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First Baptist Church Newsletter
January 8, 2025

IMPORTANT PRAYER CHAIN CONTACT INFO

We are thankful that Howard and Jan Jones have volunteered to be the lead contact for our email and phone prayer chains. Below is their contact info. If you have an urgent prayer request, please call or email them and they will start the prayer chains.

Also, they have sent out an email. If you signed up to be on the email prayer chain, but did not get an email from them, please check your spam file in case it landed there. Put their address in your contact info to make sure the emails come to your inbox.

Thank you Howard and Jan for this important ministry. And thank you to our prayer warriors. You make a difference!

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Phone: 260-413-9035



To my friends at FBC, A late thank you for remembering me with the special bag of goodies during the Christmas season. (I ate it all!) The act of kindness and love will be always remembered. Carolyn McBride.



Dear Church Family, Thank you for thinking of our mother, Barbara Charles this Christmas season. She enjoyed the bag full of so many different things. It was nice of Loren, Judy, and Beverly to deliver it. Jan Duncan and Patty Batterton



The Christmas gift bag was full of many tasty treats that Ted is still enjoying. He appreciated every card received and each of the useful and fun items included in the bag. Everyone has been so thoughtful and it uplifted his spirits during some long days. We thank our First Baptist Church Family for caring and remembering. In Christian Love, Ted & Melanie Shady



I can't thank you enough for all the love, prayers, smiles, hugs, and just pure joy that you all shared with Denise through the years, and also with me as I feel I know many of you, too. You truly are a Christ-like church and I know why Denise loved being a part of you. Much love & blessings for a joy filled Christmas & New year! Dani McKinley and the family of Denise Downs.



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



Thank you to everyone that stayed to help take down the Christmas decorations last Sunday. There were lots of hands which made the work quick!

Kids' Time Teachers
Sunday Jan. 12, 2025

Angie Bynum
Jessica Bynum



Search Committee Update

The Search Committee will meet with our American Baptist Associate Executive Minister, Rusty Strickler this Saturday, January 11 at 9:00 a.m. They will discuss options and begin the search process.

Livestream Repairs

The equipment we use for the screens and to livestream is currently under repair. We apologize for the inconvenience and hope the system is fully operational soon.

Adventure Kids and Youth Bible Study

Both groups begin this Wednesday, Jan. 8 at 6:00 p.m. with a pizza kick-off. Then we will continue each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. A reminder that if Bluffton schools cancel or have an e-learning day due to bad weather, we also cancel.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Bible Study will start again this Thursday, January 9, at 8:00 a.m. All men are welcome! We meet in the basement and the study lasts about one hour.



Jigsaw Puzzles

The Youth Bible Study keeps a jigsaw puzzle going for students to have that option during game time. Do you have a puzzle of around 300 - 750 pieces that you would be willing to loan us? Make sure your name is on the box and we will return it when we finish up in the spring. Please leave them in the church office.

Christmas Eve Offering



Our Christmas Eve offering total was \$1,360.00. Thank you for your generosity! The money has been sent to Community Care of Northeast Indiana to support their two houses that help women, and to Yehoshua, Inc. to support their apartments for men.

Stewardship

Dec. 29, 2024

Jan. 5, 2025

General Budget	\$8,075.00	General Budget	\$3,696.00
Building Maintenance	\$40.00	Building Maintenance	\$160.00
Missions	\$50.00	Missions	\$230.00
Total	\$8,165.00	Total	\$4,086.00

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Sunday

Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

Kids' Time 10:10 a.m.

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