



## Worship the Creator not the Creation

We are thrilled to see the sun after our extended Indiana cold and snow. Unfortunately, humans have often exchanged the glory of God for direct worship of the creation itself (Rom. 1:25).

Yahweh, the God of the Bible, is the Almighty Creator of heaven and earth. All the blessings we see and receive should prompt us to worship the LORD. When we consider how the Creator relates to His creation, we must keep a critical balance between immanence and transcendence. What?

Immanence communicates that God is present with us here on earth. The LORD's presence permeates in, around, and through every aspect of creation. However, this does not mean that we should worship the sun, or a rock, or that flower. Why?

The Almighty is also transcendent. This means God is separate from His creation; the Creator exists above and beyond the universe. The LORD is present everywhere and permeates everything. Yet, the LORD also exists in eternal absolute perfection outside the material realm.

Allow the beauty of creation to prompt your worship of the God who is intimately with us and infinitely beyond us.

Les

### Upcoming Events

#### Wednesday, April 25

5:15 p.m. – Movin' Up (final)

#### Sunday, April 29

9:00 a.m. – Sunday School

9:50 a.m. – Coffee, The Gathering Place

10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time

10:15 a.m. – Worship Service

#### Teachers This Sunday

##### Nursery

Evalyn Fate / Alexis Collins

##### Kids' Time

Judy Wanner / Loren Wanner

##### LOL

Debbie Cantrell

### Last Week

#### Attendance

#### April 22, 2018

Sunday School – 49

Worship Service – 104

#### Stewardship Report

##### Giving Toward:

Current Expense	\$1859.68
Missions	\$231.00
Building/ Maint. Fund	\$120.00
Deacons Fund	\$15.00

**Total:** \$2225.68



## **CHILDREN'S MOMENTS**

We just have two more slots to fill for children's moments in 2018. The sign-up sheet is on the foyer bulletin board if you are interested.

## **CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE**

Thanks to all who helped look over the church directory update last Sunday. We will leave it out one more Sunday in case you missed it. You may also call the church office with any updates to your contact information.



## **HARRY A. McFARREN SCHOLARSHIP**

Students connected with FBC who are pursuing post-high school education are invited to apply for a monetary scholarship for the 2018-19 school year. Stop by or contact the church office for a scholarship application. The deadline for submission is June 10, 2018.

## **MONTHLY MINUTES**



Several copies of the April minutes from our boards will be on the foyer table. Feel free to grab a copy if you are interested.



## **PASTOR VACATION**

Pastor Les will be on vacation April 30 through May 7. Please contact a deacon if you need pastoral care during that time. On Sunday, May 6, we will welcome Kelly Householder, Executive Director of The Connection Center, as our guest speaker.

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Karyn and Larry Gilly – health concerns for Larry and also that their house on Greenbriar would sell quickly.



I have enjoyed a book entitled *Life is a Joke: 100 Life Lessons with Punch Lines*. Each chapter begins with a short joke or humorous incident. The author then uses that anecdote as the basis for a life lesson. Let me share an example.

## Efficiency Expert

An efficiency expert concluded his lecture to a group of business leaders with a note of caution: "You need to be careful about trying these techniques at home."

"Why?" asked a man in the audience.

"Well," the expert explained, "I watched my wife's routine at dinner for years. She made lots of trips between the refrigerator, stove, table, and cabinets, often carrying a single item at a time. One day I told her, 'You're wasting too much time. Why don't you carry several things at once?'"

"Did it save time? The guy in the audience asked.

"Actually, yes," replied the expert. "It used to take her twenty minutes to make dinner. Now I do it in ten."

### LIFE LESSON

Rather than expressing appreciation to his wife for having made (and served) dinner, the guy in the joke critiqued her efficiency. You can imagine how that made her feel – which brings us to this basic lesson: Don't forget to say thank you.

### BEYOND THE PUNCH LINE

- In 2010, professors from Harvard and the University of Pennsylvania conducted a major study on the benefits of thanking someone, in which subjects were asked to help a student. The study found that when the subjects were thanked, they were more responsive to additional requests from the student and twice as likely to offer assistance to other people. The testers' conclusion: "People weren't providing more help because they felt better or because it boosted their self-esteem, but because they appreciated being needed and felt more socially valued after being thanked."
- But that's not all. A 2014 study found that saying thank you also plays a key role in social interaction. "This study," explains one of the researchers, "was the first to show evidence that ... an expression of gratitude can help to initiate a new relationship. A simple thank-you leads people to view you as a warmer human being and, consequently, to be more interested in socially engaging with you and continuing to get to know you."
- This may be why "thanks" is the most-used one-word sentence in the English language ... and why thank-you is the most-used two-word sentence.

Wow! God's word is supported by scientific research (see 1 Thess. 5:18). That is not surprising, since our Creator inspired human authors in the writing of Scriptures.

Thank you,

Les



**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:  
River of Life Church  
Pastor Wayne Ball

**First Baptist Church**  
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[fbcbluffton.com](http://fbcbluffton.com)  
f First Baptist Church - Bluffton, Indiana

Pastor: Les Cantrell  
Cell phone: 260-273-9073  
Secretary: Debbie Cantrell

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