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First Baptist Church Newsletter

February 25, 2026

Hello Bluffton FBC Family,

I hope and pray that everyone is doing well this week and God is working each of your lives. As I was doing my devotions this morning before coming into the office, I read a story that I would like to share with you.

The story was of a woman speaking with a coach of a swim team. He had been coaching the team for decades and she asked him, "How many State Championships have you won?" He simply smiled and responded, "I haven't swum in a single match, so I haven't won any." She rephrased her question, "Okay, how many championships have your swimmers won?" He happily responded, "Thirty-nine."

One might say that he was just having fun based on wordplay with her, but later in the same story she spoke of how that was honestly his mindset. He didn't want to take anything away from the achievements of his swimmers. Yes, a coach plays an important role in a team, but he placed the effort of his team in more importance than his own.

Listening to this story I couldn't help but think of John the Baptist's response when his followers were complaining that the disciples of Jesus were baptizing more people than they were. He spoke to his disciples, underlining how he, himself, was not the Messiah, but was rather sent ahead of Him. In John 3:30 John the Baptist says, "³⁰ *He must become greater; I must become less.*" It's a powerful statement for a man that was making a big impact in turning the nation to repentance. We as Christians must also keep Jesus in a position in our own lives where He MUST become greater and we MUST become less. Showing humility as we point to the Savior. Showing humility as we avoid sinful behavior that we may habitually stuck in and instead doing what Jesus would want us to do. I hope and pray Jesus becomes greater in all of our lives as we become less.

God Bless,

Pastor Peter N. Fairchild

Final Friday Church Movie Night

Our first final Friday will take place next this Friday, February 27th at 7:00 pm. Join us for a movie night featuring *The King of Kings*. This is a great opportunity for fellowship and fun for our church family.



Popcorn and drinks will be provided!

We hope to see you there!



Winter Jam 2026

Winter Jam is coming up in just a couple of weeks! Join us **Thursday, March 26**, for a great night at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne. The event will take place from 5:00pm - 11:00pm.

Although tickets have already been purchased, we are still able to secure additional tickets for anyone who would like to join us.

We can't wait to experience this incredible night together!

Stewardship

February 22, 2026

General Budget	\$1,995.00
Building Maintenance	\$20.00
Total	\$2,015.00

Teachers for Sunday

Sunday, March 1, 2026

Kids' Time

Evalyn Fate



MARCH

Birthdays

5th Jim Klopfenstein
 Loren Wanner
 8th Peter Fairchild
 9th Rose McCormick
 10th Bev Clouser
 11th Marcia Liddy
 12th Piper Davis
 17th Mary Gaston

18th Jeckier Julmisse
 21st Jackie Chaney
 22nd Larry Bertsch
 Mason Heller
 26th Cathy Jambora
 30th Don Reeves
 Hunter Zoll

March 2026

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

1	2	3	4 Adv. Kids & Yth. Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Small Groups 10 am & 7pm	5 Men's Bible Study 8:00 a.m. Christian Ed. Meeting 6:30 p.m.	6	7 
8	9	10	11 Adv. Kids & Yth. Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Small Groups 10 am & 7pm	12 Men's Bible Study 8:00 a.m.	13	14
15	16 Trustee Meeting 7:00 pm 	17	18 Adv. Kids & Yth. Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Small Groups 10 am & 7pm Deacons meeting 6 pm	19 Men's Bible Study 8:00 a.m.	20	21
22	23	24	25 Adv. Kids & Yth. Bible Study TBD No Small Groups this week	26 Men's Bible Study 8:00 a.m.	27	28
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Sunday

Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

Kids' Time 10:10 a.m.

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