



Last year our church family gave big-heartedly toward Hurricane Relief in various places. Our gifts were an expression of the love of Jesus to people in desperate circumstances. For the balance of May we will again collect the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering (OGHS).

Disasters happen every day. Your financial donations throughout this month will offer practical help to people, both in the United States and around the world.

This Sunday, OGHS envelopes will be located in our pew racks. Make your check out to First Baptist Church and place your check or your cash in one of these special envelopes. If you want your gift to be reflected on your annual giving statement, please write your name and the amount given on the outside of this special envelope.

May God Bless Your Generosity!

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SPECIAL LOL

This coming Sunday, our LOL will be expanded to include ANY age students third grade and above. Ashleigh Houtz will join us to share with students about church camps. She has been several years, including as a staff member and is a great resource for our camps. Of course, any discussion about camps has to include snacks.

JUDSON UNIVERSITY CHOIR TOUR

The Judson University Choir is now on their Europe tour. Julie Cantrell is with them, as well as 38 other students whom we hosted back in January. Please pray for them to have a safe trip and for the gospel to go forth to minister wherever they go. Here is a brief outline of their schedule:

Departed from Chicago - Tuesday, May 8

Hungary - May 9 to 11

Croatia - May 12

Slovenia - May 13

Austria - May 14

Germany - May 15 to May 17

Belgium - May 18

France - May 19 and May 20

Return to Chicago - May 21

PRAYER REQUESTS

Doris Wolf - successful rehab after broken leg surgery

Larry Gilly - healing and adjustment to new medication

Kathy Mosser - healing from kidney stone

Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 13

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 / Brooke Tonner

Kids' Time

Holly Zoll / Angie Bynum

LOL

Ashleigh Houtz / Debbie Cantrell

Last Week

Attendance

May 6, 2018

Sunday School - 47

Worship Service - 92

Stewardship Report

Giving Toward:

Current Expense	\$3770.00
Missions	\$270.00
Building/ Maint. Fund	\$305.00
Deacons Fund	\$75.00
Memorial Fund	\$55.00
McFarren Scholarship	\$200.00

Total: \$4675.00

Thank you! A Letter from Your World Relief Officer

God is doing **more than we can imagine.**

Dear American Baptist Leaders,

The human imagination is pretty incredible. I visited Nicaragua last year and met Luisa (on this year's poster) and heard her dreams for her family. She is a farmer, and their lives have gotten harder as the rains come less frequently. When they do come, it's often in downpours, not in the gently falling rains that best nourish crops. Their life is hard, yet when she pictures their future, she imagines her children growing up, going to college, being professionals, and caring for the Earth.



The human imagination is also limited, bound by our finite human experience. Sometimes the suffering of the world outpaces our ability to imagine new life.

For many, 2017 was an apocalyptic year filled with unbelievable hurricanes, earthquakes, fires, floods and violence. You prayed, stood with, and gave to people and needs from next-door neighbors to global neighbors you may never meet. As I write this letter in early February 2018, you have given over \$2 million to help the hundreds of thousands of people impacted by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria and mudslides and fires in California. These generous gifts help people envision recovery and new life, strengthened by the assurance that God is working in, through, and beyond us.

The same Apostle Paul who said that God is able to "accomplish abundantly more than we can ask or imagine" (Ephesians 3:20) also put the work of building abundance squarely at our feet: "...always seek to do good to one another and to all" (1 Thessalonians 5:15).

You have done good to one another and to all. When dreams abound and even when our imaginations run dry, you continue to do good. Your One Great Hour of Sharing gifts are living testimony to this. I offer thanks for your generous giving to One Great Hour of Sharing. Let us continue to be strengthened in the knowledge that God is able to "accomplish abundantly more than we can ask or imagine."

In grateful partnership,



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa Rothenberger-Winter".

Lisa Rothenberger-Winter
World Relief Officer



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Homebound Members

Christian Care

Mildred Huss – Room 219B

River Terrace

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:
Six Mile Church
Pastor Bruce Holland

First Baptist Church

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 First Baptist Church - Bluffton, Indiana

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

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