

INTRODUCING:

Blaine Tonner

Blaine is a sophomore at Southern Wells High School. He is active in FFA and competes in the small engines events. During spring he is involved in track, where he competes in the high jump. I'm sure his height helps in that event! Blaine's favorite color is blue and a favorite food is fried chicken. His favorite season is summer. Blaine likes mechanics, and this past summer he enjoyed working on a four-wheeler. He also likes a lot of outdoor activities like fishing and shooting. Blaine's parents are Trent and Michelle, and on Sundays you can usually find Blaine sitting up in the balcony with his family. When asked what he likes about our church he said, "The service – all of it." Thanks Blaine! We are glad that you are a part of our church family, and are excited to see the great things God has in store for your future.

This Week

Wednesday, Sept. 26

5:15 p.m. – Movin' Up

7:00 p.m. – Choir Kick-off

Thursday, Sept. 27

6:00 p.m. – Deacon Meeting

Sunday, Sept. 30

9:00 a.m. – Sunday School

9:50 a.m. – Coffee

10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time

10:15 a.m. – Worship Service

Teachers This Sunday

Nursery

Sidney Collins/ Evy Fate

Kids' Time

Judy Wanner/ Loren Wanner

LOL

Debbie Cantrell

Stewardship Report

Sept. 23, 2018

Giving Toward:

Current Expense	\$3228.00
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Missions	\$570.00
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Building/ Maint. Fund	\$360.00
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Memorial	\$70.00
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Total:	\$4,228.00
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Evening Women's Bible Study

We are excited to announce a new Women's Monday Night Bible Study which will begin on October 8. It will be from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the church. We will be studying the book *Women of the Bible* by Ann Spangler and Jean Syswerda. The book costs \$11. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer for those who wish to join. If you have further questions, please contact Julia Duncan, 260-227-1989.

Ouabache State Park Events

Trunk or Treat – The State Park will host their first annual event for people to pass out candy to children. It will be held Saturday, October 20 at the pool parking lot from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Individuals can sign-up to participate by calling 260-824-0926. Entrance fee is waived for those handing out candy.

Wonderland of Lights – For the past couple of years FBC has decorated a display in the campground area of the State Park. Lights will be displayed from Nov. 30 – Dec. 30, 2018. If you want to head this up, please call the church office and let us know. Our coordinator would register by calling Kathy Schwartz, president of Friends of Ouabache State Park. Contact her at friendsofouabache@gmail.com or call 260-341-1971.

Great Day of Golf

This past Sunday we had eighteen people attend our annual golf scramble. Rain forced us to postpone two weeks prior. But on Sunday we were blessed with an idyllic afternoon to play nine holes. The following people won various contests.

Colleen Caylor Longest Drive (Women)

Ed Baker Longest Drive (Men)

Ben Caylor Longest Putt (Hole #5)

Mason Heller Longest Putt (Hole #9)

We would to thank Chas Isch and Bob Grove for organizing this tournament and assembling the teams.

Directory Updates

Please make these additions and changes to your church directory.

Phyllis Shady
720 E Dustman Rd #164
Bluffton, In 46714
260-565-3054

Jim & Deb Klopfenstein
2831 N 450 E
Craigville, IN 46731

Larry Gilly
170 N. Tracy St. # 210
Markle, IN 46770

We Sailed North

As promised, hurricane Florence bashed and drenched the Carolinas. We were tremendously thankful we changed plans. After adjusting our sails, we landed on the southeast side of Lake Michigan. In Bluffton, the hot temperatures made some Street Fair activities almost unbearable. But the weather was perfect for our time away and alone with God.

When a person sets aside time for spiritual retreat, the primary hope is to see God in some fresh way. My guiding devotional made these statements: "Pay attention to the wonder of it all... If God never leaves us or forsakes us, then He is always present. You owe it to yourself to be more aware of His position in your situation. God is here... and glory comes with Him."

In my journal I wrote: "LORD, I feel Your presence in the breeze out on this deck near Lake Michigan. White clouds drift above the tall pines and evergreens. A bird periodically flits past and flies into the trees. Life is literally saturated with Your presence. In Christ everything in creation holds together. Concerning Jesus Your word says, 'And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together' (Colossians 1:17). Eternal Creator, You hold the whole universe together with consistency and beauty."

Here was my rub. It's usually pretty easy to see and sense God's presence on a gorgeous day sipping steaming coffee on a deck. But can my God-perception be equally real when life gets busy? Again my devotional provided some relevant thoughts. "Every day we start afresh in God's love. We carry over no negativity into the next dawn. When the sun rises to greet the day, so do we... We live, one day at a time. The mindset with which you begin each day will give you the ability to perceive God - even in the little things. But a negative mindset will only cause you to be weighed down by circumstances."

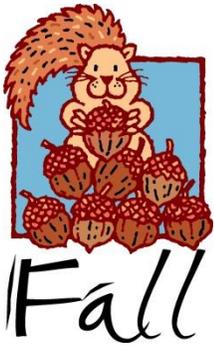
Thankful for all of you!

Les





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Homebound Members

Christian Care

Mildred Huss – Room 219B
Clyde Shady – Room 228B

River Terrace

Eulis West – Room 220

Home

Ed Goetz
Rose McCormick

K Casper Life Center

Judy Bierie – Room 268

Markle Health and Rehabilitation

Larry Gilly – Room 210

As we co-labor with other churches
in our community,
this week we pray for:
Lancaster Chapel United Methodist
Pastor Dennis Leinbach

First Baptist Church

260-824-1558

firstbaptist@adamswells.com

fbcbluffton.com

 First Baptist Church - Bluffton, Indiana

Pastor: Les Cantrell

Cell phone: 260-273-9073

Music Director: Julie Cantrell

Secretary: Debbie Cantrell

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