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First Baptist Church Newsletter

March 15, 2023

Wheel Alignment

Fresh treads on our Buick called for a wheel alignment this week. I feel certain I've hit every pothole, curb, raised manhole, and chunk of debris out there.

Living without Christ is like a vehicle with its wheels out of line. You can stay on the road if you grip the steering wheel with both hands and hang on tightly. Any lapse of attention, however, and you head straight for the ditch.

Society in general – educators, police, political leaders, and parents – exhorts us to drive straight and curb our destructive tendencies. But it is a ceaseless and futile struggle.

Coming to Christ is a little like getting a four-wheel alignment. The pull toward the ditch is corrected from the inside.

This is not to say there won't be bumps and potholes ahead that still try to jar us off the road. Temptations and challenges will always test our alertness to steer a straight course. We can hardly afford to fall asleep at the wheel. But the basic skew in the moral mechanism has been repaired.

Together with you,

Les

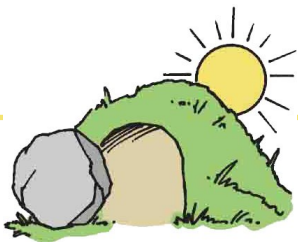
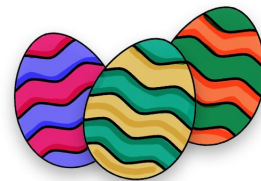




Sunday, April 2, right after the worship service we will have an all-church dinner downstairs. Meatloaf, bread, drinks, and table service will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for what you can bring and if you can stay and help clean up after the dinner. We look forward to the food and fellowship!

EASTER EGG HUNT!

The Board of Christian Education has planned an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8 at 1 p.m. All children are invited to come to the church for hunting eggs and other fun.



Resurrection Sunday

We will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord on Sunday, April 9. During the worship service that morning we will have a special guest. DramaDon will bring us the message through a one person drama titled "The Road to Emmaus." We look forward to his presentation and a wonderful celebration service.

Prayer Item Updates

Don Reeves - is recovering at home from cancer surgery on his neck
Karyn Gilly - healing from cancer and strength as she continues treatments
Carolyn McBride - successful rehabilitation of her leg
Ruby Davis - successful rehabilitation of her knee
Lori - Dana Gaston's sister has been diagnosed with colon cancer
Denise Downs - has been diagnosed with an aggressive type of cancer
Eulis West - recovering from a stroke at Lutheran Hospital
Jan Abrams - is in the hospital with lung issues

Dear Church Family & Friends,
 During my recent hospital stay the Prayer Warriors from First Baptist Church must have worked overtime! God heard your prayers and I'm feeling stronger every day and so is Ted.
 Ted & I truly appreciate your prayers, calls, notes, food, and visits. You are an awesome group of friends.
 Our Love,
 Ted & Melanie



Vacation Pastor Les and Debbie will be on vacation March 20-27. If you need pastoral care during that time, please contact a deacon. Also, the office will be closed and there will not be a newsletter next week. During the message time on March 26, Arlene Stoller will share her music.



Donations This Month

Edna Martin Christian Center is a community center in a low income neighborhood of Indianapolis. Their center stocks a food and supply pantry for ongoing assistance. This month, boxes will be available in our foyer to collect non-perishable food items and toiletries. We will deliver the donation to the Center in April.

Teachers - Sunday, March 19

Kids' Time
 Joyce Evans
 Marcia Liddy

LOL
 Darcy Isch



Stewardship

March 12, 2023



General Budget	\$2,040.00
Building Maintenance	\$40.00
Missions	\$30.00
Flowers	\$27.00
Total	\$2,137.00

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202 W. Cherry Street
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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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