



## Refuse to Settle for Less

When we place our faith in Jesus for forgiveness and new life, our primary allegiance is transferred from all kingdoms of this world to God's Kingdom. We are then subject to different laws (Christ's commands) and belong to a different community (Christ's church). As children of the King we have both divine authority and divine power vested into us. Refuse to settle for less.

The Holy Spirit helps us obey Christ's commands. This spirit "of power and of love and of a sound mind" (2 Tim. 1:7) gives us the ability to live by God's laws, even though we are still human with human weaknesses. Those who are led by the Spirit of God are called the "children of God" (Rom. 8:14). This same Spirit empowers FBC to fulfill our vision as set forth elsewhere in the newsletter. We have the opportunity to taste or experience right now "the powers of the age to come" (Heb. 6:4-5), which will be fulfilled when our Savior returns again to establish God's kingdom here on this earth.

Victorious Together with You,

Les

### Upcoming Events

#### Sunday, June 10

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

Alexis Collins/ Evalyn Fate

##### Kids' Time

Holly Zoll / Angie Bynum

##### LOL

Resumes in the fall

### Last Week

#### Attendance

#### June 3, 2018

Sunday School – 43  
Worship Service – 86

#### Stewardship Report

##### Giving Toward:

Current Expense	\$4663.00
Missions	\$570.00
Building/ Maint. Fund	\$465.00

**Total: \$5698.00**



# Make a Wise Investment

Grace Gratitude Generosity

Our story is about transformation: nurturing lives, shaping the community, and changing the world. As change agents serving Jesus Christ we invest our time, skills, and money to advance God's kingdom. Our gifts to support FBC's vision are described briefly in the following headings. Most importantly, our generosity demonstrates our gratitude for God's gift of amazing grace. What could you do to help? Ask God how much He would have you give to fund our exciting mission. Joyfully join Christ in His work in this world by supporting our ministries.

## **WORSHIP** – *The heart of our community together*

We worship the LORD through preaching, praying, and singing. These essential pursuits entail much planning, practice, and preparation. Worship also includes things like choir, special music, concerts, relevant technology, and quality audio-video equipment. We meet for worship in a beautiful building that requires heat, air conditioning, electricity, and ongoing maintenance.

## **SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT** – *The key to growing in our relationship with Christ*

This includes adult and children's classes, women's and men's Bible studies, youth ministries, small groups, prayer walks, periodic all-church devotionals, and movies.

## **CONGREGATIONAL CARE** – *Caring and supporting our church family and community*

This includes the Deacon's Fund. Sharing goody bags, visitation, and communion with homebound members. Scholarships for FBC students seeking post-high school education. Providing funerals and funeral dinners. Offering weddings, pastoral counseling, and hospital visitation.

## **OUTREACH** – *Transforming lives through missions and evangelism*

We connect with local and international partners through American Baptist Churches with support to the Indiana-Kentucky Region, One Great Hour of Sharing, World Mission Offering, and ABWM. We also give toward Youth for Christ, Helping Hands, Connection Center, and Good News Shoes.

## **OPERATIONS** – *We support pastors and program staff to help fulfill our mission*

Our paid staff include a full time senior pastor, along with part-time: music director, two custodians, secretary, pianist, organist, treasurer, and financial secretary. These wonderful friends help provide pastoral care, scheduling, communications, financial management, stewardship, mentoring, and excellent musical assistance.

**Our total budget for 2018 to support this transformation vision is \$231,356. Every person and family is invited to enter into the joy of giving to the LORD's work. There are giving envelopes in the pews. Let your generosity be inspired by God's grace and your gratitude. The Lord is so good to us.**

Expectantly, Les

# ALL-CHURCH COOKOUT

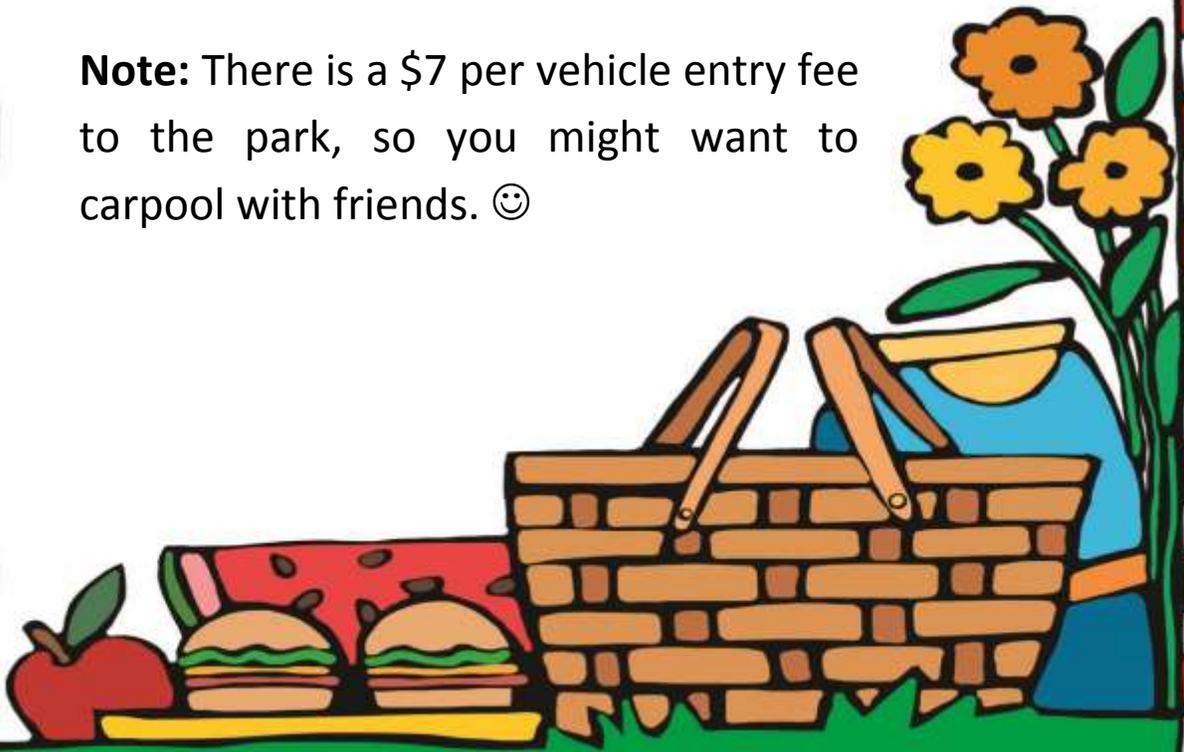
## This Saturday

**Where:** Ouabache State Park  
Rustic Oak Pavilion

**When:** Pavilion is reserved all day. Supper will be around 5:00 p.m.

**Bring:** Your table service and one or more side dishes to share like chips, vegetables, fruit, and dessert. Other optional items are lawn chairs, sunscreen, and bug repellent.

**Note:** There is a \$7 per vehicle entry fee to the park, so you might want to carpool with friends. 😊





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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

### First Baptist Church

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 First Baptist Church - Bluffton, Indiana

As we co-labor with other churches  
in our community,  
this week we pray for:  
Apostolic Christian Church  
Pastor Steve Ringger

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

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