

THE LINK

May 17, 2017

resilience

In my third in a series of messages showing how practical God and God's word are, we considered resilience. We settled on a definition that "resilience is the ability to bounce back from adversity." A new rubber band can be stretched to the breaking point but returns to its normal relaxed shape when the pressure is released. We saw three helpful strategies for our growing in resilience from Isaiah 41:8-10. I wove some quotes into my comments as well.

Refocus your perspective - "But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, you descendants of Abraham my friend..." (41:8).

"If you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change." -- Dr. Wayne Dyer

"We can complain because rose bushes have thorns, or rejoice because thorn bushes have roses." -- Abraham Lincoln

Remember your purpose -- "...I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you. I said, 'You are my servant'; I have chosen you and have not rejected you" (41:9).

"The two most important days in your life are the day you were born, and the day you find out why." -- Mark Twain

"Seize the moment. Remember all those women on the Titanic who waved off the dessert cart." -- Erma Bombeck

Recall your partnerships -- "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand" (41:10).

"If God did not forgive sinners, heaven would be empty." -- Unknown

"The future is as bright as the promises of God." -- William Cary

Make it an amazing week!

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Upcoming Events

Wednesday, May 17

noon – Women's Bible Study
3:50 p.m. – Youth meet at church

Thursday, May 18

6:30 p.m. – Deacon meeting

Sunday, May 21

9:00 a.m. – Sunday School
10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time
10:15 a.m. – Worship Service
11:15 – Graduate Reception

Teachers This Sunday

Nursery

Angie Bynum/ Mary Bishop

Kids' Time

Joyce Evans & Chris McFarren

L.O.L.

Michelle Tonner

Last Week

May 14, 2017

Attendance

Worship Service – 109
Sunday School – 43

Stewardship Report

Giving Toward:

Current Expense	\$2302.00
Missions	\$125.00
Building/ Maint. Fund	\$51.00
McFarren Scholarships	\$100.00
Total:	\$2578.00



June 10

FBC has once again reserved the Rustic Oak Pavilion at Ouabache State Park for the all-church picnic on Saturday, June 10. We have the pavilion rented all day so come early and stay late. We will share supper together.

The church will provide the meat, buns, and drinks. Please bring a side dish to share. You can make it as simple or deluxe as you want. Easy things like chips, fresh fruit, raw veggies, or desserts are fine. Also, bring your table service and lawn chairs.

Please sign up on the bulletin board at the back of the church sanctuary and include the number coming so we know how to plan.

Since there is a daily entrance fee per vehicle, you may want to carpool. If you need a ride, then call the church office at 824-1558. We do not want this fee or the transportation to hinder anyone from attending our church family gathering.

Available!

This Sunday, you will be able to pick up an updated directory for First Baptist Church and Friends. They will be located on the narthex table. If we run out, there will be more the following week.



Tentative June Choir Practices



We have a couple of fun songs to prepare to sing on Sunday mornings. We plan to have choir practices on Thursday, June 8 and June 22 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Come join the fun!

Prayer Items

Healing from cancer – Gloria Reeves, Judy Ziegler, Denise Downs, Billie Jovevski

Praise – Brian Fuller has a new place of employment

Summertime – for our children and youth to have a safe, fun summer and for a good rest for them and all of the teachers.



2017



Congratulations to our graduates for their hard work and accomplishments in education. We give them our blessings for success in their futures.

This year's graduates are:

MADISON HELLER – Bluffton High School

LYDIA YASTE – Ivy Tech Community College, AAS in Hospitality Administration

Please join us in the fellowship hall this Sunday, May 21, immediately after the worship service to congratulate them and enjoy a piece of cake.





Homebound Members

Christian Care

Joan Sills – Room 222
Mildred Huss – Room 219B

River Terrace

Phebe Edington – Room 134
Mary Ellis – Room 107B
LaVera Krummen – Room 116

Signature Healthcare

Bonnie McAfee – Room 403B

Markle Health and Rehabilitation

Barbara French – Room 216

As we co-labor with other churches
in our community,
this week we pray for:
First United Methodist Church
Pastor Steve Bard

First Baptist Church

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 First Baptist Church - Bluffton, Indiana

Pastor: Les Cantrell

Cell phone: 260-273-9073

Music Director: Sarah Landell

Secretary: Debbie Cantrell

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