

## INTRODUCING:

### **Ava Martin**

Ava will soon be going into the fourth grade at Indian Village School. She likes the subjects of math and reading. She enjoys reading chapter books, especially the Junie B. Jones series. She also really enjoys the movie *Peter Rabbit*. Her favorite colors are purple and pink. Ava likes to eat cheeseburgers, chicken nuggets, and vanilla slushies, all from McDonalds. Summer is her favorite season because it includes her birthday (8 turning 9) and she gets to play in the swimming pool. Another activity she thinks is fun is making and eating chocolate chip cookies. When asked what she likes about FBC, she replied that she likes that we read the Bible, sing songs, and that Pastor Les talks about Jesus. We are thankful that Ava attends with Danny and Norma Van Doorn, her grandparents. It's great to have Ava as a part of our church family!

## Upcoming Events

### **Sunday, July 8**

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**

### **July 4, 2018**

Sunday School – 41  
Worship Service – 86

### **Stewardship Report**

#### Giving Toward:

Current Expense	\$2458.00
Missions	\$255.00
Building/ Maint. Fund	\$230.00
Church Rental	\$60.00

**Total:** \$3003.00



## **PICNIC & SWIM PARTY**

Plan to come on Sunday, July 15. The Christian Education Board is sponsoring a Picnic & Swim Party at the pool by the 4H Park from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. We will eat around 5:30. The Christian Ed Board will supply hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, water, lemonade, table service, and condiments. Please bring a large side dish to share with all. Swimming will be from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. In case of rain, we will eat at the church at 5:30 p.m. Please RSVP on your Welcome Card this Sunday so we know how to plan.

## **COMBINED SUNDAY SCHOOL**

FBC will enjoy the honor of having the founder and executive director of Helping Hands at a joint session on July 22 at 9:00 a.m. Brandy Aschliman is a godly and gifted leader. Make plans to join us in The Gathering Place to hear exciting updates on this vital ministry. All adults are encouraged to come, even if you usually do not attend a Sunday School Class.

## **LOL**

**Listen, Obey, Love.** On Sunday, July 15, we will have a special LOL class for all students. Usually LOL is only for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders, but this one is for all ages from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through high school. The topic will be "keep thinking in your science class." While it will apply to many science topics, this lesson will be especially good for students interested in a discussion of evolution.

## **THANK YOU**

To my family at the First Baptist Church: Thank you for the cards, prayers, and the visits I received during my hospital stay. Pastor Les was a shining light during this time. May God return to you the kindness you have shown to me. Thank You!! Doris & Waldo Wolf



Doris & Waldo Wolf  
Karyn & Larry Gilly  
Clyde & Phyllis Shady  
Judy Ziegler  
Ed Higgins

Kathy Mosser  
Judy Bierie  
Tony Langel  
James Klopfenstein  
Jessie Sills

# Pray for Our Nation

Faith, courage, and prayer birthed our great nation and guided America through more than 200 years of wars, natural disasters and national crisis. Prayer is a freedom guaranteed by our Constitution, and a God-given right to all of humanity. The opportunity to pray is a privilege, honor, and sacred duty. Here are the prayers I lifted up during our worship service this past Sunday. They are from the booklet *Pray for Our Nation: Scriptural Prayers to Revive Our Country*. I hope these are helpful as you continually ask God to guide and bless these beautiful United States of America. Les

**The Congress** – Dear Father, I come to You in the mighty name of Jesus, thanking You and praising You for our great nation. I thank You for the plan You gave to our forefathers by which to govern our nation and for the division of powers, so that our destiny does not rest in the hands of one person. In praying for those in authority, I therefore lift up our Congress (both the House of Representatives and the Senate). I pray that, by Your power, our legislative body would make laws that are just. Father, I ask You to give them wisdom to make decisions that would strengthen and prosper our nation. I desire that they would make right decisions to safeguard the social welfare and economics of our nation. I pray Congress would be motivated by Your hand more than partisan or personal concerns.

**The President** – Dear Father, in Jesus' name I lift up our president to You. I know that our leader's heart is in Your hand, so I ask You to guide the head of our nation in the way You would have him go. Almighty God, I pray that You would surround our president with wise counsel; give him men and women of integrity who place Your agenda and the good of our nation above their own, and whose motives are for what is right. I pray You would give our leader discernment, understanding and knowledge so that our nation may know stability - internally and abroad. I give thanks for our president according to Your Word, and thank You for working in and through His leadership, so that we all might lead peaceable lives in godliness and honesty.

**Supreme Court Justices** – Father, in the name of Jesus, I bring our Supreme Court justices before You. Knowing that they are appointed by humans, I pray that You would influence the selection of each new replacement. Let them be people who will judge rightly in every matter brought before them. As our Supreme Court makes decisions, I pray that its' decrees would be Your decrees. I desire that, by Your hand, godly justice would rise up within our justices. Allow them to make rulings in line with Your will. I pray that they would set a standard of justice and righteousness for the judicial office at large, not only on a national level but for every adjudicator in our nation.

I give You thanks, holy LORD, knowing it's Your good pleasure and desire to work in every level of government. Dear Father, preserve righteousness, justice and peace in these United States of America, so that we can represent You well. Through Jesus I pray. Amen!





## 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:  
Boehmer United Methodist Church  
Pastor Barry Humble

### First Baptist Church

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Music Director: Julie Cantrell  
Secretary: Debbie Cantrell

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