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First Baptist Church Newsletter

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*April 21, 2021*

## The Holy Spirit In Me

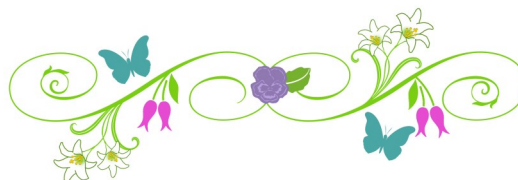
Years after accepting Christ as a child, I realized I had begun to walk in darkness. God is the way, the truth and the life. He is the light in the darkness. God is light. The Holy Spirit was pulling me close to Him to rededicate my life to the Lord. He told me He would never leave me nor forsake me, and He never has. His Holy Spirit lives in me.

There have been several times the Holy Spirit has touched my life. The Holy Spirit began telling me to gentle down and to stop being so angry. Be quick to listen and slow to anger because anger doesn't produce righteousness that God desires. The Holy Spirit was telling me that my son would not always be with me. He said to stop working overtime and to spend more time with my son.

I'm so thankful that I was obedient. One evening I received a call that my son had collapsed and wasn't responding. He had been taken by EMS to Parkview Hospital. After working on him for over an hour, he was pronounced dead. On the way home from the hospital, the Holy Spirit began speaking to me. He told me He understood my pain because He had watched His own son die too. I could feel His loving comforting arms around me, holding me up and carrying me through the coming days. I found a letter my son had written saying how happy he was. I found his homework about a dying boy and a poem about The Road Less Travelled. A few days later as I was drifting to sleep, I had a vision of my son in the brightest light I have ever seen. He looked so happy! He said to me, "Oh, Mom, it's so wonderful here! It's so wonderful!" Thank-you Holy Spirit for the gift of peace and comfort in knowing my son had accepted Christ nearly one year to the day he passed on to Heaven.

Thank-you God for the gift of the Holy Spirit! Praise and Glory to you Lord!

Judy Ziegler



## Prayer Items

Ed Higgins - Healing from various health issues.  
Bonnie Riddle - Recovery from kidney stone surgery.  
Carol Duncan & family - Kaylene, Carol's daughter-in-law, lost her battle with cancer and passed away April 14.  
Don & Gloria Reeves - time of transition as Gloria became a resident of Christian Care in the memory unit last week.  
Chad Cochran - pray for a good follow-up report from colon surgery.



## Pastor Vacation

Les and Debbie will be gone April 26 through Sunday, May 2. There will not be a newsletter and the church offices will be closed. If you need pastoral care during this time, please contact your deacon. On May 2, we will have Rob Schlatter preach. Rob is a former pastor who is now working as a Respiratory Therapist in Fort Wayne.



## Teachers for Sunday, April 25

Kids' Time - Deb Klopfenstein and  
Noah and/or Logan Zoll

LOL - Loren Wanner

## Stewardship

Thank you to those who have remembered the church with your tithes and offerings. Our offering plates are on the table in the foyer on Sunday mornings or you can mail your gifts to Jesus in support of our church to 202 W. Cherry Street.

### April 11, 2021

Giving Toward:

Current Expenses	\$965.00
Missions	\$105.00
Building and Mtn.	\$85.00

**Total** **\$1,155.00**

### April 18, 2021

Giving Toward:

Current Expenses	\$8,053.00
Missions	\$95.00
Building and Mtn.	\$65.00

**Total** **\$8,213.00**




5<sup>th</sup> Kobi Isch  
 19<sup>th</sup> Linda Isch  
 21<sup>st</sup> Trent Tonner  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Jackson Collins  
 Logan Zoll

23<sup>rd</sup> Lance Bertsch  
 24<sup>th</sup> Betty Bynum  
 26<sup>th</sup> Judy Wanner  
 27<sup>th</sup> Ciera Hiester



# May 2021

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2	3	4	5	6 Christian Ed Meeting 6:30 p.m.	7	8
9  Happy Mother's Day!	10	11	12 Admin Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.	13	14	15
16	17 Trustee Meeting 5:00 p.m.	18	19 Deacon Meeting 6:30 p.m.	20	21	22
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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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