

Faith Christian Ministries

Item of the Month:

Soup & Muffin/Cornbread Mix

Each month, Nashville Baptist Church partners with Faith Christian Ministries to provide select items to help stock their local pantry.

Please consider picking up an extra item or two when you are next at the grocery store.

Donations can be dropped off Sunday mornings at 10am in the Narthex or during the week at the church office.



NBCU FALL SEMESTER 2023

This semester we are excited to offer three different classes for adults @ 9 a.m. on Sundays. We will also offer a class for 6th - 12th grade and a time of learning & fun for children from nursery - 5th grade. Please review the three class options and sign up for the class you would like to attend on the sign-up sheets in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall.

Class Option 1
A study of
1 and 2 Peter.

Class Option 2
"Unshakable
Hope: Building
Our Lives on the
Promises of God"
by: Max Lucado

**Young Adult
Class**
"Prayer: The
Great Adventure"
by: David
Jeremiah"



NBC Directory Pick-Up
Sunday, September 3, AFTER worship or
M-Th, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. @ the NBC office



Purchase a Pixel



Purchase a Pixel Fundraiser
Pixels are available for \$50 each.
You may designate pixels in
honor or memory of a
person/couple.

Forms are available next to the AV Table and the Fellowship Hall.

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A Note from the Pastor

*O wad some Power the giftie gie us
To see ourself as ithers see us!
It wad frae mony a blunder free us,
An' foolish notion:
What airs in dress n' gait wad lea'e us,
An' ev'n devotion!*
"To a Louse": Robert Burns

The Scottish poet Robert Burns penned these words in 1786 after noticing a louse (a small parasite or bug) roaming around a lady's bonnet during a church service. Above, I shared the final verse, which summarizes the theme. Burns wrote the poem to chastise the tiny creature for not realizing the importance of his present host, the pretentious and pious church lady. The verse lays bare the understanding that those with elevated conceit might surely falter knowing the actual views of others.

I realize that Scottish Gaelic presents translation barriers. Here is the verse in plainer English:

*Oh, would some Power the gift give us
To see ourselves as others see us!
It would, from many a blunder free us,
And foolish notion:
What airs in dress and gait would leave us,
And even devotion!*

Burns, known as the national poet of Scotland, piqued my interest as a college student. He may seem unfamiliar to you, yet most people will recognize the song often sung on New Year's Eve, "Auld Lang Syne," of which he is the author. Poetry might not interest you greatly; however, a world of introspection arises when you look deeply into written verse.

Poetic verse fills the pages of Scripture, especially the Old Testament. The books of Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, and Lamentations are known as books of poetry. In addition, except for Lamentations, the term "Wisdom Literature" refers to these Scriptural writings, how appropriate. One definition of "Wisdom Literature" states, a genre of ancient

literature characterized by an emphasis on teaching its audience the things necessary to attain to virtue and obtain divine favor. These books focus on the life concerns of individuals and advise on everyday choices.

Although Burns's poetry does not qualify as Biblical teaching, I believe wisdom resides in the words. Wisdom that envelopes much of Scripture instructs believers to live in a manner so others see our Lord in us. The gift of vision to see ourselves from another's perspective might prove troubling if our lives do not display Christ. This realization challenges each person and the church body as a whole.

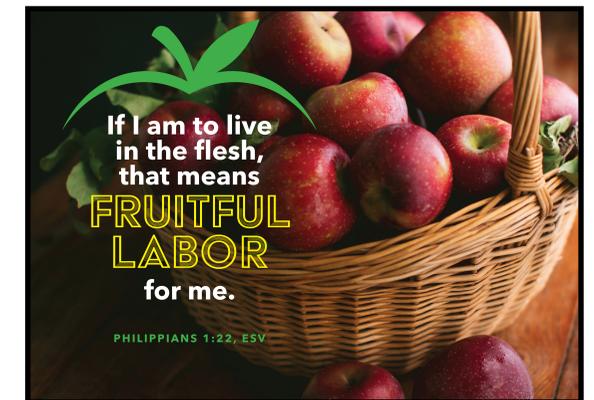
Although we hear that living life should not constantly face constraints from the opinions of others, how others view the body of Christ is vital. If onlookers see hypocrisy, infighting, negativity, and extreme prejudice, a mirror image of the world, that is troubling. The image seen by the world is central.

During my sabbatical, the Lord and church family gave me a gift: time. An opportunity to spend time with the Lord devoid of many daily distractions often faced. I began the sabbatical journey with such feelings of encouragement from you my Nashville Baptist Church (NBC) family. I took this time and used it as the Lord led, and He opened my heart to the realization of how much I truly needed this season in my faith journey. Undoubtedly, many of you also had the opportunity to think and soul-search during this occasion. I hope this was productive, in the proper manner, and leading in the right direction.

We are the "Body of Christ." Each person plays a vital role in the mission of NBC for the Kingdom. Do others see the Gospel of Christ in action when they see NBC? Please ask yourself this question and seek the Lord's guidance on how you can be on mission and WE can be on mission together. Keep moving forward!

I will give my all for Christ, and NBC, today!

Kenny, Servant/Pastor of NBC



Office Hours:

Monday: 9 am - 2 pm
Tuesday: 9 am - 2pm
Wednesday: 9 am - 2pm
Thursday: 9 am - 2pm
Friday: Closed

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Service Times:

Sundays at 10:00am

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