the works. We are hard at work producing the classic Broadway musical "Damn Yankees." (Sorry for using the "d" word there! In conversation we refer to it as "DY.") But, this classic story involves several elements you might find in a good Bible story, like the danger of letting your desires rule your choices, how faith can face the

darkest of times, and that, in the end, though we might lose our way, love can guide us back to where we belong. The dates for "DY" are October 22nd-24th, and I hope you will mark your calendar to attend. I'm glad that Third has been such a good host to Encore, and I'm proud to be a part of both!



SEPTEMBER

- 20 Kaylie Flahardy
- 21 Allison Rogers
- 21 MaLaya Ledlow
- 22 Jackie Wells
- 22 Eleina Warner
- 25 Sue Bell
- 26 Bryson Bartlett
- 27 Betty Hale
- 28 Sandra Meschko
- 29 Jean Lampkin

OCTOBER

- 2 Norma Yates
- 3 Janet Lampkin
- 3 Virginia Greene
- 3 Kameron Keown
- 4 Ryder Riley



- ◆ Sherry Cozart
- ◆ Louise Hartsough
- ◆ Cissy Bishop
- ◆ Frank Beller
- ◆ Glenn Greene
- ◆ Lindy & Abbie Mercer
- ◆ Claudia Wilson
- ◆ Leighland Grant
- ◆ Phil Shown
- ◆ Laura Bronn
- ◆ Jeff Fillman

<u>Sunday Attendance</u>	
August 29	84
September 5	89
September 12	96

Upcoming Events

September 19th:
Deacons Meeting @ 5
Business Meeting @ 6



Wednesday Night cancelled for the 15th. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, October 6th!

DEACON INFORMATION

September 19

Vickie Wells, Larry Catron

Hope and Harvest Team

Larry Catron, Bill Genet

September 26

Elaine Williams, Bill Genet

Hope and Harvest Team

Jim Smith, Curtis Hannah

Church-wide Farm Fall Festival at the Lampkin Farm

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

8284 Short Station Road Philpot, KY

Fun, Food, and Fellowship!

Games for Adults and Children

Hayrides & Wagon Rides

Remote Control Flying Club Lighted Flying Display

Bonfire

Hot Dogs

S'mores

Candy



LET'S GO ON A HAYRIDE



4:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Food served at 5:30 pm

Bring your lawn chair and enjoy the festivities!

Come and stay as long as you wish.

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