

FEBRUARY 2022

The Fellowship Times

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH . 3RD & DOWNEY . RADFORD, VA



March is Our Turn to Restock the Radford Food Pantry

March is our church's turn each year to keep the Radford Food Pantry stocked for neighbors in our community who are having a hard time making ends meet. Non-perishables of all kinds are accepted. Soups and easy to make comfort foods are always popular.

Please consider adding a few extra items to donate each week when you make your grocery run. You can begin dropping off your donations at the church anytime in February and March.

INSIDE:

*A THANK YOU LETTER
FROM KENTUCKY*

*KENT CELEBRATES HIS
40TH ANNIVERSARY*

CBF INFORMATION

KENTUCKY

THANK YOU NOTE RECEIVED FROM FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Dear Diana, Kent, friends & members,

I want to thank each of you for the love and support through your generous gift of a total of \$3,090 for tornado relief - it is so appreciated. It is a little over a month since that awful night when we huddled & prayed as the tornado ripped through our community & various areas of Western Kentucky. As cell phone reception came back up late that night, the calls and texts started coming as church members texted "we are ok, but our home is gone." The next morning, we were in the devastated areas helping victims find identification, valued memorabilia and other items. We have spent many days distributing items and helping those we can. We have bought lumber with donations to repair homes, provided storage for those who have had their home destroyed, provided meals for victims and volunteers, and partnered with World Central Kitchen to use our community garden for delicious & healthy meals throughout our area. This is only the beginning of our long term recovery efforts. We had church members and friends who lost everything. Our community will never be the same but the love you and others have shown and the intervention of the Holy Spirit with groans too deep for words has sustained us and given us the strength to go on.

I think of so many ways that you have shown support to me since I first walked into First Baptist in the Fall of 1994.

- I think of the willingness of Kent to volunteer as a chaplain at the hospital and the wonderful work he did at Carilion and the work we did together through the Ministerial Association.
- I think of the late Bob Cruise and Lucille giving me love and support during a difficult time in my life.
- I think of the prayers, the opportunity to lead studies, the friendships and the joy we have experienced over the years.
- It meant the world to my wife, Rev. Donna Webster, and myself that Diana took the time to attend and be part of Donna's ordination service this past Sunday.



Words cannot express my gratitude - thank you so much and please continue to keep our community and the area in your prayers. Thank you so much for all you have done. I will keep you informed as our recovery work progresses"

God Bless, Dr. Jonathan Webster



We have been deeply blessed by Kent AND Nancy Taylor as they have served us well for 40 years! We look forward to celebrating them more this year as we emerge from this pandemic. We are sending them on a trip to The Holy Land to thank them for all that they have done and do! It is not too late to send them a card of gratitude and/or donate to the Holy Land trip.

Please see Pastor Diana for more information.

We are amazed and grateful that we have been able to journey together with you over these many years together in service to our Lord. First Baptist has always had so many wonderful people who give of themselves to help others in so many ways, and it has been our joy to witness it and be a part of it. Your generous gifts to send us to the Holy Land when it is safer to travel is something we will look forward to with great anticipation, and even more, with much affection for you all. Thank you!

*Grace and peace,
Kent and Nancy Taylor*



Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

HERE'S SOME OF WHAT WE HELP ACCOMPLISH IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CBF NATIONALLY AND GLOBALLY

TRANSFORMING RURAL POVERTY IN AMERICA

20,000+ HOME REPAIRS

14,800+ CHILDREN IMPACTED

58,620+ VOLUNTEERS **50** COALITION MEMBERS

11 MILLION VOLUNTEER HOURS **72** STRATEGIC PARTNERS

\$314 MILLION VALUE OF VOLUNTEER HOURS

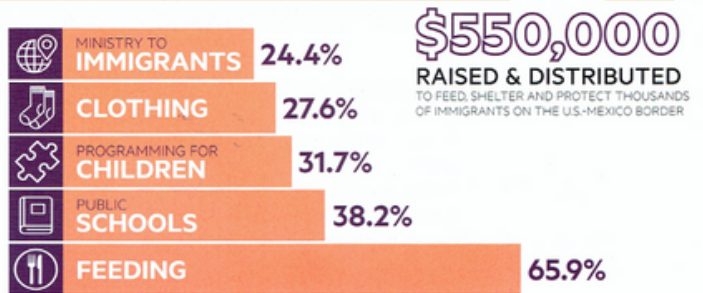
IN 2021

28 NEW PARTNERS | 30 CHURCH PARTNERS | 12 SERVICES PROVIDED | 11 SEMINARS PROVIDED

MINISTRY ON THE BORDER

630,696 SQUARE MILES

66,906,488 PEOPLE



GLOBAL MISSIONS





Hollace Oakes, Paige Selvey, Liam & Preston Fisher, Zelda & Nadia White and Bonnie Graham enjoy children's Sunday school.



5 Aurelia Gibson

7 Abby Ridpath

15 Josie Stoots

17 Linda Gardiner

21 Meg Stone

22 Isaiah Harris

24 Dan Gardiner

25 Phyllis McCauley

27 Shirley Levy

28 Ed Stone