





SHELBYVILLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Next Level is back! **Beginning Wednesday, February 3** 6:30 p.m. Something for all ages!



Connect A time for high school and middle school students to Connect with God and each other.

Next Level for Kids

Games, activities and Biblical truths for children to make God's truth their very own.



Campbellsville University Campbellsville, KY

\$330, \$60 Deposit due by March 7



You can pay your deposit online, in the church office, give to Chad Lynn, or see him for more info.



Mission Fuge "MFuge" North Greenville University, SC July 5th-10th (Mon-Sat) \$340 per student (\$60 deposit due by March 7th)



MFuge is the premiere missions based camp hosted by Life-Way Student Ministries. It's purpose is to introduce students and groups to local, national, and international missions.

During the week, students and adults will engage in hands on ministry in various ways in the local communities surrounding the campus. They will get to see that missions can be both an everyday activity as well as a far off leap of faith.

MFuge's goal is to bring the students and adults to believe missions is not a "once a year" event but can be an everyday activity wherever you go. They are also encouraged to view the week as a proving ground for what can also be accomplished back home where the churches come from.

Half the time during the week is spent on campus doing some typical camp stuff while the other half is spent off campus in various communities at their ministry sites.

February 2021

A word from your pastor....

My beloved church family,

How things have changed since this time last year! Last January we were not thinking about a pandemic, virtual worship or how to have church functions safely. Other things dominated our thought process, but none of these matters were on the horizon. However, soon after the first of the year in 2020 we began to hear reports about a virus in far away China. Before we knew it, cases were being reported in Italy and then in the American Northwest. But those places were far off. As much as we hoped to be spared, now COVID-19 has become a global matter. What is true in New York, London, and Los Angeles also has had implications for us here in Kentucky. Nevertheless, our mission as a church remains the same: To Live by Faith, to be Known by Love, and to be a Voice of Hope. This year, those targets have not been easy, but our faith remains constant. We have reached out in love . . . to one another and to the community. And, we have seen hope in God manifested with new people joining our congregation and some following Christ in believer's baptism, in spite of the pandemic. We have been stretched creatively, but the functions of the church have continued, with our flock remaining faithful to the Lord on so many, many levels.

Our leadership team has changed with the coming of the new year, as some have rotated out of positions and others have been elected by the congregation to serve. The new leadership team from which I have sought guidance is as follows: (Deacon Officers) Jerry Tracy, Drew Overstreet,

Volunteers are needed on a rotating basis in these

areas. Contact Chad Lynn for details.

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and Matt Kemp; (Trustees) Wayne Anderson, Ralph Evitts, Barry Marston, John Shannon, Don Shephard, and Jwain White; (Ministers) Chad Lynn and Chad Montgomery; and (Moderator) Jene Hedden. As a group we looked at current protocols for church function. At present, our policy will generally be **Masks are**



highly recommended, but not required. Extensive sanitizing of the facility will be ongoing. Social distance will be practiced whenever possible. As more and more people receive vaccinations, we pray there will be a greater ease about the return to corporate worship and service. Whatever anyone's comfort level or need for caution, we encourage all to grant grace to others. We will offer a maskonly Wednesday night option for Bible Study among the Next Level offerings. If conditions change, of course, we could have to revisit this. Together as a church family, we will live by faith, be known by love, and be a voice of hope.

Finally, I would ask you to continue praying for our search committee as they seek the Lord's face regarding a future worship leader. God already has someone in mind. Now, as a family of the faith, we seek His perfect will for our church, our community, and for His Kingdom.

The Shepherd loves the Flock, Bro. Maurice



Our Tech Team runs sound, the slides on the screens, prepares and finalizes the video and livestream the service every Sunday. Training is provided.



You have the heart to help people when disaster strikes. Be ready to go when needed most. Choose the date and location most convenient for you.

February 6	March 20	April 10	September 18
Chaplaincy Training Feb 5-6	Chaplaincy Training Mar 19-20		Chaplaincy Training Sep 17-18
Harlan	Murray	Richmond	Bowling Green
Visit kybantist org/dr or call 502-489-3527 for more info			



A Word from Chad Montgomery:

My mother wanted to move to KY. She knew she wanted to spend her last years with at least one of her kids. After a year or so of me being here, she would follow. The more I talked about how God had

orchestrated me being here, the more she wanted to experience the love and support herself. All our efforts we put into her moving. Then, all our efforts had to be put into her simply living and if nothing else, all we wanted was to at least bring her home from the hospital. We worked so hard, hoped with all hope, and had countless believers praying toward a goal that would never be accomplished. In the end, our goal and plans for mom would not be the same plans God had. In the end, we had to relinquish our wills to His.

The same is true of us as a church. So much of our plans and goals revolve around us, begin and end with us, and even lift us up as the centerpiece of affection and appreciation. The hardest hill to overcome these last few months was not losing mom, but losing a part of what I hoped my future would include. Coming to grips with that and receiving peace would NOT have been possible without

you, my new family of faith. Mom wanted to see her baby boy back where he belonged, loving on students for the Kingdom's sake and leading a local church to do the same. I told several family members that I could not have imagined having to walk the path of saying goodbye to mom on this side of Heaven without being here at SFBC. Although not being here may have put me back in GA, God knew I would need you in my life for such a time as this.

I can't tell you how excited I am about our future together. Each week I get to know your students more and more and am blessed to be here at SFBC for "such a time as this." Even though I have no idea what the path God has laid out for us holds, if we commit to walking it together, bathe it in prayer, and stick together no matter what comes, we can see and experience God do wondrous things among us and through us, for the Kingdom here and Shelbyville, her surrounding communities, and the wide world beyond that waits for Good News from on High.

Love you lots and pray for you often.



Mission Statement: *"To Live by Faith, To be Known by Love, To be a Voice of Hope"* February 2021

The Lord's Supper Will be observed Sunday, February 7





Congratulations to...



- Myron & Barbara Bozell on the birth of a great-granddaughter, Hannah Ann Snetman.
- Karlina Nyx on the birth of her second daughter, Calypso Cordelia Nyx. Patricia Riddell is the grandmother.
- Brianna Soard on the birth of her first child, Henry Craig Cobb. Grandparents are Mark & Michelle Davis and great-grandparents are Larry & Sophia Davis.

The Church Offers Condolences to the families of

- Eddie Mason, husband of Mary Jane, father of Angie (Brad) Allen
- Tom Cronen, father of Tim (Karen) Cronen
- David Jacobs, son of Greg & Amy Jacobs
- Stacey Nichols, daughter of Mary Lloyd Farmer
- Don Schoo, father of Lori (Ron) Shephard, brother of Ruth (Don) Kemp
- Therb Hutchins, father of Lisa (Jim) Stargle
- P Barbara Montgomery, father of Chad (Bethany) Montgomery
- ✤ Walter Bruner, brother of Steve (Donna) Bruner
- Christopher Reynolds, brother of Melissa (Mark) Schlachter
- A.C. Gray, uncle of Sam (Sue) Gray



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THANK YOU!

We are at a loss to express how blessed we have been with all the love expressed, prayers and cards sent to us this past year. We are so fortunate to be a part of this wonderful caring group of friends. Thanks to all.

Dottie Smith, Mary Belle & Lee Leet

Thank you Christmas Carolers! What a blessing I received from the folks that came to my house! *Elaine Harrison*

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