



SHELBYVILLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

**July 2017** 



# **Christmas Backpacks**

17.3 million children in the U.S. live in poverty

Imagine being a young child and hearing talk about everyone receiving gifts at Christmas, but having nothing to open. This is something that children in Kentucky face.

Kentucky Baptist churches have joined together to collect backpacks for children in poverty throughout Kentucky and Cincinnati. The goal is 5,000 to be distributed between Kentucky and our partner city, Cincinnati, at Christmas.

Shelbyville First Baptist will launch our initiative on Sunday, July 9. Backpack Collection Sunday will be August 20 in both services. Our mission committee will purchase backpacks or you can purchase your own.

#### **How to Participate & Pack**

- Start with a NEW, zippered backpack.
- Choose gender and age, then mark the provided label for each backpack.
- Fill with NEW gifts.
- Securely fasten label to the outside of the backpack.
- Pray specifically for the receiving child and their family.
- Return your backpack to SFBC by Sunday, August 20 in either Service.

#### These Items Are Required (Age Appropriate):

- Underclothes & Socks
- **Toys** such as small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, small musical instruments, yo-yos, jump ropes, toy jewelry, flashlight w/ batteries, Christian books, sidewalk chalk, toys that light up or make noise (include batteries), Slinky, Frisbee, card games, etc.
- Non-Perishable Food Items such as cheese/peanut butter crackers, single serving mac-n-cheese or pasta, fruit or applesauce cups, granola bars, pop-top entrees (chili, beef stew, lasagna, beef & franks). Please DO NOT include items that can be easily crushed or broken.
- Copies of "The Christmas Story" leaflet & A.R.M. Mailbox Club postcard will be provided.

#### **Optional Items You May Include:**

- School Supplies pens, pencils with sharpener, crayons, markers, stamps & ink pads, writing
  pads, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.
- *Hygiene Items* Toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, hairbrush, comb, washcloth, ponytail holders, hair clips, etc.
- *Other* age appropriate Bible, hard candy (no chocolate), lollipops, mints, gum, socks, t-shirts, hat, etc.

#### Extra Ideas for Older Kids (ages 10-14 yrs)

*Girls* - lip gloss, scarves, friendship bracelets, craft kits, journals, fun socks/slippers, doodle books, etc. *Boys* – Legos, card games, hand-held electronic games, model kit, basketball, soccer ball, Nerf football, etc.

# A word from your pastor....

My Beloved Church Family,

We can glean so much from the visions of the Apostle John while he was in exile on the Island of Patmos. In Revelation 3:20 (NASB77) we see a wonderful portrait into God's desire to be in a relationship with us. In this passage John writes about Jesus taking the initiative to launch a relationship with us. Can you truly grasp that? The God of the universe wants to have a relation with each of us individually. He says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will dine with him, and he with Me." Think with me for just a few moments about the nuances of this passage. The God of creation desires to be in a relationship with us. He takes the first initiative of seeking us out. As a church on mission with Him, we are called to seek out others as well, always looking for new people to enter into a relationship with the Lord. When we hear and when they hear, the next step is one of obedient response. We are called to share the Gospel, but the task doesn't



end there. We have to challenge individuals to the next step, namely hearing the Gospel and then responding in obedience. Finally, think with me about the potential such a response affords. Jesus will enter the life and heart of the one who responds in obedience and they will never be left

alone or forsaken again. A friendship begins which reaches to eternity. Adoption into the family of God opens all kinds of new possibilities for broken people to be healed and restored.

As you can tell, the urgency of the task of outreach has been on my heart. My brothers and sisters, I love walking on the journey of faith with you, but we, like Christ Himself, must be evermindful that there remain many who have yet to experience the power and transformation of Jesus' grace. Who do you know who needs to come to Christ? With whom can you share your faith in the days ahead? Jesus was intentional about evangelism and outreach. We must be as well.

In His grip, Bro, Maurice



# **Louisville Bats Nicht**

Sunday, July 23, 6:00 pm.

Join us for a fun family night at the Louisville Bats baseball game. Kids get a free kids meal and can run the bases at the end of the game. The Inflatable Zone will be open.





Tickets are \$11 each and must be purchased before Sunday, July 16. Please purchase using the Church app by choosing 'other' or in the church office.

#### Have You Returned Your Baby Bottle?



If you took a baby bottle to fill in support of ALC Pregnancy Resource Center, please return it to the church as soon as possible, either filled or empty. We still have

quite a few out and will have to replace those not returned. Thank you!

## Offering Envelopes

FBC is pleased to provide personalized envelopes for your convenience in making Offering Envelopes



regular contributions to the church. We are currently reviewing our offering envelope mailing list and have already deleted some persons who have not used the preprinted envelopes for an extended period of time. If you do not use the envelopes we provide or you wish to be added to the envelope mailing, please contact Tamara Murphy in the church office at tmurphy@shelbyvillebaptist or 633-1317.

#### **Church Greeters for July**

#### At back awning door

8:20-8:40 a.m. Joe, Tammy & Katherine Church 9:20-9:40 a.m. Don Kemp

10:20-11:00 a.m. Terri, Jonathan & Bailey Cook

#### Sunday Attendance

June	6/4	6/11	6/18	6/25	Avg.
Bible Fellowship	344	343	292	311	323
Worship	475	455	426	498	464

# Remember Our Campers!



On July 17, 45 children and 11 adults will leave for CentriKid camp at

Campbellsville University. First, please be praying for this group that they will have a lifechanging encounter with Jesus. If you would be willing to send a postcard or card to these children, please see Chad for a list of children and details. All items would need to be mailed on or before Monday, July 17 to ensure that the children receive them before the end of camp.

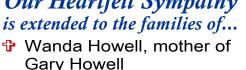
#### Student Summer Camp

Please be in prayer for our 30 students and 5 adult leaders that will be going to Lookout Mountain, GA on July 3-7 for Generate Camp. Pray that God will open our eyes to the beauty of His gospel and that lives will be forever changed from this week.

#### **MEN'S CONFERENCE**

Prayfully remember the men that are traveling to the Lifeway Main Event Conference in Nashville, TN on July 28-29.

### Our Heartfelt Sympathy is extended to the families of...





- Trancois Pierre, father of Antonine Pinkerton
- Thomas Jacobs, father of Greg Jacobs
- Barbara Tennill, sister to Charles Derringer
- Robert (Bob) Sutherland

# CONBRATULATIONS

- to Phyllis Fox on the birth of her 12th greatgrandchild, Liam Garratt Makowski
- to Dee Lisa Willard Parr and Gene Parr who were recently married. Best wishes!

#### **May WMU Meetings at SFBC**



Jul 3-Jean Albright Circle, Chapel 7:00 p.m.

Mary Sampson Circle is not meeting this month WMU

# Mission Statement: "love God, love people, make disciples."

**July 2017** 

#### **RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

Church offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4.

Happy Independence Day & to all those who serve

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#### **New Members**

By Letter/Statement:

Kevin & Christy Raleigh Linda Pullen

## **Staff**

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# Faith, Fun, & Fellowship

# Wednesday Nights this Summer in the Gym at 6:30 p.m.

After dinner at home, join us in the gym for a great time in the Word and among God's people. All ages gather for worship and Bible study, followed by cross-generational activities.

Jul 5 Volleyball

Jul 12 Water Balloons

Jul 19 Watermelon Bust

Jul 26 Knocker Ball

Next Level Resumes on August 9





