

Here's a guy who refuses to focus on the traditional refrains of autumn being a time of sad falling leaves and death. Faith's eyes can see brilliance and laughter in every season. Enjoy! See you again soon!

Les

"Merry Autumn" by Paul Laurence Dunbar

It's all a farce,—these tales they tell
About the breezes sighing,
And moans astir o'er field and dell,
Because the year is dying...

A butterfly goes winging by;
A singing bird comes after;
And Nature, all from earth to sky,
Is bubbling o'er with laughter...

The earth is just so full of fun
It really can't contain it;
And streams of mirth so freely run
The heavens seem to rain it.

Don't talk to me of solemn days
In autumn's time of splendor,
Because the sun shows fewer rays,
And these grow slant and slender.

Why, it's the climax of the year,
The highest time of living!
Till naturally its' bursting cheer,
Just melts into Thanksgiving.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, Sept. 24

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

Tuesday, Sept. 27

1:00 p.m. – Women's Bible Study

Teachers This Sunday

Nursery

Evalyn Fate / Alexis Collins

Kids' Time

Joyce Evans / Chris McFarren

LOL

Margaret McAfee

Last Week

Sept. 17, 2017

Attendance

Worship Service – 114
Sunday School – 49

Stewardship Report

Giving Toward:

Current Expense	\$3139.49
Missions	\$245.00
Building/ Maint. Fund	\$56.00
Deacons Fund	\$20.00
OGHS - Hurricane	\$100.00
Street Fair Parking	\$95.00
Total:	\$3655.49



No Newsletter

There will not be a newsletter next week. Please make careful note, in this newsletter, of events scheduled for the first week in October.

Continuing Education

Pastor Les and Debbie leave this Wednesday for continuing education and the church office will be closed this Wednesday and Thursday. Mary Bishop will cover the office next Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Les and Debbie will return to the office on Thursday, Sept. 28. Please contact a deacon if you need pastoral care while Les is away.

Choir Reminder

The first Choir practice is scheduled for Thursday, October 5 at 7:00 p.m. Even if you couldn't make the kick-off, we would still love to have you join us to sing.



Hey Kids!



Calling all kids! Join us for pizza and ice cream on Wednesday, October 4 at 5:15 p.m. in the LOL room. We will do some activities together and may split up into age-based groups for others. Our time will include a lesson, music with Sarah, and games or a craft.

Prayer

Prayer – Street Fair is a festive time in Bluffton. There are many good things to eat and cool things to see. But please pray for protection over our town. Unfortunately, ungodly people often seize this chance to do evil. Also ask that our police officers have wisdom.



WORLD MISSION OFFERING

During the month of October, we will collect our World Mission Offering. This money will go to support Pastor Jon and Amanda Good and their four children. To refresh your memory, their family is endorsed to prepare for ministries of evangelism, discipleship, and education in partnership with the Baptist Union of Hungary.



Currently they are finishing up their Missionary Boot Camp in North Carolina where they receive cross-cultural training and language acquisition study. A key verse in their training is 2 Corinthians 4:5 "For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake."

The next big step for the Goods is their commissioning service which will take place on October 28 at the Covenant Baptist Church in West Bloomfield, Michigan. You can see their current newsletter and invitation to their commissioning on the bulletin board near the entryway.



You can support the Good family by giving to the World Mission Offering in October. Envelopes will be available in the pews. Make the check out to First Baptist Church and place it in a WMO envelope. Write your name on the outside of the envelope.



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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:
Sonlight Wesleyan Church
Pastor Lyle Breeding

First Baptist Church

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 First Baptist Church - Bluffton, Indiana

Pastor: Les Cantrell
Cell phone: 260-273-9073
Music Director: Sarah Landell
Secretary: Debbie Cantrell

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