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First Baptist Church Newsletter

January 15, 2025

Truths to Win at Life

I'm excited about my new sermon series. These messages will cover four principles from Scripture to help us live wisely and well. This past Sunday, we saw that it is essential to **Think Properly**.

The Bible teaches that we should direct our thoughts toward things that are good for us and honor God. Here are concepts taught in key Bible verses about thinking, to supplement my sermon.

- **Philippians 4:8-9:** Focus on things that are authentic, honorable, beautiful, pure, and holy. Also, praise God for his glorious works.
- **2 Corinthians 10:5:** Take captive every thought and make it obedient to Christ.
- **Romans 12:2:** Be transformed by renewing your mind so you can test and approve what God's will is.
- **Proverbs 4:23:** Guard your heart with all vigilance, for it is the source of life.
- **Philippians 4:6-7:** Do not be anxious, but let God know your requests through prayer and supplication with thanksgiving.
- **Proverbs 16:3:** Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.
- **Psalms 139:23-24:** Ask God to search your heart and thoughts, and lead you in the way everlasting.

The Bible teaches that when we align our thinking with the Bible and wisdom, we find peace and life.

Together with you, Les

Thank You!

A note to my Anonymous Benefactor:

Thank you so much for the lovely devotion book you secretly left for me in my pew Sunday morning. I am familiar with this particular publication since I have used it in the past. I know it will encourage me as I travel the difficult path that I'm on. You are a Blessing to me! Janet Heyerly (The office failed to publish the name in last week's newsletter.)



Attention Deacons

You have a meeting this Sunday, January 19, right after the worship service in the meeting room downstairs.



The Annual Giving Statements from 2024 are on the table in the foyer. Please pick yours up this Sunday.

Annual Report for 2024

We are now compiling the Annual Report for 2024. Please turn in board and officer reports to the church office at your earliest convenience.

ADDRESSES

Please make the following changes and additions to your church directory.

Jeckier & Carline Julmisse
1802 Kensington Dr.
Bluffton, IN 46714

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510 W. Dustman Rd. Apt. 21
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616 Barnes Ave Building 29702D
Fort Eisenhower, GA 30905



TACO BAR

Sunday, February 2

Join us right after the worship service on Sunday, February 2, for a taco bar lunch. The church will provide the meat, soft tortillas, and crunchy shells. Please sign up on the bulletin board for what you can bring to complete the meal.

Our regional minister, Rusty Strickler, will give a brief presentation on the Pastor search process and answer any questions you may have.



YOUTH BIBLE STUDY Celebrating Christmas

Back row:
Logan, Drake,
Aaron, Devin

Middle Row:
Jessica, Emilee,
Hunter, Samuel

Bottom Row:
Cruz, Charlie

Not pictured:
Faith, Trevor

Kids' Time Teacher
Sunday Jan. 12, 2025

Joyce Evans



**Adventure Kids and
Youth Bible Study**

Wednesdays
6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

First Baptist Church
202 W. Cherry Street
Bluffton, Indiana 46714



Sunday

Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

Kids' Time 10:10 a.m.

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