

Michael and Me

After Michael Jordan scored a game-high 69 points he was exhausted and headed quickly to the locker room. Stacy King was the only Bulls teammate commentators could find to interview. King had scored just one point but sincerely declared, "I'll always remember this as the night that Michael Jordan and I combined to score 70 points."

I like Stacy King! He understands what it means to have a grateful heart. Guess what? You and I are on the same team as well-known spiritual heroes like Job, Noah, Daniel, Ruth, Mary, and Peter. We could add to that list several remarkable stars from our own time. Here's the good news. As followers of Jesus we are all on the same team. When one person scores a proverbial point in God's kingdom, it adds to the score of every believer.

In truth, every follower of Jesus wins simply by being part of the LORD's team. "But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:57). What is the first phrase of the verse? Thanks be to God! Yep, that's exactly where we need to live.

Have an amazing Thanksgiving celebration!

Les



This Week

Thursday, Nov. 22
Happy Thanksgiving!

Sunday, Nov. 25

9:00 a.m. – Sunday School
9:50 a.m. – Coffee
10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time
10:15 a.m. – Worship Service
11:15 a.m. – Decorate the Church

Teachers This Sunday

Nursery

Brooke Tonner/ Helen Steffen

Kids' Time

Deb Klopfenstein/ Darcy Isch

LOL

Loren Wanner

Stewardship Report

Nov. 18, 2018

Giving Toward:

Current Expense	\$3600.00
Missions	\$275.00
Building/ Maint. Fund	\$65.00
Youth Fund	\$5.00
Poinsettias	\$252.00
Furnace & AC	\$85.00
Thanksgiving	\$40.00

Total: \$4322.00



THIS SUNDAY

We will decorate the church for the Christmas season this Sunday. Right after the worship service, we will begin decorating. Stay to help and enjoy the fellowship.

POINSETTIA ORDERS

You have the opportunity to purchase a poinsettia in honor or in memory of someone. The flowers will be used to decorate the sanctuary and you may take them home after the Christmas Eve Service. They cost \$6.00 and the order deadline is this Sunday. There are order forms on the table in the foyer. You may turn in your completed form, along with payment, to the church office or place it in the offering plate.



Here are the addresses for our college students in case you would like to send them a note of encouragement.

Alexis Collins
539 Bradford Circle, Apt. D
Kokomo, IN 46902

Madison Heller
1200 West Bethel Ave., Apt. 406
Muncie, IN 47306

Spencer Tonner
11012 S. 300W-90
Montpelier, IN 47359

Ashleigh Houtz
Padua Hall
St. Francis University
2701 Spring St.
Fort Wayne, IN 46808



Each holiday season, we collect bags of goodies for our homebound members and deliver them when we go Christmas caroling. We have seven bags in The Gathering Place. You may bring small items that you think our homebound friends would enjoy such as magazines, snacks, lotions, and games.

What Is Advent?

Advent is a season observed by FBC when we choose to be expectant in our waiting and preparing for the celebration of the birth of Jesus. We are simultaneously waiting and preparing for the return of Jesus in His second arrival on earth. The word advent is a version of the Latin word meaning "coming". A strong climax to this season is when FBC lights the white "Christ Candle" in the center of our wreath on Christmas Eve. Then we pass His light throughout our sanctuary as everyone holds a lit candle and sings.

Son of Man ♦ Son of God

An Advent Journey in the Psalms

Common Christmas passages come from Isaiah in the Old Testament and the Gospels in the New Testament. This year we will draw upon the psalms through our Advent devotional readings and during my sermons. We must all hold steadfastly to the truth that Jesus was fully human and fully God. Also during our worship services the following Advent readers will light a candle and offer a reading emphasizing this same truth about Jesus.

December 2	Adam and Holly Zoll Family
December 9	Mary Bishop and Marcia Liddy
December 16	Howard and Jan Jones
December 23	Gary and Angie Bynum Family
December 24	Ed and Cathy Jambora

What Else Can Families with Kids Do?

1. As mentioned earlier, during worship we will pass out a cool Advent calendar to each young person. Then each day from December 1-24 they can open a paper window to have a Scripture revealed.
2. It's very memorable to bake a birthday cake, put candles on it, and sing Happy Birthday to Jesus. Then, everyone gets to blow the candles out for Jesus. Be sure to emphasize that someday Jesus will come back to earth a 2nd time. In that day, He will be able to blow out His own candles.

Expectantly,
Les



Help
People
Follow
Jesus

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:
Sonlight Wesleyan Church
Pastor Lyle Breeding

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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