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First Baptist Church Newsletter

March 19, 2025

Imitate His Courage and Sacrifice

St. Patrick was a missionary who brought Christianity to Ireland in the 5th century. Patrick was born in Britain around 386 A.D. to a wealthy Roman family. His father was a deacon and his mother was also a dedicated follower of Christ. He was captured by Irish pirates when he was around 16 years old, sold into slavery, and taken captive to Ireland.

Patrick learned the language, culture, and traditions of the Irish people. After six years as a slave he escaped and left Ireland. Years later Patrick felt called to return to Ireland as a missionary and evangelist to convert the Irish to Christianity. He established monasteries, planted churches, and built schools. Patrick is credited with bringing Christianity to parts of Ireland. He may have also helped Christianize two other large people groups: the Picts and Anglo-Saxons. Patrick is best remembered for his courage and for taking risks to help people.

Patrick has been recognized in Ireland as their patron saint since the seventh century. He is also celebrated in many other countries on March 17. We Bible honoring protestants firmly believe that all Christians are saints through faith in the sacrifice of Jesus. Let us also imitate the service and courage of Patrick.

Together with you,

Les



Be Like Jesus

“The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Mark 10:45). Those who have attended FBC for at least one year are invited to be like Jesus and serve the church family in one of these helpful positions.

Hospitality Coordinator – Prepare *The Gathering Place* each Sunday morning by making coffee, setting out cookies, and mints. Clean up this area after worship. Purchase treats and supplies as necessary to keep our popular hospitality area fully functional. Costs are covered by the church budget.

Facility Coordinator – Come to the FBC building early on Sunday mornings (prior to Sunday school at 9:00 a.m.) and unlock all appropriate church doors, turn on elevator, and turn on appropriate lights. After worship turn off all the lights and lock all doors each Sunday.

Contact Les and he will give you the details on either of these valuable service opportunities.



PRAYER FOCUS

The prayer group meets each week on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. All are invited and the elevator is available. Even if you are not able to join us on Wednesdays, you are able to pray in concert with us when and where it works for you. The focus as printed in the bulletin insert for week two is **unity**. We are praying for the search committee, the church, the candidate, and the Cantrells.

Kids' Time Teacher
Sunday, March 23, 2025

Deb Klopfenstein
Hunter Zoll



**Adventure Kids and
Youth Bible Study**

Wednesdays
6:00 - 7:15 p.m.



On Sunday, April 6, we will have the joy of celebrating the worshipful and sacred time of baptism in our worship service. Jesus taught that His true followers would be willing to take a public stand for Him. Now is the time to show your love for Jesus and your courage to identify with Christ.

Contact Les to participate.

Address update

Please update the address for Carolyn McBride in your church directory. Her room number is now 230 (not 106). So her complete address is:
400 Caylor Blvd, Room 230
Bluffton, In 46714

*“His faithful love endures forever.”
Psalm 136*

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday April 27, 2025



You are invited to a luncheon celebrating the ministry of Pastor Les and Debbie Cantrell.
Details will be coming soon!



Youth Bible Study - Spring Break Event!

Next Wednesday, March 26, the Youth Bible Study will meet from noon to 2:00 p.m. at the church. We will eat pizza, have a brief lesson, play games and work puzzles. All students grades 6 - 12 are welcome to join us!

Note: This is instead of our regular Wednesday night. Adventure Kids will not meet on March 26.



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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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