THE LINK

Sept. 5, 2018







INTRODUCING:

Hannah Brickley

Hannah is a sophomore at Norwell High School. She plays the alto saxophone in the marching band, concert band, and pep band. You can see her perform this Saturday with the Marching Knights at the Bluffton Marching Hannah's favorite color is Band Contest. purple and some of her favorite foods are steak and shrimp. A couple of her favorite movies are Book Thief and Phantom of the Opera. Hannah likes the season of fall the best, especially because her birthday is in September. In her free time, she likes to draw and sketch and is quite good at art. Hannah has an older sister named Rachel. Her parents are Kevin and Donna Brickley, and Ruth Temple is her grandmother. Hannah is a regular in Sunday school where she is a good thinker and contributor to the lessons. When asked what she likes about our church, her answer was, "the people." You can often find Hannah working at the sound board during the worship service. We appreciate her help and are thankful that she is a part of our church family!

This Week

Sunday, Sept. 9

9:00 a.m. – Sunday School 9:50 a.m. – Coffee, The Gathering Place 10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time 10:15 a.m. – Worship Service 1:30 p.m. – Golf Scramble

Teachers This Sunday

Nursery

Davis Family

Kids' Time

Ruth Ann Monroe / Chris McFarren

LOL

Traci Heller

Stewardship Report

Sept. 2, 2018

Giving Toward:

Current Expense	\$2472.00
Missions	\$360.00
Building/ Maint. Fund	\$220.00
Deacons Fund	\$75.00
Memorial	\$70.00
Street Fair Parking	\$65.00
Funeral Dinner	\$150.00

Total: \$3,412.00

Golf Reminder

This coming Sunday, September 9 at 1:30 p.m. we will gather at Green Valley Golf Club, break into groups, and start our "best-ball" scramble. The talent levels run from beginners to seasoned golfers. The cost will be \$17, which includes the use of a cart. Each person will pay the course owners directly upon arrival.

Women's Bible Study

A new Bible study will begin Monday, October 1 at 1:00 p.m. at the church. It is an 8-week study titled *Women of Christmas* by Liz Curtis Higgs. The book is easy to read and there is not a lot of preparation. It is a hardback and will cost around \$15.00. We will meet for lunch



to visit and pass out the books on Tuesday, September 25 at the Hugh's Bakery and Coffeehouse. This Sunday is the final sign-up so we can get the books ordered. Please direct any questions to Jan Jones, 260-824-4173.

Street Fair Worship Night

Area churches will host a worship night during Street Fair at the main stage across from the Wells County Library. Everyone is invited to participate on Wednesday, September 19 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Thank You

Dear First Baptist Church Family, Thank you for your cards, kind words, thoughts and prayers during the loss of my brother. We are so blessed to be a part of such a caring church. Dick Crispen.

To Mom's family in faith, Thank you for providing such a wonderful place for our family and friends to gather and be nourished. It was amazing! Mike, Doug, Angie (children of Barbara French)

Movin' Up

Calling all kids! Join us for pizza on Wednesday, September 26 in the basement. We will have food and games together and will split up into age-based groups for the lesson. Our meeting time will be from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Choir

Our choir kick-off is Wednesday, September 26 in The Gathering Place at 7:00 p.m. Come for dessert, fellowship, and a little singing as we gear up for our new choir season. All are welcome!

Created for Work

Labor Day is over for another year. But the value of productivity remains with us. Part of moving from childhood to adulthood involves work. All young people should be on the road to developing a healthy attitude toward work. Honest productive work is the backbone for strong families and blessed nations. Scripture reveals that godliness includes diligence (Prov. 10:4). Unemployment is not a sin. But being lazy is an offense toward God. A poem by M.A. Stodart presents this calling well.

Work while you work, play while you play.
That is the way to be cheerful all day.
All that you do, do with all your might.
Things done by halves are never done right.
One thing each time and that done well
is a very good rule as many can tell.
Moments are useless trifled away; so
Work while you work and play while you play.

Modern culture seems to be addicted to ease and entertainment. There are numerous people today who are educated yet often dishonest, unproductive, and weak-willed. God desires higher standards for His people. The LORD is looking for youth who do not shy away from hard work, who are not afraid to get their hands dirty, who can follow directions, think creatively, respect authority, and happily complete their duties in a timely manner. These are the ones the Creator is training up to be future parents, teachers, and leaders.

The Creator is our example. So argues Bob Schultz in his book *Created for Work* (Great Expectations Book Co., Eugene, OR, 2006). God didn't have to put intricate designs on the wings of moths and butterflies. He could have made them gray. He didn't have to paint a frog's eye gold, He could have made them all black. God adds distinct and beautiful touches to each thing He makes.

The LORD's energy and creativity are without measure. They overflow into everything He does. Drudgery and bare minimums have no part in His work. Whatever God does is not only useful, but also beautiful and fascinating. Some things He makes are simple. Yet their simplicity is a work of art. God puts His heart into His work. He doesn't finish things just to get them over with. He commands us to do the same, "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men" (Col. 3:23). In that verse, the word "heartily" means energetically or vigorously.

Make it a great week!

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Homebound Members

As we co-labor with other churches

in our community,

this week we pray for:

Hope Missionary Church

Pastor Gary Aupperle

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 114

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First Baptist Church - Bluffton, Indiana

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