

Why Are We On Earth?

Labor Day pays tribute to the contributions and achievements of American workers and is traditionally observed on the first Monday in September. It was created by the labor movement in the late 19th century and became a federal holiday in 1894. We certainly honor those who bring home a paycheck. But is there more?

This upcoming holiday caused me to dig deeper into things. In every life there are several streams that come together to form our vocation and help us make sense of life. I think of Britany (not her real name). Her studies, her friendships, her marriage, her work, her children, her faith, together form Britany's vocation; she is making sense of her life as she lives her life.

In his book *Visions of Vocations* Steven Garber points out that most of us are just "ordinary people in ordinary places, each one a story of a life lived as a vocation. None have arrived, and each lives with a keen sense that more could be done. Time and energy, ability and desire – together they are the contours of our lives, and when all is said and done, we have to sleep at night, making peace with who we are and how we lived" (p. 168).

Live wisely. Love well. Enjoy each day.



Les

Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 25

9:00 a.m. – Bible Study

10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time

10:15 a.m. – Worship Service

Teacher Schedule

Sept. 1, 2019

Nursery

Evalyn Fate/ Sydney Collins

Kids' Time

Ruth Ann Monroe/
Chris McFarren

LOL

Remain in service

Stewardship Report

August 25, 2019

Giving Toward:

Current Expenses	2,011.00
Missions	395.00
Building/Maint Fund	147.00
Deacons	10.00
Match Fund	20.00
Street Fair Parking	835.00
Shady Missionaries	80.00
Total	\$ 3,498.00

Street Fair Parking Signs

On Sunday, September 15 we will put up the street fair signs after church. To do this most effectively, we need someone to be the leader. Please contact Les if you are willing to coordinate this effort.

Student Addresses

We would like to stay up-to-date on our addresses of college/trade school students. Please let the church office or Jan Jones know of current addresses. Students or others may text Jan (260-413-9035), just make sure you include the student name along with their address.

Thank You

Dear Church family, Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, and visits during my stay in the hospital. A special thanks to Pastor Les for his many visits. Rose McCormick

Prayer

Please pray healing over the following individuals.

Nancy Pulley is recovering in Bluffton Continuing Care after an auto accident. Nancy has participated in the noon women's Bible study.

Brooke Tonner has had some blackouts and been very worn out. On September 16 she has an appointment to see a pediatric cardiologist.

Chas Isch will have a lump removed from his cheek on Wednesday. Ask God to uplift Chas and Linda with His peace and presence during this uncertain time.

Community Thanks

Dear Friends, I watched in awe as your group gave out pair after pair of brand new shoes... Two of my friends were able to gain from your generosity. They will feel the comfort of new shoes on their little feet because of your efforts. When I think of First Baptist Church, I think "Helpers of those less fortunate and lovers of God." Thank you for the new shoes. Sincerely, Dr. David & Holly Wittbrodt.

New Proposals for the Harry A. McFarren Scholarships

The deacon board proposes that we add the following new criteria (shown with arrows) to the McFarren scholarship program. The first two of these new statements more clearly define common student situations. The third statement will help FBC preserve the fund for future generations. Bullet point items were already a part of the scholarship criteria.

- Applicants must have attended FBC consistently for at least one year. (Such FBC connected students who have been unable to attend FBC while away at college may still apply).
- The deadline to submit a scholarship application by mail or in person is set in the summer of each year.
- Students are solely responsible to stop by or contact the church office in order to receive a scholarship application.
- This scholarship is renewable for each academic year. However, a new application must be submitted each year.
- Checks will be made out directly to the student's school to help offset educational expenses.
- ➔ Full scholarships of \$1,500 are awarded to FBC connected students who are pursuing post-high school education full time (and a full year) as defined by their school.
- ➔ Half scholarships of \$750 are awarded to FBC connected students who are pursuing post-high school education part time (and/or a partial year) as defined by their school.
- ➔ There is a \$6,000 lifetime cap on the amount any one student may receive in scholarship awards.

If you have questions or input, please speak with a deacon. The board will vote to add these items at our September meeting.

Sincerely in Christ,

Board of Deacons



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INVITE A FRIEND

Homebound Members

Christian Care

Mildred Huss – Room 219B

Clyde Shady – Room 228B

Phyllis Shady – Room 254

River Terrace

Eulis West – Room 114

Home

Ed Goetz

Rose McCormick

K Casper Life Center

Judy Bierie – Room 268

Markle Health and Rehabilitation

Larry Gilly – Room 210

Help People Follow Jesus

First Baptist Church

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 First Baptist Church - Bluffton, Indiana

Pastor: Les Cantrell

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This Sunday

9:00 a.m. – Sunday School

10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time

10:15 a.m. – Worship Service