



the *LINK*

First Baptist Church Newsletter

May 3, 2023

Clothed with Power

One of my favorite illustrations happened on a New Year's Day. In the Tournament of Roses parade, a beautiful float suddenly sputtered and quit. It was out of gas. The whole parade was held up until someone could get a can of gasoline.

The amusing thing was this float represented the Standard Oil Company. With its vast oil resources, its truck was out of gas.

Sunday, May 28 marks the important day of Pentecost. Our Lord's church was born on the first Pentecost after Jesus was raised to life and ascended back to the Father.

Jesus told his first disciples to "...stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high" (Luke 24:49). Ten days later they were filled, transformed, and empowered by the Holy Spirit to fulfill God's purposes.

Every follower of Jesus has access to the unlimited resources and power of God. But if we fail to be filled with the Holy Spirit, then we too will find ourselves out of gas (Ephesians 5:17-18). So, we prayerfully join our hearts in that familiar chorus by Daniel Iverson:

"Spirit of the living God, Fall fresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me."

Together with you,

Les



Prayer List

Ruby Davis - praise that she has returned to her custodian work here at the church

Jan Abrams - is getting around the house better, and will have thyroid surgery on May 8

Holly Zoll - continue to pray for her healing from anxiety

Jeckier Julmisse - pray for his wife and son to be able to leave Haiti and join him

Ted Shady - pray for successful rehabilitation. He is in Ossian Healthcare Room 213

Rick White - on a respirator for over 3 years

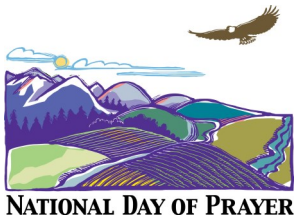
Please continue to pray for healing from cancer for those listed below:

Denise Downs

Karyn Gilly

Don Reeves

Thursday, May 4, 2023



While every day is a good day to pray for our nation, this Thursday is designated the National Day of Prayer. Join other believers by taking some time to pray for our nation. Last week's Link had suggested topics. Here are a few more you might want to add:

- Families to be strengthened and preserved
- Children and the innocent to be protected
- Law enforcement and first responders to have wisdom and safety
- Our military personnel to be encouraged
- Teachers and schools to be blessed and safe

All-Church Dinner

The Deacons are sponsoring an All-Church Meal on Sunday, June 4 right after the worship service. Barbara of Corner Depot Catering will provide all of the food. Save the date and stay tuned for a sign-up sheet in a couple of weeks.



Teachers - Sunday, May 7

Kids' Time

Ruth Ann Monroe
Chris McFarren

LOL

Remain in service



Ways to Participate in the Worship Service

We want to include some variety and participation in music in our services, so please volunteer to share your talents. Also, if you know people not in our congregation who might share in our services in song or instrumentals, tell Judy Wanner so we can schedule people to share, perhaps monthly. We pay a modest honorarium to guest musicians from outside FBC.

As a personal testimonial, identify a song that is a blessing and has meaning to you. In service, tell us why you value that song or write out why you value that song and a leader can read your words. Then, we can sing your song as a congregation or play it from a recording to share with the church. Touch base with Loren Wanner or the church office to participate.



Christian Care
Gloria Reeves - Room 214A

River Terrace
Karen West - Room 133
Carolyn McBride - Room 106

Home
Rose McCormick
Bonnie Riddle



Auburn Village
Rick White

“O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.”

Psalm 8:1

Stewardship - Giving to:

April 23, 2023		April 30, 2023	
General Budget	\$8,430.00	General Budget	\$1,645.00
Building Maintenance	\$170.00	Building Maintenance	\$110.00
Missions	\$185.00	Missions	\$200.00
Easter	\$20.00	Memorial	\$50.00
Total	\$8,805.00	Total	\$2,005.00

First Baptist Church
202 W. Cherry Street
Bluffton, Indiana 46714



Sunday

Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

Kids' Time 10:10 a.m.

fbcbluffton.com

First Baptist Church

202 W. Cherry Street

260-824-1558



firstbaptist@adamswells.com



First Baptist Church-Bluffton Indiana

Pastor: Les Cantrell

Cell phone: 260-273-9073