

First Baptist Church Newsletter

March 30, 2022

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Obeying Made Easier

In my message on Sunday, we saw from John 15:9-11 that abiding requires obeying. This law, established by the Creator, is in operation in both the physical and spiritual realms. A person who obeys the laws of health will abide in better health. A pilot who obeys the laws of aerodynamics will abide in safer flights. A Christian who obeys the commands of Jesus will abide in Him more intimately. The secret to abiding is obeying.

Upon reflection we recognize that obeying Jesus is so much easier when it flows out of our loving relationship. Obedience without a close relationship can feel harsh, rough, difficult, and even abusive. But a close personal friendship with our Savior makes obeying Him easier, lighter, more pleasant, and even deeply meaningful (see Matthew 11:28-30).

It is interesting to know that Lucille Ball and Carol Burnett were close friends. They both had successful television shows separated by about 10 years. Ball appeared on *The Carol Burnett Show* three times. She was 22 years older than Burnett and mentored her younger friend in many helpful ways. Ball affectionately called Burnett, "Kid." Ball even threw her a black-tie baby shower, which Burnett called "one of the funniest evenings ever." Ball died on April 26, 1989 – Burnett's birthday. On that very day Burnett received flowers from Ball with a message: "Happy Birthday, kid."

Why do we get together at FBC on Sunday mornings with our brothers and sisters in Christ? One big reason is so that we can develop a deeper relationship with Christ. And when a close friendship with Jesus saturates our entire life, obeying Him is our greatest delight.

Together with you,

Les





Plan to join us on Thursday, April 14 at 6 p.m. for a soup supper and communion. *This Sunday there will be a tear-off strip on the bulletin to RSVP for this event.* Please let us know how many from your clan will be coming.

Update from International Ministries on Ukraine

The Baptist response to the humanitarian crisis caused by the Russian invasion of Ukraine is unprecedented. What we are witnessing, and have the privilege to financially support, can only be described as a Christ-led grass roots Baptist movement! Across six countries, Baptists spontaneously opened their churches, homes, camps, etc. to shelter some of the millions that have been forced to flee their homes. I don't believe most of us have witnessed anything like this in our lifetime. Baptists in Ukraine and the neighboring countries set up shelters and hospitality centers—large and small—within days/weeks. And not just one or two. Within days, in six countries more than 1,000 places were made ready—600 within Ukraine—for all that are migrating to sleep, eat, shower, and receive a word of hope. *Keep Praying!*

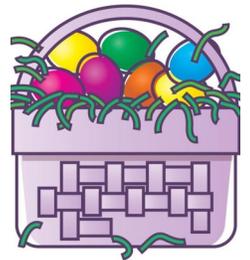


Collection For Edna Martin Christian Center

During the month of April we will collect non-perishable food and other personal care items. There will be boxes in the foyer for your donations. Robert and Judy Grove will take the goods to the Edna Martin Christian Center in Indianapolis where they are given to those in need.

EASTER EGG HUNT!

The Christian Education Board is sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt at the church on Saturday, April 9 at 3 p.m. All children are encouraged to come and have fun.



Teachers Sunday April 3, 2022

Kids' Time

Ruth Ann Monroe
and Chris McFarren

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Remain in service

2nd Jenny Hiester

6th Adam Zoll

7th Mariah Davis

11th Carson Hiester

12th Gloria Reeves

13th Reta Crispen

15th Robert Grove

22nd Jacob Tonner

28th Dave Clouser

30th Denise Downs



April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6 Adventure Kids & Youth Bible Study 6:00 p.m.	7 Christian Ed. Meeting 6:30 p.m.	8	9 EASTER EGG HUNT 3:00 P.M.
10 PALM SUNDAY	11	12	13	14 SOUP SUPPER & COMMUNION 6:00 p.m.	15 Community Service Life Church 7:00 p.m.	16
17 He Is RISEN INDEED!	18 Trustee Meeting 5:00 p.m.	19	20 Ad Kids & Youth Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Deacon Meeting 6:30 p.m.	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Adventure Kids & Youth Bible Study 6:00 p.m.	28	29	30

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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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