

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

A CHURCH UNITED TO ENJOY GOD'S GRACE AND EXTEND HIS GLORY



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Sunday Mornings

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Morning Worship

5:00 p.m. Life Groups

Wednesday Evenings

6:30 p.m. Men's & Women's Bible Studies

Children's Ministries



From the Pastor's Pen...



There is a change in the air. Winter is slowly losing its grip and Spring is pushing its way in bringing with it hints of new life and glimmers of hope that the death grip of Winter is finally being pried loose. The trees are starting to bud, the grass is beginning to turn green, the birds are beginning their symphony of song as they announce the arrival of Spring. It's funny isn't it? When we find ourselves in the icy grip of Winter it feels like we will never experience the freedom of Spring again. However, regardless of how severe the Winter is, no matter how deep the snow, no matter how icy the streets, Spring always arrives with a radiant warmth that steadfastly melts the snow and ice and sets free all of those who have been trapped in Winter's icy grip.

As I consider this, I am reminded of the Passion of Christ. Imagine the emotions of the followers of Jesus on that Friday. Their hearts were gripped with fear that refused to let go. As they watched their Master beaten by the soldiers, the grip of fear grew tighter and tighter. When Jesus walked up that long road to Golgotha the followers of Christ were shrouded with dread and despair. Their throats ached with cries to severe to find expression. Their minds were numb as they saw the One who had healed multitudes being nailed to a rugged cross. As they watched Jesus dying on the cross death strangled any hope of life they might have entertained. When Jesus breathed His last it was as if their very breath had been taken from them. The day turned dark and this darkness filled their minds with a grip that seemingly would never let go.

The grip of death only grew more severe as Friday bled into Saturday and the reality of Jesus' death sunk in. It wasn't a nightmare. It really happened. The One they were sure was the Bread of Life was gone. Jesus was dead and so, too, was their hope. They hid in the upper room terrified of what would happen next. Their faith was shackled by fear and their hope was shrouded with despair. They witnessed Jesus' death. They could not escape the ramifications. They would never be free.

But just as Winter always gives way to Spring, the fierce grip of death discovered that there was a greater power at work on Sunday morning. Just when it seemed there was no hope, just when it seemed death had won the victory, just when it seemed that Satan had locked the followers in a grip of fear that was unbreakable, the women who went to the tomb discovered it was empty! The same power that had healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, made the deaf hear, and cast out demons, now raised Jesus from the dead. On that Sunday morning the followers discovered that death could not defeat Him, and the grave could not hold Him. Jesus had risen! He was alive! The grip of fear was broken and replaced with a love that will never let them go. The grip of despair was ripped apart as the hope of the resurrection overwhelmed the darkness with brilliant cascades of light!

This resurrection season experience the power that comes from a resurrected Savior. Whatever you are facing right now has no power over you. It has no grip on you. The power of despair, of shame, of guilt, and of fear have been broken by the power of Jesus Christ! We are more than conquerors with Christ Jesus. Right now, put your trust in the One who has defeated sin, death, and hell and has been raised with all power. Jesus is alive! Since He is alive, He gives you new life to live life with abundance. Experience the power of the Resurrection!

Dr. John Duncan



Leadership Team

Greetings from the FBC Leadership Team,

Over the past few months we have been talking about how we need to act towards our church family: forgiveness, unity, and thankfulness. But what about doing for others - our brothers and sisters in the church as well as those in our community?

It is important for us to realize that God has created us to do good things or good works that will benefit others. Ephesians 2:10 says "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do." While we do not obtain anything from God by working for it, He gives His grace, mercy, and love freely, and the result is the production of good works which benefit others around us. It is wonderful to realize that this has always been His plan for us, these good works were prepared for us ahead of time by God, and hopefully it spurs us on to want to do more for Him and others.

Over the past month or two we have been offering and making known the many opportunities to serve in our church. There are many forms of ministry available that will benefit the church body as well as our surrounding community. Most of these are listed in our welcome center. As you look at these, take time to consider/pray about what good works God would have you do for His kingdom.

Our team members are: Pastor – Dr. John Duncan; Elders – John Dillon, Tom Gruenloh, Todd Jasper, Bruce Reinhart, Bill Whittington; Deacons – Rod Haskins, Phil Malone, Tim Harris, Eric Herndon, and Phil Hostetler.

Thank you for your prayers for us and our church.

In Him,

FBC Leadership Team



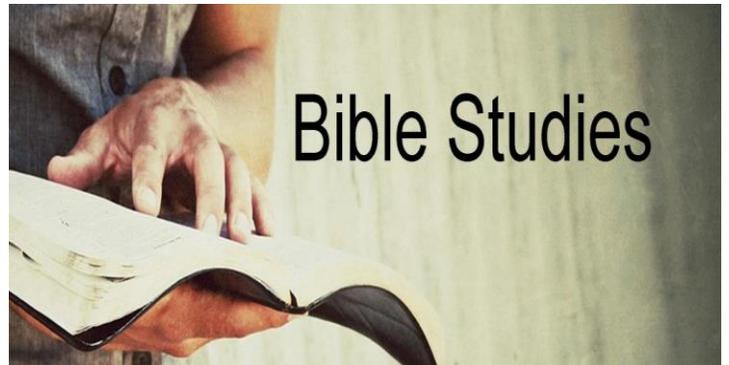
Men's Ministry

Our Men continue meeting on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm. We are presently working through the book, **The Ten Commandments** by Kevin DeYoung. We have been challenged by the relevance of these commandments and how they impact our everyday life. We are averaging 19 men each Wednesday. Come and join us as we continue learning how God's Commandments encircle us with His love and guide us in our pursuit of holiness.

We also meet on the first Saturday of each month for our Men's Breakfast. Our next breakfast will be on Saturday, April 6th @ 9:00 am. Make plans now to join us. Keep looking for some upcoming opportunities for ministry. We will be making plans soon to put teams together to help with the replant of a church in Evansville. We will be putting together construction teams, VBS teams, and survey teams.

Women's Ministry

Our women are meeting on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm and are presently working through the book, **The Faithful**. This book looks at various men and women of the Bible and shows how we, too, can be faithful in the calling God has placed on our lives. All women are encouraged to join us for a time of study and fellowship.



Youth & Children's Ministries

The Youth & Children are meeting on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm. All Youth & Children are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to grow in the Lord.



Just Older Youth with Joyful Hearts

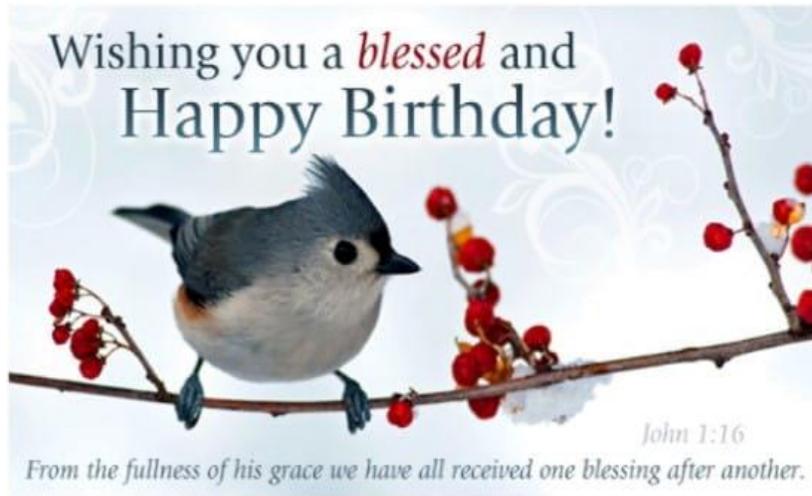
The Joy Group met for their monthly luncheon on Thursday, March 21st at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. They had 19 in attendance and enjoyed a great meal and wonderful fellowship. The meal was followed up with a presentation by Emily Linnenbach from Heartland Cardiology. She shared the signs and symptoms of a heart attack and stroke and provided a great deal of helpful information on avoiding these as well as indicators that one has suffered a stroke.

They will be meeting again for our luncheon on Thursday, April 18th at 11:00 am. Morgan Schaeffer from the Timbers will be sharing with us concerning the various activities and opportunities the Timers can provide. All those 55 and over are encouraged to attend for a great time of food and fellowship.

Christ in the Passover

What do the Jewish Passover and Jesus' last supper have in common? Ofer Levy, with Jews for Jesus, will answer that question as he presents "Christ in the Passover" during our morning worship on April 14th. You will gain wonderful insights on how the pieces of God's plan for salvation fit together, and you'll remember this visual display of the Passover pageantry for years to come. You won't want to miss this special service as we celebrate Christ in the Passover from Egypt to Calvary to what it means for us today.

Life Groups will begin on April 28th and go through May. The emphasis will be on, Who's your one. Make plans to attend a group this session. Please watch your Sunday bulletin for further details.



April Birthday's

4 Amelia Harris

10 Randall Weales

12 Joline Latham

21 Nancie Dillon

28 LaVerne Mangold

29 Kenny Schnell

*Your First Baptist Church Family
would like to wish each of you a
Happy Birthday!*





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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

<p>Resurrection Sunday Sunrise Service 7:30 a.m. Breakfast following</p>	1	2	3 Adult Bible Studies Youth & Children's Ministries 6:30 p.m.	4	5 American Red Cross Blood Drive FBC Fellowship Hall 2 - 6 p.m.	6 Men's Breakfast 9:00 a.m.
7 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Morning Worship 10:15 a.m.	8	9	10 Adult Bible Studies Youth & Children's Ministries 6:30 p.m.	11	12	13
14 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Christ in Passover 10:15 a.m.	15	16	17 Adult Bible Studies Youth & Children's Ministries 6:30 p.m.	18 J.O.Y. Group 11:00 a.m.	19	20
21 Resurrection Sunday Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Morning Worship 10:15 a.m.	22	23	24 Adult Bible Studies Youth & Children's Ministries 6:30 p.m.	25	26	27
28 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Morning Worship 10:15 a.m. Small Groups 5:00 pm	29	30				