



A Matter of Perspective

A young couple moved to a new neighborhood. The next morning while they were eating breakfast, the wife saw the neighbor hanging her wash to dry. "That laundry is not very clean," she said. "She doesn't know how to wash correctly. Maybe she needs a better laundry soap."

Her husband looked on, but remained silent. Every time her neighbor hung her wash to dry, the young woman repeated the same observations about the dirty laundry.

About one month later, the woman was surprised to see a nice clean wash on the line and said to her husband: "Look, she has learned how to wash correctly. I wonder who taught her."

The husband replied, "I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows."

A clouded perspective about people and situations can result from our own negativity. Thanksgiving is the antidote. Adopting a grateful outlook begins to change the way we see stuff. Scripture calls us to "...give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thess. 5:18).

Gratefully,

Les



Upcoming Events

Wednesday, Nov. 8

5:15 p.m. – Movin' Up

Thursday, Nov. 9

7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice

Sunday, Nov. 12

9:00 a.m. – Sunday School

10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time

10:15 a.m. – Worship Service

11:15 a.m. – Thanksgiving Dinner

Teachers This Sunday

Nursery

Davis Family

Kids' Time

Ruth Ann Monroe / Marcia Liddy

LOL

Traci Heller

Last Week

Nov. 5, 2017

Attendance

Worship Service – 109

Sunday School – 51

Stewardship Report

Giving Toward:

Current Expense \$6341.00

Missions \$822.00

Building/ Maint. Fund \$465.00

Deacons Fund \$275.00

Total: \$7903.00

A Special Time of Prayer

American Baptists reject all forms of unnecessary and senseless violence, regardless of motivation. Our church will dedicate a special time of prayer for First Baptist Church and Sutherland Springs, Texas during our worship service this Sunday. We will ask God to give us wisdom to discern how we can help reduce violence at every level in our community and country.

American Baptists always seek the ways of peace. Yet historically, we have not been pacifists. Therefore, on Sunday we will also affirm our veterans who defended freedom after other avenues toward peace were exhausted. We are grateful for our veterans, our current military personnel, along with our dedicated law enforcement officers.



Thanksgiving Dinner

Our All-Church Thanksgiving Dinner is this Sunday after the worship service. Remember to bring your side dishes to share. They can be things like vegetables, salads, and desserts. A special thanks to the New Dimensions Sunday School Class for sponsoring this event.

Come Help

We will decorate the church on Sunday, November 19 to have it ready for the first Sunday of Advent. There are lots of things, big and little, to do. Please plan to stay after the worship service to help put of decorations. Workers will also enjoy a provided lunch of friend chicken.



College Students

Finals for our college students are coming soon. If you would like to contribute money toward encouragement gifts from the church, please see Jan Jones.



Homebound Goody Bags

We like to encourage our homebound friends each holiday season with a goody bag full of small treats like: lotion, tissues, calendars, magazines, and snacks. The bags will be set up in The Gathering Place starting November 19 for your donations. We will collect items until their delivery on December 10. This year we have six bags.

Prayer

Ed Higgins - for his continued healing

Herm McCormick - he is home; pray for Herm and Rose

Annual Meeting Summary

A spirit of unity was pervasive at our recent FBC annual meeting. Ted Ellis called the meeting to order at approximately 11:25 a.m.

The first order of business was to review officers willing to serve in 2018. The only new officer was Holly Zoll, who agreed to become our next Financial Secretary. All 2018 officers were approved as written.

The second order of business was to review the 2018 budget. After going through each section, the budget was approved as written.

Two suggestions were made from the floor. Everyone deemed these ideas helpful, and the church will do her best to implement them.

1. Distribute the proposed budget a week prior to the annual meeting, so people have a chance to review it more carefully. It was noted that this idea will require Boards getting their budgets reviewed and set even earlier next year.
2. Put copies of Board minutes on the foyer table each month for anyone interested in having copies.

Finally, a motion was made to take \$7,500 from our reserve funds and give it toward hurricane relief. It was noted that the church had already given close to \$2,000 for Hurricane Relief through the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, and that this additional \$7,500 could also be given to One Great Hour of Sharing toward Hurricane Relief. Someone else suggested getting this \$7,500 from a savings account that had been untouched for a long time. The original motion was amended that we take \$7,500 from this memorial savings account and give it to the One Great Hour of Sharing with the designation of Hurricane Relief. Motion approved.

A motion was then made to adjourn and everyone agreed by standing.

Make it a great week!

Les



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Homebound Members

Christian Care

Joan Sills – Room 222
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:
Bluffton Church of God
Pastor John Roe

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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