



Together in Christ, we love God and others.

THE LINK

February 2018

Valentine's Day Banquet

**Wednesday, February 14,
at 6pm in the Gym**

The cost of tickets is \$10 per person, and tickets are on sale outside the church office after the Sunday service on Feb. 4. Price includes a meal and a show featuring local group, *Pistol Creek Catch of the Day*.

Free childcare will be available; parents should sign up when buying tickets and send a snack or kids' meal with their kids the night of the event.

Our youth will be serving the meal for tips which will go in their individual mission trip accounts.

This event is not for couples only! Everyone is invited to attend!

**Last day to purchase \$10 tickets and sign up
for childcare is Sunday, February 4.**



Kairos Kickoff Football Game Party Sunday, Feb. 4, at 6:30pm

Kairos, our young adult ministry, will kick off with a big game celebration. The entire church family is encouraged to come and enjoy fellowship while watching the game on the big screen. We hope you will attend as a show of support for this ministry and to welcome young adults to our church family.

Kairos meets every Sunday night in the Family Life Center Lobby. Starting February 11, Kairos will have fellowship time at 7pm and worship at 8pm.



Charles Ballard will be retiring on February 19 after 50 years of ministry, half of which was here at FBCM. We will have a reception lunch for him on Sunday, March 4, in the gym after the service. Watch future worship guides for menu and RSVP information.

Please feel free to bring notes of appreciation and encouragement to the church office by Sunday, February 25. We will compile these into a notebook to give to Charles. You may also bring cards and letters to the reception.



Young Adult Married Couples Bible Study Group

Young Adult Married Couples are invited to a new Bible Study Group led by Elizabeth Hostin which will start on Sunday, February 11, at 9:15am in Room 213 of the Family Life Center.

They will be studying *The Five Love Languages* by Gary Chapman. For more information, please contact the church office at 865-982-5531.



**Valentine's Luncheon
Tuesday, Feb. 13, 10:30am
Bring a covered dish to share.**

Bill Robinson (violin) and William Lovelace (harp) will play some musical selections for us, and we will have a "JOY Club Trivia Competition."

Our Deepest Sympathy

Sympathy to the family of William Mack Moss. Bill passed away on December 25, 2017. He joined by baptism on November 8, 1959.

Sympathy to the family of Sara Kelley. Sara passed away on January 17, 2018. She joined FBCM by baptism on April 11, 1948.

Sympathy to Greg Price and family upon the death of his wife, Cindy, on January 1, 2018. Greg is a former FBCM staff member.

Sympathy to Pam Reed and her son, Kevin, on the death of her father, Fred Emert, on January 19, 2018.

Sympathy to Tony and Barbara Taylor and family upon the loss of Barbara's dad, Lacy Woody, on January 29, 2018.



**Sunday, Feb. 25
at 5pm in the Gym**

We'll start with a pizza supper, and then we'll test our knowledge on such topics as history, geography, music, movies, and more. Bring a team of six or join one when you get there.



**Carolyn Blevins
joins us for the
Martha Stearns Marshall
Month of Preaching**

Carolyn Blevins will preach at FBCM on Sunday, February 11.

Before retiring, Carolyn served for thirty years as a professor in the Religion Department of Carson-Newman University in Jefferson City, Tennessee. Carolyn is also known for her research and writing on the history of Baptist Women.

Carolyn is married to William "Bill" Blevins who is a Professor of Counseling Emeritus and the Director of the William Blevins Institute for Spirituality and Mental Health at Carson-Newman University.

Both Carolyn and Bill have spoken at FBCM in the past. We hope you will come and welcome them back for this special service.



Spring/Summer Consignment Sale

Friday, March 2, 8am to 6pm

Saturday, March 3, 8am to 1pm

½ price all day on most items.

Sign-ups are going on now! The cost to consign is \$10 which includes 100 tags and an instructional packet. Additional packs of 100 tags may be purchased at \$3 per pack. If you work a three-hour shift, you get 70% of your sales, if not, you get 50%. You may sign up in the church office during office hours.



Let us watch your kids while you enjoy a night out on Friday, Feb. 16.

For kids, birth through 6th grade.

Drop off at 5pm and pick up at 8pm.

Cost is \$10.00 per child.

Please bring a kids' meal for your child's dinner.

Sign up at the Children's Ministry check-in desk by February 11.



Don and Teresa Patty - Letter

Elizabeth Patty - Baptism

Thank You!

Dear Church Friends and Family,

Thank you so much for coming to Christmas Carol. Thank you for all the gifts. What a wonderful church I belong to. I loved the poinsettia that you brought and bring every year. Thanks for you generosity. Please feel free to come again.

May God bless you all!

Love Your friend,
Karen Kolbe

Dear Dawn, Bill, and all of the sponsors and volunteers at FBCM,

Thank you for participating in the Christmas Wishes Program again last year! Your ongoing partnership to ensure that our local kids in need have gifts and a fun party for Christmas is invaluable. Some of us have been doing this together from the onset, and I hope you are continuing to receive the blessings that I do from helping these children. I look forward to working with you on future projects - especially Christmas Wishes 2018!!

Many Blessings,
Carol Lucas,
CommunityWorx
Director

- Our next CommunityWorx Volunteer Workday is April 14, 2018. (Call 865-268-9822 or go to mycommunityworx.com for more information.)



Quarterly Business Meeting

Sunday, Feb. 18
after the service



**FBC Maryville Spring Youth Retreat
March 2-4, 2018,
at Eagle Rock Retreat Center**

Cost is \$125 per student for first or only child, and \$100 for each additional sibling. Fee covers transportation, lodging, and all meals from Friday night to Sunday morning. We will leave from the church on Friday, March 2, at 5pm, and return on Sunday, March 4, at 11:30am.

Deadline to register is Sunday, February 18. We will need a notarized 2018 FBC Youth Release Form and a front/back copy of your insurance card turned in before the trip. Pick up a registration form and a release form from the youth wing, and once completed, give them and your fee payment to Gary or drop them in the box outside church office door.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Note: All dates are subject to change.

FEBRUARY

- 4: Kairos Kickoff Football Party, 6:30pm, Gym
- 11: Carolyn Blevins, Guest Preacher
- 13: Joy Club Valentine's Luncheon, 10:30am, Gym
- 14: Valentine's Day Banquet, 6pm, Gym
- 16: Parents' Night Out
- 17: Potluck with the Booths - Whitehead and Hurst Bible Study Groups
- 18: Business Meeting
- 21-25: Honduras Mission Exploration trip
- 25: Trivia Night, 5pm, Gym
- 26: March/April Link Deadline (2-Month Issue)

MARCH (FIRST HALF)

- 2-4: Youth Retreat
- 2-3: Kidz Consignment Sale
 - 4: Retirement Lunch for Charles Ballard
- 4-11: Family Promise Week
 - 7: Roundtable Discussion, 5:30pm, Gym
 - 10: Potluck with the Booths - Chambers, Brown, and Barnard Bible Study Groups
 - 11: Daylight Savings Time begins
 - 14: No Wednesday night activities (Fall Break)

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY:

- Bible Study Groups - 9:15am
- Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30am, Sanctuary
- Kids' Worship - 10:30am, Kids' Park

WEDNESDAY

- Adult Studies - 6:00pm
- Choir Rehearsal - 6:00pm, Choir Room
- Collision Youth Worship - 6:00pm, Youth Room
- Recharge - 6:00pm. K-6 Grade in the Gym
- Childcare is available at 6pm in room CH101

For more information about available Bible Study Groups and Growth Groups, go to our website at fbcmaryville.org.

CHURCH GROWTH 2018

Attendance Information:

	<u>Bible Study</u>	<u>Worship</u>
January 7	230	320
January 14	199	245
January 21	283	331
January 28	271	465

Offering Information:

January 7	\$15,224.00
January 14	\$10,569.50
January 21	\$15,533.30
January 28	\$8,458.00

Offering needs each week	\$18,109.00
Need to Date	\$561,379.00
Received to Date	\$596,184.22

Building Fund

Received	\$1,760.00
Received to Date	\$14,286.50
Balance - Building Fund Total	\$83,547.79

Missions

Received	\$487.00
Year to Date	\$11,615.00

CONTACT INFORMATION

202 West Lamar Alexander Parkway
 Maryville, TN 37801
 Website: fbcmaryville.org
 Office Phone: 982-5531 -- Fax: 982-5533
 Gym Phone: 982-4898 -- Daycare: 984-0667
 Weekend Emergency Phone: 865-456-3668

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

8am to 4:30pm, Monday - Thursday
 8am to 3pm - Friday
 Closed from 9 to 11am on Tuesdays for staff meeting.

FLC GYM HOURS

6am to 9pm - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
 6am to 3pm - Wednesday and Friday
 Contact the gym for more information about group fitness classes and orientation.