



## INTRODUCING:

### Shawn Pezo

Shawn will soon be headed into the second grade at Bluffton Elementary. During the summer he enjoys swimming and hanging out with his cousin Shelby and other friends. His favorite colors are green and black and some of his favorite foods are pizza and ice cream. He likes the *I Survive* series of chapter books and has read *The Titanic* and *The Nazis*. His favorite movie is Batman. Shawn also likes to play games and he likes music. He has two dogs whose names are Zoey and Nanook. Shawn's grandparents are Rex and Julie Tuttle and his parents are Jack and Erin. When asked about our church, Shawn answered, "It's pretty nice." We're glad he thinks so! We think it is pretty nice to have Shawn in our church family. He is a regular at Movin' Up where he is especially good at our games of finding hidden prizes like candy.

## Upcoming Week

### Sunday, July 29

9:00 a.m. – Combined 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

Sydney Collins/ Evalyn Fate

#### Kids' Time

Judy Wanner / Loren Wanner

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Remain in service

## Last Week

### Attendance

### July 22, 2018

Sunday School – 47  
Worship Service – 90

### Stewardship Report

#### Giving Toward:

Current Expense	\$1442.00
Missions	\$95.00
Building/ Maint. Fund	\$70.00
Deacons Fund	\$10.00
McFarren Scholarship	\$120.00

**Total:** \$1737.00

Thanks to all who joined us last Sunday to hear Brandy share about Helping Hands. The handouts she mentioned about the ministry and how you can help, are located on the table in the foyer.



### **Student Information**

The church will celebrate Christian Education Sunday during the worship service on August 12. In preparation for this event, there is a sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer for you to write your student's name, grade, and school. We include pre-school through college. We use the information to create prayer magnets to pass out to the congregation.

### **Good News Shoes**

Our annual shoe give-away will be on Saturday, August 11 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The New Dimensions Sunday School Class works hard all year to buy and label shoes and now they need our help. Please see the sign-up sheet on the foyer bulletin board. There are various time-slots and jobs. You will be blessed as you bless others!



### **Summer Choir Special**

Next week! The choir will rehearse at 7:00 p.m. in the FBC sanctuary on Wednesday, August 1, and then sing in church the following Sunday, August 5. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m. on August 5 to run through the song before the service. This special will be one simple song. Join us!

### **Student Event**

We will have a "make your own pizza" at noon on Thursday, August 9 in the church kitchen. We will have a short lesson, play games (including fish), and finish at 2:00 p.m. Please let Debbie know if you can come.



### **Deacons' Fund Update**

The Deacon Board recently gave The Connection Center \$5,000 from the Deacon Fund. They also contributed \$250 to Helping Hands ministry. The Deacon Fund now has a balance of about \$5,792. The Deacons seek to use it to help out with local needs.

### **Prayer Items**

Gabe Norris – healing of this 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Norwell injured in a farming accident  
Herb Heyerly – recovery and rehabilitation after knee surgery

# Can You Make this Pledge?

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First Pledge (Edited)

*I am a church member (by Thom S. Rainer)*

I like the metaphor of membership. It's not like membership in a civic organization or a country club. It's the kind of membership given us in 1 Corinthians 12: "Now you are the body of Christ, and individual members of it" (1 Cor. 12:27).

Because I am a member of the body of Christ, I must be a functioning member, recognizing that every person serves in a unique role. As a functioning member of FBC, I will give. I will take part. I will serve. I will minister. I will share Jesus. I will study. I will seek to be a blessing to those connected with FBC. I will strive to show the light and love of Jesus to everyone.

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Sign and Date

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In his book *I Am a Church Member*, Thom Rainer outlines the attitudes and commitments that make church membership different. In the first chapter, Rainer presents a clear picture of why church membership is biblical (1 Corinthians 12-14), and what distinguishes church membership from membership in other civic or social organizations.

Church membership means:

1. **We are All Necessary Parts of the Whole.** Members of a church comprise the whole and are essential parts of it.
2. **We are Different but We Still Work Together.** Each person (part in the body), has to do his or her work, or the whole body suffers.
3. **Everything We Say and Do Is Based on a Biblical Foundation of Love.** The familiar love chapter in 1 Corinthians 13 is actually meant to guide a local church body.

Rainer asks: Do you know how to remain a member of a country club? Pay your dues. Do that and people will be available to serve you. Do you know how to be a biblical member of a local church? Give abundantly and serve without hesitation.

Thanking God for All of You,

Les



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That All May  
Know Him

## Homebound Members

### Christian Care

Mildred Huss – Room 219B  
Clyde Shady – Room 228B

### River Terrace

Eulis West – Room 220

### Home

Ed Goetz  
Rose McCormick

### K Casper Life Center

Judy Bierie

### Markle Health and Rehabilitation

Barbara French – Room 216

As we co-labor with other churches  
in our community,  
this week we pray for:  
Fellowship Baptist Church  
Pastor Lenny Stringer

### First Baptist Church

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First Baptist Church - Bluffton, Indiana

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Music Director: Julie Cantrell  
Secretary: Debbie Cantrell

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