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<p><b>Birthdays</b> <b>April 12-18</b></p> <p>April 12 Dorothy Kargle April 14 Carla Sloan Michael Wiseman Jason Shoemaker April 15 Laura Misenheimer April 17 John Bell</p>	<p><b>MIKE'S-SPACE</b></p> <p>I'm sitting here in my office watching it spit snow. Ah, springtime in Kentucky! All evidence to the contrary, it is spring and I have enjoyed watching the blooming of the jonquils, forsythias, and redbuds. And the dogwood in my front yard may be in bloom before Easter this coming Sunday.</p> <p>Hope springs eternal. At least that's the saying. But I always think there's reason to be hopeful considering spring's arrival and Easter. Can there be life again after death? The coming of spring each year is God's promise that it can. And the resurrection of God's son Jesus is like a seal of hope upon our lives.</p> <p>Has money been tight? Is there a relationship that you're worried about? Does your life lack the meaning and purpose that it once had? Can you make a comeback?</p> <p>The scriptures tell us that the heavens declare the very nature of God (Rom. 1: 20). God has been faithful every year to bring new life to nature at springtime. And at just the right time, the Bible tells us that God sent His son down from the heavens to work out our salvation and comeback from death (Rom. 5:6-9).</p> <p>It seems that each spring God gives us another opportunity to trust Him for help. This Easter, why don't you try talking to God about the areas of your life where you could use some help. I know that you may not be very hopeful considering some of the problems you've been experiencing. But here in this springtime God is inviting you once again to seek Him out, and see if He can't breathe new life into your situation.</p> <p>Like you, I've gone through some fallow times in my life. Life can't always be good. Difficulties come and sometimes we think there's no way out. But after a horrible ice storm the trees are blooming once again. And if Jesus can come back from the dead, and he did, then I believe God can help us with any problem we're facing this particular Easter, don't you?</p> <p>So go to Him right now and ask Him for what you need. I'm sure He'll come through for you. Then plan on joining us for a time of celebration and worship this Sunday, and be sure to bring a friend with you. Surely there are others you know and care about that could use His great help!</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Your Pastor, Bro. Mike</p>	<p><b>First Baptist Church</b> <b>730 Tonieville Road</b> <b>Hodgenville, Ky. 42748</b> <b>Phone 358-3193</b> <b>Fax 358-0917</b> <b>E-Mail for Staff</b></p> <p><b>First Name of staff member@fbchodgenville.org</b></p> <p><b>Office Hours</b> Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Mike Rodgers</b> <b>Pastor</b> Home Phone: 369-9173</p> <p><b>Marty Lee</b> <b>Interim</b> <b>Minister to Students</b> Home Phone: 358-5861 Cell Phone: 769-8188</p> <p><b>Adam Townsend</b> <b>Minister of Education and Children</b> Home Phone: 358-8033</p> <p><b>Sally Lewis</b> <b>Administrative Assistant</b></p> <p><b>Sybil Johnson</b> <b>Pianist</b></p> <p><b>Tom Gill</b> <b>Custodian</b></p>	
<p><i>Dear First:</i> <i>Thank you for your prayers, cards and telephone cards. I have now finished the six weeks of chemotherapy. Please keep me in your prayers as the next step will be the biopsies in May to see if the chemo therapy worked.</i> <i>In Christ love,</i> <i>Mike O'Bryant</i></p>			
<p><i>Dear First Baptist members,</i> <i>I wanted to thank you all for all the thoughts and prayers since my recent accident. I am very blessed and healing well—hope to be on my feet again soon</i> <i>Sincerely -</i> <i>Kim Sego Tulley</i></p>			
<p><i>Thank you for your prayers, cards, calls and visits from Bro. Mike during my hospitalization and recovery. I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness, care and concern.</i> <i>With love,</i> <i>Joan McAdams</i></p>	<p><b>Oneida Mission Trip, April 26-30</b></p> <p>If you are interested in going, please be at the organizational meeting April 13, 6:30 p.m., at the associational office or call and speak to Bro. Gerald. You may also wish to donate items to take. There are collections boxes at the doors.</p>	 <p><b>FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS</b> <b>Goal: \$5,200.00 Received: 3,344.50</b></p>	<p>April Greeters: Mona Bell, Janet Long, Bill Hazle, Carey C;offey, Patty Edwards Shirley Crawford, Mae Burden, Suzanne Boone, Nancy Brown Host: Mona Bell</p>

# The Link...

*...between a ministering church and the home.*

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<p><b>Deacons of the Week</b> <b>April 12:</b> Dean Williams and Bill Shoemaker <b>Head Usher:</b> Jimmy Rogers <b>April 19:</b> Dickie Newton and Doug Bell <b>Head Usher:</b> Dean Williams</p>
<p><b>Children's Workers</b> <b>April 12:</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> Allison McDowell <b>Infant:</b> Mike and Connie Hunt <b>Toddlers:</b> Lewis and Carla Sloan <b>2's &amp; 3's:</b> Michelle Rogers and John Blunk <b>Jr. Children's:</b> No Children's church-Easter Sunday <b>Evening Worship:</b> No Nursery-Easter Sunday <b>Wed., April 15:</b> Laurie Pearsall and Liz Pearsall</p>
<p><b>April 19:</b> <b>Breakfast:</b> Dawn Conner <b>Infants:</b> Cindy Smith and Lynda Stearman <b>Toddlers:</b> Daniel and Clarissa Thomas <b>2's &amp; 3's:</b> Jason Whitlow and Brenda Whitlow <b>Jr. Children:</b> Roni and Damon Milby <b>Evening Nursery:</b> Kathy Ross and Katie McDowell <b>April 8:</b> Liane McDowell and Jean Thomas</p>

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## Music Notes

For a great many of us, the joy of singing and learning to love hymns began in earliest childhood and has continued through our lives. We have learned a great deal from them: theology of course; sometimes great poetry and fine music; and the art of singing with our brothers and sisters in faith. A thoughtful and experienced church musician who was also a pretty good theologian once said that hymns are the most important musical parts of the service because usually they are the only music in which the entire congregation participates. Certainly they are second only to Scripture and the sermon for the teaching of religion. If you have favorite hymn that you haven't heard in awhile, please let us know by giving this to Sally

Your Music Committee



### Mother's Day Baby Dedication May 10th, 2009

Please contact the church office if you would like to be included in this service.

## Student Ministry Stuff

Julie Skeens told me yesterday that she reads the Link while sitting at stop lights in her car. While this is not a practice I condone, it's better than some other activities I've seen people undertake at stop lights. So in the interest of Julie's safety (and others who might engage in Link reading at stop lights), I'm going to imbed a few subtle messages in my Link article this week.

*Watch out for those pedestrians crossing the road!*

### Weekly Schedule:

Wednesday night activities resume this week.  
No Sunday night activities this week due to Easter.  
Sunday night youth services resume on April 19.

*Look up at the light. It's still red. You've got just enough time to read the rest of Marty's article.*

### Upcoming Events:

Apr 9 - Seder Passover Meal, 6pm in the youth area  
Apr 24 - Lock-In, Renaissance Fun Center, Louisville  
May 9 - Mom's day out (need students to help with this)  
May 17 - Graduation Banquet, 12 noon in the CFC  
May 22 - Wayside Mission Overnight, Louisville

*Go! The light is green. The people behind you are furious. But watch out for that...TRUCK!!!*

Poor Julie. Let that be a lesson to us all. Link-reading while operating a motor vehicle may be hazardous to your health (event at a stop light).

*Julie Skeens is one of our most dedicated volunteers in the student ministry. She is our resident chef and coffee maker extraordinaire. She is also a good sport and I couldn't resist poking a little fun at her. All in good fun, right Julie? You're not going to try to get even with me, are you?*

-Marty

## Education and Children

### Education

#### Teacher's Meeting - April 19th - 9:00-9:30 Room 124/25

Vision...in basic form it answers the question, "What kind of church would we like to be?" Vision is essential to the success of any ministry. While our purpose, the Great Commission, will never change, vision can. Vision will encourage unity, create energy, provide purpose, foster risk taking, enhance leadership, promote excellence, and sustain ministry. Vision is necessary.

Join us in our next teacher's meeting as Bro. Mike discusses with us his vision for the church as a whole, followed by a vision for the Sunday School ministry. You will not want to miss this exciting opportunity to see what God has planned for our future.

### Children

"Salvation belongs to our God who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb!...blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." These words, found in Revelation 7:10-12, rightly explain the reason anyone can be saved. It is nothing we do, but only what he has done.

I received a phone call last night after church from a father who was ecstatic to share some good news with me. He shared with me how he and his wife had the opportunity to lead their daughter to the Lord that very night. I would like to think I played a part in it, but I know I did not. Salvation belongs to our God. Amen, praise the Lord.

~Pastor Adam Townsend



### Young at Heart SHOW AND TELL April 14th

#### Sunday, April 12-- Easter Sunday

9:00 a.m. Orchestra Rehearsal  
9:20 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal  
9:45 a.m. Bible Study  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
No Evening Service

#### Monday, April 13

7:00 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast  
10:00-11:00 a.m. CFC Open for Walking  
5:00 p.m. Body Sculpting  
6:00 p.m. Faith Evangelism and Visitation

#### Tuesday, April 14

8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast  
9:00 a.m. Art Class  
11:00 a.m. Young at Heart

#### Wednesday, April 15

10:00-11:00 a.m. CFC Open for Walking  
5:30 p.m. Music Ministry Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study  
7:00 p.m. Worship Choir Rehearsal

#### Thursday, April 16

6:30 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal

#### Friday, April 17

10:00-11:00 a.m. CFC Open for Walking

#### Sunday, April 19

9:00 a.m. Orchestra Rehearsal  
9:20 a.m. Praise Team Rehearsal  
9:45 a.m. Bible Study  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship  
7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting

Due to Easter, there will be no Sunday night services this Sunday, April 12, 2009.

#### Children's Schedule for Wednesday

6:00-7:30 Children rotate through:  
TeamKid class  
Meal  
Activity

#### Youth Schedule for Wed. Evenings

**Middle School**  
5:30 Youth Area Open  
5:50 Café Opens for Supper  
6:20 Youth Worship  
7:30 Students Dismissed

**This quarter's church council meeting has been changed to the 25th of April.**

### 2nd Annual

### Mind, Body, Soul...and Chocolate

#### Women's Ministry Event

For College Age and Up  
Friday April 17, 2009, 7:00  
pm

Massage, Manicures, Mental Health Issues, plus Special Mission Project And Especially a Time for Devotion!

First Baptist Women's Ministry

#### April 5th Financial Report

Needed Weekly:	11,299.52
Budget Received:	9,943.18
Budget given:	134,449.23
Budget needed:	159,193.28
Designated:	
Annie Armstrong	495.00
Youth	200.00
Video	50.00
Hispanic Pastor Supt.	25.00
Total Offering	10,713.18

#### April 5th Attendance

Bible Study	
Adult	17
Youth	30
Children	22
Preschool	13
Visitors	4
Bible Study Total	202
Morning Worship	348
Evening Worship	81

#### Music Ministry Meeting Wednesday, April 8, 5:30 p.m., in the Choir Room

If you are involved in the Choir, Handbells, Orchestra, Praise Team, Music Committee or another aspect of worship, please attend. If you cannot attend, please call the church office.

Acknowledging your love and support for us,

We invite you to share our joy as  
Catherine Jane McClure  
And Dale Milton Morris  
Unite in Holy Matrimony

On Saturday, the eighteenth of April  
Two thousand and nine

At half past five o'clock in the afternoon  
First Baptist Church  
730 Tonieville Road  
Hodgenville, KY

Please join us for the Wedding Reception  
Immediately following the ceremony at the  
Historic State Theater, 209 East Dixie  
Avenue, Elizabethtown, Kentucky