

# THE LINK

Jan. 17, 2018



## Public and Private Integrity

What do you see at the bottom of that giant sequoia tree? That is one huge tree. Record sequoias can measure 311 feet tall. The clock tower of our Wells County Courthouse is 100 feet high. Stack three clock towers on top of each other and you are getting up near the size of these massive trees.

Surprisingly, their root system only goes between three to eight feet deep. Yet that unseen root system can spread up to 300 feet in every direction. Those roots mingle and intertwine with other trees for added strength and stability. Roots of a sequoia tree can cover one acre.

Private integrity is like that unseen root system, and without it our lives will eventually come crashing down. That impressive trunk and leaves are like public integrity. Because of God's grace to us in Jesus, we want to glorify God by living with wholeness and virtue both behind closed doors and openly before others.

Glorifying God together with you!

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## Upcoming Events

**Thursday, Jan. 18**

6:00 Deacons Meeting

**Sunday, Jan 21**

9:00 a.m. – Sunday School

10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time

10:15 a.m. – Worship Service

## Teachers This Sunday

### Nursery

Helen Steffen/ Brooke Tonner

### Kids' Time

Joyce Evans / Marcia Liddy

### LOL

Michelle Tonner

## Last Week

### Attendance

**Jan. 14, 2018**

Worship Service – 93

Sunday School - 36

## Stewardship Report

Giving Toward:

Current Expense	\$2687.00
Missions	\$140.00
Building/ Maint. Fund	\$40.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2867.00</b>





## Housing Choir Students



**Last Chance!** We still need more hosts for the Judson University Choir. We can help with transportation and/or breakfast if those are issues. If you are able to host, but did not fill out a form, please let Debbie know this week. Her number is 273-9326. On the evening of the concert, we will post the names of the students along with their hosts at various spots in The Gathering Place. All you need to do is find your name and meet your students. Keep in mind that your students will probably not eat breakfast at the same time as they will be sharing bathrooms and getting ready to depart. Additionally, we will have coffee and other hot beverages here in The Gathering Place for everyone as they are getting ready to leave Friday morning. Thank you for your help!

### Hey Kids

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



### FBC Choir Schedule

We will begin choir practice on January 31 at 7:00 p.m. Please note that we will not have practice on January 24.



### 2018 Honors Lunch

After worship on February 11, we will honor some distinguished guests for their volunteer service at First Baptist Church. Plan to celebrate with your church family with a carry-in meal and time of affirmation. FBC will provide the main dish, drinks, and table service. Please bring side-dishes like fruit, vegetables, salads, and desserts to share.

### Your Pastor's Position on the Sanctity of Life

January 22, 2018 marks the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the controversial Roe v. Wade court case, which legalized abortion. I believe that abortion-on-demand is a violation of human dignity and the moral law of God. Yet, I do recognize an exception when the life of the mother is threatened. Why do I believe that human life is sacred and precious?

The Word of God teaches that each individual is known by God from before the foundation of the world (Jeremiah 1:4-5, Psalm 139:13-17). Our Omnipotent, Omniscient, Omnipresent God has pronounced His blessing upon the life of all children, according to Psalm 127:3-5. Since all life exists for God's purposes and all human lives are equally sacred, it is my belief that the life of the unborn child is blessed of God and must be preserved and nurtured. Therefore, I oppose all forms of induced abortion.



## **JUDSON UNIVERSITY CHOIR**

### **CONCERT OF WORSHIP**

**7:00 P.M. Thursday, January 25**

The Judson University Choir consists of close to a hundred students in a variety of majors and grade levels. This concert will include about fifty of those choir members. The concerts are not simply performances—they are worship experiences in which those attending may take part in congregational singing and find truth, encouragement, and joy conveyed in a wide variety of music. The music is indeed diverse: classical choral selections, contemporary Christian music, southern gospel, and spirituals. Come join with the Judson University Choir in worship through song! There will be an offering collected to help support the choir tour.



## 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 United Methodist Church  
Pastor Steve Bard

### **First Baptist Church**

260-824-1558

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[fbcluffton.com](http://fbcluffton.com)



First Baptist Church - Bluffton, Indiana

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

Sunday:  
9:00 a.m. – Sunday School  
9:50 a.m. – Coffee/Tea Time  
10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time  
10:15 a.m. – Worship Service