

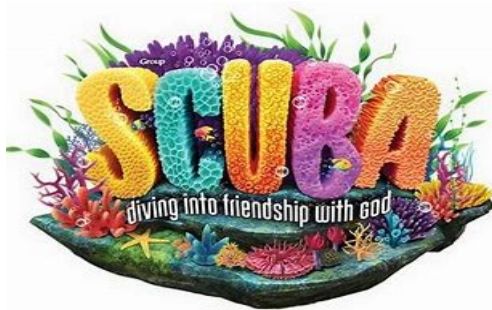
July 2024 Newsletter

Flat Springs Baptist Church

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Vacation Bible School
is coming!



Taking kids deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. At Scuba VBS, kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is all about!

When: July 28th - 31st

Time: 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Who: 3 Year old -5th grader

REGISTER Today
Deadline July 23rd



Join Us For



**THE LORD'S
SUPPER**

Sunday, July 7th

10 am Worship Service

**BUSINESS
MEETING**

July 14th



July 28th
8 am

Deacon of the Month - Tom Luck

Sunday School & Worship Attendance for June 2024

Date	Sunday School	Worship Service
6/2/24	69	94
6/9/24	83	92
6/16/24	76	96
6/23/24	76	84
6/30/24	88	91

Message from Pastor Blume

Rejoice, Pray, Give Thanks

The Bible says, “**Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.**” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NKJV) We can do that! We can choose to rejoice. We can decide to pray unendingly. We can intentionally give thanks in everything.

Flat Springs can **rejoice** over the work of God within the youth at Camp Caswell in early June, and the three young ladies who are now awaiting believers’ baptism. We’re excited about celebrating these baptisms soon!

We can decide to make **prayer** a priority. Pray for the Future Transition Team as they wrap up their work and bring a report to the church. Pray for the Pastor Search Committee that will soon be elected by the church to find your next pastor. Pray for VBS. This is always an exciting and life-changing event. The leaders and the children need to be covered in prayer. There is

much to pray about!

This church family can be intentional about **gratitude** – giving thanks to God for His faithfulness, His greatness, His plan, His protection, His generosity and so much more. In a world where there is much to complain about, this is the time to glorify God through giving thanks in everything!

Pray that Flat Springs will be a stronger, **kingdom-focused church**. For several months, I am preaching on the Bible’s teachings on the Kingdom of God. This is a basic truth of who we are as believers and as a church of believers. Jesus taught us to pray that God’s kingdom comes and that we seek His kingdom first.

I’m praying for you! Thank you for praying for me and my family!

Allan Blume

Kentucky Mission Trip

Whitley City, Cumberland Falls, Stearns Kentucky
November 20-24, 2024

This 5 day mission trip to Stearns is sponsored by the Outreach Committee of FSBC. We will be working alongside mission teams from across several states to support Crossroads Community Baptist Church and the Lord’s Cafe in hosting a community Thanksgiving Meal. Last year over 1500 people were fed a Thanksgiving Meal but most importantly were introduced to God’s holy word and a relationship with Jesus. Each person who attends the community Thanksgiving meal is prayed with and introduced to Jesus. This is life and eternity changing for many who give their lives to Christ, all because of a free meal, that opens doors and hearts.

It’s not too late! If this sounds like an amazing opportunity to you or for your family to join the week before Thanksgiving then please reach out to Lou Anne Griffin with questions or to sign up by text or email 919-498-5855/ griflk@gmail.com

We will be staying at a hotel beside the Lord’s Cafe in Stearns, Kentucky and we can add you to our reservation (up to 4 people per room).



Invite your
friends to
Vacation
Bible
School!
Our new
friends are
coming!
Come meet
them!





ServeNC and WMU Challenge for Deep River and Beyond



The Advent Season at Flat Springs begins early this year with an effort to address community and missions needs well before decking the halls, hanging stockings, and addressing family wish lists. This is a NEW idea which may prove helpful all around.

ServeNC, a ministry of our Baptist State Convention, has challenged all member churches to be “On Mission Together,” especially between August 3-11. Here are several ways we can plug in. We are certainly not limited to these ideas, so please share yours.

This ServeNC timeline runs parallel to the back-to-school rush when stores and outlets run discounts and promotions. As a church family, let us take full advantage of those sales in July and August to benefit the local community and beyond. Below are broad categories and ways to plug in. If it feels overwhelming, set apart 12 Days for this.

- ♥ Support a North American Mission Board family and an International Missionary family with gift cards, greeting cards for a year, and prayers for their lifetimes. Specific information to come in the next few weeks about this.
- ♥ Back-to-school supplies for Deep River School children (crayons, pencils, erasers, Clorox Wipes, tissue boxes).
- ♥ Purchase and pack *Samaritan's Purse* Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes (no items depicting war such as toy soldiers, no liquids, no candies, no food). This is an area where we lagged in 2023, so an early date might make a difference, especially when we can take advantage of sale prices. (Pencils, handheld sharpeners, notepads, hair supplies, combs, brushes, small mirrors, etc. are always welcome.)
- ♥ Begin collecting unwrapped items for Deep River Angels (generic things such as balls, games, craft supplies, kid size socks, and other clothing items). It will be November when we receive our specific angel wish lists, but we can take advantage of sales, now, for items we anticipate will be on those lists.
- ♥ Clean out closets for gently used jackets, pull-overs, and winter coats to support “Coats for the City.”
- ♥ Support the Flat Springs team needs for fall Kentucky mission trip.
- ♥ Designate a financial donation to WMU for the specific category that touches your heart. Perhaps give a designation each week or once a month. Be sure to write on your envelope how your gift should be allocated.

More importantly, right now, is the right time to pray for the Holy Spirit to move in our own hearts, Deep River, the United States of America, and our world. While we do not sit on a shoreline or serve as commissioned missionaries, Flat Springs Baptist Church can be the lighthouse referenced in Matthew 5:14-16. Luke tells us bluntly in Luke 12:8, “To whom much has been given, much is required.” Christ our Savior is coming again. In gratitude, let us give joyfully.



July 2024

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Sunday Schedule: 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship Service 4:00 Echoes of Mercy 6:00 Youth Meeting	1 Birthdays: Hayley Mitchell	2 Birthdays: Susan Connor	3	4 Office Closed  Birthdays: Reese Gaines	5	6 Birthdays: Amy Goodwin	
7 Celebration of the Lord's Supper at 10 am Worship Service No Youth	8 Birthdays: Annell Almand	9 Birthdays: Linda Wilson	10 Birthdays: Mike West	11 Birthdays: Reese Gaines	12	13 Birthdays: Donna McAvoy	
14 11:00 Business Meeting No Youth New Youth size sneakers and socks are Due	15 10:00 Dorcas Sew Day Birthdays: Brannon Cox, Sarah Lyons, Regan Marks	16 Birthdays: Charles Phillips	17 Birthdays: Bobby Hurlley, Deliah Schoolcraft	18 Birthdays: Cash Rooker	19 4:00 Acteens Lockin Birthdays: Rick Bridges, Bunnie Hight, Jamie Phillips, Reice Wilder	20 Acteens Lockin 8:30- Youth Outdoor 11 Movie Night Birthdays: Tony Ragan	
21 3- Youth (6th - 12th grade) Pool Party 8pm	22 Birthdays: Karen Jackson	Last Day to REGISTER for VBS  Birthdays: Karen Jackson	24 Fellowship Hall Reserved - VBS Birthdays: Amanda Covert	25 11:00 Birthday Buddies 7:00 Diaconate Meeting Birthdays: Jackson Ward	26 Fellowship Hall Reserved - VBS	27 Fellowship Hall Reserved - VBS Birthdays: Camden Covert	
28 8:00 Baptist Men's Breakfast 6:00 Vacation Bible School Birthdays: Jean Smith, Carson Thomas	29 6:00 Vacation Bible School 	30 6:00 Vacation Bible School 	31 6:00 Vacation Bible School  Birthdays: Gail Hickman	Wednesday Night Schedule 6:30 Mid-week Service 7:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal			Deacon of the Month: Tom Luck