



First Baptist *Dyersburg*

The Tidings

Volume 61 Issue 8

May 10, 2019

Parent/Child Dedication



*this Sunday during
10.45am worship service*

Staff information

Mike Hickman, Senior Pastor

Evan Gray, Minister of Music and Worship

David Tinkle, Business Administrator

Brian Wirges, Minister to Students

Tonya Arnold, Director of Weekday Preschool

Mandy Webb, Discipleship and Publications Assistant

Leslie Mangrum, Financial Assistant

Travis Miles, Maintenance

mhickman@fbcdyersburg.com

egrays@fbcdyersburg.com

dtinkle@fbcdyersburg.com

bwirges@fbcdyersburg.com

tarnold@fbcdyersburg.com

mwebb@fbcdyersburg.com

lmangrum@fbcdyersburg.com

travismiles@bellsouth.net

From the pastor...

As we begin this season of transition in the life of our church, I am thankful for the men and women who will be serving on our 3 search committees in the days ahead. They are as follows:

Serving on our **Children's Ministries Search Committee** are: Rusty Norville, Chair; Jennifer Nunley, Elisha Childress, April Hinson, Michael Gauldin, David Armstrong, Carl House, and myself. This group will be filling two jobs: a part-time Director of Weekday Preschool and a full-time Director of Children's Ministries.

Serving on our **Music and Worship Search Committee** are: Andrew Harrington, Chair; Montrey Moore, Colleen Chatham, Neil McKee, Carl House, and myself.

Serving on our **Discipleship and Administration Search Committee** are: Paul Newbill, Chair; Mary Beasley, Sherrell Armstrong, Carl House, and myself.

Within all of these committees are members of our FBC Personnel Committee. Carl House is serving on all three committees as the Personnel Committee Chair. This is the group that holds all of our staff members – myself included – accountable through evaluations and meetings throughout the year. Because of their ongoing oversight of our staff, I believed it was very important for this committee to be actively engaged in the search process and I'm grateful for their willingness to do so. For each committee, we have also added members of our church who are already invested in those areas of ministry. We had a good first meeting last night with all three committees and you can expect to hear regular updates throughout the process from our committee chairs as we move forward.

Following the discussions in our recent Quarterly Church Business Meeting on April 24, we will be searching for both a part-time **Director of Weekday Preschool** and a full-time **Director of Children's Ministries**. In our staff structure, because we are expanding the role and responsibilities of the children's director, the weekday preschool director will become a direct report to them and will be under the umbrella of our children's ministry. Both of these ministries have grown under Tonya's and Melissa's leadership and we want to strengthen the purpose those ministries share in helping our church reach children and their families by joining them under the same umbrella of ministry. The mission of First Baptist Church for all children and their families who come through our facilities is the same – to help them learn about Jesus and grow into passionate followers of Him.

As for our music interim process, we will have several different people giving leadership in the weeks ahead as we work to identify the one person who will lead our music ministry during this interim. Our adult choir will be taking this summer off as we continue to be led in the 10:45 service by our praise team and band. (Our 8:30 service will continue their same worship format.) This is not a permanent change at 10:45 – so please don't be concerned that choir is going away because it is not. We are trying to make these first few months – especially as so many of our people travel during the summer – a bit more manageable for an interim leader. We hope to be able to pick back up with our regular rehearsal schedule once school has resumed this fall.

(continued on inside panel)

From the pastor..., continued

If you are interested in seeing these job descriptions, there will be copies available at the Welcome Center beginning this Sunday.

People in our church have asked me what they can do during this transition season to help. Here is how I believe we can all be involved in this process:

1. **Pray!** Pray often for me, for our search committees, and for each one of these areas of ministry as we walk through these days of transition. None of this has caught the Lord by surprise. In fact, I believe He is preparing our church for another exciting season of ministry ahead and is simply bringing together a new team that will possess the gifts necessary for our church to fulfill His purpose for this season. Pray for the people the Lord is already working on and preparing to bring to First Baptist to give leadership to these specific areas. They, too, will soon be facing a season of transition in their lives!
2. **Share!** Share the names of people you know who may be a good fit for one of these openings. You can do this by sending their name and contact information to me or to the chair of the search committee in that area of ministry. Churches often find the best candidates for their team through word of mouth and relationships that have already been tested and proven instead of through ads in church publications. Pray and share!
3. **Be patient!** I pray and personally hope that all these ministry openings will be filled by the end of the summer. However, I know from experience – both here and in other churches – that these searches often take time. As much as I would love to see these positions filled quickly, it is far more important to me that each one of these be filled by the person God has clearly gifted and called to lead us in this new season of ministry in our church. God is faithful and His timing is always perfect! These are days that will stretch our faith and help us grow in our dependence on Him as He leads us to the people He is preparing to be a part of the leadership team of our church in the years ahead.

I am so grateful for the partnership in the gospel that you and I share! I really do believe the best is still ahead as we see this new chapter unfold in God's purpose for First Baptist Dyersburg.

Keep shining bright!!



North American Mission Board

You can support missionaries by praying for their relationships with God, their families and their ministries. Listed below are missionaries you can pray for this week:

Kesavan and Viji Balasingham
Church Planter, Fellowship Church Rouge Park
1599 Amberlea Rd
Pickering, ON L1V5N8 Canada
kesavanb@gmail.com

Pray that we would abide in Christ and cultivate faithfulness and spiritual fruit. Pray that the church plant would have a healthy culture of discipleship and evangelism and a growing number of disciple makers.

WinShape Camps Scholarship Walls

Scholarship walls are now set up in the Welcome Center and the cross walk. Choose an envelope....or two.... with the amount you would like to donate.

Return the envelope with your check or money by placing it in the offering plate or dropping it off in the church office.

Help provide the BEST. WEEK. EVER. for children who would otherwise not be able to afford the cost of camp.

**Camp is June 3rd-7th
for grades (completed) Kindergarten-8th
Sign up at www.winshapecamps.org**

***Join us for a reception
honoring***

Evan Gray

this Sunday, 6pm

Fellowship Hall

There will be pizza and cookies provided.

**Weekday Preschool
Graduation
Wednesday, May 15
6pm, Sanctuary**



FBC Church Picnic

Sunday, May 19

4pm @ Fyrne Lake

Join us for food, games, fishing, and music.

Mark your calendars!

**June 3rd-7th
for grades
(completed) Kindergarten-8th

9th grade and up
may volunteer.**



**WinShape
Camps**

A publication of First Baptist Church - - 220 Masonic Street, Dyersburg, TN 38024

- - Church Office Hours - - 8 AM-5 PM

Church Office 285-4811 - - Fax 285-4828 - - Preschool Office 285-4808

Visit our website @ www.fbcdyersburg.com or like us on facebook,

First Baptist Church Dyersburg twitter: @FbcDyersburg

Upcoming Events

- May 12** **Parent/Child Dedication**
10:45am Worship service
- May 15** **Weekday Preschool Graduation**
6pm, Sanctuary
- May 19** **Church Picnic**
4pm, Fyrne Lake
- June 3-7** **WinShape Camp**
- June 25-29** **Student Camp**
- June 30** **Membership Matters Class (adults only)**
4pm, Fellowship Hall



Attention Union University Students

If you are planning on enrolling at Union University for the 2019-2020 academic year, please call Leslie in the church office to have your name added to the Church Endowed Scholarship Roster. This roster includes current students as well as students who will be enrolling at Union for the first time. The roster will be

Volunteer at WinShape!

You can serve all week, a few hours each day or a few days...whatever fits your schedule. It's always a great week!!

Sign up online at
www.winshapecamps.org/volunteer



If you are interested in playing church league softball, please call the church office at 285-4811. The season is from June-August and typically has two games each week.

financial *report*

April 28

May 5

Budget Goal	\$27,692.31	\$27,692.31
Received	\$22,715.00	\$34,053.90
Received to Date	\$831,778.02	\$865,831.92
Required to Date	\$830,769.30	\$858,461.61
Renovation Loan Balance		\$152,005.36
8:30am Service	97	84
10:45am Service	263	312
Life Groups	256	289

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship Service, Sanctuary

8:30a.m.

Life Groups

9:30a.m.

Worship Service, Sanctuary

10:45a.m.

Reception for Eyan Gray, Fellowship Hall

6:00p.m.

TUESDAY SCHEDULE

WMU Luncheon, Activities bldg.

10:00a.m.

Christian Guitar 101, Fellowship Hall

6:00p.m.

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

No Family Meal, Nursery, or Midweek Activities

Weekday Preschool Graduation, Sanctuary

6:00p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting, Welcome Center Conf. Rm. 7:00p.m.