



## Our Journey Continues

*"Has anyone ever considered the philosophy of travel? What is life but a form of motion and a journey through a foreign world?"*

*- George Santayana*

Ancient literature concurs that a journey motif is central to our human experience. Odysseus could bear the buffeting storms and escape the oblivion of enchantments because he was a man on his way home to Ithaca and his wife and son. But for life's journey to be a homecoming we have to know our bearing and, more importantly, there has to be a home.

Most modern day followers of Jesus still believe we are traveling toward our forever home in heaven, after this life is over. But there has been limited discussion and few books written on the theology of our expedition through this life, or what Santayana called the "philosophy of travel."

Nevertheless, we have been on a quest together. In the past couple of weeks we have bid a temporary farewell to some dear friends. Last Sunday we enjoyed a potato bar fund raiser for Good News Shoes. Thank you to everyone who prepared, served, and ate the food. We are equally grateful for people's generosity. Over \$1,600 was donated to buy shoes for students to be distributed in August.

It is wonderful to be on this amazing adventure with delightful people like you!

I love you through Christ,

Les

## Upcoming Events

### Wednesday, Mar. 7

5:15 p.m. – Movin' Up

7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice

### Sunday, March 4

9:00 a.m. – Sunday School

10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time

10:15 a.m. – Worship Service

## Teachers This Sunday

### Nursery

Davis Family

### Kids' Time

Holly Zoll/ Angie Bynum

### LOL

Traci Heller

## Last Week

### Attendance

#### March 4, 2018

Worship Service – 117

Sunday School -57

## Stewardship Report

### Giving Toward:

Current Expense	\$5623.00
Missions	\$680.00
Building/ Maint. Fund	\$125.00
Deacons Fund	\$175.00
Memorial	\$50.00
Flowers	\$80.00
Good News Shoes	\$800.00
Funeral Dinner	\$100.00

**Total: \$7633.00**



## **SPRING FLOWERS**

You may purchase spring flowers in honor or in memory of someone. They will be displayed in our sanctuary on Resurrection Sunday, and you may take them home after the service. The cost is \$8.00 per flower. There are forms on the table in the foyer. Please follow the instructions on the form. The deadline for ordering is this Sunday.

## **BOWLING**

On Wednesday, March 14, Movin' Up will meet at the bowling Alley for a bowling party. No money is needed. Hot dogs, chips, and drink will be provided. Meet at the bowling alley at 5:15 p.m. with pick-up at 6:30 p.m. You can bring a friend, just let Debbie know so we can plan for enough bowling lanes and food.



## **EASTER EGG HUNT**



The Board of Christian Education will host the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 17 at 1:00 p.m. All children ages 1 to 14 are encouraged to come have fun.

## **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

If you signed up for the Women's Bible Study, remember to mark your calendar for 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 13. We will have our first meeting at Hugh's Bakery and Coffeehouse. If you have questions, call Jan Jones (824-4173).



## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Carol Duncan and family in the passing of Bob Joe Smekens – recovery from heart issues



## **THANK YOU**

We sincerely thank you for all of the prayers, cards, kindnesses, support and love during Herman's illness. The memorial stone and wind chimes are beautiful. We appreciate all of the hard work on the funeral dinner. Special thanks to Pastor Les for his continual support through this difficult time. Rose, Janis, & Howard

Our deepest thanks for the excellent meal prepared following our mother's funeral. Your care and kindness meant so much - more than you know. And, thank you so much for the beautiful chimes. We appreciate this special way to honor Phebe. The family of Phebe Edington

## Everyone Please Use Expense Vouchers

Many people are unaware of something at FBC. We have vouchers to help administer the process of paying invoices and reimbursing people for church expenses. Fill out an expense voucher and staple your receipts to that voucher. We request that people no longer just sign receipts and put them in Ed's box. Blank vouchers are now located in a bottom/middle mail box of those boxes where church leaders get their mail. A completed voucher, along with receipts attached, can then be placed in the Church Treasurer's box. Here is an explanation of how to fill out a voucher.

### First Baptist Church Expense Voucher

Check Payable to:	Print your name (for reimbursement) or the company name (for an invoice).
Address:	If check needs to be mailed to someone, write that mailing address here.
Amount Due \$	Put the expense total of all receipts (or invoice) attached. It is best to only have church expenses on your receipt(s). If this is not possible, then highlight those items on your receipt(s) for which you need reimbursement, and then total. Staple your receipts to the voucher.
Purpose:	Briefly describe the reason this purchase was made. For example, "Stamps needed for newsletter."
Special Instructions:	Usually this is left blank. An example might be: "Make check out to the company listed above and then give check to John Smith. John will hand deliver it to the company."
Approved By:	Please sign your name (not just your initials). If your signature is not legible, please also print your name.
Date Approved:	This is usually the date on the receipt. But it will often be the date larger expenses were approved by the appropriate board.
Budget Account Number:	Everyone should have a 2018 budget. Locate the line item number that "best fits" where your expense is to come out. For example, postage for newsletter is 223A. Write down the line item number.

Final three lines of the voucher are used only by the Church Treasurer. So person filling out the voucher need not worry about those lines.

Thank you for your help! Finance Committee



## Homebound Members

### Christian Care

Mildred Huss – Room 219B

### River Terrace

LaVera Krummen – Room 116  
Eulis West – Room 220

### Markle Health and Rehabilitation

Barbara French – Room 216

### Home

Rose McCormick

As we co-labor with other churches  
in our community,  
this week we pray for:  
Liberty Center United Methodist

### **First Baptist Church**

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Sunday:  
9:00 a.m. – Sunday School  
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