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First Baptist Church Newsletter

January 20, 2021

## Trust God's Unbreakable Power

"The little that the righteous person has is better than the abundance of many wicked people. For the arms of the wicked will be broken, but the LORD supports the righteous" (Ps. 37:16-17).

The last sentence of those verses (v. 17) reminds me of a time when a Messianic Rabbi was scheduled to come to Kansas and lead our church through a Passover Seder. He gave me a list of things to include on each central Passover plate. One item was a lamb bone. On my strange scavenger hunt the butchers in various meat departments gave me the strangest looks when I asked for leftover lamb bones. Lamb? Kansas was and remains the center of beef country.

I later learned that the Jews call that lamb bone the Zeroah. To them it represents God's power by which He created the universe. Throughout their sacred Scriptures, Yahweh promised to uphold them by His loving and powerful arms. Now followers of Yeshua believe God became fully human and offered Himself as the sacrificial lamb. Jesus of Nazareth stretched out His arms and died on the cross. In that ordeal do you remember how many of Christ's bones were broken? Not one bone.

Divine love was seen in the outstretched arms of the Lamb of God. But the power of God could never be broken. Refuse to place your ultimate trust in the various solutions offered by human beings. Lasting confidence is found by resting in God's lavish love and trusting His unbreakable power.

In Christ,

Les

## Prayer for Someone to Be Saved

(Insert his/her name in the lines provided)

Almighty Father, I ask that Your desire be accomplished for the salvation of \_\_\_\_\_ . Scripture declares that You want all people saved and come into the knowledge of the truth. Work in such a way that \_\_\_\_\_ 's desire for salvation through Jesus would come into alignment with Your desire that he/she be rescued from sin. I plead the powerful Name and blood of Jesus over \_\_\_\_\_ . Your WORD states that Jesus defeated Satan and all demonic forces on the cross. So, in the name of Jesus I break the power of Satan from his assignments and activities in \_\_\_\_\_ 's life. Holy Father, I ask that You send out the perfect laborers to share the good news of the gospel in such a way that \_\_\_\_\_ will listen and understand it. Open those spiritual eyes, deliver him/her from the snares of the devil, and let \_\_\_\_\_ place total trust in Jesus for forgiveness and new life. God Almighty, I ask You to fill \_\_\_\_\_ with the Holy Spirit, with the knowledge of Your will, and with all wisdom and spiritual understanding. I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ would have a powerful and unshakable assurance of salvation. I'm confident that You are watching over Your WORD to perform it. It will not return to You void without accomplishing Your intended purposes. Therefore, I know and declare that the work you have begun in \_\_\_\_\_ , You will continue to accomplish and bring to full completion until the day of Christ Jesus. I pray these things in His mighty Name. Amen.

### **Stewardship: Giving Totals**

Thank you to those who have remembered the church with your tithes and offerings. Our offering plates are on the table in the foyer on Sunday mornings or you can mail your gifts to Jesus in support of our church to 202 W. Cherry Street.

#### **January 17, 2021**

Giving Toward:

Current Expenses	\$3,490.00
Missions	\$90.00
Building and Mtn.	\$40.00

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,620.00</b>
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## Covid-19 Update

The Pastors of Wells County received an email from the Wells County Health Department. They asked us to post their email. It is copied below for your information.

The Wells County Health Department is overwhelmed with persons calling about COVID-19 testing and vaccine and unable to call everyone back who leaves voice messages. With regards to the Testing Site – Please see the attached flyer. Currently frontline workers and those over 70 years old are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccination. The Health Department is administering these vaccines, however we are **NOT** able to schedule those appointments for individuals. PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE HEALTH DEPT TO REGISTER. Persons who are eligible can register at: [www.ourshot.in.gov](http://www.ourshot.in.gov) or by calling 211. Both the website and 211 are *jammed* with calls. As vaccine becomes available to us here in Wells County appointments are made available **ONLY** through these avenues. The limited amount we have received to date was administered on Tuesday 1/12 and will be again on Tuesday 1/19. Please understand we are here to get this vaccine out to our residents as soon as vaccine is available and I apologize that we are unable to answer all of your calls. Thanks for doing what you do!

Marlene Hoag  
Deputy Administrator

### Wells County Health Dept COVID-19 TEST SITE

#### OPERATING HOURS:

<b>Monday</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>2 PM – 6 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>2 PM – 6 PM</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>2 PM – 6 PM</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>2 PM – 6 PM</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8 AM – 2 PM</b>

**DRIVE THRU ONLY**  
**First Church of Nazarene**  
**1515 Clark Ave Bluffton, IN**  
**Register at: [coronavirus.in.gov](http://coronavirus.in.gov)**

*Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers .*

*3 John 2 (NASB)*



# Sunday

Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
Worship Service at 10:15 a.m.

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