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LOVE IS THE FIRST BAPTIST WAY!

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF JEFFERSONTOWN
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WORSHIPPING OUR REDEEMER THROUGH HIS YOUTH He's **WORTHY** & so are our **YOUTH!**

Let's celebrate and welcome the return of **WORTHY**, our youth church, grades 1 – 5, in an awesome way!

WORTHY meets on the 2nd floor during 11am morning worship.

Their next meeting is Sunday, September 18th

The remaining **WORTHY** meetings for 2022 are:

Sunday, November 6th & 20th ~ Sunday, December 4th & 18th

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF JEFFERSONTOWN

...AND THEN COMES J'PRAYZE!

Wednesday, September 7th is our BACK TO SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP!

We'll have pizza, drinks, and snacks! So bring or invite your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, cousins, neighbors, and friends!

We want EVERY YOUTH from ages 4 - 10 in J'Prayze Choir!

Meet us in the lower level @ 6:15pm!

After our Celebration, we'll begin Bible Study from 7 - 8pm

Please contact Sis. Bernice Jones with any questions: bernicejones180@yahoo.com

JOIN REV. KILEN GRAY!

*He will be the guest speaker at
Grace Temple*

Saturday, August 27, 2022, 3:00 p.m.

970 Palatka Rd, Louisville, 40214

Bishop Isham Cordery - Pastor

**NEED EXTENDED CARE FOR
YOUR BABY OR TODDLER
WHILE YOU WORSHIP?
WE'VE GOT THAT!**

Greeters or Ushers will assist you with finding the Extended Care area!

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PRAYER REQUESTS

"POWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT"

Before coming to the Lord we should praise and worship Him! Then pray His Word through scripture! Conclude by praying in the Spirit!

Week of August 16 - August 22, 2022

PRAISE REPORT:

1. Praising God for Sis. Brenda's praise report; I thank God that I am on the mend and tested negative for Covid! Thanks to the Prayer Ministry and all those other prayer warriors, 😊❤️!!
2. Praising God that Sis. Hazel is still improving and they thank everyone for their prayers! Please continue to lift them in prayer!
3. Praising God that every month our goal is to highlight an event to pray over. For the month of August we will pray over students returning to school. Praising God that He is answering our prayer for ministry teams to facilitate our Wednesday evening prayer time! In September our Women's and Men's Ministries will facilitate. Our Ministers will facilitate the month of October. If your ministry team has not facilitated a month or your team would like to facilitate another month we have November and December open.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Please pray for Sis. Kate and her family.
2. Please pray for John, an employee of McDonald's back surgery!
3. Let's remember to lift in prayer our student athletes. J-Town's game resulted in multiple injuries

BEREAVEMENT:

1. Please be in prayer for Bro. Beecham's nephew and family, his sister, passed away.
2. Please lift Min. Paulette and family in prayer; her sister-in-law will be funeralized on Wednesday and her 1st cousin will be funeralized on Thursday. We know that God is a Keeper.

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PULPIT COMMITTEE UPDATE REPORT ~ AUGUST 21, 2022

The following is an updated report from the Pulpit Committee of The First Baptist Church of Jeffersontown.

Some have asked, and many probably wondering, what is taking so long to find a Pastor. The national average timeframe to replace a Pastor in the Baptist church is 5 years. In the city of Louisville, it is 3-3-1/2 years. We first began meeting in July 2021. And, we have not yet met the 1-year mark from when we initially posted the position in November 2021. But we are happy to report that with a lot of hard work and time, and more importantly, by the direction of the Holy Spirit, we feel that we are ahead of the process.

Our last quarterly report was dated May 23, 2022. In that report, we informed the Church body that we felt led to open the posting again for 30 days. It was reposted in the National Baptist Convention's publication. The reposting ended June 30th. We received an estimated total of 61 resumes, with 26 being fully completed with the applications. We only reviewed the ones who completed the request.

All candidates from the first round have received rejection letters. We did not want to have someone waiting around when we knew they would not be considered as a viable candidate.

For the second round of candidates, we again followed our rubric that scored them based on Experience in the Ministry, Educational Qualifications, Work Ethic, other Pertinent Issues such as Baptist Denomination Involvement. Based on scoring their resumes, we met on August 1st to discuss the candidates' sermons, and scored based on content, presentation, congregation involvement, etc.

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We are now down to 3 candidates to interview. These interviews will be conducted by Zoom.

If they have a successful interview, they will be introduced to our Church Family in person within the next few months. (Please see "tentative" timeline.)

August	September	October	November	December
Interview 1 candidate	Interview 2 candidates. Confirm the final 3 to be presented to our Church family. Run background checks on final 3 candidates.	Meet with Deacons to make travel plans to FBCJ, confirm dates & schedule with candidates. Check References.	Final 3 candidates to be presented to Church family, preferably 3 Sundays in a row, 1 at a time. During that weekend, there will be a Youth/Children's Forum. They are to meet with Ministry Team Leaders, meet with the Deacons, and to preach on Sunday morning. We will have to plan a Zoom Bible Study, hopefully the Weds before they arrive.	Deacons to have Church family vote on candidates or vote to restart process.

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God willing, if the Church family selects a Senior Pastor based on our final selection, we should be able to make an offer by the first of next year. He would be given ample time to make a smooth transition from his current church. Plus, to be able to move his family to Louisville. The Deacons are to meet with the selected candidate to make final plans.

As we are narrowing the selection process down, we will provide updates at least monthly. As always, please feel free to contact us by email to pastoral@fbcjtown.org if you have any questions. And, continue to keep us in prayer. Thank you to each of you for your support.

THE PULPIT COMMITTEE

Min. Rose Bowman – Leader

Bro. Greg Robinson – Leader

Dr. Freda Merriweather – Co-Leader

Bro. Roger Riddick – Records Keeper

Dea. Juan Robinson – Chaplain

Sis. Kudaira Charasika

Bro. Allen Claycomb

Bro. John Riley

Sis. Stephanie Ross

Sis. Christiane Culberson – Youth Representative

Bro. Trent Douglas – Youth Representative

Psalm 121:2 (NKJV) — My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.

Proverbs 16:9 (ESV) — The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.

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BECAUSE IT'S GOOD TO KNOW...

First Baptist Church of Jeffersontown's Pastoral Consultation

Please contact Sis. Karen Daniel in the church office at 502.267.6121, to schedule a time to speak with Pastor Gray.

American Red Cross

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**Community Blood Drive
Jeffersontown Police
Department**

Meeting Room
10410 Taylorsville Rd
Louisville, KY 40299

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2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF JEFFERSONTOWN PARKING LOT PROJECT
Sponsored by the Trustees

Volunteers Needed

WHEN: SATURDAY, AUGUST 27th ~ 9:00A.M.
(WEATHER PERMITTING)

WHERE: FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH CAMPUS (OUTSIDE)

The "Project" will involve removing dirt, trash, and weeds that have worked their way through the cracks & seams of the asphalt and cleaning out the parking lot drains.

FOR QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS CONTACT:
JOHNNIE BALD 502.609.5107 OR LINDA SANDERS 502.939.8334

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