



INTRODUCING:

Ciera Hiester

Ciera is in the seventh grade at Norwell Middle School. She is on the volleyball team and will be on the swim team this winter. Her favorite subject is math. Her favorite season is summer, and this past summer she enjoyed wake-boarding at the lake and hanging out with friends during the weekends. Her favorite color is blue, and some of her favorite foods are spaghetti and ice cream. A book that she likes is *Summer Lost* and a favorite movie is *The Miracle Season*. Ciera also likes to cook, especially brownies. Her parents are Jim and Jenny and her grandparents are Bob and Nancy Hiester. Ciera's favorite Bible verse is John 3:16. She likes that our church has things for younger kids to do and liked LOL when she was younger. Ciera helps in the nursery and also often helps light the candles before the worship service. We appreciate Ciera's energetic spirit and are thankful that she is a part of our church family.

This Week

Wednesday, Oct. 10

5:15 p.m. – Movin' Up
7:00 p.m. – Choir

Sunday, Oct. 14

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

Teachers This Sunday

Nursery

Davis Family

Kids' Time

Joyce Evans/ Marcia Liddy

LOL

Traci Heller

Stewardship Report

Oct. 7, 2018

Giving Toward:

Current Expense	\$3639.12
Missions	\$445.00
Building/ Maint. Fund	\$205.00
World Mission Offering	\$400.00
Bible Study Books	\$179.88

Total: \$4,869.00



Supporting our Missionaries

We are collecting the World Missions Offering throughout this month. Our offering will be designated to support the Jon and Amanda Good family as they take the Good News of Jesus to Hungary. Please use the special envelopes in the pews and make checks out to FBC.

WMO Luncheon

On October 28, right after worship we will celebrate our World Mission Offering Month with a soup luncheon. Our theme will be Hungary and we will give away ten t-shirts that were sent to us by the Good family. The deacons will provide different soups. Please bring other side dishes to share.

Pastor Appreciation Month

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. There is a basket on the table in the foyer for any notes or cards or letters you may wish to give. Your Deacons



Church Business

Please pray for the following boards as they discuss and decide our 2019 budget: Administrative, Deacons, Trustees, and Christian Education. The entire 2019 budget will be presented for discussion and approval at our FBC annual meeting scheduled after worship in The Gathering Place on November 4. Our goal this year is to have copies of the proposed 2019 budget available for distribution the Sunday prior - October 28.



Answering the Skeptics

The complaint: **There are so many different interpretations of the Bible, why should I believe yours?**

Because many people arrive at varying conclusions when they read the Bible, there is supposedly no way to find consensus. People point to the variety of denominations as an example that there can be no unanimity of agreement between Bible believers.

This idea neglects to take into account certain facts. The great majority of Bible readers have no problem with agreement on the central teachings of the Bible. Even those who do not believe the Bible to be true have no difficulty whatsoever discerning the main message.

Within the branches of Christianity, we find the same basic understanding of what the Bible teaches. They usually accept the same creeds that assert such basic truths as that God made humans in His image, with freedom of choice, and that man chose to rebel against God, thus bringing sin into the world.

God, because of His everlasting love, became a man in the person of Jesus Christ and died a substitutionary death on our behalf, paying the penalty for sin. Humanity can have their relationship restored with God through placing their faith in Jesus Christ.

The message of the Bible is clear for those who will read it and seek to find its meaning. The problem comes when people bring their preconceived notions to the Bible and attempt to make the Word fit their preconceived ideas. This is not the fault of the Bible, but of the persons who force the Bible to say whatever they want it to say.

As for the matter of the various denominations, it must be stressed that they are not formed because of division over the central teachings of Christianity. The differences are a result of a variety of factors, including cultural, ethnic and social. When closely compared with one another, the doctrinal differences are not always that crucial. Often the disagreement is not so much with the interpretation of the Scriptures, but rather with the application.

Some people use the argument of various interpretations and denominations as an excuse for not believing in Jesus. But like all excuses it does not prove to be valid. Jesus made the main issue crystal clear, "He who believes in the Son has eternal life: but he who does not believe in the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him" (John 3:36).

Adapted from Answers to Tough Questions by Josh McDowell and Don Stewart

Make it great week!

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Homebound Members

Christian Care

Mildred Huss – Room 219B
Clyde Shady – Room 228B

River Terrace

Eulis West – Room 220

Home

Ed Goetz
Rose McCormick

K Casper Life Center

Judy Bierie – Room 268

Markle Health and Rehabilitation

Larry Gilly – Room 210

As we co-labor with other churches
in our community,
this week we pray for:
Life Community Church
Pastor Steve Surbaugh

First Baptist Church

260-824-1558

firstbaptist@adamswells.com

fbcbluffton.com

 First Baptist Church - Bluffton, Indiana

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

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