



# The Vision



## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE

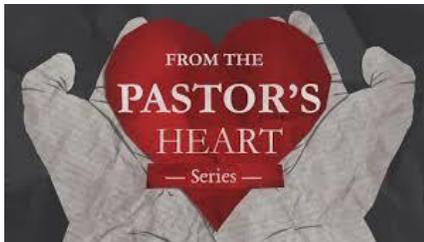
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Good morning everyone! Thank you for praying for Debbie and me as

we took a short trip to Texas to see my family. It was a good trip and we are glad to be back safe and sound.

In a few weeks, hopefully, we will all be back in person. But in the meantime, we lift each of us up in our prayers to the Lord who cares for us like no other. We pray for those who are going through this virus and for their caregivers through this time.

Hopefully you are catching us online as we continue through the Gospel of Mark. We are walking with Jesus as he ministers and eventually ends up on an old rugged Cross for you and me.

Feel free to call me during this time for any need. My cell phone number is (765) 277-3005. During this online time, please send (mail) your weekly tithes and offerings to our church or let Carol McVey or Carol Williams (our Financial Secretaries) know how you would like to get them to them.

Love,

Pastor John & Debbie



**Your fellowship today is important to us. Please fill out the attendance pads at the end of each pew.**



## Servants

In His Service

January 23, 2022

USHER

SOUND SYSTEM 10:30 AM-Chuck Richardson

DEACON-Ken McVey

Small Talk-

Junior Church-

*(The previous week's attendance and financial status)*

ATTENDANCE

SS-0 Worship- 0

FINANCIAL NOTES

	Worship Service	Monthly Need \$11,070.16	Sunday School
January 2	\$1,914.96		\$71.00
January 9	\$1,335.50		-

Operating Fund  
\$3,321.46

Total Receipts (Jan.)	\$3,806.46
Weekly Need	\$2,700.18

### Thought for Beginning of Year

**“Relax in My Healing Presence. As you spend time with Me, your thoughts tend to jump ahead to today’s plans and problems. Bring your mind back to Me for refreshment and renewal. Let the Light of My Presence soak into you, as you focus your thoughts on Me. Thus I equip you to face whatever the day brings. This sacrifice of time pleases Me and strengthens you. Do not skimp on our time together. Resist the clamor of tasks waiting to be done. *You have chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from you.*”**

*Look to the Lord and His strength; seek his face always. – Psalm 105:4*

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## SPECIAL NOTE

Our church services will be suspended through the month of January. This is due to the Covid 19 status, **RED**, in Morgan County and the fact that some of our congregation is or have been close to ones that have tested positive for the Virus. Services will still be done live on Facebook and the Church Web site each week.

The weekly Vision will also be available on our church's website at [www.firstbaptistmartinsville.org](http://www.firstbaptistmartinsville.org).

### Patient

Poet: Unknown

I was not patient in that olden time  
When my unchastened heart began to long  
For bliss that lay beyond its reach; my  
prime  
Was wild, impulsive, passionate, and  
strong.  
I could not wait for happiness and love,  
Heaven-sent, to come and nestle in my  
breast;  
I could not realize that time might prove  
That patient waiting would avail me best.  
"Let me be happy now," my heart cried out,  
"In mine own way, and with my chosen lot;  
The future is too dark and full of doubt  
For me to tarry, and I trust it not.  
Take all my blessings, all I am and have,  
But give that glimpse of heaven before the  
grave"

"Ah me! " God heard my wayward, selfish  
cry,  
And, taking pity on my blinded heart,  
He bade the angel of strong grief draw nigh,  
Who pierced my bosom in its tenderest  
part.  
I drank wrath's wine-cup to the bitter lees,  
With strong amazement and a broken will;  
Then, humbled, straightway fell upon my  
knees,  
And God doth know my heart is kneeling  
still;  
I have grown patient, seeking not to choose  
Mine own blind lot, but take that God shall  
send,  
In which, if what I long for I should lose,  
I know the loss will work some blessed end,  
Some better fate for mine and me than I  
Could ever compass underneath the sky.

## SPECIAL ATTENTION

We are going to have all of the sermons on the book of Mark that Pastor John is doing until Easter posted on our website. So if you would like to go back and review any of the past messages, go to the website and you will find them from the beginning to the end.

*There will be a graduation party for Johnathon Alexander on January 29<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. Look for the time in future Visions.*



### PRAYER REQUESTS:

#### Church Family:

Kathy Morris, Evelyn Denney, Mary Jennison, Judy Thompson, Brian Etchison, Dee Dee Kaufman, Jim Abshire, Donna Abshire, Betty Williamson, Mike Adams, Susan Polk, Tom Holman, Dixie Carter, Larry & Peggy Martin, Bob & Catherine Etter & Bob & Dianna Jennings.

#### Community: Pray for America,

our community, the leaders, our school boards. For children and teachers in school this year and those in need in our community.

#### Military Personnel: Skyler Rynard,

Dan Koong, Michael Pitz, Clint Plake, Daniel Hill and all military personnel serving at home and abroad.

Country People affected by the COVID-19, Kentucky Tornado Victims, Situations in the country and abroad, the President, cabinet, political leaders, military personnel, our nation, police, the US economy, firemen and medical personnel.

World: Peace, Middle Eastern conflict, global financial situation, and those serving on the mission field.

