

FROM THE PASTOR



2016 is the year of Sunday School. For many years it has been said that Sunday School fulfills four aspects of church life. And if the church, and each class, is actively pursuing these four aspects, then the church is healthier and alive.

The Teaching Arm of the Church

First, a class environment facilitates teaching and spiritual growth. As “iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another (Proverbs 27:17).” Sunday School classes are designed for us to learn from one another and to grow together.

The Fellowshiping Arm of the Church

Second, the smaller environment encourages fellowship that you cannot receive in a large group. Getting to know everyone in a 300 seat auditorium in a deep meaningful way is impossible, but getting to know 20-30 people in a class and sharing your burdens together, celebrating your victories together, and genuinely enjoying each other, builds comradery and Christian fellowship.

The Ministering Arm of the Church

Third, the same smaller environment produces a loving, caring environment. While no one else in the church may know that you are hurting, but those that you have fellowship with in a Sunday School class will know and be able to minister to you in a way that no one else will be able to do.

The Evangelism Arm of the Church

Finally, the Sunday School class is the evangelistic thrust of the church. Yes, the gospel should be presented in Sunday School and those who are lost should be saved from hearing a Sunday School lesson. But more important is that church visitation, church outreach, should stimulate from the Sunday School classes. Each class is supposed to contact guest and invite them to their class. Class members should reach out to those who have been absent. Sunday School classes should go out of their way to invite others to come worship and learn with them.

If we work together this year, we can make 2016 the year of Sunday School and watch God work in a way like we have never seen before. Praise God! Let’s do His good work.

Serving Him,



February 28th at 6PM

Admission is free. A love offering will be received

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Up Coming Events

		Weekly Schedule
		Sunday: 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Morning Worship Service 5-7pm AWANA 5:00pm Discipleship 6:00pm Evening Worship 7:00pm Choir Practice Wednesday: 7:00pm Bible Study, Youth and Children
Welcome Center Volunteers		
February : 7th	Carolyn Cranfield Eileen Elliott Virginia Hickerson	
February : 14th	Barbara Jones Barbara Taylor Diane Yarbrough	
February : 21st	Janice Harper Kay Taylor Sheila Williams	
February: 28th	Joe Ethridge Ruth Ethridge Linda Tilley	



Everyone should take a few days off and refocus on the important things of life.

Just a few days at Lake Barkley, Kentucky has given me a new focus on what is important in life. While there I read an article by Dr. Todd Brady of Union University entitled "Are We done With Christmas?" In his article he related how after each Christmas gathering, the small child would ask, "are we done with Christmas yet?" He proceeds by saying we are never done with Christmas. Christmas is only the beginning. After chewing on that for a while, my focus began to turn to Easter.

If Christmas had ended December 25th, there would not have been Easter. Thank the Lord that Christmas is evident everyday that Jesus was Born; that Jesus grew and did what his Heavenly Father had called him today and that is to die on the Old Rugged Cross for our sins and be raised from the grave on that Easter morning.

Jesus is Alive today and forever in our hearts and lives. Aren't you glad we can celebrate Christmas daily by submitting afresh and new to his Love and Leadership in our lives.

Love, Bro. Jim



**GBA Annual Mission Banquet
February 4, 2016
6:30 PM**

Dyer First Baptist Church
Corn Bread and Bean Dinner
Sponsored by the Mission Team and WMU
(RSVP by January 28:GBA office-855-1202)
There is no charge for this meal

Girls Mission Sleep Over
Grades 1-6th
February 5, 2016 at White Hall Baptist Church
For more information contact April Howell

Whew, we made it through the holidays and started a New Year and God has blessed us with our children here at White Hall.

Our kids are working hard on bible drills and some of them have earned their first Awana badges. We are super excited at how God is using these two programs to reveal Himself to our children and they are soaking Him up.

We will have Super Sunday Feb.14 from 12-2 pm and we will Not have Awana that night because of our Valentine Banquet fundraiser.



The WHBC youth have finally made it through exams, holidays and back to school. Now we are gearing up for Valentine's Day.

We are seeking where God wants us to do Missions this summer and that leads us to our annual Valentine Banquet and program fundraiser.

The kids have been working hard on a program and would love the chance to serve you that night and show you how dedicated they are to God's commission to go spread His word.

Just call the church office or sign up on the bulletin board at church if you would like to attend so we will know how many to plan on having.

Our Banquet will be Sunday Feb 14th 5-7 pm. We hope you can join us that night for a great event and support for our youth and youth program.

We know that God is already at work getting our mission trip ready and we are excited.

Thank you, God bless,
Ms. Sarah

Upcoming Children and Youth Events

- ◆ March 4th-5th Freedom Weekend for youth at Englewood Baptist church and lock in at WHBC.
- ◆ March 6th-Youth Sunday and High Attendance for youth

February 2016

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2	3	4 GBA Corn Bread and Bean Dinner Dyer First Baptist 6:30pm	5 Girls Mission Sleep Over at WHBC	6
			7pm Bible Study			
7 2pm Harlan Morris 3pm Y & C committee meeting 4pm Deacons Meeting	8	9	10 1pm Harlan Morris Ministry 7pm Business Meeting	11	12	13
14 Super Sunday Valentine Party grades 6th and under 12-2:00pm Valentine Fundraiser Banquet and program 5pm-7pm	15	16	17	18	19	20
			7pm Missions night			
21 2pm Holiday House Ministry We will start to collect Easter candy for WHBC and Gallaway	22	23 1:30 pm Ladies Prayer Group	24	25	26	27
			7pm Bible Study			
28	29					