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First Baptist Church Newsletter

August 9, 2023



Can It Be Done?

Sodium is an extremely active element found naturally only in combined form; it always links itself to another element. Chlorine, on the other hand, is the poisonous gas that gives bleach its offensive odor. When sodium and chlorine are combined, the result is sodium chloride – common table salt – the substance we use to preserve meat and bring out its flavor.

Love and truth can be like sodium and chlorine. Love without truth is flighty, sometimes blind, willing to combine with various doctrines. On the other hand, truth by itself can be offensive, sometimes even poisonous. Spoken without love, it can turn people away from the good news about Jesus.

When truth and love combine in an individual or a church, however, then we have what Jesus called “the salt of the earth.” Developing and expressing both essential qualities help us preserve and bring out the beauty of our faith.

But how can we consistently live with both love and truth? It is so easy to lose focus. I will teach and we will discuss this very topic in Sunday school this Sunday morning. We meet in the classroom downstairs at 9:00 o’clock. All are welcome.

Together with you,

Les



Prayer Items

Sandy Langel - home and is being treated with the appropriate medicine.

Ted and Melanie Shady - for the Lord's wisdom in each decision.

Denise Downs - continued peace and wisdom each day.

Gloria Reeves as she continues her journey with hospice.

Herb Heyerly as he continues recovery after back surgery.

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING

The Administrative Board will meet **this Sunday**, August 13. If you are a member of this board, please gather right after the worship service for a brief meeting. If you have questions, call Gary Bynum.

French Christian Mission Report

Glen Shady and his family are back from France for a brief furlough. They are making two presentations in our area and have invited all to join them. Both presentations will be the same content. Please see info below.

First Church of Christ in Bluffton at 6 pm on Sunday, August 13.

Markle Church of Christ at 6 pm on Sunday, August 27.

Teachers for Sunday, August 13

Kids' Time

Ruth Ann Monroe
Chris McFarren

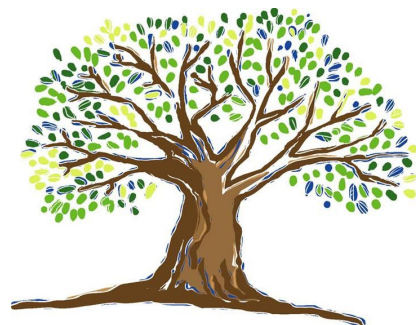
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Traci Heller

Stewardship

August 6, 2023

General Budget	\$2,510.00
Building Maintenance	\$85.00
Missions	\$105.00
Total	\$2,700.00



ALL-CHURCH COOK-OUT

Sponsored by the Board of Christian Education

Date: Sunday, August 20

Time: 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Place: Home of Chas and Linda Isch
6700 E. 400 S.
Bluffton

Provided: Hot dogs, Hamburgers,
Drinks, Table Service, Homemade
Ice Cream

Bring: Large side dish to share



SIGN-UP

Please put your name
and number coming on
the foyer bulletin board.



First Baptist Church
202 W. Cherry Street
Bluffton, Indiana 46714



Sunday

Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service 10:15 a.m.

Kids' Time 10:10 a.m.

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