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<p>Birthdays</p> <p>March 2 Laurice Rogers Josh Naylor</p> <p>March 4 James Allen</p> <p>March 6 Anna Dobson Barry Knight</p> <p>March 7 Patricia Greer Ronald Baumgardner Janet Long Janet Williams Ellen Blankenship</p> <p>March 8 Donald Fink</p>	<p>MIKE'S-SPACE</p> <p>I'm writing this on Sunday afternoon as I get ready for my first day as pastor at First Baptist Hodgenville. Friends have been asking me how I feel and am I ready to hit the ground running. I am ready to get started but not really with any worries. I have done this before and so I have a good idea of what I want to try to accomplish in the first few weeks. I'm not really thinking of hitting the ground running so much as hitting the ground faithing.</p> <p>Does that make sense? You see I don't want to just do things by the pastor's manual. I've been faithing my way so far with you and if you don't mind I think I'll just keep right on faithing, believing, trusting. I truly believe that God has brought us together and I want to let Him keep leading us. I know the basic kinds of things that I'll be doing, ministering, preaching, teaching, etc. But how will we put all those things together in such a way that the Lord's will gets done?!</p> <p>That will require us to continue listening, praying, and even sometimes waiting in order to discern His will and calling. I believe that the Lord's blessing depends on us finding and trying to stay in His will. That will not always be easy and we will most assuredly make some missteps along the way, but I also believe that He knows that deep down we love Him and want to serve Him. I think in the long run that He will bless us for trying, trusting.</p> <p>Where will this all lead? Well, we'll probably end up having 500 people on average in worship by Christmas won't we?! At least that's what Jimmy Rogers said one Sunday evening recently! I don't know if that will happen by Christmas. But I do know this, we will never see days like that if we don't keep trusting that all things are possible with God! So let us take the plunge together and let the Lord show us what He has in mind. That's the story I'd like to write at First Baptist and I think I'll stick to it!</p> <p>By the way, just to remind you, this coming Sunday is installation day for me as your new pastor! As I've told you earlier, some good friends of mine will be there to lead us and I look forward to seeing all of you there. Before Sunday please spend some time thinking about the dreams you have for the future of First Baptist. In the service Sunday I'll ask you to write some of those things down on a bulletin insert. These notes will be personal hopes and dreams that you will share only with me. I won't read them aloud, but I will keep them as a reminder of this first day together. I hope that some day in the future I'll be able to look back at those notes and compare what you felt and thought on that first day with what is going on in the church at that time. And I hope that the result of our faithing together will be great praise and glory to God.</p> <p>See You Sunday, Bro. Mike</p>	<p>First Baptist Church 730 Tonieville Road Hodgenville, Ky. 42748 Phone 358-3193 Fax 358-0917 E-Mail for Staff member@fbchodgenville.org</p> <p>Office Hours Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Mike Rodgers Pastor Home Phone: 369-9173</p> <p>Greg Harry Music Minister Home Phone: 358-5179</p> <p>Dave Levee Minister to Students Home Phone: 358-0542 Cell Phone: 268-3091</p> <p>Carol Hornback Interim Children's Minister Cell Phone: 270-537-5753</p> <p>Sally Lewis Administrative Assistant</p> <p>Jo Durbin Custodian</p> <p>Sybil Johnson Pianist</p> <p>March Greeters: Mona Bell, Jim and Carol Boley, Suzanne Boone, Mae Burden, Joel and Kitty Dixon, Bobby and Jennifer Lewis, Maggie Sparks, and Jan Wright Host: Kitty Dixon</p>
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The family of Roger Lee Nichols would like to thank our church family for all the cards, visits, Bibles, and prayers during our loss. Your kindness will always be remembered.
God Bless
Delma & Velma Wells

<p>The Children's Committee is requesting donations for the upcoming EGG-stravaganza and for the Upward snack shack. We need Easter eggs (new or used) for the upcoming egg hunt on March 16th. If you would like to donate, there will be boxes at the front main entrance and the rear entrance for the next month. Also, our committee sells concessions each Saturday during Upward games in order to raise money for Upward scholarships for next year. The snack shack needs any of the following items that we sell each week: hot dogs, hot dog buns; 20 oz. grape or orange Gatorade; water; napkins; monetary donations are also accepted. Please contact Dawn Conner; Beth Turner or Roni Milby if you would like to give! We appreciate your support for our Children!</p>	<p>February 24th Attendance</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>Bible Study</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Senior Adult</td><td>27</td></tr> <tr><td>Adult</td><td>93</td></tr> <tr><td>Young Adult</td><td>23</td></tr> <tr><td>Youth</td><td>19</td></tr> <tr><td>Children</td><td>37</td></tr> <tr><td>Preschool</td><td>21</td></tr> <tr><td>Guests</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr><td>Total</td><td>224</td></tr> <tr><td>Morning Worship</td><td>317</td></tr> <tr><td>Evening Worship</td><td></td></tr> </table>	Bible Study		Senior Adult	27	Adult	93	Young Adult	23	Youth	19	Children	37	Preschool	21	Guests	4	Total	224	Morning Worship	317	Evening Worship		<p>Contributions February 24</p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>Needed Weekly</td><td>10,663.46</td></tr> <tr><td>Budget received</td><td>11,982.66</td></tr> <tr><td>Budget given to date</td><td>80,917.09</td></tr> <tr><td>Budget needed to date</td><td>83,585.94</td></tr> <tr><td>Designated</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>Youth</td><td>200.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Video</td><td>50.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Tee Shirts</td><td>459.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Mfuge</td><td>245.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Other</td><td>117.40</td></tr> <tr><td>Alaska</td><td>440.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Women's Ministry Retreat</td><td>125.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Nancy Goodin Estate</td><td>15,000.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Total</td><td>28,619.06</td></tr> </table>	Needed Weekly	10,663.46	Budget received	11,982.66	Budget given to date	80,917.09	Budget needed to date	83,585.94	Designated		Youth	200.00	Video	50.00	Tee Shirts	459.00	Mfuge	245.00	Other	117.40	Alaska	440.00	Women's Ministry Retreat	125.00	Nancy Goodin Estate	15,000.00	Total	28,619.06
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March 2:
Deacon of the Week: Denny Duggins
Head Usher: Jimmy Rogers

Children's Workers

March 2:
Breakfast: Dale Morris
Infant: Nancy Brown and Kathy Vaughn
Toddlers: Roni Milby and Leslie Patton
2's & 3's: Gerald and Patti DeVary
Jr. Children's: Lori Puyear and Kathy Vaughn
Evening Worship: Kathy Ross and Katie McDowell

March 9:
Breakfast: Vicky Williams
Infant: Karen Singleton and Kristin Estes
Toddlers: Virginia Stewart and Mary Lou Newton
2's & 3's: Terry and Deena Bradley
Jr. Children's: Damon and Roni Milby
Evening Nursery: Beth Turner and Liane McDowell
Wed., March 5: Heather Cline and Allison McDowell

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Spring forward this weekend!!!

Holy Week Services

Holy week is around the corner and here is a reminder of the events that will be taking place.

**March 16: Palm Sunday
The Shadow of the Cross**

This will be a part of the 11a.m. service along with the Lord's Supper.

March 21: Good Friday

A community service at noon with lunch to follow.

March 23: Easter Sunday

Plan to invite friends and neighbors—especially those who don't attend church.

The **Handbell Choir** went to Shepherdsville for the Handbell Festival on Feb.29/Mar. 1. There were about 18 bell choirs from across the state. Our group was among some of the smaller choirs. FBC has a 3 octave set of bells—that means we ring a maximum of 36 bells. Some of the choirs had 60 bells also with handchimes (aluminum bars with a different tone.)

I think that we could come up with a couple more octaves of bells if we had the ringers to ring them. Anyone interested? Call me.

Greg

UPWARD is at it's halfway point!!!

Please don't read the above title and think that I am relieved to see Upward getting to the down hill slide, but I write those words to let you know that we only have four more weeks to take advantage of the opportunity that Upward provides for this church. As we continue ministering to children and families in our community, please be in prayer for God to use YOU to help make a difference.

Our Upward Awards night will be held on Monday, March 24th from 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. Roger McCurry will be doing a magic show and presenting the gospel to all who are in attendance. Please make preparations now to be in attendance so we may show those children and families that have participated in Upward that our church is a church that cares about not just the children, but their entire family.

Yes Upward is at the halfway point. We should not be sad but, motivated to move with more urgency toward the goal of sharing Christ with all who come in our doors during the Upward program. Thank you for your diligence so far in the work you have done. I pray that we will be just as excited and motivated to share His word throughout the rest of Upward this season.

In Him,
dave

On Saturday March 8, many of our 5th and 6th grade children will attend a Casting Crowns Christian concert in Louisville. As part of the experience, they will be staying in Louisville and participating in follow-up devotions facilitated by our church leaders. The purpose of this weekend retreat is to offer children an opportunity to make decisions for Christ before they enter middle school.

Children are faced with life-altering choices at an increasingly early age. I've felt a particular burden that we equip our children, as much as possible, to make Christ-centered decisions. Please be in prayer that our children and our leaders approach the weekend with hearts open to the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

Parents, if your child signed up to attend the concert, you will receive information and permission forms this week. Please complete the forms and return them and your \$25.00 deposit to me by Sunday, March 1.

Children interested in attending Centri-Kid Camp at Georgetown College June 30 through July 4 may sign up at the information station located outside the worship center in the children's hallway.

The annual Easter Eggstravaganza will be Sunday March 16 at First Baptist. For further details, check out the posters located throughout the building.

Plans for VBS, June 9-13 are underway. As you know, it takes a tremendous effort by many adults to make VBS a success. Please consider being part of this ministry.

Thank you so much for your continued support. Please continue to lift our leaders up in prayer. Several are battling illness among themselves and their families. In Him, Carol

Schedule of Activities

- Sunday, March 2**
8:30 a.m. Orchestra Rehearsal
9:45 a.m. Bible Study
10:55 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
7:00 p.m. Deacons Meeting
- Monday, March 3**
7:00 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast, Paula's
10:00-11:00 a.m. CFC Open for Walking
6:00-9:00 p.m. Upward Practice
- Tuesday, March 4**
8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Art Class
10:00 a.m. Young at Heart Choir
6:00 p.m. Handbells
6:00-9:00 Upward Practice
- Wednesday, March 5**
10:00-11:00 a.m. CFC Open for Walking
6:30 p.m. Prayer & Bible Study
7:30 p.m. Worship Choir Rehearsal
- Thursday, March 6**
6:00-9:00 p.m. Upward Practice
- Friday, March 7**
10:00-11:00 a.m. CFC Open for Walking
- Saturday, March 8**
Upward Games
- Sunday, March 9**
8:30 a.m. Orchestra Rehearsal
9:15 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal
9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
12:00 noon Relay for Life Soup Luncheon
2:30-4:30 p.m. Reception for Donna Rodgers @ Felicia Harry's
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee

Wednesday Children's Schedule
5:30-6:10 p.m. Children's Creative Exp
6:10-6:30 p.m. Dinner
6:30-7:10 p.m. TeamKid
7:10-7:30 p.m. Recreation

Wednesday Night Youth Schedule
3:30-4:30 p.m. Class 101/Open Gym
4:30-5:00 p.m. Praise Team
4:30-6:15 p.m. Prayer Room Open
5:30-6:15 p.m. Youth on Mission
5:30-6:15 p.m. Creative Ministries
5:30-6:15 p.m. Class 101
6:30-7:30 p.m. Youth Worship
7:30-9:00 p.m. Open Gym

Ladies of First Baptist Church Hodgenville

*You are cordially invited to a reception
Given by the ministers' and deacons' spouses
To welcome Donna Rodgers into our fellowship.*

*Sunday, March 9, 2008,
Home of Felicia Harry*

*2:30-4:30 p.m.
204 S. Lincoln Blvd.*

We will welcome **Bro. Mike and Donna Rodgers** with a **fellowship meal** following the Morning Worship Service next Sunday, March 2nd.

The church will provide the meat, bread and beverages.
If your name begins with the letters:
A-G, please bring salads;
H-P, please bring desserts;
and **Q-Z**, please bring vegetables.

We would like to borrow a chocolate fountain and/or fondue set for our Friday, April 18, women's retreat. If anyone has items to loan, please contact Kathy Vaughn or Patty Edwards.

Mind, Body, Soul...and Chocolate

Women's Ministry Event

For College Age and Up
Friday April 18, 2008, 7:00 pm
First Baptist Church Hodgenville CFC

Fun, Fellowship and Spiritual Development
Bring Your Friends!

Massage, Manicures, Card Making, Physical and Mental Health Issues
And Especially a Time for Devotion!

Sign up SOON at the church office or at the visitor center.



The Transportation Committee is in need of a bus monitor for Wednesday nights starting at 5:30. Also needed are one or two drivers for fill-in purposes on Wednesday and Sunday as needed. Please contact Terry Bradley or any other member of this committee if you would be willing to serve in this way.