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The Glory of God

This past Sunday, we began a study on the glory of God. The word glory literally means "heavy weight;" words and phrases like jaw dropping, huge, grand, hefty, and breathtaking help expand our understanding of glory. Concerning God's glory we could also add the words presence, power, brilliance, and beauty.

In my message this past Sunday I communicate two truths from Scripture.

1. God is Glory

"On the glorious splendor of your majesty and on your wondrous works I will meditate" (Psalm 145:5). "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests" (Luke 2:14).

The LORD **exists** eternally in flawless perfection, beauty, excellence, and supremacy. God alone is the source and center. God is transcendent. This means the Almighty dwells forever completely separate from, above, and beyond the creation.

2. God Reveals Glory

"Israel's elders said, 'Look, the LORD our God has shown us his glory and greatness, and we have heard his voice from the heart of the fire...'" (Deut. 5:24). "O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth, Who have set Your glory above the heavens!" (Psalm 8:1).




God **displays** the faultless character of His being as well as the visible and energetic power of His presence. The LORD is immanent. This means Yahweh chooses to manifest glory in our world and receive back glory from creation. Any beauty or radiance or excellence we see or feel is God's glory shining back toward God.

We will continue this study this coming Sunday. If you plan to join us on our livestream, make sure to have some bread and juice ready in order to join your FBC family in sharing communion.

Glory to God!

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Condolences

-  Our friend, Larry Gilly, passed on to heaven last week. Please pray for Karyn and her family during this time.
-  Ed Higgins' sister, Marilyn, passed away. Please keep Ed and the family in prayer.
-  The daughter of Roberta Werking let us know that her mother passed away on November 25. Some of you will remember Roberta. She still received our newsletter at her home in Florida. Please remember her family in prayer.

Thank you



I would like to thank everyone for their cards and prayers during the time I had covid. I am much better and no longer on lock-down. Chris McFarren

The church family would like to thank all of you who helped decorate for Christmas, both at the state park display and the church building. A special thanks to Helen Steffen for her leadership. The decorations look beautiful!

Encourage our Students

This semester, we will have a card shower for our post-high school students, instead of our boxes. Here are their addresses, so you can encourage them!

Madison Heller and
Mason Heller
1525 Highland Court
Bluffton, IN 46714

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

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

Goody Bags

Each holiday season, we collect bags of goodies for our homebound members. We have seven bags in The Gathering Place. You may bring small items that you think our friends would enjoy such as magazines, snack, lotions, and games. The deadline for your donations is Wednesday, Dec. 16.

Live Nativity Opportunity

The Southern Wells Community Church has invited us to their Live Nativity Walk. Visitors will walk the streets of Bethlehem with a shepherd as their guide. It is this Sunday, Dec. 6 from 5:30—8:00 p.m. at 9450 S 300 W, Poneto.

Christmas Eve Service Information

One of the highlights of our Christmas season at First Baptist Church is the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. For those who do not feel comfortable being in attendance, we plan to livestream the service.





3rd Kyla Isch
 4th Rodger Evans
 Frank Davis
 6th Monroe Heller
 14th Evalyn Fate
 17th Melanie Shady
 19th Ed Jambora
 25th Jim Hiester
 30th Brent Isch

Christian Care
 Mildred Huss—Room 219B
 Barb Smekens—Room 217B

River Terrace
 Eulis West—Room 114
 Doris Wolf—Room 102

Home
 Ed Goetz
 Betty Gregg
 Rose McCormick



Homebound Friends

December 2020

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1	2	3	4	5
⁶ Advent Sunday #2	7	8	9	10	11	12
¹³ Advent Sunday #3	14	15	¹⁶ Deacon Meeting 6:30 p.m.	17	18	19
²⁰ Christmas Sunday	²¹ Trustee Meeting 6:30 p.m.	22	23	²⁴ 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service	25	26
²⁷ Unhang the Greens 11:15 a.m.	28	29	30	31		



Sunday

Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service at 10:15 a.m.

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