

MY MIRACLE ANGEL

As I am reflecting on the many things I have been grateful for this year, I immediately go back to a Sunday this past July when a miracle happened in my life. Ted, Aunt Rosie, and I were at a restaurant parking lot near Castleton Mall in Indianapolis. We were there to meet our nephew who had flown into Indy on business. Ted pulled up near the entrance to let us out, as there was no room to park. I got out to go around the car, stopping to look for traffic before opening the back door. No cars or people were around as I looked to the left; however, my body continued on that path as I lost my balance, hitting my head as I fell. No one seemed to be around anywhere, but as I tried to get my body up from the drive, I was totally incapable of getting up on my own. Ted then saw that I had fallen and got out to help me. With his back problems, there was no way he could get me up.

It was all I could do to gather my thoughts after falling so hard. Suddenly there were cars and a crowd of bystanders, when a man came over and knelt down before me saying, "I can get you up but you must trust me." I told him with my weight he could not get me up. He again said, "Trust me, I WILL get you up." Before I knew what was happening, I was standing in his strong arms. I will always believe that God sent this Samaritan Angel to help us. He did not take time to stay around after seeing I would be able to walk with the walker we had in the car. He went on with his family and my only regret was that I never got his name or address so I could properly thank him. God gave him the strength and willingness to come to our rescue, and I will be forever thankful for this man, God's angel on earth. Another blessing from that accident was that besides embarrassment and abrasions, I only suffered a fractured elbow. I pray that one day I will be able to meet my Angel again and thank him properly for his kindness in helping a total stranger. Melanie Shady

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, Dec. 18
5:15 p.m. – Movin' Up

Sunday, Dec. 22
9:00 a.m. – Bible Study
10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time
10:15 a.m. – Worship Service

Teacher Schedule

Dec. 22, 2019

Nursery

Angie Bynum/ Jessica Bynum

Kids' Time

Deb Klopfenstein / Darcy Isch

LOL

Remain in Service

Stewardship Report

Dec. 22, 2019

Giving Toward:

Current Expenses	2,829.65
Missions	90.00
Building/Maint Fund	47.00
Memorial	340.00
Total	\$3,306.65

Prayer Items



- Karyn Gilly and her family in the passing of her sister, Kathie Cook.
- Chas and Linda Isch as Chas continues his cancer treatment.
- Ed Higgins for his health, especially breathing.
- Pray that people will find and follow Jesus. The mission of FBC is to **Help People Follow Jesus**. Following the LORD is a journey, not a destination. This side of heaven none of us will consistently follow Jesus perfectly. But FBC is committed as individuals and as a corporate body to help people find and follow Jesus with wholehearted devotion.



Undeck the Halls

On Sunday, December 29, we will take down the church Christmas decorations. Please stay right after the worship service to help. With lots of hands, it shouldn't take long!



Holiday Schedule

This will be the last newsletter for 2019. The next newsletter will be January 8, 2020. The church office will be closed December 25 – January 1. During that time, Pastor Les will be on vacation. In his absence, it will be the church's honor to have Randy Germann preach on December 29.



Deacon Meeting

Deacons, please note a different day and time for your meetings in 2020. The next one is Wednesday, January 8 at 6:45 p.m.



Thank You

- I want to thank the carolers for coming to my house to sing. They were wonderful! I also want to thank the church family for the goodie bag. I'm really enjoying everything I received. Rose McCormick.
- I want to thank the church family for the goodie bag. It was very thoughtful, and I appreciate all the gifts inside. Ruth Risser

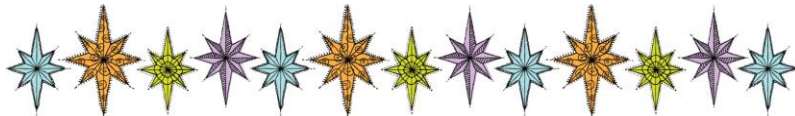
CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE



December 24

7:00 p.m.

Join us for our service, which will last about an hour. We will conclude with holding lit candles and singing by the candlelight. It is always a breath-taking event. You may wear casual clothes or dress-up, whichever you prefer.





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Homebound Members

Christian Care

Mildred Huss – Room 219B
Barb Smekens – Room 217B
Clyde Shady – Room 228B
Phyllis Shady – Room 254

River Terrace

Eulis West – Room 114

Home

Ed Goetz
Rose McCormick

Markle Health and Rehabilitation

Larry Gilly – Room 210

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This Sunday

9:00 a.m. – Sunday School

10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time

10:15 a.m. – Worship Service