



INTRODUCING:

Grace Nicholson

Grace will soon be starting 7th grade at Norwell Middle School. She plays the saxophone in the band and is also on the swim & diving team. Her favorite color is orange, her favorite season is spring, and some of her favorite foods are spicy Asian and Italian. She likes reading the *Narnia* series and the book *She Said Yes*. Her favorite movie is *The Hunger Games*. Grace likes to play the piano and is also teaching herself how to play the guitar. She loves to work outside and get dirty. Back inside, she is a great baker. Her parents are Shawn and Teresa and her sister is Olivia. Grace's favorite Bible story is about Jonah. This past year, Grace was baptized. When asked what she likes about FBC, she replied, "That we support people outside of our own church." We are blessed to have Grace as a member of FBC and appreciate her friendly and cooperative spirit in Movin' Up.

Upcoming Week

Wednesday, August 1

7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice

Thursday, August 2

6:30 p.m. – Christian Ed Meeting

Sunday, August 5

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

Davis Family

Kids' Time

Joyce Evans / Marcia Liddy

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Remain in service

Last Week

Attendance

July 29, 2018

Sunday School – 44

Worship Service – 87

Stewardship Report

Giving Toward:

Current Expense	\$1363.00
Missions	\$75.00
Building/ Maint. Fund	\$85.00
White Cross	\$60.00
McFarren Scholarship	\$100.00
Good News Shoes	\$20.00

Total: \$1703.00



Good News Shoes



Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help the shoe give-away. If you have a FBC shirt or a yellow shirt, please wear it. There are still a few slots left if you would like to help. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the foyer. Spread the word to those with school-age children to get their shoes at Pickett Run Park on Saturday, August 11 starting at 11 a.m.

Final Summer Elective

We will be honored to have Tony Chaney come to FBC and share about Youth for Christ. Tony will be here for a combined Sunday school on August 12 at 9:00 a.m. We will meet in The Gathering Place. Everyone is welcome.



Student Event



We will have a "make your own pizza" at noon on Thursday, August 9 in the church kitchen. We will include a short lesson, play games (including fish), and finish at 2:00 p.m. Also, don't forget the summer challenge. We'll talk about prizes!

Thank You!
THANK YOU!

Dear FBC Family, Thank you again for supporting me and my future with the Harry A. McFarren Memorial Scholarship! I could not be where I am today without your support. You all give me a lot to be thankful for, and I am very blessed by this! Thanks and love in Christ, Spencer Tonner

First Baptist Church, Thank you for prayers, cards, and visits during my recent left knee surgery in Indy. Things seem to be going much better this time. God is Good! Herb

Be the Buffalo

Wilma Mankiller was the first ever female chief of the Cherokee nation. She was also the owner of a surname that no doubt made it difficult for her to get a date. Mankiller said,

Cows run away from the storm while the buffalo charges toward it – and gets through it quicker. Whenever I’m confronted with a tough challenge, I do not prolong the torment; I become the buffalo.

That is a powerful image: A herd of buffalo steadfastly and slowly progressing in the face of a blizzard, rather than running the other direction. Scripture is clear that sometimes the wisest course of action is to turn around and run. There are strategic times when we should flee things like sin or temptation (1 Cor. 6:18a; 10:14). But in our day and age people often quit too soon and too often. In the face of even minor irritations, folks want to throw in the towel and walk away.

But regarding endurance, one blogger asked a penetrating question. “When confronted with a problem, do you try to avoid it, or do you put your head down and find a way through? Working through tough times isn’t easy. It always seems more comfortable to turn the other way and try to outrun the storm. But invariably, the problem won’t go away, it just lasts longer and gets worse. We need to turn and face it head on.”

Our highest example for life and ministry is always Jesus Christ. The writer of Hebrews made these observations about our LORD: “...who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God” (Heb. 12:2). This verse contains several principles to direct us.

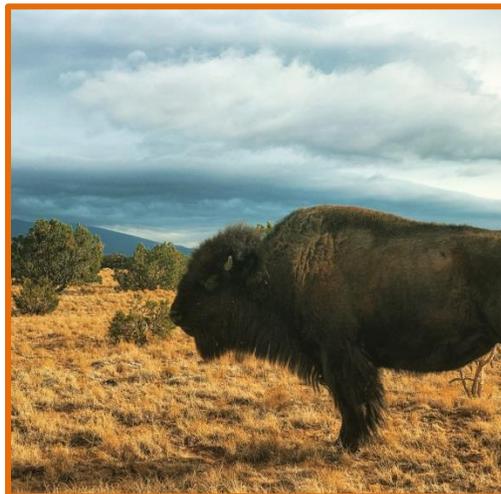
- Jesus faced the hard thing - head on.
- Jesus endured through the suffering and shame.
- Jesus gained strength by looking past the storm.

There is no benefit in trying to soften reality. Sometimes life is tough. People let us down. The job is frustrating. Our kids are in trouble. Health declines. Finances are in shambles. Death comes knocking.

When life seems like a storm, be the buffalo. Do the hard thing. Put your head down and take another step. Keep pressing on!

Together with you,

Les





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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:
First Church of Christ
Pastor David Baynes

First Baptist Church

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 First Baptist Church - Bluffton, Indiana

Pastor: Les Cantrell
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Music Director: Julie Cantrell
Secretary: Debbie Cantrell

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