

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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



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First Baptist Church

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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...*



Spring is in the air and we are so thrilled to know that it is coming. It has been a cold, rainy Winter. So often Winter is difficult for people. The dreary weather tends to bring us down and the cold weather can cut right to the bone. So, when we enter the month of March, we begin to long for those signs of new life to spring up all around us.

As you notice the signs of life all around you, I pray that you will take inventory of your heart. Are there areas of your heart that have slumbered through the Winter? Like the trees that lost their leaves and the grass that dried up and died, have you discovered that spiritually you have had the life depleted from you? As I look out my window, I notice that the trees still seem dry and dead. The grass is still brown. The flowers are nowhere to be found, but I know the new life is coming.

What about you? You may have found yourself treading water during the Winter just going through the motions in a spiritual slumber. But deep inside I know the new life is waiting to come forth. As we enter the month of March, why don't we take a close look at our lives and determine to go deep into God's Word so that like the trees and the flowers we might burst forth with life. There are so many ways for you to grow in Christ this Spring. You can get connected with a small group that meets on Sunday mornings at 9:00 and grow in your grasp of God's Word as well as forming life-long connections with other believers. You can also get connected to one of our Small Groups that will begin meeting this month on various evenings in various homes. This will provide you with another opportunity to live life together with other believers and be encouraged in the Word.

We just completed our Ministry Fair at the end of February and highlighted the various ministries of our church. There are so many opportunities for you to get plugged into ministry and use your giftedness to serve the body of Christ. Just like the flowers and the trees need sunshine, warm weather, and water to grow and come back to life, we need the Son shining in our lives through the warmth of Christian fellowship and the saturation of God's Word into our lives so that we can spring forth into service for our Lord and once again experience the joy of being His children. So, look for signs of life in the church and plug into ministry so that you can come alive for Christ and experience one of the greatest seasons of your life.

Dr. John Duncan



## Leadership Team

Greetings from the FBC Leadership Team.

Forgiveness. Something we talk about in church; something we all need. We certainly need forgiveness from the LORD. I John 1:8-10 says: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us. So, we are all sinful, but the LORD is faithful and just (just because of Christ's work on the cross) to forgive us.

But what about our forgiveness of others, especially those around us in the church. What about those who visit and/or start attending our church who have made choices that have put them on the wrong side of the laws of our society or are living a lifestyle that we deem as sinful? The fact is we have all sinned. (Romans 3:23) We have all made bad choices and continue to do so and we certainly would not want everyone knowing about every bad thing we have done. So again, we all need forgiveness from the LORD, but we also need forgiveness from each other.

As our church continues to grow and more people attend with different pasts, different problems, different faults, this will become a greater challenge for all of us. Only through prayer for ourselves (confessing and repenting of our own sins), prayer for each other (extending forgiveness and grace), and prayer for our leadership (as they try to balance the church's grace towards others and the protection of the body) can we continue to be A Church to Enjoy God's Grace and Extend His Glory. In this case we extend His glory by extending the grace of forgiveness to others.

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

Thank you for your prayers for us and our church.

In Him,

FBC Leadership Team



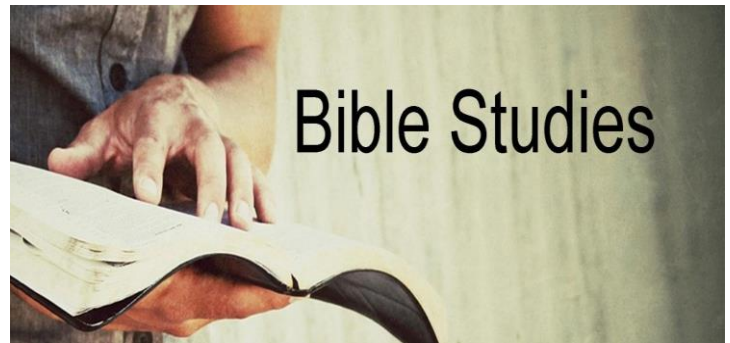
## Men's Ministry

Our Men's Ministry continues meeting on Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 for Bible Study. We are presently working through the book, **The Ten Commandments** by Kevin DeYoung. We are averaging about 17 men each night. We encourage all men to come and join us as we discover how to demonstrate our love for God by walking according to His Word.

Our Men are also meeting on the first Saturday of each month for their Men's Breakfast at 9:00 am. Last month we enjoyed a great breakfast together and Bob Cox shared with us about the new church plant in Evansville, Indiana that he is involved with. We learned of their plans to launch the replant of North Park Baptist Church on April 14<sup>th</sup>. We are planning on putting together some mission teams to help them this Summer with construction, VBS, and survey work.

## Women's Ministry

Our Women continue meeting on Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 for Bible Study. They are presently studying **The Faithful** with studies on the heroes of the Old Testament. All ladies are encouraged to join them for a time of fellowship and study.



## Youth & Children's Ministries

The Youth & Children's Ministries are meeting on Wednesday Evenings at 6:30 pm.



## *Just Older Youth with Joyful Hearts*

The JOY Group meets on the third Thursday of each month at 11:00 am for their monthly luncheon. Their next luncheon will be on Thursday, March 21. All those 55 and over are invited to join them for a great meal and fellowship as well as a word of encouragement.

## Sunday School



Hey! It's time for everyone to Spring into Sunday School. If you are not presently attending a Sunday School class, you are missing a great opportunity to get connected with others and to grow in your faith. Why not take advantage of this change of seasons to make a change in your own life. We have classes for all age groups and would love for everyone to get connected so we can grow together in our love for each other and our love for the Lord. We'll be looking for you.





## March Birthday's

3 Jeff Harlow	5 Russell Busick
12 Jennifer Derr	13 Christy Thrasher
14 Elise Herndon	15 Bruce Reinhart
23 Joyce Rose	27 Frank Dedrick
27 Isaac Herndon	29 Linda Washburn
30 Valerie Kippenbrock	



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



# March 2019

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



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Men's Breakfast  
9:00 a.m.

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Sunday School  
9:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship  
10:15 a.m.

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Adult Bible Studies  
Youth & Children's  
Ministries  
6:30 p.m.

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Sunday School  
9:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship  
10:15 a.m.

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Adult Bible Studies  
Youth & Children's  
Ministries  
6:30 p.m.

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Sunday School  
9:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship  
10:15 a.m.

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Adult Bible Studies  
Youth & Children's  
Ministries  
6:30 p.m.

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J.O.Y. Group  
11:00 a.m.

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Sunday School  
9:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship  
10:15 a.m.

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Adult Bible Studies  
Youth & Children's  
Ministries  
6:30 p.m.

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