

## Concert of Worship



We are excited to have the Judson University Choir here on Thursday. The Concert of Worship begins at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Remember to come and invite a friend! After the concert, hosts can meet their students in The Gathering Place.



## 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.

### Upcoming Events

#### Wednesday, Jan 24

5:15 p.m. – Movin' Up  
6:30 p.m. – Deacons Meeting

#### Thursday, Jan. 25

7:00 JU Concert of Worship

#### Sunday, Jan 28

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

### Teachers This Sunday

#### Nursery

Mary Bishop/ Brooke Tonner

#### Kids' Time

Deb Klopfenstein / Darcy Isch

#### LOL

Margaret McAfee

### Last Week

### Attendance

#### Jan. 21, 2018

Worship Service – 113  
Sunday School – 56

### Stewardship Report

#### Giving Toward:

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|-----------------------|-----------|
| Current Expense       | \$2416.01 |
| Missions              | \$380.00  |
| Building/ Maint. Fund | \$110.00  |
| Deacons Fund          | \$25.00   |

**Total:** \$2931.01

## Detecting the Real Thing

The photo is of a nine-pound gold nugget found in Australia. Current gold prices make this chunk worth about \$195,000. Just as geologists have ways to test and determine real gold, there are supernatural elements to help us detect genuine followers of Jesus.



Sometimes people in cults or other false religions can be very nice people. 2 Peter 1:1-4 probes deeper than simply how people seem on the outside. The apostle highlights three supernatural elements of genuine faith.

**A Divine Call** God takes the initiative in salvation, not us. As sinners, everyone is hostile toward God, spiritually blind, and dead in our sins. For reasons we may never understand, the Creator calls specific individuals by and for His own glory and goodness. Without God's call, no one would ever trust Christ for salvation.

**A Divine Nature** False teachers almost universally assert that human transformation happens when people follow their religious rites, designated rules, or mystical practices. It is an external transformation based on our own efforts. In contrast, genuine faith in Jesus starts an internal transformation. Believers receive a new godly nature. God's precious promises allow us to participate and cooperate in our transformation.

**A Divine Power** The Creator of the universe comes to live in those who place their faith in Christ. When a person believes in and receives the LORD, he or she is given the dynamic power of the Holy Spirit. The indwelling Spirit gives each genuine believer the capacity to live a joyful and victorious Christian life. God is working in us to "will and to do according to His good pleasure" (Phil. 2:13). We are gradually changed by God from the inside out.

Make it a great week!

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# Movin' Up Calendar Spring 2018

Here is our tentative schedule for Wednesdays. We start our meetings in the basement dining area and meet from 5:15 – 6:30 p.m.

January 24 – Yes

January 31 – Yes

February 7 – Yes

February 14 – Yes, Valentine's Party

February 21 – No (Debbie out-of-town)

February 28 – Yes

March 7 - Yes

March 14 – BOWLING at 5:15 p.m. No money is needed. Hot dogs, chips and drink will be provided. You will need to be picked up at the bowling alley at 6:30 p.m.

March 21 – Yes

March 28 – Maybe - Let's find out who will be around for spring break and possibly meet earlier in the day for a special time.

April 4 – Yes

April 11 – Yes

April 18 – Yes

April 25 – Yes - Last one. Weather permitting we will have a prayer walk and pick up will be at Hardee's at 6:30 p.m.

If you have questions, please call or text Debbie at 273-9326 or call Loren and Judy Wanner at 565-3552. If Bluffton-Harrison schools cancel due to weather, we will also cancel.



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## **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:  
Forgiven Church  
Pastors Scott & Michelle Ochsner

### **First Baptist Church**

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 First Baptist Church - Bluffton, Indiana

Pastor: Les Cantrell  
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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