# Versailles Baptist Church

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Versailles Baptist Church exists to glorify God by helping people Decide to follow Christ, Devote to spiritual maturity, and Demonstrate their faith to others.

What a beautiful picture it was on Sunday as 22 people from our Hispanic Ministry joined the membership of our church. Many of them have been baptized in the past few weeks and we are so thankful to have them desire to become part of the church

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them have been baptized in the past few weeks and we are so thankful to have them desire to become part of the church family. As I said on Sunday, this is not "my church", "your church", or "their church", but rather, "our church". As members of our church, it solidifies our belief that the church and the gospel are for everyone! Join me in welcoming our newest family members.

In addition to 22 from our Hispanic Ministry, 7 more adults have joined over the past few weeks. We are so thankful to see so many added to our church family in just two weeks!

We welcome the following as new members: Debbie Smith, Linda Collier, Sherry, Phil, and Joyce Applegate, Clayton and Jeanie Jewell .

### **Budget Vote**

On 12/3 the church voted 164-0 to approve the 2018 church budget. We are thankful for a unanimous vote!

#### **Christmas Mission Outreach**

In the past week our church has delivered toys to over 600 needy children in Eastern Kentucky with the Mission of Hope and to 109 children in Versailles through our Versailles Baptist Toy Project. We are so thankful to so many who have served and given for these mission opportunities!



### The Toy Project

We served 109 children from 39 families with the help of 84 volunteers .

### Appreciation for Dr. Johnie Dean

I am sure I speak for all of us when I say we will dearly miss Dr. Johnie Dean. I hope you will join me in sharing our appreciation for him and the great job he has done. Johnie will be leading worship for us on 12/31 and 1/7 while Will is on vacation.

Pastor Michael

Here are some of our Hispanic families presenting themselves for membership in our church along with Joyce Applegate in the blue jacket. Dear Friends at VBC,

I have enjoyed my time this year playing for the services and serving as church accompanist. But the time has come that I must step away. This summer I was promoted to Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs at Midway University and so my workload has increased significantly. In addition, my music writing and arranging opportunities are increasing . . . just last night I received an email from a music director in Atlanta who has asked me to look into arranging and orchestrating several numbers for them on an ongoing basis.

Lastly, I miss going to church with my family and I would like to worship with them . . . and oddly enough, they actually want me be there with them.

This Sunday, Dec. 17th, is my last official Sunday; however don't count me gone as I told Michael and Will I am glad to help out as I can (so you will see me leading worship the end of December and the first Sunday in January).

What a blessed and loving church family you are to me.

Blessings, Johnie Dean

You are invited to stop by this Sunday afternoon, December 17th, in Fellowship Hall from 3:00—6:00 PM to honor **John and Kathy Crossfield** for their 50th wedding anniversary. Please, no gifts.

Dear Versailles Baptist Church,

Our gratitude for you is immense. God put in our paths the best community of faith, to become our support in the very harsh experience we already faced with our baby son Jacob.

Thank you all for your prayers that lifted our broken hearts. Thanks for the delicious food that you prepared and brought to our home. Thank you for the love offering that we are using to cover our needs. The warmth, the kindness and the love that you have shown to us, overwhelmed our hearts.

God bless you all, Ivan Velasco & Erika Pardo.

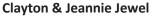
## Bereavement Committee,

Thank you so much for the delicious meal after my mom's services. It was very nice to share a meal with family and friends. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.

The family of Sue Patterson

### Please welcome New Members







Phil & Sherry Applegate



Debbie Smith



Linda Collier

