

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

A CHURCH UNITED TO ENJOY GOD'S GRACE AND EXTEND HIS GLORY



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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN:



Has life ever put you seemingly between a rock and a hard place? Do you at times feel trapped by the perplexities of life with nowhere to turn? Does it seem that life never really gives you a fair shake? Instead of getting bitter or depressed when you find yourself in this predicament, open your eyes and look for God. For God does not come to you on the top of life's mountain, but we find God between the rock and the hard place.

In 1 Corinthians 4:8-11 Paul said that he was "troubled on every side," yet not distressed. His affliction is serious. He has been beaten numerous times, stoned and left for dead, imprisoned, shipwrecked and alone. But he says that it is not too much to take. Paul had determined that in the affliction he would find Jesus. Although trouble is on every side, he could say, "I have learned that whatever state I am in, there with to be content." How did he learn this? He discovered through experience that in his weakness, Christ is made strong. In our weakness, Christ magnifies Himself. It's not the affliction that defeats us, but rather our response to that affliction.

Several years ago, God gave me a poem that expresses this sentiment. I hope that it brings you hope and encouragement:

***It is not on the mountain where God heals my pain;
It is not in revival but in misery's plain.
God did not call me to rise to His height;
He left heaven's glory to care for my plight.
And though I get anxious when life becomes dark;
God always shows up when I miss the mark.
I used to wonder why God allowed pain;
Then He showed me Jesus, scarred by sin's stain.***

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN CONTINUED:



*The old cross was heavy, and it didn't seem fair;
But Christ carried it to Calvary, my sins to bear.
The nails were driven deep as my Savior cried;
He shouted, "It is finished," and with that He died.
But after three days the grave it was shaken;
For Jesus the Lord from death's sleep had awakened.
And with that great act Christ gave me a song;
For it's in my weakness that Christ is made strong.*

--Dr. John Duncan



Leadership Team

Greetings from the FBC Leadership Team.

We are excited to announce that this month our church will be ordaining our new deacons. These men have been through our training and have been visiting and helping our church families in preparation of taking on this office. Most of all, however, these men and their families just love and serve the Lord! Even before being asked to become deacons they were serving, being leaders in our church, setting the example, just as deacons should. As always, please continue praying for these men and their families (as well as all our leaders) as they prepare to take on this new ministry. Our new Deacon candidates are: Phil Malone, Tim Harris, Eric Herndon, and Phil Hostetler.

Our team continues to meet every month with Pastor John to pray together for our church and to look over any business we need to discuss.

We remind everyone that we continue with our prayer ministry, praying for our church and services. We have groups meeting at church on Sunday morning at 7:30 AM, 8:30 AM, and 9:50 AM in the Cry Room. If you would like you can join us at one of these times to pray for our church.

Again, our team members are: Pastor – Dr. John Duncan; Elders – John Dillon, Tom Gruenloh, Todd Jasper, Bruce Reinhart, Bill Whittington; Deacons – Rod Haskins, Eric Jones. Thank you for your prayers for us and our church.

In Him,

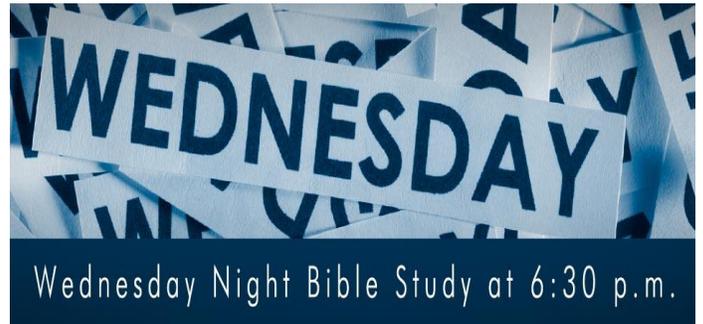
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Wednesday Night Bible Studies:

Women's Ministry:

The Women are continuing their study of **No Other Gods**, by Kelly Minter. They meet each Wednesday Night at 6:30 pm in room 203. All women are encouraged to come and join them for a time of fellowship, study, and growth. Cost of the books is \$12.00.

The Women's Card Ministry will be meeting on Tuesday, March 13th at 6:00 pm to make cards and craft items for our shut-ins, those who are sick, and others in our church and community who need a word of love and encouragement. Last month they sent Valentine Cards to the inmates at Dubois County Correctional Facility to encourage them. This ministry is for those who are high school age and up. Come and join us!



Men's Ministry

The Men began a new Bible Study on Wednesday Nights on **Disciplines of a Godly Man** by R. Kent Hughes. We meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 pm. All men are invited to come and join us for fellowship and growth as we discover how to be the men God has called us to be. Cost of the books is \$10.00

We will be having our monthly Men's Breakfast on Saturday, March 3rd at 9:00 am. All men are invited to come and join us for a great time of food, fellowship, and inspiration.

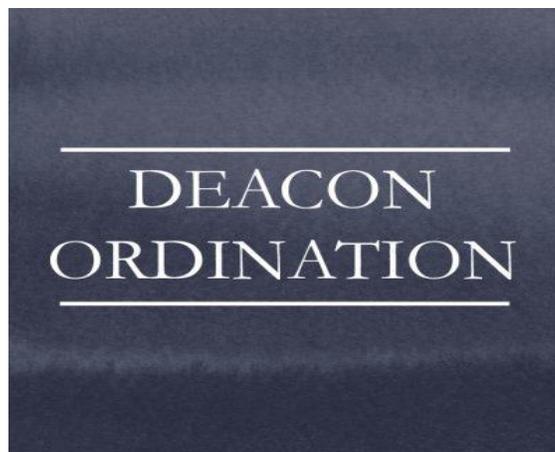
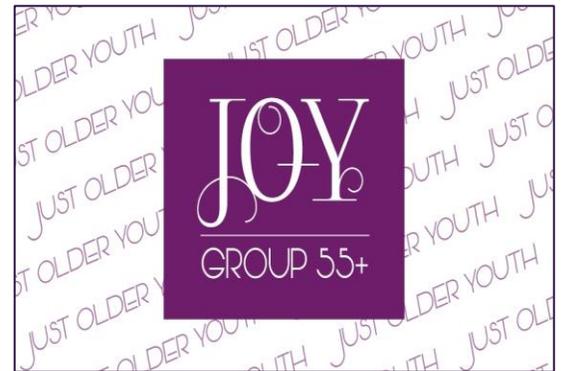
Just Older Youth with Joyful Hearts

Joy Group

The JOY Group met on February 15th for their monthly luncheon at 11:00 am at the church. We enjoyed a great variety of food and desserts along with a great time of fellowship.

Various ones from the group shared what God was doing in their lives and also sought prayers for friends and family that were going through some difficult times. Our pastor shared with the group from Matthew 22:34-40 about the Greatest Commandment. He reminded us that loving God with all our heart, soul, and mind; and loving our neighbors as ourselves sums up the Law and the Prophets. We were challenged to lose ourselves in loving God and loving others.

Our next JOY Group Luncheon will be on Thursday, March 15th at 11:00 at the church. Come and join us for a great time of food, fellowship, and encouragement.



An ordination service will be held on Sunday, March 4th at 5:00 p.m. for Deacon Candidates: Eric Herndon, Tim Harris, and Phil Hostetler. A dessert fellowship will follow the ordination service. Please bring your favorite dessert to share.

Annie Armstrong

God has called ordinary people to be Missionaries. He has prepared them, and He has gone before them in advance to prepare the way. Their time is “Here and Now”. They have a unique call to a unique place. They experience the joy and the challenges of trying to plant truth into hearts that need to be transformed.

For you and me, our “Here and Now” is our own neighborhood, job, school, Jasper Indiana, or where He calls us. Our call is also unique. Do we see the needs with a willingness to love in truth and action?

We must not love with word or speech, but with truth and action (1 John 3:18). The week of March 4th – March 10th has been designated as a week of prayer for North American Missions. Please join us as we unite together in prayer. Prayer Guides will be available in the vestibule.

Opportunities to give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering will be available throughout the month of March. Praying & giving is John’s words in action.

Because You Give...

\$10 a Missionary can purchase gospel tracts to engage his community in Toronto.

\$20 a North American Missionary can buy lunch and build a relationship with her Muslim neighbor.

\$50 a Send City Missionary has a bus fare for a month to travel in an unreached are of his city.

\$150 a church plant’s community group is resourced with Bibles, books, and other discipleship materials in Oregon.

\$400 a GenSend student Missionary can spend time mentoring underprivileged children in the inner city.

\$500 a block party starts gospel conversations in a community in Maine.

\$1,200 a North American Missionary can pay half a month’s rent for a New York apartment.

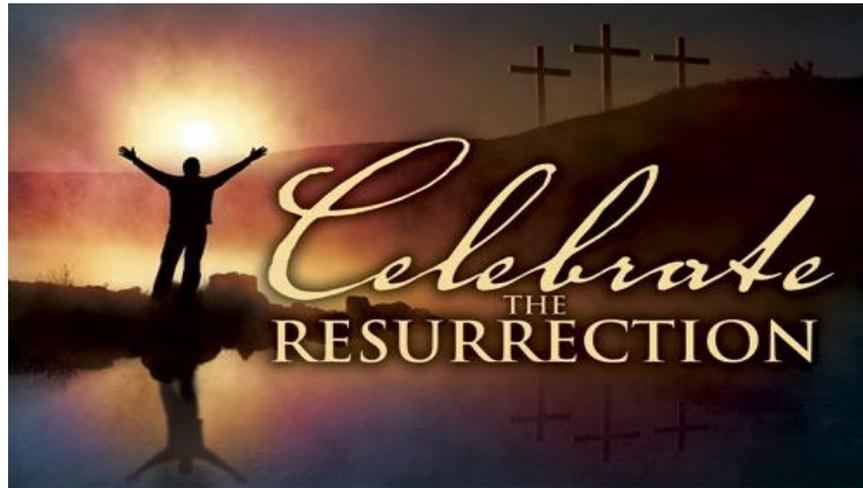
\$2,000 a new Children’s Ministry can be resourced with curriculum and equipment in Colorado.

\$2,400 a bi-vocational, church planting missionary can receive a seminary scholarship.

This year our church goal is **\$1,500.00**. Please pray how your family can financially support the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Offering envelopes will be available in the vestibule.



RESURRECTION SUNDAY SERVICES



We will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Resurrection Sunday, April 1, 2018 with a Sunrise Service at 7:15 am outside at the church, followed by a Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. We will follow the Breakfast up with our Sunday School at 9:00 am and then our Resurrection Worship Service at 10:15 am. Make plans now to invite your friends, your neighbors, and all those in your circle of influence. Our prayer is that this would be the day that God would transform lives in our church and community. May we come alive this Resurrection Sunday, just as our Savior did when He arose from the grave! He is Risen! Tell everyone you know!

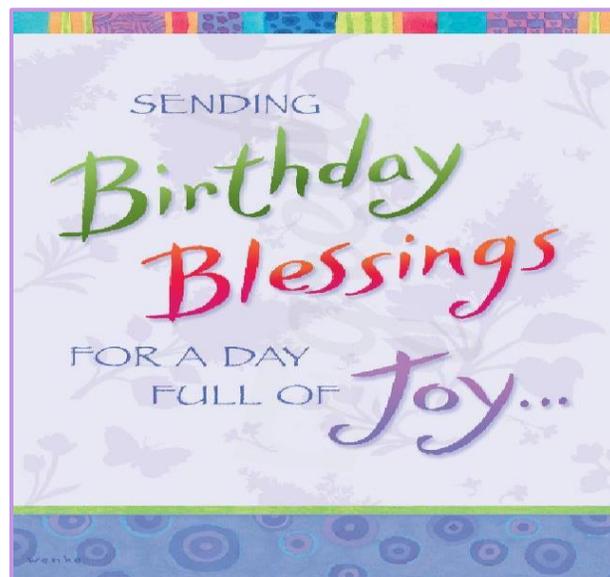


March Birthday's

5 Russell Busick	12 Jennifer Derr
13 Christy Thrasher	13 Travis Bastin
14 Elise Herndon	15 Bruce Reinhart
16 Micah Gafford	18 Konor Gafford
26 Melissa Knox	27 Isaac Herndon
27 Frank Dedrick	30 Valerie Kippenbrock

*Your family at First Baptist Church
would like to wish you a very,*

Happy Birthday!





March 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Everyone is invited to join us on Sunday mornings for our prayer ministry. Groups are meeting in the cry room to pray at: 7:30 am, 8:30 am, and 9:50 am.</p>				1	2	3 9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
4 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Morning Service 10:15 a.m.	5	6	7 6:30 p.m. Family Night Bible Studies	8	9	10
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