



Street Fair Parking

Each year we rent our parking spaces for the Street Fair. We use the proceeds for our Good News Shoes Outreach and our Youth Ministry. This Sunday you will find parking space reservation envelopes on the narthex table. You must put your total payment into the envelope at the same time you fill out and return your reservation. Please read the envelope. Return your completed reservation envelope along with payment to the box labeled **Street Fair Reservations** on the narthex table. We give our church family first priority. Then, we will open up the remaining parking spaces to the community on August 21.

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, August 2

1:00 p.m. – Youth DQ rewards

Sunday, August 6

9:00 a.m. – Sunday School

10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time

10:15 a.m. – Worship Service

Teachers This Sunday

Nursery

Davis Family

Kids' Time

Joyce Evans / Chris McFarren

Last Week

July 30, 2017

Attendance

Worship Service – 100

Sunday School – 45

Stewardship Report

Giving Toward:

Current Expense	\$1727.00
Missions	\$365.00
Building/ Maint. Fund	\$185.00
Total:	\$2287.00

White Cross Missions

Judy Grove is still receiving bed sheets to cut into bandages. These are then sent to numerous places in the world by our American Baptist International Ministries. The sheets need to be mostly or all cotton, no microfiber. It is best to bring these on Sunday morning to give directly to Judy.

Christian Education Sunday

The church will celebrate Christian Education Sunday during the worship service this coming Sunday. We will pray for the new school year, pass out Bibles to students going into the third grade, and pass out prayer magnets.

Movie Matinee



Come and join us for the movie "Moana" on Sunday, Aug. 20 at 2:00 p.m. The Christian Education Board is sponsoring this event.

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. We would like for everyone to pray for this event. If you would like to help with the distribution, please meet in the New Dimensions Sunday School Classroom (downstairs room with the t.v.) at 9:00 a.m. this Sunday.

Lowrey Organ Available

Someone in our church family has a Lowrey Organ, which is in nice condition and plays well. They would like to give it to someone. If you, or someone you know is interested, please call the church office for more information.

Thank you

We want to thank our church family for all the kindness shown to us after the death of our son, James Burnfield. We treasure the cards, phone calls, visits, and especially the prayers. We feel God has heard those prayers and is carrying us through this sadness. We thank Pastor Les for his comforting words and visits. We thank Cathy Jambora for her uplifting visit and delivering the beautiful throw from the church family. Also, God bless those of you who weathered the rain and flash flooding in Ohio to come to the funeral. We love you all. Orla & Carol Kuhn



Protect Your Relationship

Many people today are rejecting the notion that there are no moral absolutes. There is a resurgence of people returning to church and going back to the Bible. This new wave of Jesus followers are doing the required hard work to protect their relationship with God. The writer of Hebrews says, "Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles" (Heb. 12:1).

In Jules Verne's novel *The Mysterious Island*, he tells of five men who escape a Civil War prison camp by hijacking a hot-air balloon. As they rise into the air, they realize the wind is carrying them over the ocean. Watching their homeland disappear on the horizon, they wonder how much longer the balloon can stay aloft.

As the hours pass and the surface of the ocean draws closer, the men decide they must cast overboard some of the weight, for they had no way to heat the air in the balloon. Shoes, overcoats, and weapons are reluctantly discarded and the uncomfortable aviators feel their balloon rise. But only temporarily. Soon they find themselves dangerously close to the waves again, so they toss their food. Better to be high and hungry than drown on a full belly!

Unfortunately, this, too, is only a temporary solution and the craft again threatens to lower the mean into the sea. One man has an idea; they can tie the ropes that hold the passenger car and sit on those ropes. Then they can cut away the basket beneath them. As they sever the very thing they had been standing on, it drops into the ocean, and the balloon rises.

Not a minute too soon, they spot land. Eager to stand on terra firma again, the five jump into the water and swim to the island. They live, spared because they were able to discern the difference between what really was needed and what was not. The "necessities" they once thought they couldn't live without were the very weights that almost cost them their lives.

Following God is the hardest work you'll ever love. We have to choose priorities that protect our relationship with the LORD. A growing number of people are making such choices in order to honor Jesus. Let's be among them!

Make it a great week!

Les





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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fbcbluffton.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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10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time

10:15 a.m. – Worship Service