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First Baptist Church Newsletter

April 17, 2024

Joy of Jesus

The joy that Jesus offers his disciples is his own joy, which flows from his intimate communion with the One who sent him. It is a joy that does not separate happy days from sad days, successful moments from moments of failure, experiences of honor from experiences of dishonor, passion from resurrection.

This joy is a divine gift that does not leave us during times of illness, poverty, oppression or persecution. It is present even when the world laughs or tortures, robs or maims, fights or kills. It is truly ecstatic, always moving us away from the house of fear into the house of love, and always proclaiming that death no longer has the final say, though its noise remains loud and its devastation visible. The joy of Jesus lifts up life to be celebrated.

—Henri J.M. Nouwen, *Lifesigns*

I count it an honor to walk with you through low valleys and over high rolling hills. We rejoice in our bright future together on this amazing planet, and throughout eternity over at God's house.

Love Always,

Les





We pray for the friends and family of Richard Stultz in his recent passing. A graveside service was held on Monday.



Prayer for Haiti

With friends coming to us from Haiti, FBC is now linked in a special way to this troubled country. Please pray the following prayer together this week.

Lord Jesus, You taught us the importance of faith, and that without faith it's impossible to please God. Your Word also teaches us to believe that we have received whatever we ask for in prayer, and it will be ours. So, we pray for peace and provision in Haiti, believing that You are already at work in the midst of the crisis. People are starving, so feed them. Surround Haitians with Your protection, Lord. Bless those who are lonely or fearful - may they feel the warm embrace of Your presence. Let the citizens turn to You in a great and nationwide revival. We pray for a peaceful handover of governmental authority and re-stabilization in the country. Lord, strengthen and guide us as we continue to support people of this country, both here and there. Help us continue to reflect Your light in Haiti and to all Haitians everywhere.

According to Your matchless name, Jesus. Amen.

Ossian Healthcare
Ted Shady
Rose McCormick
Jill Miller



*Remember Our
Homebound Friends*

Christian Care
Bob Hiester

River Terrace
Karen West
Carolyn McBride



Kids' Time
Joyce Evans

Teachers for Sunday
April 21, 2024

LOL
Darcy Isch

Directory Update

Jill Miller has moved. Pray for her as she adjusts to her new place and please change her address in your church directory.

Jill Miller
Ossian Health Communities
215 Davis Road, Room 220
Ossian, IN 46777



Pastor Les and Debbie will attend an American Baptist Leadership Retreat for continuing education. They will be gone next week, April 22-28. If you need assistance during that time, please contact a deacon. Also, the office will be closed and there will not be a newsletter next week. Thank you!



On Sunday, April 28, we will have a Singspiration. You get to choose the songs we sing. We will have papers available this Sunday (April 21) for you to write down the song you would like to sing. Think about it this week! Come for some great singing and then enjoy the message from guest speaker, Tony Garton.

Praise the LORD. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him!

Psalm 147:1

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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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