

A little over two months ago, I preached a sermon titled “*What Kind of Man?*” from 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1 where we looked at the Biblical Qualifications for an elder/pastor. In that sermon, I called the whole church to a season of prayer with specific emphases- 1.) That the Lord would burden us all to pray regularly and fervently as we move forward with the transition to elder plurality, 2.) That the Lord would raise up a man or men to serve alongside Alex and me as a lay elder, and 3.) That the Lord would make it plain and obvious to the entire church family who this man/ these men are.

I am writing this as a means to encourage you to persevere in these prayers if you have been doing so, and to encourage you to begin now if it has slipped your mind. I am also writing to update you on where we are in this transition process.

In May of 2023, after two years of study and prayer by the deacon body and another year of teaching, Q&A, and prayer by the whole congregation, the church voted in favor (95% of ballots cast voted “yes”) to begin to transition to an elder plurality form of church leadership and polity for FBC Fulton KY.

Since that time, Alex and I have continued fulfilling our roles and responsibilities as paid church staff (*Associate Pastor and Pastor, respectively*) while also meeting and working as fellow elders to lead and shepherd the congregation together. (*As a reminder, we will continue in these roles, even after an additional lay [non-paid/non-staff] elder or elders are affirmed by the church.*)

Additionally, between sermon series I have preached on the topic of elder plurality and what that means/ looks like for FBC (*These can be viewed on the church website: Aug. 13, 2023; Jan. 28, 2024, along with another from April 16, 2023*). I have also been meeting with Alex Robinson (*Associate Pastor*), Michael Milner (*chairman of Deacon body when this transition process was first presented to the church*) and Alex Britt (*Church Moderator*) to update the church by-laws to reflect the changes and their implications that the church body has already voted to adopt. We hope to have this finalized and ready for approval by the body at the Member’s Meeting on May 19th. **So what’s next?**

We will be entering the season of Deacon nominations soon. So as not to confuse the two offices or the process for filling them, we will wait until the fall to move forward with elder nominations. Until then, Alex and I will continue working together as two elders of FBC.

In the meantime, I ask that you continue (or begin) praying over the areas mentioned above:

- That the Lord would burden us to pray regularly/fervently for his guidance and favor as we move forward with this transition...
- That the Lord would raise up a man or men from among our membership to serve as a lay elder...
- That the Lord would make it plain and obvious to the entire church family who this man/ these men are, that they will be recognized, affirmed, and followed in an obvious spirit of unity.

Additionally, to any man in the church who feels a desire to serve this body as a lay elder or is wrestling with whether or not you are called to it, would you reach out to me and Alex? We would love to talk with you, pray with you, and walk with you as you seek to discern the Lord’s will in this.

As has I have attempted to make plain from the beginning of this process, the goal of having a body of elders shepherding the church together is that the body would be better cared for and better equipped by the gifts and abilities of multiple men. This isn’t about trends, fads, or traditions. We have seen and affirmed the model of elder plurality in the Bible, and now we are seeking to faithfully move in that direction. I am so very thankful for your prayers, your patience, and your partnership as we move forward together- for the glory of Christ and the good of his bride!

As always, I am working *with* you for your joy, progress, and maturity in the faith. (*2 Cor. 1:24; Phil. 1:25; Col.1:28*) **I LOVE YOU, FBC!**

pastor Stephen

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, FULTON KY

NEWSLETTER

STUDENT SUNDAY (MAY 19TH)

Students will be helping to lead in volunteer ministries and service.



ALL graduates please submit graduate form and pictures **NO LATER than May 10th.**

GRADUATION Recognition

Sunday, May 19th

If you are graduating High School, College or even your Graduate School, we are proud of you.

Click the QR Code and let us know your accomplishments.

CROSSINGS

GRAB A ENVELOPE from the Summer Camp Board

FILL IT WITH CASH OR A CHECK

THIS WILL HELP SEND A STUDENT TO CAMP

Drop at office or offering box

SEND A STUDENT TO CAMP

2024 SUMMER CAMPS

STUDENT July 7-11th Grades 6-12

KIDS July 17-20th Grades 3-5

Summer Campers (children and students) will host a summer camp meal in fellowship hall following service.

Burger & Hotdogs

FRIES, BAKED BEANS, SLAW AND DESSERT

SUMMER CAMP & GRADUATE RECOGNITION

May 19th after AM service Fellowship Hall

Church Members are asked to make a donation for summer campers as they enter the fellowship hall.

Help Support Students

ALL CHURCH MEMBERS AND FAMILIES

\$20 under 2-yrs free a person

include park admission & lunch (sandwiches, chips, etc)

Money due before we leave on June 1st

VENTURE RIVER Water Park

Carpooling from church @8:45am

June 1st

Park closes at 6 pm

Individual/families may leave anytime

Everyone must enter at the same time to get the church discount.

SUMMER 2024

AS LOUD AS HE IS WORTHY Psalm 47

YOUR NAME Psalm 40

AS YOU FIRST LOVED ME 1 John 4

DON'T FORGET Psalm 103

LET IT BE REAL Psalm 51:1-7

DESERT PLACES Psalm 43:1-3

ALL CREATURES (SING HARMONY) Revelation 5:13

YOU'VE ALREADY WON Revelation 21:3-4

LIFE DEFINED Galatians 2:20

NOTHING LEFT TO SAY Colossians 1

Shane & Shane WORSHIP in the WORD

WEDNESDAYS AT 6PM

Beginning June 11th

MAY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5 •The Lord's Supper •Finance Mtg after AM Activities CR •Deacon Mtg CR 4 PM •Men's Study FH 5PM	6	7 •Second Millers 10:30 AM FH	8 LISA LEWIS	9 •Senior Seasoned Ladies Bible Study Parlor 10:30 AM	10 TRINA CAPPS	11
12 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY •No Evening Activities JUSTIN JONES ELIANA ROBERTSON	13 MIKKE MCLEARY	14	15 JASON ELLIOTT	16	17 NANCY OWEN	18 EZRA JONES
19 •Student Sunday •Senior Recognition •Summer Camp/Recognition Meal after AM Service •Members Meeting 5 PM JORDAN JONES	20 TERESA SEYMOUR	21	22 •Last Night for The Ology	23 •Senior Seasoned Ladies Bible Study Parlor 10:30 AM	24	25 CHARLEE CAVNESS
26 •Parking Lot Picnic after AM Service •Pastor Stephen's 11 yrs Church Anniversary TED OWEN	27 MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBER AND HONOR OFFICE CLOSED ELSTON WALKER JONATHAN MCMAHAN	28	29 •Church Wide Prayer Meeting 6PM (No children or student gathering) BILL MCCUSKEY/CASON ROBERTSON CAMPBELL LYONS	30	31	Jennifer's Out of Office May 27th- 31st Nicaragua Mission Trip

MAY'S UPCOMING EVENTS

May 5	Finance Mtg..... After Evening Activities
May 5	Deacon Mtg4:00 PM CR
	Last Men's Sunday Night Study ...5:00 PM FH
May 7	Second Milers 10:30 AM FH
May 9	Seasoned Ladies Bible Study.10:30 AM Parlor
May 12	No Evening Activities
May 19	Student Sunday/ Senior Recognition.....
	Summer Camp Meal after AM Service
May 19	Members Meeting 5 PM
May 23	Seasoned Ladies Bible Study 10:30 AM Parlor
May 26	Parking Lot Picnic.....after AM service
	No PM Activities
May 27	Office Closed - Memorial Day.....
May 29	Church-wide Prayer Meeting..... 6 PM

WEDNESDAY NURSERY

May 1	Jan McCluskey, Jill Jackson
May 8	Shawna Williams, Jennifer Dillon
May 15	Melissa Fulcher, Eric Lipford
May 22	Janice Payne, Marianne Redden
May 29	Cerissa Chapel, Emily Jones

SUNDAY MEDIA TEAM

May 5	Logan Cromika, Alex Robinson, Kevin Cromika
May 12	Marianne Redden, Griffin Redden, Brody Hancock
May 19	Destinee and Wyatt Walker, Elijah Dickenson
May 26	Charlie Cavness, Zeke Goodman, David Gallimore

SUNDAY NURSERY WORKERS

May 5	Mariann Redden, Melissa Goodman
May 12	Christi Cavness, Piper Cavness, Emily Jones
May 19	Micah King, April Gallimore Audrey Redden
May 26	Janice Payne, Jennifer Martin, Lexie Martin

SUNDAY WORSHIP TEAM

May 12	Jeni Robinson, Olivia Fulche, Ellie Robinson
May 26	Alex Robinon, Kataya Chapel

SUNDAY WELCOME TEAM

May 5	Erin Hancock, Cindy St. Onge, Mat Dillion, Elijah Goodman, Keith Dickenson
May 12	Melissa Fulcher, Arline Coley, Amy Cromika, Linda Brann, Justin Jones
May 19	Kataya Chapel, Lizette Hancock, Elizabeth Jackson, Reagan McMahan, Elijah Goodman
May 26	Wyatt Walker, Kay Hutchins, Cerissa Chapel, Jeni Robinson, Erin Hancock



SECOND MILERS FELLOWSHIP

Join the group on **MAY 7TH** hosted by Jerry McLeary, Randy Jeffress & Charles Rice. The guest speaker will be Randy Jeffress & devotional lead by Pastor Stephen.

April 2, 2024 gathering @ Southern States Restaurant .

PARKING LOT PICNIC

MAY 26th After AM Service

**Bring your lawnchair.
Bring a side and/or dessert.**

Church will provide the brisket.

2024 CLASS OF GRADUATES

CONGRATULATIONS

May 29th @ 6:00 PM

Church-wide Prayer Meeting

Fellowship Hall

No Other Activities (No children or student gathering) Nursery Provided

DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

May-hair brushes and girls socks.
June-small toy for a girl or boy.

Monthly Financial Report		March 2024	
	Actual	Budget	Impact on Cash
Budget Receipts	\$ 45,246.00	\$ 38,796.00	\$ 6,450.00
Expenditures	\$ 34,021.00	\$ 38,797.00	\$ 4,776.00
Interest Income			\$ 17.00
			\$ 11,243.00
YTD			
Budget Receipts	\$ 137,906.00	\$ 116,389.00	\$ 21,517.00
Expenditures	\$ 116,536.00	\$ 116,389.00	\$ (147.00)
Interest Income			\$ 59.00
			\$ 21,429.00

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SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY

Youth/Children 5:45 p.m.
Prayer Meeting 6:00 p.m.

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May 19th Member's Meeting @5PM

THE HOUSE & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Needs your help with some maintenance/repairs.

Please read the list below, and consider using your abilities/skills to serve your church family by caring for the building and grounds God has given us to steward.

- Re-attach an external metal piece on an HVAC unit
- Cover a pipe opening in the surface of the parking lot
- Repair or replace an external door connecting the office and the courtyard
- Clean a filter on a window heating and cooling unit
- Check all door stop pads and replace those that are worn
- Check the weather stripping on all doors; replace where needed

PLEASE CONTACT GIGI MILNER AT 205-913-2523 FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO VOLUNTEER.

DEACON

for the month

Jordan Jones

If you need anything this month, please give Jordan a call @ (270) 309-0289
