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# The News

First Baptist Church  
Manchester, TN



Finish the Race

Week 145 of 156



MISSION TEAMS  
ARE FILLING UP

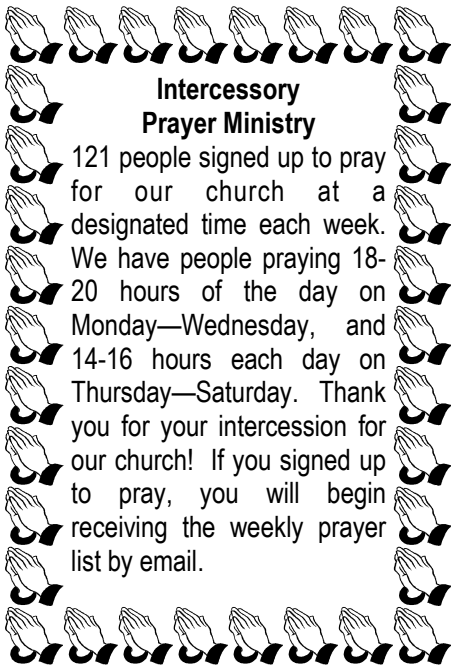
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The deadline to register for our 2018 Short Term Mission Trips is **this Sunday, March 18, 2018**. Currently we have two spots left for our Boston team and two spots available for our Paris team. The Pennsylvania & Ohio teams are still in need of other participants. Pray this week about going on a mission trip this year. Please also pray for these mission teams and the work they will do in the name of Jesus Christ.



**For Preschoolers — 5th Graders**  
**Sunday, March 25 at 1:30 PM**  
**Preschool Playground and Parking Lot**

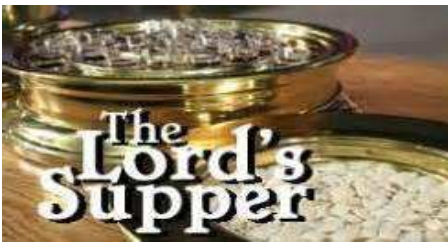
**We will enjoy the Easter story, a petting zoo, age graded egg hunts, and LOTS more fun activities!**



**Intercessory  
Prayer Ministry**

121 people signed up to pray for our church at a designated time each week. We have people praying 18-20 hours of the day on Monday—Wednesday, and 14-16 hours each day on Thursday—Saturday. Thank you for your intercession for our church! If you signed up to pray, you will begin receiving the weekly prayer list by email.

**Celebration of Baptism**  
Sunday at 8:30 & 11:00 AM



**Celebration of the  
Lord's Supper**  
Sunday, 8:30, 9:45 & 11:00 AM

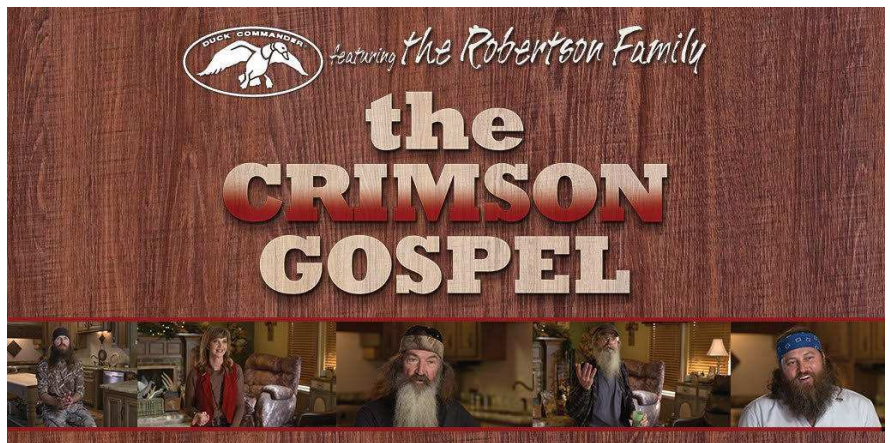


**Deacons' Meetings**  
**Sunday, March 18**  
**Deacon Council 4:00 PM**  
**Deacon Family Ministry**  
**4:45 PM**

## From the Lead Pastor's Heart

Our church theme for 2018 is "Turning Everyday Conversations into Gospel Conversations." Each month I want to share a tip that may help you share your faith in everyday conversations. Here is this month's tip: Go to the website [gcchallenge.com](http://gcchallenge.com). You will find a community of other churches taking this challenge this year. Click on "videos," and watch 60 second testimonies of church members like you who have turned everyday conversations into gospel conversations. These videos will encourage you and give you ideas about how to engage your friends with the gospel. Then click on "upload video" and record a 60 second video of your gospel conversation. You can be an encouragement to someone else!

*Brenton Cox*



**First Baptist Church will present**  
**THE CRIMSON GOSPEL**  
**On Sunday, April 15th**  
**at 6:00 PM**

**Season of Prayer for North American Missions**  
March 4—April 1

### North American Missions Offering

**Our Church Goal: \$14,000**

**Given to Date: \$12,617.83**

70%--Annie Armstrong Easter Offering  
for North American Missions

15% Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions

10% Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes

5% Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes



**Special Gifts**  
**Finish the Race**

In memory of Jim Casey by Jeff & Donna Enis, by Tim & Ami Hancock  
In memory of Joyce Warnock by Amos & Sheila Laxson

**North American Missions**

In memory of Bill Simmons' brother by Phil Tarpley

**Servant's Heart**

In memory of Joyce Warnock by Bill & Glenna McCroskey

**Director of Christian Education**

Please continue to pray for our Preschool Children's Minister Search Team. The team consists of Brenton Cox, Cyndi Cox, Liz Lawson, Kylene Foster and James Cartwright.

We have received resumes and are in the process of narrowing them down and doing interviews. Please pray that we will have discernment and will know God's will for our church.

Cyndi

We express Christian sympathy to:



Jesse Bray on the death of his brother, Paul Bray in Glasgow, KY



**Men's Chili Cookoff Results**

**Best Mild Chili:**

First place: Bill Simmons  
Second place: Gene Dodson  
Third place: Craig Abbott

**Best Hot Chili:**

First place: John Meacham  
Second place: Daniel Disch  
Third place: Chad Stacy

**Best Exotic Chili:**

First place: Sean Kennedy  
Second place: Craig Abbott  
Third place: Bryant Shearin

Thank you to everyone who provided chili. Thank you to our fellowship team for a great job hosting this event.

**Decision Counselor Orientation**  
**Wednesday, March 28**  
**6:00 PM**

If you have completed Anatomy of a Christian Witness or other witness training, you are qualified to serve as a decision counselor in our worship services. You are invited to a 30 minute orientation with Diane Argraves, Decision Counseling Coordinator, on Wednesday, March 28, at 6:00 PM. We need decision counselors at 8:30, 9:45, and 11:00 AM worship.



**March 14**

Pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, coleslaw, chips, and apple dumplings

**March 21**

Turkey & dressing, sweet potato casserole, green beans, rolls, cranberry sauce, assorted pies

Reservations are required by Sunday before Wednesday. Make a reservation at a deposit box.

**Attendance**  
**Week of March 11, 2017**

Connection Group Enrollment	1211
7:45 & 8:30 Attendance	84
9:45 Attendance	483
Total Attendance	567
Yearly Average	623
8:30 AM Worship	275
9:45 AM Worship	135
11:00 AM Worship	300
Spanish Worship	20
Total Morning Worship	730
Evening Worship	107
Christian Development Program	212

**Financial Report**  
**Week of March 11, 2017**

Needed Weekly	\$26,313.31
Budget Offering	\$29,639.85
Designated	\$4,435.00
Other Receipts	\$9,198.89
Total Receipts	\$43,273.74
YTD Budget Needs	\$722,976.49
YTD Budget Receipts	\$801,533.19
<b>Finish the Race</b>	
This Sunday	\$3,080.00
Given to Date:	\$503,005.09

## Ministry Opportunities

### Sunday (3/18)

Early Connection Group 7:45 AM  
Contemporary Worship 8:30 & 9:45 AM  
Connection Groups 8:30 & 9:45 AM  
Blended Worship 11:00 AM

### Wednesday (3/21)

Children's Choir (1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades) 3:30 PM  
Fellowship Supper 5:00 PM  
Childcare available for under 2 6:00 PM  
Teamkid (Age 2 - K)  
Bible Buddies (1st - 3rd Grade)  
Bible Drill (4th & 5th Grade)  
Teamkid (4th & 5th Grade)  
Middle School & High School Worship  
Prayer Meeting  
Worship Choir  
Christian Development Classes 6:30 PM  
Radius (young adults 18-29) 7:45 PM

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#### Bookstore Hours

##### Sundays

9:15—9:45 AM  
10:45—11:00 AM  
12:00—12:15 PM

##### Wednesdays

5:30—6:30 PM

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disciples of Jesus Christ.*



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## Volunteers in Ministry

March 18

#### Welcome Center

8:30 AM

Jim & Erin Dobson, Donna West  
Dennis Greer, Karen Avey

9:45 AM

Phil & Connie Clark  
Beth Penick

#### Bookstore Workers

Linda Anderson

Janet Orrick

#### Wednesday Evening

Rose DeBoer

#### Deacon of the Week

Steve Lawton, Chad Stacy  
Doug Hodges

#### Decision Counselors

8:30 AM

Pete Cento, Teresa Hall  
Beth Marchesoni

9:45 AM

James Cartwright, Judy Hull

11:00 AM

Greg Hancock, Ana Maria Booher

#### Safety Team

8:30 -- 10:00 AM

Bobby Bryan  
Josh Hunt

10:00 -- Noon

Bob Argraves  
Steve Leet