

## What Dream are You Pursuing?

On Monday, January 15 we will once again remember Martin Luther King, Jr. There are some interesting facts about this man that are relevant for us here at FBC.

Martin became a follower of Jesus at a young age. Later he married Coretta. Their union was blessed with three children.

Martin pursued all the necessary education and became a pastor in our own American Baptist denomination. In addition, Dr. King signed up for the American Baptist retirement just weeks before he was assassinated. This action provided financial support for his widow for life, and also support for each of their children until they turned 21-years-old.

Martin Luther King, Jr. is probably best remembered for his now famous "I Have a Dream" speech. Dr. King had an earnest desire for equality and justice, and he pursued that dream passionately. What dream has God given you? What will you do this week to advance your vision?

Love in Christ,

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## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, Jan 14

9:00 a.m. – Sunday School  
10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time  
10:15 a.m. – Worship Service

### Tuesday, Jan. 16

6:30 p.m. - Trustees

## Teachers This Sunday

### Nursery

Davis Family

### Kids' Time

Holly Zoll / Angie Bynum

### LOL

Traci Heller

## Last Week

### Attendance

#### Jan. 7, 2017

Worship Service – 99  
Sunday School - 45

## Stewardship Report

### Giving Toward:

Current Expense	\$2945.00
Missions	\$860.00
Building/ Maint. Fund	\$565.00
Deacons Fund	\$260.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4630.00</b>





Thank you to everyone who helped put up our beautiful decorations. Also, a big thank you to all those who stayed and helped take them down last Sunday. Extra kudos to Helen Steffen for her leadership.

## Use for Old Cards

There is a red basket on The Gathering Place coffee table for used Christmas cards. We may use them next year in our decorating. We will just be using the fronts, so you can cut off the backs and just bring the fronts, or donate the whole card and we will do the cutting.

## Prayer Items

Larry Gilly – healing from recent health concerns

Judy Ziegler – cataract surgery on Thursday

Students and teachers – for a good second half of the school year

Judson University Choir – health and strength for both classes and choir tour

FBC – for us to reach more people for Christ

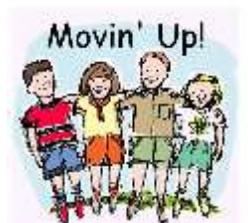


## Judson University Choir

We will host the Judson University Choir on Thursday, January 25. Thank you to those who have already signed up to house choir members. If you missed out, there are more host sheets located on the table in the foyer. Please fill it out and place it in the offering plate, or put it in the secretary's box. If you prefer, you may also call the church office (824-1558) or Debbie (273-9326) to sign up to host. We also need help with food preparation and clean-up that Thursday. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer if you can help. Thank you!

## Hey Kids

Our kick off for this semester's Movin' Up will be Wednesday, January 24 at 5:15 p.m. All school-age kids are invited to come for snacks, a lesson, and games or a craft. We dismiss at 6:30 p.m.





## Jon & Amanda Good Family

Missionaries that we  
support in Hungary

(Below is an excerpt  
from their blog)

Sziasatok! (Hello Everyone)

Today marks the end of our first month in Hungary. Our welcome has been wonderfully warm. The Debrecen Baptist Church family has helped us in so many ways! They picked us up at the airport with a van and trailer for all our luggage. They have arranged meals for us while we searched for a home. They even helped us apply for our residency permit. God's provision is overwhelmingly present.

Hungarian is a difficult language for English speakers, but we learn more every day. Our family began working with a language tutor last week and we adults will begin classes at the university in mid-January. Our Hungarian speaking friends are gracious to help us and strangers are patient with us. Learning Hungarian will be a challenge, so we treasure your prayers. Please also pray that our children will thrive in this environment. The Lord is already providing for their spiritual development through a welcoming youth group. The kids are making friends and happy about beginning school next week.

We know that God has answered prayers for finding a home. Located in the center of town, we are close to just about everything. We can walk to church, two different grocery stores, and the hardware store. The tram line and busses are also nearby. Even better, it is a single-family home with five bedrooms and a small yard for Pepper. Yes, the Lord has provided us with plenty of space for guests, and that includes you! We marvel at God's faithfulness.

So, what is the best thing that you have noticed, you ask? Jesus is being proclaimed and people are responding! Jesus said in Matthew 11:4-5, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: the blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor." We joyfully tell you that we have already seen our Hungarian friends witness to their neighbors. The church here is stretching to proclaim the good news of Jesus. The school is a refuge of joy where Jesus is lifted up. The kids enjoy it so much that some cry because they have to stay home for Christmas break. Missionaries have so many opportunities to share the love of Christ that they long to have more time. Please pray that the doors to publicly share Jesus will remain open and that many will find hope and new life in Jesus.

We praise the Lord for the opportunity to serve here and praise Him for you, our ministry partners who have sent us. Hopeful anticipation for what the Lord will do fills our hearts. We also are excited to see how Jesus will lead you to partner with His work here in Hungary in deeper ways. Please keep in touch with us and let us know how we can pray for you and for your church.

Yours in Christ, Jon and Amanda Good



## **Homebound Members**

### **Christian Care**

Mildred Huss – Room 219B

### **River Terrace**

Phebe Edington – Room 134  
LaVera Krummen – Room 116

### **Markle Health and Rehabilitation**

Barbara French – Room 216

As we co-labor with other churches  
in our community,  
this week we pray for:  
First Reformed Church  
Pastor Bryson Bell

**First Baptist Church**  
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[fbcbluffton.com](http://fbcbluffton.com)  
 First Baptist Church - Bluffton, Indiana

Pastor: Les Cantrell  
Cell phone: 260-273-9073  
Music Director: Sarah Landell  
Secretary: Debbie Cantrell

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