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MEET THE FAMILY

John and Tabatha Tackett

Members since 2011, they came to our church via a door-hanger!

John was saved at the age of 10 at a small church in Georgetown and was baptized seven years later. Tabatha attended a country church with her parents in Sadieville, where she responded to an altar call at the age of 18. The two met in middle school (Scott County) in 1996, started dating in 1998 and decided to marry when Tabatha was still a senior in high school. They married in 2004.



Tabatha homeschools their three children, Ian (16), Anna (15), and Isaac (10). She is also a Licensed Massage Therapist, working part-time at Lexington Healing Arts Academy and offering occasional at-home sessions to well-known friends and family. John runs a successful residential building company, TC Dream Homes, alongside his father.

Many of their family activities are centered around Bluegrass Baptist Church. Tabatha faithfully supports the church nursery while John serves on the security team and helps to count church offerings. They love being here!

Stephanie Foster



The David and Stephanie Foster family first visited BBC at the end of 2021. The couple had been school sweethearts in Elizabethtown, Ky; married in 2006 and moved here because David worked at Toyota, where he was

a team leader. Stephanie took on the responsibility of homeschooling their growing family and caring for Emerson who has suffered from a mystery illness since birth.

None of them had met Jesus Christ when they visited our church, but they did know enough to look for one that honored the Word of God. Pastor Kyle followed up with a visit to their home and prayed with David, Stephanie and then 16-year-old Corbin for salvation after sharing the Gospel with them. They were all baptized on February 20, 2022.

Less than four months later, David unexpectedly passed on from health complications following an accident. The church family rallied around Stephanie and her children (Corbin, Emerson, Avery, and Brynnleigh), providing the help and comfort they needed to ease the sting of their sudden loss.

Three years later, Stephanie's smiling face still leads her girls into church every Sunday morning and most Sunday nights and Wednesday nights. Corbin now runs his own landscaping business.

Stephanie's example of faithful trust in God despite the challenges she has faced is an ongoing blessing to our church family.

Cody Medaris

Born in 1992 and raised in Hazard, KY; at the age of 18 he prayed for salvation in his parent's home and a year later moved to Lexington to attend the University of Kentucky.

After graduating with a degree in Mathematical Economics from UK in 2015, and a Computer Science degree from Oregon State University in 2021, he works from home, by internet, as a programmer for a company based in San Francisco.

Cody attended Keith Seaman's Sunday School class in a previous church. After the Seaman's family moved to Bluegrass, Keith invited Cody to visit here. He loved it from his first visit and has been faithfully attending ever since.



PERSPECTIVE

THE WORLD MAY END TOMORROW

How are you living today?

We are in a time of worldwide socio-political turmoil, blatant moral degradation, and rapidly unfolding events that bring biblical end-time prophecies into focus—and yet, with the dawning of each new uncertain day that may or may not unveil some new monumental event, we are called to do the little things well and leave the big things in God's hands:

Pray, meditate on Scripture, worship God, serve the Body of Christ, be kind and considerate to others, and share the Good News of salvation.

Such things are “little” only in comparison to God’s portfolio as Creator and King of the universe; they are the things we can control, and to us they are a great responsibility assigned by our King.

As to the things we cannot control, turmoil and uncertainty will increase until Jesus returns. While “men’s hearts fail them for fear” (Luke 21:26), our steadiness in the face of calamity will draw troubled souls to the One in whom we hide, the immovable Rock of our Salvation.

Edward Thal

WHAT’S HAPPENING!

REVIVAL!



Five meetings in four days (Sunday through Wednesday) drew big crowds and refreshed us all! Evangelist David Sommerdorf visits our church every two or three years, and this time he shared messages that followed a theme challenging us to consider if we owned God’s Word, or simply rented it! In other words, does Scripture fully govern our lives or do we just follow the teachings that suit us?

BABIES! LOTS OF BABIES.

In the twelve months since last October we have been blessed to welcome seven babies into our congregation—two of them just this month, and an eighth coming soon!



(Left) Laura Mitchell with Lilah and Levi. They were soon joined by baby Lawson. On the right above, Whisper Johnson and Kayla, were joined by baby Derek on Wednesday.

Charity Iocco (right, with Stephen behind her) is expecting her fifth child in November, to join Jesse, Hadassah, Silas and Adelynn.



HAYRIDES, PUMPKINS AND PLAYING IN THE CREEK

The hayrides and pumpkin carving were fun at the Wade's farm, and despite the chilly Fall weather some kids also splashed around in Stoner Creek under the watchful eyes of their non-paddling parents!



CHILI COOK-OFF!



And then there was the Great Chili Cook-off hosted by Pastor Kyle and Jessica Fannin for the Horizons and Beginnings LifeStage groups. Five chefs presented their creations to the gathered chili connoisseur's... and the winner was... Kyle Fannin!

ENCOUNTERS: LIVING AS A CHRISTIAN IN A POST-CHRISTIAN WORLD

Here we share anecdotes from or about church members, telling their experiences (inspirational, amusing, or sad) as Christians living in a world that is indifferent or hostile to the Gospel and Christian values in general. This month's contribution flows from our encouragement to members to interact with others in our community, sharing the light of the Gospel wherever we go.

*In addition to the daily informal opportunities that arise as we mix with others, organized outreach activities are also available in the form of door-to-door neighborhood evangelism and Gospel Blitz distribution of door-hangers. Last month, **Liam Stewart**, a 15-year-old teenager, told us what it was like to partner with his dad in neighborhood evangelism. This month, **Blake Stewart** shares his perspective.*

Due to my work schedule I'm nowhere near as consistent as Liam with his neighborhood evangelism. I'm only able to make it a few times a year, so, unlike Liam, I look forward to going with equal amounts of dread and excitement. I'm much more comfortable talking with someone that I've known longer than the time it takes to knock on doors and talk to strangers about their salvation!

I still struggle with the same things that many people worry about, like what if I say the wrong thing or what if I don't have a good answer to a question? I must remind myself that I'm commanded to go and there is nothing I can do to save anyone—Jesus is responsible for that, not me!

Liam uses a more structured approach than I do. For those who are new to door-to-door evangelism, Edward has developed a user-friendly questionnaire that makes the task a lot easier, and Liam is very comfortable with it. I still prefer to simply invite someone to church, and follow the conversation from there.

The last time I went door-to-door was the first time I teamed up with Liam! It was such a blessing to share the Gospel together, even though we got rained on. We were able to speak to several people before a light drizzle suddenly turned into a heavy downpour and we had to run back to my truck. It rained so hard that we were completely drenched, and our shoes were filled with water, but we were both laughing and I felt blessed by watching my son share the Lord with others. It makes me happy to see my children happy, and I can't think of anything to bring me more joy than sharing Christ with others, and doing it with my own son!

BIBLE QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

*In this section we answer questions about Bible doctrines or texts or Church life or Christian life in general. If you have a question that you think may prompt an answer helpful to yourself and to the church family in general, please let us know. This month **Pastor Zach Kirchner** begins a series that he titles: **Harmony of Scripture: Reconciling Apparent Contradictions**.*

Since Adam and Eve were barred from the Garden of Eden, there has not existed a time in the history of mankind in which the words of God have not been under attack. God gave his Word to Israel, and the Devil responded by attempting to eradicate Israel through the use of both physical and spiritual attacks. After Christ came and salvation spread to the Gentiles, Satan used wicked political leaders like Nero and Domitian to try to destroy God's Word. Heretical groups have tried to redefine the words of Scripture, Enlightenment thinkers denied miracles and other divine acts in their anti-supernatural stance, and the modern man of the world arrogantly places himself above Scripture as if he were the arbiter of truth.

But! *God's Word prevails!* God reminds his people frequently throughout history that his Word *will* stand forever (see the end of the article for chapter and verse). Scripture's Divine Author has the authority, wisdom, and power to ensure that his Word endures forever. In our current age and location, it seems that the old serpent has resigned himself to the fact that God's Word will never pass away, although he will certainly try again to destroy Scripture. For now, Satan has recycled the former tactic of casting doubt on the eternal Scriptures (Genesis 3:1–6), *and he is extremely effective*. To reference Luther's "A Mighty Fortress," "[Satan's] craft and power are great, [he's] armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal." Taking up a demonic mission are organizations such as American Atheists, The Skeptics Annotated Bible, and many others. These anti-God groups diligently search the Scriptures, but not for truth. Instead, they search the Scriptures scrupulously to find "contradictions" in a foolish attempt to prove that there is no God (Ps 14:1, 53:1).

Due to the attacks on the veracity of God's Word, I plan over the next several months to periodically write on *passages that seem to be contradictory*. Of course, you and I take, by faith, that *God's Word does not contradict itself*. However, there are passages which, if not studied well, have the potential to shake the faith foundations of even the most mature among us.

As we examine a few of these passages, I encourage you to do two things. First, look at some of the contradictions that The Skeptics Annotated Bible puts forward on their website. I am confident that you can reconcile some of the “contradictions” that they claim destroy the integrity of Scripture! Second, look up the list of verses listed below, refresh yourself with the truth that Scripture is everlasting, and thank God for his grace and kindness to give us the truth. Praise God for His eternal Word!

Passages on Scripture’s Eternality: Psalms 33:11; Proverbs 19:21; Isaiah 40:6–8; Matthew 5:18, 24:35; Acts 3:18; 1 Peter 1:24