



We will collect our World Mission Offering in October. Our missionaries, the Good family, are still securing support. Soon they will depart for their ministry in the schools of Hungary. Keep the Goods in prayer!



Upcoming Events

Wednesday, July 26

Noon – Youth Pizza

Sunday, July 30

9:00 a.m. – Sunday School

10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time

10:15 a.m. – Worship Service

Teachers This Sunday

Nursery

Helen Steffen / Mary Bishop

Kids' Time

Judy Wanner / Loren Wanner

Last Week

July 23, 2017

Attendance

Worship Service – 104

Sunday School - 50

Stewardship Report

Giving Toward:

Current Expense \$2893.00

Missions \$66.00

Building/ Maint. Fund \$290.00

Total: \$3249.00

Student Information



The church will celebrate Christian Education Sunday during the worship service on August 6. In preparation for this event, there is a sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex for you to write your student's name, grade, and school. We include pre-school through college. Thanks to the many already signed up. This coming Sunday will be the last day to do so.

Children's Classes

Our Listen, Obey, Love (LOL) class will begin again in August and run through the school year. It is for students going into the 3rd and 4th grades. They leave the worship service during the third song of the set and go to their room on the second floor of the Christian Ed. wing for a lesson. On communion Sundays (the first Sunday of the month) and holidays they stay in the worship service. Since August 6 is a communion Sunday, the first LOL class will be August 13. Students younger than 3rd grade have Kids' Time during the entire worship service on the first floor of the Christian Ed. wing. Kids' Time is year round.

Good News Shoes

Our annual shoe give-away will be on Saturday, August 12 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The location will be at Pickett's Run Park during the Duck Race. Here are some ideas for praying:



- for good weather
- that we would have the right sizes of shoes available
- that those in need would hear about it and come
- that the parents and children would be encouraged



Dear First Baptist Church,

What a blessing it is to call this church "family". You all have given me comfort and encouragement through my difficult times; through pray, scholarships, letter, and care packages for finals. Each of the routes you take in helping me through school and life in general bring me such relief! Thank you for always setting a Christ like example for me and my peers who also receive your love and support.

Love and thanks,

Spencer Tonner

What is Christian Education?

Christian education invites people to see and understand the world through the perspective of God's truth. The Bible becomes the lens in which students view what they are learning. The lens focuses their thinking on ultimate truth—a biblical vision for life where the world is created and sustained by God; where God has acted in history to deal with the distortions of creation caused by human rebellion; and where history is advancing towards a new creation in which all things are reconciled to God through Jesus, who is not only the climax of the biblical story but also the focal point of the lens.

Does FBC have Christian Education Strategy?

FBC has a Christian Education Board that designs and coordinates curriculum primarily for children's ministries. Together with them, our goal is to help each student get grounded in the Scriptures. We want everyone to think with a Christian mind about all of life. The CE Board also serves as consultants for our youth ministries and adult classes.

Why Have Christian Education Sunday?

Each year FBC sets aside a Sunday to pray that students, teachers, and administrators be spiritually and physically empowered for a new school year. We pray that all public and private schools know and honor God and God's truth. We also pray for home educators to seek and honor the LORD.

August 6, 2017 is Christian Education Sunday.

How Can I Participate in this Strategic Sunday?

Prayer is one of our most powerful weapons. We will make available refrigerator magnets with each student's name, school, and grade listed. Those who wish to commit to praying for a student for an entire year, will be invited to come forward during the closing song and pick up a prayer magnet.

Will My Child or Grandchild Be Listed on a Magnet?

Only FBC connected students (pre-school through college) who are written on the green sign-up sheet in the church foyer will be listed on a magnet. You may also feel free to call the church office to get your child or grandchild included.

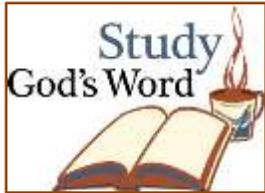
Why Do We Give Bibles to Students Entering 3rd Grade?

One step in getting students grounded in the truth is making sure they each have their own Bible. Third grade students are getting to the point where they can keep track of their own Bible and even begin reading it at home – with adult encouragement.

Conclusion

Edmund Burke was right when he said, "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." I'm convinced of better things concerning you, because you constantly engage in making a difference for our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ.

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Homebound Members

Christian Care

Joan Sills – Room 222
Mildred Huss – Room 219B

River Terrace

Phebe Edington – Room 134
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:
Living Water United Church
Pastor Clark Stoller

First Baptist Church

260-824-1558

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fbcluffton.com

 First Baptist Church - Bluffton, Indiana

Pastor: Les Cantrell

Cell phone: 260-273-9073

Music Director: Sarah Landell

Secretary: Debbie Cantrell

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