



## When Morning Dawns

Rarely will you find insightful perceptions communicated like those given to us by Jennifer Freitag. Ponder honestly these quotes from her book, *The Shadow Things*.

“Creation groans, awaiting the revelation of the sons of God. It remembers, I think, in dreams, the wonders of the sinless, perfect world. You can hear it in the wild tinkle of the wind through the beech leaves, the splashing of water through cold, crystal streams, the beauty of a hind poised against the sky on a hilltop, and all through heartbreaking, beautiful things that surround us each day. They are memories, dear Indi, memories of long-lost days when God walked with man and all was well.”

“But all these beauties we see are but dreams in the night, whispers of a hope to come beyond the end of this Age, that wonderful Other Thing.... God will not settle for imperfection, but He works His own ways in His own time. That is what we are living for, that is what stirs our sweet dreams each night, both us and the world, and that is what keeps us going through the dark: knowing that a morning is coming. And while we love the beauty of our world, we must remember that it is only a type, a shadow thing, very faintly resembling what is to come.”

Keep Looking Up!

Les

### Upcoming Events

#### Sunday, August 27

9:00 a.m. – Sunday School  
10:05 a.m. – Kids’ Time  
10:15 a.m. – Worship Service

#### Teachers This Sunday

##### Nursery

Angie Bynum / Mary Bishop

##### Kids’ Time

Deb Klopfenstein / Darcy Isch

##### LOL

Margaret McAfee

### Last Week

#### August 20, 2017

#### Attendance

Worship Service – 116  
Sunday School – 58

#### Stewardship Report

##### Giving Toward:

Current Expense	\$2453.00
Missions	\$175.00
Building/ Maint. Fund	\$106.00
Deacons Fund	\$80.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2814.00</b>

## Golf Scramble

Our annual all-church golf outing is all set for Sunday, September 10 at 1:30 p.m. This scramble style tournament is fun because each team takes the best shot from all their teammates on every swing. All skill levels are welcome, from beginners to seasoned golfers. This outing will be held at the Green Valley Golf Club. The cost will be similar to the past – around \$17 per person paid directly to the golf course owner when you arrive. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer to participate.



## Choir

It's that time again! Summer break is over and I am SO EXCITED to begin fall choir rehearsals. You are invited Thursday, September 7th at 6:15 p.m. to join us for a meal and time of fellowship. We will eat, pass out music, and talk about the upcoming choir schedule. If you feel led to sing in the choir this season, we would love to have you! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sarah 260-228-9209. GET EXCITED!



## Women's Bible Study

We will begin on Tuesday, August 29 at 1:00 p.m. with a time of fellowship at Hugh's Bakery and Coffeehouse located at 119 South Main. At that time, we will pass out the study books and ask that you please pay \$12 per book. Then, we will start our regular studies at the church at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5.

## Prayer Ideas

- Pray for our students and teachers as they are in a new school year, especially remember the student on the prayer magnet you may have picked up at church on Christian Education Sunday.
- Pray for our church to grow deeper in the Lord and to reach others with the Good News of a new life in Jesus Christ.
- Pray for healing for those you know who are ill.
- Pray for the protection and unity of our country.

## It's Art

As I write this article we are just a few hours away from the solar eclipse. There has been a great deal of excitement generated by this amazing astronomical event. Unfortunately, today much of the United States is shrouded in cloud cover. If you missed this opportunity, there will be another total eclipse, with Indiana at nearly 100%, on April 8, 2024. Beyond that, you will have to travel to California, Arizona, or Texas for a total eclipse on August 12, 2045. I will be a spry 86-years-young when that day dawns.

God is the Master artist who spoke this creation into existence and keeps it running by the power of His word. The LORD planted in humans a desire to create. There is something deeply satisfying about an abundant garden, the final brush stroke of our painting, or finishing that building project. In these moments we encounter the divine spark of creativity planted in us by God.

But the further we humans drift away from the LORD, the more bizarre our so-called "art" becomes. Modern art covers the entire spectrum from really funny to completely weird. Even in the midst of pervasive modern art absurdity, people still recognize the skillful handiwork of our amazing Creator.

Consider the pair of Scottish students who left a pineapple on an empty display stand at a modern art show for a joke. They returned four days later to find the fruit had been encased in glass and made part of the exhibition. Lloyd Jack and Ruairi Gray, both 22, said they left the \$1.30 store-bought pineapple at the "Look Again" show in Aberdeen, Scotland, in hope that gallery-goers would mistake it for art. The young men were shocked when it was indeed treated as a serious artistic statement.

Jack said, "It just goes to show the ludicrousness of conceptual art." On the other hand, a pineapple really does display the amazing handiwork of our mighty and insightful Creator-God.

Keep on enjoying the beauty! 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:  
New Beginning Church  
Pastor Steve Sutton

### First Baptist Church

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[fbcbluffton.com](http://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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