

OCTOBER
2024

The Bridge

The Monthly Newsletter for FBC Franklinton



JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP & WORSHIP ON
FAIR SUNDAY

LET'S GO TO FBC!

SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER | 9:00 A.M. & 10:00 A.M.
BREAKFAST & FELLOWSHIP | WORSHIP SERVICE
STARTING AT 9 A.M. IN THE FLC | WORSHIP TO FOLLOW AT 10 A.M.
THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL | BRING THE FAMILY

THERE WILL BE NO COST FOR THE FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

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FBC FAIR SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, October 16th: **FAIR PARADE**

9:00 a.m.

Join us on the front steps for fellowship with coffee & donuts as we watch the Fair Parade. There will be **NO** Wednesday Night supper.

Sunday, October 20th: **Fair Sunday**

9:00 a.m.- Breakfast & Fellowship
10:00 a.m.- Worship

There will be no Sunday School.

Welcome
TO
our
church

FAMILY
Drake & Eva!

HALF MOON BLUFF CHURCH AND COFFEE & WATER BOOTH TIME FOR FBC FRANKLINTON:

**WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 16TH:**

5:00 P.M.-6:30 P.M.

**The church office
will be closed
October 16th & 17th
to celebrate Fair Week.**



“Don’t Worry, it’s all part of the plan!” This was the phrase spoken to me & my fellow mission teammates by Dr. Cyril. But, myself, and Mike & Vickie heard it the most, as we were the ones blessed to ride along with him in his car on our daily journeys. Why was this phrase said so many times? Because we quickly learned that Italians are the worst drivers we have ever encountered, and Dr. Cyril embraces the Italian way of driving as well. Day two on our way to Verona was the first time he spoke this phrase to us. I am pretty sure Vickie, and I prayed more in those car rides than we ever have before. The number of near misses we had was scary! But I believe God used this message to help me. For those who don’t know me, I am the biggest worrier there is. Worry could be my middle name. God pushed me through this by having to experience these car rides. In *Philippians 4:6-7* it says, *“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”* But in my flesh, I still worry about everything. The first time I was told this, Dr. Cyril looked me dead in the face and told me “Don’t worry Sierra, I will not die in a car crash. I will be murdered or die an old man!” It was shocking to me because he was 100% serious. We also learned about his life story, and it was honestly inspiring and convicting. How awe inspiring to be so bold that he is ready to be murdered over sharing the Gospel of Jesus?! By the end of the trip, I ended up being calm at our near misses, and it was like a normal day. The peace I had was that I fully surrendered that worry over to God to protect us in that car, & I just knew he would keep us safe. This phrase quickly became our daily mantra when things would get crazy.

To say this trip was a blessing to me is a serious understatement. God opened my eyes to things that I have never even thought about really & to how much we take for granted: a church on every corner, being able to pray without paying, being able to have jobs and name our children whatever we want while being a Christian & not being punished for it, and most importantly, how important human connection is. I learned what it means to be the salt and the light. How to be bold, even when the whole group of people around you are looking at you like you’re crazy because it’s considered dangerous to just pray in front of a church. That I can make a difference and that I can help make sure the Gospel of Jesus is shared and that it reaches across Europe! Pray for this! This is something so profound and so beautiful. I will never view church as just another something on my check list for my week, something that needs to be done in the daily tasks, nor will I ever take it for granted again. We live a blessed life y’all! We get to hear the Gospel every Sunday & it should never be taken for granted! I learned that iron sharpens iron and sometimes iron has to be put into fire, be stressed, and bent and be molded, but then it’s made new into something beautiful and strong. Seeing a person as an actual human and not just what their struggle is, is something I didn’t know how to do & to be honest, it didn’t even occur to me to think of it in a different way. Connection and fellowship is vital! Through SPICE Road missions, I fully believe it will be a major part in Europe where is says in *Philippians 2:10-11* *“That at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the father.”* I cannot wait to go back to see the baptisms and the fruit that grows and produces for years to come!

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to go and represent FBC Franklinton. I will forever be grateful for the lessons I learned from Dr. Cyril and I only hope that I can take those lessons and use them here at home and everywhere I go to bless others like he blessed & taught me. And I pray that in doing so it gives God all the glory and all the honor. May we never let our own churches become a thing of the past. Just museums, like the many beautiful ones we saw, but they were just that, a museum. They are missing the most important parts; JESUS and the Gospel being shared! May we never take for granted how fortunate we really are to reap the harvest from the good works of our ancestors before us. Who started out just like SPICE road. Thank you! *-Sierra Smith*

What does SPICE road mean?! What is the purpose? SPICE ROAD is a movement committed to reaching Sri Lankan, Pakistani and Indian immigrants in Europe. SPICE is an acronym for Sri Lankan, Pakistani, and Indian Church in Europe. *But, after seeing God move, I believe this is actually even bigger than that.* There are an estimated 7 million South Asians who have migrated to Europe. Currently, there needs to be more credible Baptist work among them. For example, in Northern Italy alone, with over 15 million people, **no Baptist church** is planted among the South Asian nationals settled there. **There is not a single evangelical church in a city like Venice with over 250,000 people.** The target cities for new church plants are Sanguinetto, Mantua, Venice (Mestre and Treviso), Verona, Vicenza, Padova, Ferrara, Bologna, and Modena.



After the first Worship service in the coffee shop!



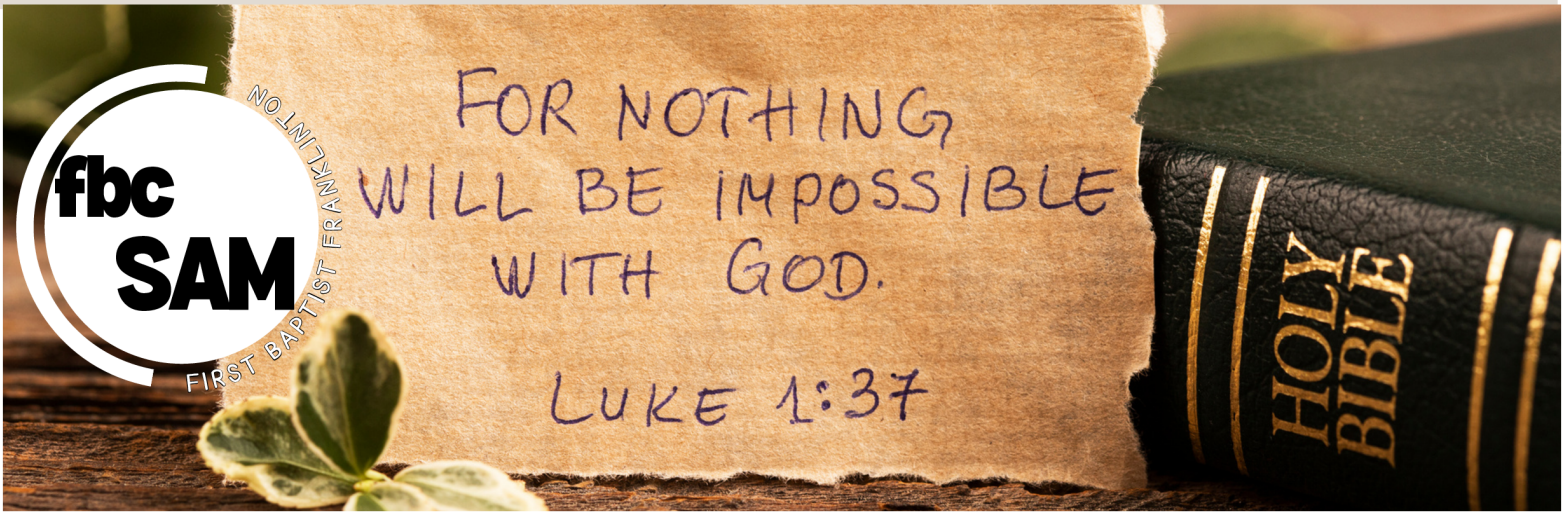
The Po River- Future Baptism Place.



Us ladies, after fellowship and learning to crochet with Cathy.



REV. JOEY MILLER, ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF PASTORAL CARE



Mornings are special to most of us. The fresh air of the morning and the dew on the grass bring cheer and refreshment to our lives. And a great morning usually means a great day. Realizing the value of the mornings, one organization made an emphasis of the "Morning Watch". Dr. David Jeremiah talks about the Student Volunteer Movement, which was organized in 1886 to make a spiritual impact on university students. One of its priorities was the practice of personal prayer and Bible study each morning. Whether we call it the morning watch, a daily devotion, or a quiet time, spending time with the Lord gives us an anchor for our day and gives us direction for the tasks, events, and challenges of the day. The Psalmist knew this truth. In Psalm 143:8, he prayed that the morning would bring him word of the unfailing love of the Lord. Our day is blessed when we declare early in the day our love for and trust in the Lord. It's an opportunity to ask for God's direction to lead us in the day. And it's the best time to lift our heart and soul to the Lord in worship. Make an appointment with Jesus each morning to encounter His Word and to lift your heart to Him in prayer. You'll find that it is the most anticipated and precious time of your day.

ADULT 55+ FALL CELEBRATION

Tuesday, October 8, is the date for the FBC Covington Fall Celebration and we plan to join them for the celebration. This event will feature Platinum Sound and their big band era music. Lunch will follow. Join us for this great time of fun and fellowship. The cost is \$15 which includes lunch. Our bus will leave FBC Franklinton at 9:00 a.m. Sign up in Sunday School, at the welcome table or by calling the church office by Thursday, October 3rd.

OCTOBER SAM LUNCHEON

We will celebrate our Washington Parish Fair at our October Adult 55+ luncheon. The luncheon is set for Friday, October 11th at 10:30 a.m. in the FBC Family Life Center. The menu will include soup and salads as well as desserts provided by our SAM Team. Our guests will be Kaye Ladner and other fair leaders. Door prizes will be mums for your fair decorations. Don't forget to sign up and join us for some fair fun.

-Joey Miller

*Let the morning bring me word
of your unfailing love,
for I have put my trust in you.
Show me the way I should go,
for to you I lift up my soul.
Psalm 143:8*



NURSING HOME WORSHIP SERVICES

YOU ARE NEEDED IN THE ENCOURAGING MINISTRY OF LOVE AND WORSHIP THAT WE PROVIDE AT THE MONTHLY SERVICES AT OUR NURSING HOMES. NO SPECIAL TALENTS ARE NEEDED, JUST A WILLINGNESS TO BE A BLESSING TO THE RESIDENTS. CHECK THE SCHEDULE BELOW AND JOIN US.

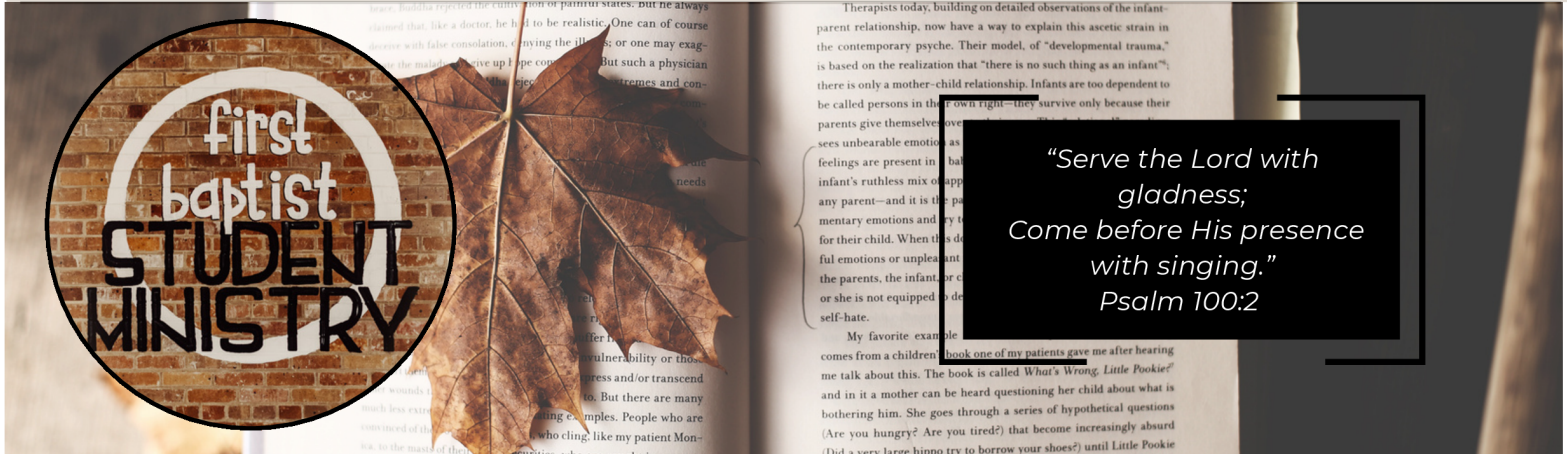
GOOD SAMARITAN - MONDAY,
OCTOBER 7TH @ 3:00 P.M.
FAIR CITY REHAB - MONDAY,
OCTOBER 21ST @ 3:00 P.M.



**PIGEON FORGE TRIP –
November 4th-9th**

We have a group of 37 participants registered for our fall trip to Pigeon Forge and the Great Smokies. A few last-minute spots are still available so call the church office for information or to register. Our group planning meeting for the trip will be Sunday, October 6th, at 4:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. We will share important details of the trip and provide luggage tags, etc. All those going to Pigeon Forge are asked to attend. Get ready for a fun time with this great group of folks!

BRO. DRAKE WESTMORELAND- STUDENT MINISTER



"Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before His presence with singing." Psalm 100:2

What's up, FBC! I am excited to begin my first month serving the Lord at First Baptist! While Eva and I are praying for you, we ask that you continue to pray for our students. We expect the Lord to do great things in Franklinton by way of FBC, but *prayer must be our steering wheel*. Over the next several months, the student ministry will undergo various efforts to establish a firm foundation of ministry to the next generation. Here are a few important dates:

October 13th @ 4:00 P.M. -
Main Street and 11th Ave WFFF Clean-up
- Students will leave during evening services to clean up the streets between FBC and the WFFF. They will return by 6:00 p.m. and eat in the Family Life Center.

October 27th @ 6:00 P.M. -
The Great Red Pumpkin Hunt
- Students must register their team by Wednesday, October 23rd to secure their spot in the hunt! Please let Bro. Drake know ASAP if you plan to attend the hunt! A sign-up sheet for teams will be in the student center!
Drake Westmoreland





Raising a generation that knows Christ AND MAKES HIM KNOWN.

Who else loves October??? I know it's one of my favorite times of the year. We've all settled into a new school year, the summer heat is (hopefully?) being replaced by cooler air, and we have the Fair!



We started a new unit of The Gospel Project on Sunday mornings, taking it all the way back to the beginning of Genesis. I'm hoping you have noticed the QR codes on the activity pages your children have been bringing home. Those link to weekly videos, family devotions, and parent prayers. I love how the writers are so intentional about building a bridge between our church life and our home life! If your child isn't plugged into a Sunday School class, we would love to have them on Sunday mornings at 9:30! We have classes for babies through Sixth Grade. Not sure where to go? Just look for me and I'll show you where to go. I'm usually in the breezeway in front of the Children's Bldg. at the beginning of Sunday School.

On Wednesday nights, 1st-5th graders are LOVING **BLAST**, an acronym for *Biblical Learning and Spiritual Training*, written by my friend Maggie at FBC Covington. I am so thankful to her for sharing it! Part of what we do is learn memory verses. Here's our memory verses for October:

1st-3rd Grade:

October 2nd: *So the people said to Joshua, "We will worship the LORD our God and obey Him."* -Joshua 24:24

October 9th-23rd: *"Sing to Him; sing praise to Him; tell about all His wondrous works!"* -1 Chronicles 16:9

October 30th: *"When I am afraid, I will trust in you."* -Psalm 56:3

4th-5th Grade:

October 2nd: *"Sing to Him; sing praise to Him; tell about all His wondrous work!"* - 1 Chronicles 16:9

October 9th: *"When I am afraid, I will trust in you."* -Psalm 56:3

October 23rd: *"A good name is to be chosen over great wealth; favor is better than silver or gold."* -Proverbs 22:1

October 30th: *"Then I heard the voice of the Lord asking: Who shall I send? Who will go for us? I said: Here I am. Send me."* -Isaiah 6:8

Our regular weekly schedule looks like this:

Sundays at 9:30 am: *Sunday School*
Sunday during the 10:45 service:

Wee Worship (PK3-K)

Wednesdays at 5:30 pm: *Half Notes (PK3-K)*
and Joyful Noise (1st-6th) Choirs

Wednesdays at 6 pm: *Team KID (PK3-K),*
BLAST (1st-5th), Higher Calling (6th)

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Wee Worship Volunteers

6th: Kelly McElveen

13th: No Wee
Worship

20th: No Wee
Worship (Fair
Sunday)

27th: Niki Watson

Please note, on Wednesday, October 16th, there will be no Wednesday evening services and on Sunday, October 20th, there will be no Sunday evening services. The special service times for Sunday morning, October 20th can be found on the front of The Bridge.

-Kelly McElveen



Pastor Sparjan
will be here on
October 6th.

MEET OUR SPEAKER

SPARJAN RAJU GEDDADA

Pastor Sparjan pronounced "Spurgeon" Raju Geddada began his pastoral ministry in his house, a small building constructed from coconut and palm fronds. As the Lord blessed, he began working with other pastors to grow their ability to minister to the needs of people and share the Gospel of Christ. Today, Ebenezer Ministries, founded by Pastor Sparjan, works with other small churches with minimal resources and shares Jesus over a large geographical area of Southeast India in a predominantly Hindu culture. These churches work together to host numerous evangelistic events each year. India is a predominantly Hindu culture, making opposition to their efforts a given; this, unfortunately, necessitates that FBC members and friends refrain from social media posts regarding Pastor Sparjan and the specifics of their ministry. However, he will be sharing specifics in person on October 6th. SE India has experienced severe flooding in the past few weeks, putting thousands of impoverished people in even more urgent need. In addition to helping flood victims, pastor Sparjan runs an orphanage that has also seen damage from recent rains. Despite these difficulties, God has blessed and grown His kingdom in India.

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\$15.00- Lunch is included
FBC Covington Central Hall

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at the door.

Register at the FBC
Franklinton Office by
Thursday, October 3rd, so we
can make reservations by
Friday, October 4th.

SAM LUNCHEON

FRIDAY, 10.11.2024

- FOOD
- FUN
- FRIENDS

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Guest Speaker:

Dr. Vern Palmisano



"THE VIRGIN BIRTH OF CHRIST: FROM A SCIENTIFIC & MEDICAL PERSPECTIVE"

October 27, 2024
6:00 P.M.

Dr. Vern Palmisano is a board-certified family practice physician and has practiced medicine in the New Orleans area for over 30 years.

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FBC EVENTS



Wednesday Night Supper



October 2nd:

Lasagna
Group D

October 9th:

Jambalaya
Group E

October 16th:

No Supper
Fair Week

October 23rd:

Hamburgers
Group A

October 30th:

Fried Chicken
Group B



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SERVICE TIMES

Sundays
Worship Services
8:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m. &
6:00 p.m.

Bible Study
9:30 a.m.

Choir Practice
4:30 p.m.

Wednesdays
Wednesday Night Supper
5:00 p.m.

**Preschool, Children,
Youth Activities**
6:00 p.m.

**Adult & Ladies Bible
Studies**
6:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting
6:00 p.m.

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