



February 2011 Newsletter

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FROM THE



PASTOR

as when I first came.

1. *To make the Gospel known.*
2. *To help the church grow in their walk with the Lord.*
3. *To reach a lost and dying world.*

These 3 things are accomplished in many different ways: Sunday School, Bible Studies, programs, sermons and missions. This involves different ministries working through the adults, youth, and children. It takes participation from all of those claiming to follow Christ even though God will use only those who are willing.

What is the purpose of East Frankfort Baptist Church? Our goal is ultimately to honor and glorify God. We believe we can do this by *servicing and sharing Jesus, so lives can be changed*. It is our desire to see every member in all 3 areas of our mission statement.

1. How great it would be to see every member serving Jesus in some capacity. There are many opportunities to serve Jesus and many of you are. I thank God for the privilege of being the pastor of a growing church. As we continue to grow, there will be more opportunities of places to serve. We will need those of you who have yet to find your place of service for Christ to step up. We will train you, guide you, and encourage you.

If you are unsure of what to do, please come and see me. I know that as a follower of Christ you will agree with me that God has a purpose for each of us.

2. Our world needs to hear about Jesus. Have we truly experienced the saving power of our Lord? Shouldn't we be excited to tell others that their sins can be forgiven, that God loves them, and that when they die they can live with God throughout eternity. We all have family, friends, co-workers, and acquaintances that need to hear the "Good News." Some of you have never taken the opportunity to share Christ with someone else. I want to encourage you to make this a priority in your life. The Bible says that our lives are but a vapor, a mist, and that we are to number our days. Our opportunities to share Christ with others will come and go quickly.
3. Can you image how great it would be to see every member's life being changed for the glory of our God. When we are *servicing and sharing Jesus, then other people's lives will be changed*. They will see God at work. They will hear the message of God's salvation. They too can experience the mercy and grace of our God. Isn't this our desire? I know it is mine.

Are you serving Jesus? Are you sharing Jesus? Is your life being changed? Are other people's lives being changed because of your love and devotion to Jesus?

Bro. Larry

**Serving and Sharing Jesus,
Changing Lives**



February will definitely be an active month for the Education Department of the church. I have a 2nd half, third quarter kickoff meeting tentatively scheduled for February 26, depending on availability of the teachers. I will conduct a quick survey as when most can attend, the presented date or March 5—the Saturday before the first Sunday of the quarter. Teachers, please look at your schedule.

Also, there is a Preschool & Children's Ministry Conference February 12, 8:00am - 1:00pm. I have already contacted many of those now working with children but it is open to any and all who feel they could benefit from this. It is annually conducted by the KBC and this year will be in Bardstown, Kentucky at Parkway Baptist Church. All expenses are covered by the church and I need to know by February 4th to receive a discount for it. However, if for some reason you can not let me know until afterward, we will still cover the cost **at the door**. It will be an early start to the day as we will need to leave the church by 6:30 am. For more information see the brochure on the bulletin board near Bro. Larry's office or online at www.kybaptist.org/imagine.

Also, Mark Meade is leading an outing for our Sunday School children up to 5th grade (those not presently in Youth) to Kid's Place in Lexington on Friday evening, Feb. 18. Expenses for children & adult chaperones (children do need an adult chaperone) are covered; there is sign-up sheet on the opportunity table. They will be leaving the church at 5:30pm and will be returning around 9:30. Pizza, drinks, admission and tokens are included.

As always remember to keep up with those in your classes. If someone's missing find out why. Always look to invite those not attending Sunday school and follow-up with visitors. It is fundamental to Reaching, teaching and Ministering to people.

Wes Henry



Looking forward, the next few weeks and months have scheduled events for our youth to help them continue to serve and grow in their relationship with Christ.

During the weekend of February 18 the high school girls will be heading to Lake Cumberland State Park with Emily for a weekend retreat. This will be an opportunity for the girls to spend time together, be challenged in their relationship with Christ and to relax.

On Saturday, March 12 we will once again go to Rupp Arena for **Winter Jam**. This year bands will include Newsboys, David Crowder Band, Kutless, Red, Sidewalk Prophets, and Chris August. As always, our speaker will be Tony Nolan. The cost is only \$10.

On April 29-30, we'll be participating in the Franklin Baptist Association's **DiscipleNow** weekend. Our speaker for the weekend will be Ryan Warren, who spoke in 2009 at a **See You at the Pole** event. Please be in prayer for the **Disciple Now** event. It is an excellent time for our students to grow in their relationship with Christ. I am also looking for host homes for this weekend. Homes will be used to house students and Bible study leaders during **DiscipleNow**. If you are interested, please let me know.

We are also preparing for mission trip this summer, June 12-18. The youth will be traveling to Jenkins, Kentucky (Letcher County) to serve in the ministries of Hellier Baptist Church and the Pike Baptist Association. We will be leading in VBS/Back Yard Bible Clubs, serving in nursing homes and working on light construction projects in the area. Please be in prayer for our students and adult leaders as we prepare to serve in Jenkins. **I am especially excited because this trip has the potential to lead to future church-wide trips.**

Please keep the upcoming youth activities in your prayers. I am very thankful to serve with a church family that is supportive of our students and youth ministry.

*Serving with you,
Josh Benton*

Nicaragua News

Over the past few weeks EFBC had collected money for and purchased Spanish Bibles to send to Pablo. First, thank you to everyone who gave toward this. Thanks to Richard and Ann Colyer we were able to purchase Bibles at \$2 apiece. In Nicaragua, Pablo would have had to pay over \$10 per Bible. Second, one hundred and thirty Bibles were mailed on January 11 and should be received by Pablo by the first of February.



Pablo & Claudia Garcia



New Church Construction

This summer we will again join the mission efforts in Nicaragua. This trip isn't limited to those traveling. The exact dates of the trip are not yet finalized but it looks like it will take place during the middle of July. This is a church-wide project and ministry and the involvement of our entire church family is critical. There are a couple of ways we all can be initially involved. First, everyone can pray. Pray for the people of Nicaragua, Pablo and his ministry, our role in serving these people, and your role in this trip. Second, some can go. Through prayer seek God's guidance on traveling.

If you are interested in going, there is information about the trip as well as a Foreign Mission Trip Application on the Opportunity Table and on the church website. Please see me with any questions. Also, complete applications can be given to me or to the envelope on the Opportunity Table no later than Sunday, March 6. Contact me with any questions.

Serving with you,

Josh Benton

Awana

We are moving right along with our AWANA program. We have four nights of AWANA this month. We also

have two store nights planned for the 2nd and the 9th. For those that may not know what store nights are, that is when we give our Clubbers an opportunity to spend their AWANA bucks that they have earned for various things. The Clubbers enjoy store nights.

Also, we just want to thank everyone that work on Wednesday nights. It is a sacrifice of time, I know. However, isn't it worth it? The kids are hearing, learning, and seeing the love of God. Just think, they may not hear, learn, or see that all week. So, keep on keeping on! You're doing a good work!

A look ahead:

March – Five nights of AWANA and Shoe Fly Night!
(You'll just have to wait to find out what that is!)

*In His Service,
Mary Henry & Billie McCall*



I would like to invite all of you to come and help the choir sing in this year's Easter Cantata. We will begin practice on February 6th at 5pm and practice every Sunday at the same time. We would also like to invite you to join the Worship Choir, we will practice every other Wednesday night at 7:45pm and sing every other Sunday. Here is the upcoming practice and performance schedule:

Practice

January 26th
February 9th
February 23rd
March 2nd
March 16th
March 30th

Perform

January 30th
February 13th
February 27th
March 6th
March 20th
April 3rd

I would also like to put together a schedule for individuals to sing special music. I will be putting a sign-up sheet on the opportunity table very soon. Please be praying about how God will use you this year in the music ministry of the church.

*In His Love,
Jay*



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February Birthdays

- 1st Heather Small
- 5th Barbara Henry
- 6th Randell Alcorn
- 6th Shelby Henry
- 6th Melina Meade
- 7th Jason Witten
- 11th Carole Mathers
- 11th Linda Travis
- 11th Marzelle Wurtsmith
- 14th Leon Wainscott
- 16th April Brown
- 18th Luke Hutcherson
- 27th Timmy Sewell

General Fund ~ December 2010

General Fund Deposits.....	\$21,767.17
General Fund Expenses.....	\$18,845.24
Average Offering in December.....	\$5,441.80

Together We Build ~ December 2010

Monthly Loan Payment.....	\$6,033.03
Receipts.....	\$4,241.67
Loan Balance.....	\$736,386.60

Brotherhood Fellowship

Friday, March 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Ronnie McCall's Home

Please bring snacks, a 2-liter soft drink and a friend.