



Church Family,

Once again, God blessed us with a wonderful day of worship as we gathered together this past Sunday. We were also blessed to see God continue to move in the hearts and lives of His people as **Steve and Angie Fisk** came forward to become members of the local body of believers here at FBC Benton.

I know you rejoice not only in welcoming Steve and Angie, but also in seeing how God, in His amazing grace, continues to work among us. If you have not yet had the opportunity, I hope you will take a moment in the coming weeks to introduce yourself, welcome them personally, and let them know how thankful we are to have them as part of our church family.

We were also able to gather for a special time of fellowship, love, and encouragement as we celebrated the faithful service of **Margaret and Jeff Siress** over the past 20+ years. Church, I believe we struck the right note in praising God for their faithfulness while also expressing our love and appreciation for them. You loved on Margaret and Jeff well, and I am grateful for the way our church family came together to encourage them as they look ahead to the next ministry assignment God has prepared for them.

During the Sunday School hour and our announcement time, we also mentioned several areas of ministry where volunteers are needed. I hope you are prayerfully considering where God may be calling you to serve.

We currently have needs in the areas of **nursery, audio/visual, greeters and welcoming team members, and security**. Additionally, we would love to see our **Wednesday evening family fellowship meal** begin again, but we need a kitchen coordinator and additional helpers to make that weekly ministry possible.

There is a place for each of us to serve within the body of Christ. I encourage you not simply to ask, “WHERE IS THERE A NEED?” but also, “LORD, WHERE WOULD YOU HAVE ME SERVE?”

I am also very thankful to report that God has provided a leadership team for our **Awana ministry** this fall. Our core leadership team will consist of **Tessa Powell, Kaitlin Penn, and Christina Warmath**, who will help coordinate the weekly ministry of Awana.

They will be surrounded by a wonderful support team of teachers, security volunteers, nursery workers, and other leaders—many of whom have faithfully served in Awana since the ministry began here at FBC. We praise God for this ministry and for every volunteer who gives so selflessly of their time and energy each week to help disciple our children.

Please keep our Awana leaders, children, and families in your prayers as we begin the new ministry year with our **Kick-Off event this Wednesday evening at 6:15 PM**. Pray that God would use this ministry not simply to teach children Bible verses and lessons, but to help them know, love, and follow Jesus Christ.

Lastly, I hope you are enjoying our new sermon series through Philippians, “**Unpacking the True Joy in Philippians.**”

This past Sunday, we considered the tremendous truth Paul expressed in Philippians 1:21:

“For me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.”

What a statement! What would it look like if Christ truly became not simply a part of our lives, but the very reason for which we live?

This coming Sunday, we will see a noticeable transition in Paul's letter as he turns from describing his own circumstances and convictions to challenging the believers at Philippi:

“Just one thing: As citizens of heaven, live your life worthy of the gospel of Christ.”

— Philippians 1:27, CSB

What a tremendous challenge for every believer—and for every church.

What does it mean for our daily lives to be **worthy of the gospel we profess to believe?**

How should the gospel shape the way we live, serve, stand together, face opposition, and even endure difficulty?

I encourage you to prayerfully read **Philippians 1:27–30** before Sunday and ask the Lord to prepare your heart for what His Word has to say to us—both as individual followers of Christ and together as His church.

Church family, God is at work among us. May we continue to praise Him for what He has done, remain faithful in what He has called us to do, and eagerly look forward to what He will do next.

Join Us in Prayer

Sunday Prayer Gathering

Sundays • 8:00–8:15 a.m. • Prayer Room

Begin each Lord's Day by joining us as we seek God's presence, power, and blessing upon every aspect of our worship and ministry.

Intercessory Prayer Ministry

Sundays • 10:15–11:15 a.m. • Prayer Room

Each Sunday, faithful intercessors gather to pray throughout our worship service. If you would like to participate in this important ministry, a sign-up sheet is available in the Prayer Room.

Prayer Needs

Church family, I ask that you join me in praying specifically for the following needs:

Wednesday Evening Mid-Week Ministries

As our fall semester approaches, please pray for each area of our Wednesday evening ministry:

- **Awana** — Pray for our leaders, volunteers, and children as the fall semester begins September 2. Pray that the Lord will use every lesson, conversation, Scripture memory verse, and relationship to point our children to Christ and establish them firmly in His Word.
- **Student Discipleship Training** — Pray for this new class as we focus particularly on strengthening the biblical foundation of our new believers and helping them grow as faithful disciples of Christ.
- **Student Mid-Week Ministry** — Pray for our leaders, volunteers, and students as they continue to learn and grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- **Choir** — Pray for our choir as they gather each week for prayer, devotional time, fellowship, and rehearsal. Ask the Lord to prepare their hearts as they faithfully lead us in worship week after week.
- **Wednesday Bible Study** — Pray for our time together in the sanctuary as we gather for prayer and then dive into God's Word through our study of the epistle of James.

Nominating Committee & Deacon Selection

Both of these important processes will begin in the coming weeks as we enter September, but the time for prayer is **now**. Pray that God will grant our church wisdom, discernment, unity, and sensitivity to the leadership of the Holy Spirit as we consider those whom He would have serve in these important areas of leadership.

North American Mission Vision Trip — Phoenix, Arizona

Kelly and I will be traveling to the Phoenix area in September to meet with Dr. Eric Gibbs and the Live Love Ministries team and spend two days alongside them on the mission field. We will be prayerfully seeking the Lord's direction concerning how FBC Benton might come alongside this ministry through recurring mission trips beginning in 2027 as we seek to share the love and gospel of Christ.

Please pray for safe travel, fruitful conversations, spiritual discernment, and clear direction from the Lord concerning how He would have our church participate in this kingdom work.

Wednesday Evening Family Meal

Please pray that God would raise up the person or persons He would have lead the planning and preparation of our Wednesday Family Fellowship Meal. This ministry provides a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and connection within our church family, and we trust the Lord to provide those needed to lead it faithfully.

Church family, there is much for which we can give thanks and much for which we need to pray. **God is at work among us!** May we remain faithful, prayerful, and expectant as we seek Him together.

And through it all, may we never cease to marvel at the amazing grace of our God—**grace that saves us, grace that sustains us, and grace upon grace for every step of the journey.**

In Christ,

Bro. Todd

Senior Pastor

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Music Ministry

Our choir blessed us Sunday morning as they shared a new contemporary hymn, "Greater Grace (I Am Free)". Based on James 4:6, the song reminds us that God's grace is bigger than our failures and past mistakes. The chorus, "*I am free by the blood of the Lamb*", isn't about earning freedom. It's about receiving the freedom that Jesus already won for us on the cross!

It's an invitation to lay down the burdens that we carry. No matter how heavy the guilt or how strong the chains. His grace reaches further. We come as we are, and He set us free!

Greater Grace (I Am Free)

Oh, the greater grace washes over me,
And it cleanses me from my sin.
Jesus took my guilt to a lonely hill,
And my shame was laid on Him.

Now my soul is free to declare His praise
For the cross of Calvary,
And the greater grace that redeemed my life.
Hallelujah, I will sing!

Grace that is greater! Grace that is greater!
Grace that is greater than all my sin!

I am free! I am free!
I am free by the blood of the Lamb!
Greater grace! Rescued me!
I am free by the blood of the Lamb!
Carson/Doss/Harland/Smith
CCLI #7257115

Come join us for choir rehearsal. Wednesdays, 6:15pm! Hope you have a great week!

Stuart

Minister of Music & Worship

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Student Ministry

Salvations are beautiful, and I pray that we will continue to see more students come to faith in Christ. But I also pray that we will see our students grow in sanctification, the maturing of their faith and their walk with Christ.

Last week, we had 16 students in our New Christian Discipleship class, where they learned how to study Scripture. This week, the students will learn how to pray.

It is a privilege to pray, and I want to encourage you to pray for our students today, that God would save them, grow them, and teach them to love Him and His Word.

Upcoming Dates:

August 26 – Student Ministry | 6:15 PM

New Christian Discipleship Class | 5:15 PM

August 30 – Sunday School | 9:00 AM

Volunteer Service Event – This Sunday

This Sunday at **2:00 PM**, we need all the help we can get! We will be helping clean up a yard and picking up sticks from storm damage.

Event: Helping Mrs. Sandy Cooper

When: Sunday at 2:00 PM

Where: 2850 Main Street, Benton, KY

Who's Needed: All students + families

August 25, 2026

Thank you for continuing to support and pray for our students. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve them and to see God working in their lives.

In Christ,

Hayden Jaco

Director of Student Ministries

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Children's Ministry

Awana kick off tomorrow night Aug 26th, 6:15pm @ the Pavilion.

Awana back to normal schedule Sept. 2nd, 6:15 pm in the gym.

It's hard to put into words how appreciative Jeff and I are of all the ways you have shown love to us over the last month. The many messages and HUGS! The prayers and all the notes telling us you are praying for us. The gifts overwhelmed us. Jeff and I came home Sunday afternoon and we both said we could feel how loved we were.

Wednesday night several were a part of a special surprise for us. I told them it was perfect, and it was. Photos from 20+ years of ministry were collected in a scrapbook that I will cherish forever. The kids and youth surprised us with singing "Goodness of God." If I wasn't a wreck before I surely was after that.

Thank you FBC for the lunch Sunday in our honor. Thank you for the gifts and the monetary gift. We are so appreciative of your love and support.

We ask you to keep us in your prayers. We are trusting in His leads and His timing. I know God has a place for Jeff and I both to love and serve. FBC will forever be in our hearts and we love you all so very much.

Love,

Margaret and Jeff

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." Proverbs 22:6

Business Information

Budget Offering 08/23/26	\$8,416.15
Given to date	\$463,402.97
Budget needs to date	\$468,022.42
Designated Offering	\$280.00
Building Fund This Year	\$2,320.00
Lottie Moon	\$7,007.00
Annie Armstrong	\$1,900.00
Raymond James/Endowment Fund	\$75,997.61

ATTENDANCE	
08/23/26	235

Welcome New Members

Steve & Angie Fisk
711 Weatherwood Road
Symsonia, Ky 42082

Prayer Request

Church Family

Karen Brown
Brent Clark
Kia Crouse
Kathy Harrison
Roy & Joetta Jones
Cheryl McCuiston
Danny Owens
Dennis Pierce
Tristen Prange
Wendy Rose
Dale Southerd
*Marisa Smith
Jason Trammell
Barb Travis
*Alicia Wright

* Indicates new prayer request

*** NEW ADDRESS ***

Barbara Kinsey
c/o Stilley House # 410
971 Birch Street
Benton, Ky 42025

Friends & Family

Ed & Jane Alton
Anthony Cain
Veronica Galloway
Shelby Hega
George & Jane Kickhofel
Aaron Peters
Alicia Powell
Sandra Rowley
Dorothy Ryba
Dennis Southerd
Eddy Wild

Deaf Ministry

Kevin & Jessica Cartwright
& Family
15213 W 121st Terrace
Olathe, KS 66062
(Patty Sanders' son & family)

IMB Missionaries, SE Asia

Trevor & Maggie Grant
3806 Monument Ave
Richmond, VA 23230
(Martha Lewis's granddaughter
& husband)

North American Mission Board

Eric & Brittany Gibbs
767 N Castledale Ave
Casa Grande, AZ 85194
(Kaitlin Penn's brother
& family)

Shut In/Homebound

Joe & Dianne Dodd	Irma McClain
June English	Tommy & Brooks Meyer
Jan Erickson	Anna Lou Miller
Maryde Fullington	Dan Oldham
Doug Galyen	Ronnie & Sylvia Powell
Margie Greer	Ann Riley
Joan Hillen	Edna Riley
Betty Holt	Ken Riley
Sherry Johnston	Ann (Anna) Williams
Barbara Kinsey	

Volunteer Schedules

Nursery Schedule

- 8/30** – Dana Marsteller & Janice Miller, Elizabeth Garrett, Deanna Trammell (SS), Mary Jo Sprouse (Worship)
- 9/6** – Megan Robinson (SS), Amy Northcott, Kia Crouse, Kathy McCurry, Mya Acord, (Worship)
- 9/13** – Rita Hawes, Patsy Doom, Dara Smith, Stacey Malone (SS), Tammy Willie, Mary Jo Sprouse (Worship)
- 9/20** – Vicki Tynes, Vickie Wynn, Lori McGregor, Devan Willoughby (SS), Wendy Rose, Heather Yates (Worship)
- 9/27** – Elizabeth Garrett, Deanna Trammell, Dana Marsteller, Mya Acord (worship), Karen Postma, Karen McKean (SS)

Audio – Video

- 8/30** – Grant & Devan Willoughby
- 9/6** – Joe Jackson & Chase Duncan
- 9/13** – Grant Willoughby & Keagan Owens
- 9/20** – Grant & Devan Willoughby
- 9/27** – Billy & Terri Thorpe

Wednesday Evening

- 8/26** – Clayton Crouse
- 9/2** – Ron Welch
- 9/9** – Gary Allen
- 9/16** – Kent Rudd
- 9/23** – David Maddox
- 9/30** – Johnny Collins

Offertory Prayer

- 8/30** – Kevin Jackson
- 9/6** – David Puckett
- 9/13** – Mike Donohoo
- 9/20** – David Cassity
- 9/27** – Austin Beck

Camera Room

- 8/30** – Brenda Langlois
- 9/6** – Tim & Heather Yates
- 9/13** – Dara Smith
- 9/20** – Dan Maxberry
- 9/27** – Clayton Crouse

Welcome Center

SS Worship

- 8/30** – Gaba Bryant, Tim Yates
- 9/6** – Kent Rudd, Gary Brown
- 9/13** – Mark Harrison, Andy Miller
- 9/20** – Grant Willouby, Jason Trammell
- 9/27** – Mike Donohoo, Austin Beck

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

August 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 Joe Jackson Jarrett Malone	3 Breanna Carnine	4	5 Holly Moore	6 Irma McClain Brent Lanier	7 Brian Alexander Danny Maxberry Eric Penn Tamie Hodges Clifford & Sherrie Penn	8
9 Marisa Smith Jessica Cartwright	10 Tammy Anderson Eleanor Pogue	11 Richard McLeod Todd & Amy Northcott	12 Becky Auten Hayden Jaco Clark Pullen	13 Susan Sedlock Mark & Debbie Heuer	14 Debra Edwards Sarah Robertson	15
16	17 Todd & Kelly Henson	18 David Record	19 Steve & Cynthia Cary	20	21 Judy Southerd Ken Toby	22 Carolyn Donohoo Danny & Lockie Maxberry
23 Brooks Tynes Tessa Powell	24 Cathy Maddox Steven Bowers	25 Danny Owens	26 Savannah Hairgrove Karen McLeod Pam Rye Karsyn Warmath	27 Tommy Sedlock Mike & Carolyn Donohoo	28 Nate Moore Annie Malone	29 Natalie Thurmond
30 Erin Mathis	31 Tommy Meyer Cheryl McCuiston Dusty Kornbacher Jill Spencer	ANNIVERSARIES IN RED				

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Steve Cary	2	3 Sherry Johnston Ray & Joy Gee	4 Tommy & LeeAnn Sedlock	5 Wanda Jones Ray Gee
6	7	8 Brenda Langlois	9 Stuart Terry Gina Bowers	10	11 Lisa Carter	12 Aaron Clayton Lydia Powell
13 Don Frizzell Mark Heuer Julie York Gary & Barb Travis	14 Crosby Acord Anna Lou Miller Blake Myhand Sylvia Powell Brenda Taylor	15 Valerie Conley Jimmy Don Phillips Tate Jackson	16	17 Keith Anderson	18 Lori Owens Kent Rudd	19 Margaret Siress
20	21 Sherry Adams	22 Clayton Crouse Barb Travis	23 Elijah Jackson	24 Devan Willoughby Madden Lovett	25	26 David Borders Grant & Devan Willoughby
27 Grant Willoughby Sherri Miller Sherrie Penn	28	29	30 Will Locker	ANNIVERSARIES IN RED		