



Together in Christ, we love God and others.

THE LINK

July 2018

CHURCH-WIDE POOL PARTY

Sunday, July 22

6:00 - 8:30pm

John Sevier Pool



Bring your family to John Sevier pool for a night of food, fellowship, and fun!

John Sevier pool has been recently renovated and now has a playground, tube slides for kids, diving boards, dressing and shower rooms, and plenty of covered areas to sit under while enjoying the evening. We ask that all swim attire be modest and appropriate for a church event.

There is no cost for this event. You may pack a picnic for your family or purchase food from the *Holy Smokin' BBQ* food truck which will be on sight at 6pm. (For a menu and price list, go to their website, www.holysmokinbbq.biz.) The church will provide free sweet tea, lemonade, and water to drink.

We will have musical entertainment, and we hope to have a baptism. If you are interested in being baptized, please contact one of our staff members.

Everyone is invited! We want this to be a fellowship for the entire church-body — from the youngest to the oldest. We hope to see you there!



**Save the date! We will show the movie,
I Can Only Imagine, in the gym on
Sunday night, August 19th.**

Growing up in Greenville, Texas, Bart Millard suffers physical and emotional abuse at the hands of his father, Arthur. When Arthur becomes terminally ill, he finds redemption by embracing his faith and rediscovering his love for his son. Years later, Bart's troubled childhood and mended relationship with his dad inspires him to write the hit song "I Can Only Imagine" as singer of the Christian band MercyMe.

Thank you!

Dear Reverend Booth,

The four books, Journeying Through Grief, that you sent to me following Mark's and my loss of Lynn have been such a blessing during this past year.

In his books, Dr. Haugk includes many experiences of others who have lost loved ones to which I can relate, and he has helped me recognize that some of the thoughts and feelings which I have experienced are normal and part of the grief process. Although I know without a doubt that God has been with me every step of the way, I have appreciated and needed the guidance that Dr. Haugk provided in his books.

Thank you so much for choosing his books as the ones for me to read for this time in my life and for your thoughtfulness in sending them to me.

Gratefully yours,
Jo Allen

Our Deepest Sympathy

To Nichole Shiver and her family upon the loss of her grandmother, Sue Falls Tyler, on June 11, 2018. Sue had been a member of FBCM since February 14, 1982.

To Jewel Mitchell and her family upon the loss of her husband, Norman Mitchell on June 16, 2018. Norman had been a member of FBCM since August 8, 2005.

To the family of Ruby Quillen who passed away on June 24, 2018. Ruby had been a member of FBCM since November 11, 2012.

WELCOME new members

Katie Russell - Letter

Brandon and Jennifer Everhart - Letter



Intercessory Prayer Group

Praise to the Lord! God is answering our prayers. The Intercessory Prayer Group is now meeting in Room 203 of the Family Life Center every Monday morning at 9:30am for an hour of prayer. Come join us! For information, contact Karen Robinson or Patti McCloud.

Tender Care Team

by Linda Lawson, Parish Nurse

We have started a ministry called the Tendercare Team. This team will minister to church people who are home with hospice or suffering an overwhelming illness.

Our team members will help by providing an occasional meal, running an errand, sitting with loved one while their caregiving family member goes to an appointment or runs an errand, and other assists as the needs arise.

If you would like to help in one of these areas or want to know more, please call the church office and ask to talk with me.



Revive: Rethinking the Second Half of Marriage

**by
Pastor Bill Booth**

At its root the word revive speaks to restoration or renewal. This seems like a great place to begin a conversation about what David and Claudia Arp call the second half of marriage or more commonly referred to in our culture as the “empty-nest.” After years of investing so much time and energy into our children, we find them heading into the world to make their own place. While we celebrate this wonderful transition, it is still a big adjustment in many ways. For some couples it can be a very unsettled time as our roles and priorities shift.

Lisa and I are living in that reality right now. Added to that is the transition to new jobs and a new state. We rarely do things the simple way. As a result, we can absolutely understand how confusing and even frustrating this season of life can be as we try to understand the new map of our world that has shifted under our feet.

Lisa and I have been thinking for some time that we would love to share our experience with others who are on the same journey. We have even had many conversations with folks who have jokingly asked if there was some kind of support group for people like us. After doing some research, I have come across a great resource that I believe will be very helpful for Lisa and me. We would love to invite others to join us in exploring this material and in building a community of couples looking to bring restoration and renewal to their relationships.

The Arps remind us that among the challenges we face in the second half of marriage are changing roles and expectations, communication issues, transforming conflict into positive energy for growth and the need to rediscover the joy of your relationship with your spouse. This is just a beginning list, and I am sure you could think of other things you would like to discuss with others who share your values and faith understanding of what it means to make a meaningful commitment in a marriage.

Lisa and I plan to begin a weekly gathering in the Fall. I envision this as a small group that meets in homes where we gather to share our stories and encouragement with one another. Of course, there would be some snacks as well. Lisa and I would facilitate the conversation using the Arp book, “The Second Half of Marriage.” We will be exploring this idea to see if anyone is interested in joining us in this pilgrimage toward reviving our relationships. We will give you more details as we get closer to beginning this dialogue. Let us know if this sounds like the kind of journey that would be beneficial to you.



Our Church on Mission

Our church will send a team to Kenya this September where they plan to do a medical mission for *Connect with a Child* ministries. Those who plan to go at this time are Bill Booth, Allen Kelley, Tom and Donna Coulter, Randy and Stephanie Shults, and Karen Sheddan (a Shults Pediatrics’ nurse).

Arrangements are still being worked out at this time. More will be shared later as they are finalized.

Please keep this team in your prayers as they prepare for this trip. Pray that God will reveal His plan for this mission work in Kenya.



Please mark your calendar for these Summer events!

Waterfall Hike

July 3, Meet at church at 9am

Pool Party at the Kirby's House

July 18, 6-8pm

Collision Worship

Youth Room Renovation Reveal
August 1

Back-to-School Bash

Main Event Entertainment in Knoxville
August 4, 9am-1pm

Back-to-School Pancake Breakfast

August 5, 9:15am, in the gym

Mission Trip Sharing Service

August 5, 10:30am, in the sanctuary

Scheduling Note:

Please be aware that there are no youth activities on July 4, 11, and 25.



The church office and the gym will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, for Independence Day.



We will observe the Lord's Supper during the worship service on Sunday, July 29.

Kids' Worship does not meet that day; so they will join us in the sanctuary.



**Dollar Sunday
July 29**

As you leave the service on July 29, we will collect dollar bills for the Blount County Salvation Army. More information about the Salvation Army will be shared in the service.

Our first Dollar Sunday was April 29. That day, we collected \$428 for the New Hope Child Advocacy Center of Blount County.

Thanks for helping us support these local ministries who share the love of Jesus in our community.



This Task Force has been formed to determine God's will for the use of our church's resources to reach others. They ask the church to earnestly pray for God to give them discernment and a clear vision in this endeavor.

The members of this task force are Vallie Collins, Tom Coulter, Drew Goins, Steve Johnson, Allen Kelley, Dan Sinclair, Sue Williams, and Bill Booth (staff liaison).



Wednesday Night Kickoff

Save the date of August 8 for our kickoff. We plan to have a meal and study group introductions before breaking out for the first session of these groups.

Watch future worship guides and the August Link for more information.



Restore the Champion's Mentality A Basketball Camp by Alexis Hornbuckle

Former University of Tennessee Lady Vol and WNBA basketball player Alexis Hornbuckle will lead a basketball camp in our gym on Saturday, August 18, from 9am to 2pm. Participants must be between the ages of 9-15 years old. They will each receive a t-shirt and an autographed picture to take home. The early-bird registration fee is \$50, which is payable online through her website, alexishornbuckle.com. You may also find a link on "The League of their own" Facebook page.

Following the camp at 3pm, there will be a Meet & Greet which will be FREE to the public. Guests will have time to take pictures, get autographs, and participate in a question and answer session.

We are excited to work with *The League of Their Own* to bring this opportunity to FBCM and our community.

Tidbits from FBCM History



Lorene Smith who passed away recently was collecting information to write a book on the history of our church. Her family brought this information to us to store in our archives. We thought some stories and facts worth sharing. So we decided to include a few in this Link and possibly in future editions.

The following is an excerpt from Tom Sawyer's interview with Hoyle Kidd. Hoyle is replying to a question asking about former pastors he remembered.

"Dr. Johnson, bless his heart, he was one of those pastors that always had a beautiful prayer after the scripture reading; he had a beautiful prayer and sometimes it lasted a long time. By this time I was a teenager, you know, and when you got away and dad and mother didn't make you sit with them, it was just natural for the boys, you know, to keep trying to get a little further back in the church. And that's what happened. I remember Bill Williams and Walter and Melvin Culvyhouse...we'd get a way in the back, you know.

"And one Sunday, Dr. J. R. Johnson, he got through with his prayer, but the trouble was when he started his prayer, an old radiator in the back there in back right by us, that thing began to clink. And you know, it clinked and it clinked, and we could see that Dr. Johnson was getting redder and redder, and that radiator clinked all the way through his prayer, but you know, at the conclusion of his prayer, the radiator quit. And he just looked back our way and he said, 'I would like for one of you laymen to let me know who it was hitting that radiator,' and bless his heart, Mr. Otha Gibson, he was sitting back in the vicinity and he got up in his real jovial way as we've always known it, and he said 'Preacher, it wasn't any of those boys hitting that radiator, it was a-doing it by itself.' And that saved us. It wasn't too amusing at the time, but now I can look back on it and see that it was amusing."

UPCOMING EVENTS

Note: All dates are subject to change.

JULY

- 3: Youth Waterfall Hike, 9am
- 4: FLC Gym and Church Office closed
- 11: No Youth Activity
- 18: Youth Pool Party at the Kirby's home
- 19: Special Olympics Burger Luncheon
- 22: Church Pool Party at John Sevier Pool
- 25: No Youth Activity
- 29: Lord's Supper; Dollar Sunday

AUGUST

- 1: First Collision Youth Worship
- 4: Youth Trip to Main Event Entertainment
- 5: Youth Back-to-School Pancake Breakfast; Youth Sharing about Mission Trip in service
- 8: Mission of Hope's Back-to-School trip to Yellowcreek School; Wednesday night Kickoff
- 11: Ramsey/McDaniel Class Potluck with the Pastor
- 18: Alexis Hornbuckle Basketball Camp
- 19: Movie Night - "I Can Only Imagine"

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

Intercessory Prayer Group - 9:30am, FLC 203

TUESDAY

Staff Meeting - 9am

WEDNESDAY

Normal mid-week programming will resume with a new schedule in August.

CHURCH GROWTH 2018

Attendance Information:

	<u>Bible Study</u>	<u>Worship</u>
June 3	186	293
June 10	221	296
June 17	220	346
June 24	243	280

Offering Information:

June 3	\$50,937.61
June 10	\$23,451.00
June 17	\$11,458.50
June 24	\$9,268.00

Offering needs each week	\$18,109.00
Need to Date	\$941,668.00
Received to Date	\$959,766.68
Expenses to Date	\$886,442.68

Building Fund

Received	\$1,950.00
Received to Date	\$27,836.50
Balance - Building Fund Total	\$97,097.79

Missions

Received	\$936.00
Year to Date	\$18,237.83

CONTACT INFORMATION

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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 & Friday
 Contact the gym for more information
 about group fitness classes and orientation.