

Beacon Light

**We live to Grow Christ's kingdom by
passionately sharing His truth in love.**

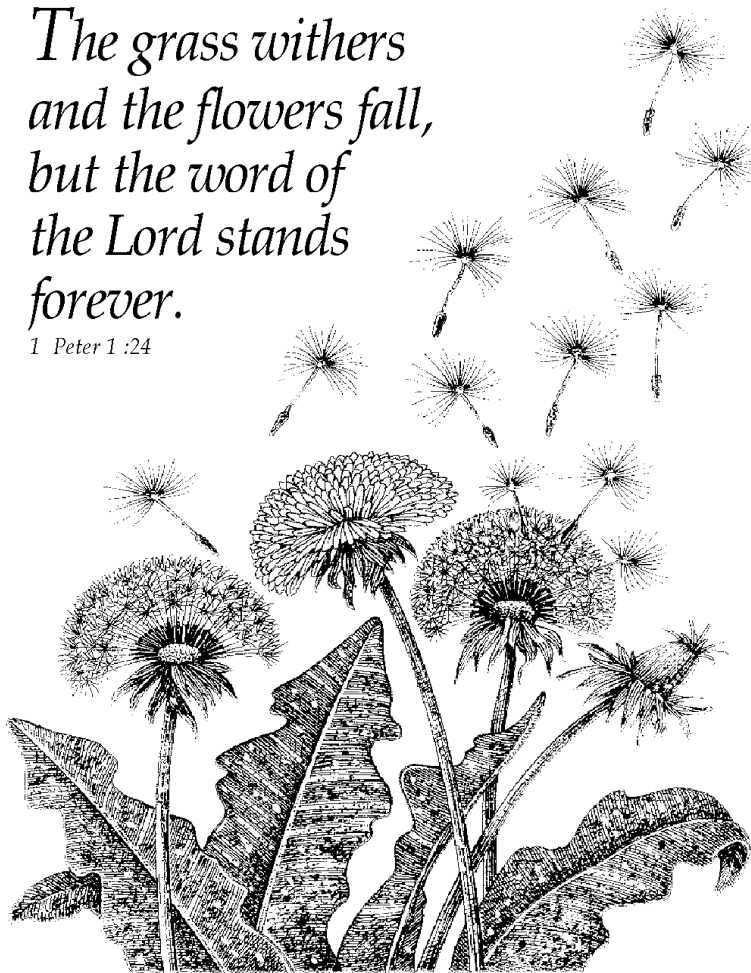
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*The grass withers
and the flowers fall,
but the word of
the Lord stands
forever.*

1 Peter 1:24





Happy Birthday

- 3 Samone Shepherd
- 6 Travis Grabbe
- 7 Wanda Donham
- 9 Bethany Hart
- 10 Cheryl Salters
- 11 Mary Ann Cress, Hope Sydow
- 16 Tabatha Provine
- 18 Zachary Alkire
- 25 Jason Boyles
- 27 Max Nickless, Lois Scott
- 29 Kinzie Clinkenbeard
- 30 Mary Stein



Celebrating

An Anniversary This Month

Happy 36th Anniversary to Randy & Sharon Hobson on June 1st.

Happy 44th Anniversary to Robert & Helen Maze on June 12th.

Happy 16th year to Shawn & Bobette York on June 17th.

Happy 24th Anniversary to Greg & Deardre Wampler on June 18th.

Happy 11th Anniversary to Ed & Marjorie Spencer on June 26th.

Happy 18th Anniversary to Doug & Bonnie Sydow on June 27th.

Happy 25th Anniversary to Gib & Barbara Vance on June 29th.



Have you ever had a frustrating day? A day when nothing seems to be going in the right direction? When it would seem like the right choice for the day would be to go back to bed and stay there!

It seems like every once in a while I have a day where everything I touch falls apart. Everything I try to accomplish fails. Every conversation that I am in goes in the wrong direction. I want to quit. I want to give up. I want to go home and

lay on the couch and watch TV.

But... God always gives me the right perspective on life.

“I want to report to you, friends, that my imprisonment here has had the opposite of its intended effect. Instead of being squelched, the Message has actually prospered. All the soldiers here, and everyone else, too, found out that I'm in jail because of this Messiah. That piqued their curiosity, and now they've learned all about him. Not only that, but most of the followers of Jesus here have become far more sure of themselves in the faith than ever, speaking out fearlessly about God, about the Messiah.” Philippians 1:12-14

The Message

Paul was in prison for his faith. That had to be frustrating. He was called to be a traveling preacher and now he was confined to his house! My little frustrations are nothing compared to his suffering! And yet he has powerful words for us. He tells us:

*“Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. **For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.**”* Philippians 18:18-21 NIV

Paul tells us that no matter what kind of suffering he faces, he will rejoice. He knows that the suffering that he is facing is just for this world, and that there is hope in the future. He then says one of the most profound things that I have ever heard: **For me to live is Christ and to die is gain.**

Puts everything in perspective doesn't he?

Our lives are not for us, they are for Christ. We live not to serve ourselves but Him. We live not to have lives free from frustration, but to live as worshipers of Him in every situation.

And more importantly: To LIVE WITH THE HOPE THAT HE PROVIDES.

Remember that frustration is something to celebrate!

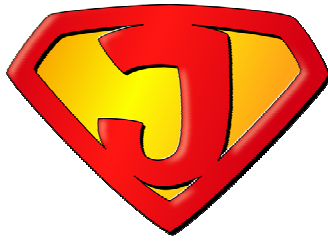


NEWS FROM THE PEWS

MOTHER & DAUGHTER BANQUET -Saturday, May 1st approximately 80 women enjoyed a sweet Mother's Day Dinner. "Chocolate" was the theme in decorations, favors, door prizes and 10 varieties of chocolate desserts. Gi-normous thanks to the Nacho Crew of men who prepared and served a delicious meal (and cleaned up too!). Following dinner, we enjoyed special piano music performed by Sara Heller; sang praise choruses; and were inspired, encouraged, and challenged by Lauren Alexander who gave us a new perspective on the book of Ruth. Thanks again, Sara and Lauren; thank you, Thomas Estabrook (sound tech); and many thanks to the Joanna Missionary Circle who prepared the desserts and worked hard to make this event a blessing to all.

MOTHERS DAY What a beautiful day to celebrate some beautiful women. On May 9th we honored the mother of our congregation. There were some special moms who receive an extra special gift. During the first service The oldest mother was Doris DeCoursey, the mother with the most children/grandchildren present was Margaret Hart and the Mother who could find a vile of fingernail polish in her purse the fastest was Marianne Reel. During the second service the oldest was Anna Mae Robinson, the mother with most children/grandchildren was Jane Sydow and the fastest mother with the fingernail polish in the purse was Lisa Cress. These mothers received a special planter. Each mother of the church received a bookmark and a flower as they left the service.

GRADUATIONS SUNDAY –This year we again want to honor not only our high school seniors, but also, those graduating from college. We congratulate our North Knox High School graduates: Lynette Johnson, Sheyenne Shepherd and Oslын Rogers. Our college graduates are: Thomas Estabrook who graduated from ISU with a Masters Degree in Public Administration, Katie Boberg who graduated from VU with a Bachelors Degree in Social Work, Jenny Boberg who graduated from USI with a degree in Nursing, Dusty McKimmy who graduated from VU with a degree in Robotics, Martha Vance who graduated from Franklin College with a Major in Music and a Minor in History & Ben McVay who graduated from VU with a degree in Surgical Technology. Please keep all these young people in your prayers as they start their futures.



THE JESUS LEAGUE

COME AND ENJOY A SUPER TIME ON JULY
26TH-30TH FROM 9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home/Cell Phone () _____ Age _____

Grade going into _____

In case of emergency, contact _____

Number of emergency contact _____

Parent or Guardian _____

Allergies or other medical conditions _____

Home Church _____

Do you need transportation? _____

Address for pick up _____

Squad # (for church use only): _____

MEMORIALS 2010

We remember the light and life of Marifrances Cone. Marifrances, along with her husband, Don, could be seen in their pew at church almost every Sunday morning for services until she became ill and was unable to attend. She was a quiet and loving lady who cared for her husband and family dearly. She also loved her two cats, Rosie and Posie who kept her company and provided her comfort when she became bed-fast near the end of her illness. Marifrances left her earthly home when she lost her battle with cancer on June 15, 2009, and gained entry to her Heavenly Home where she'll live forevermore with Jesus, her Savior and Lord.

We remember the light and life of Grace Pickett who went to be with her Lord on July 26, 2009. Grace was the mother of Joan Kotlarsky. Grace lived in Linton while raising her family, then moved to Bicknell where she resided for approximately 20 years. Due to her aging years and declining strength she resided in a nursing home the last several years of her life. The Lord took her home after she reached the age of 98.

We remember the light and life of Ron Groteguth, father of Jill Woodburn. Ron was known by most town-folk, having worked for the city for many years. He always had a ready smile and a "Hello" for those he met. Ron was a member of the Bethel Church but attended First Baptist with his daughter and family periodically. Ron went to be with his Heavenly Father on July 31, 2009.

We remember the light and life of Bud Berrey, who departed this life on August 1, 2009. He attended this church faithfully for many years, along with his good friend, June Jones, before moving to Indianapolis where he could be closer to his daughter and family. Bud can be remembered by his funny stories he had to share with anyone who would stop to talk with him. Bud was in ill health the last few years of his life but he now resides in Heaven where disease no longer has control over his body and he can walk and even run without a cane or a limp.

We remember the light and life of Warren Stewart, beloved Pastor of Bicknell First Baptist Church from 1984 to 1999. Warren, along with his wife Maxine, could well be remembered by all who knew them for their love for God, love for the people of this church, love for the people of this community, love for their dog Toto, love for each other, and love for life. Warren was also well known for his sparkling personality, his humor and his story telling about his growing-up years in Salem, IN. Warren gave of himself unceasingly to his congregation and to anyone who needed a helping hand or kind word. At his death on August 10, 2009, when he walked through those gates of pearl, God was sure to have met him there and said to him, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

We remember the light and life of **Carolyn Arthur**, wife of Arley Arthur, mother of Larry Johnson, and grandmother of Lynette Johnson. Carolyn loved all her family very dearly and was instrumental in seeing that they all attend church. Carolyn followed her Lord in baptism on June 22, 1992 at which time she became a member of FBC. Carolyn loved sharing the Scriptures with others, as evidenced by her volunteering to read the Word during Sunday morning worship services, even when her ability to walk and her eyesight was failing her. Carolyn traded her earthly home for her Heavenly Home on September 8, 2009 where she doesn't have to depend on her eyesight anymore to read the Word, for she will reside with the Living Word for eternity.

We remember the light and life of **Robert (Spider) DeCoursey**, who attended First Baptist with his wife Doris, his daughters, Judy Davis and Marianne Reel, and his grandchildren. At the time Spider went forward in church to make a statement of his faith in Jesus Christ, everyone clapped their hands with joy, as remembered by his wife, Doris. Spider can be remembered by his love for the Indianapolis Colts, as well as his love and involvement in all sports, being announcer for Bicknell and North Knox games for many years. Spider loved his family and friends, and loved the time spent at McDonald's with them, sharing renowned stories. Spider went home to be with the Lord on December 28, 2009.

We remember the light and life of **Virginia Shafer**, grandmother of Theresa McKimmy. Virginia was a quiet, godly woman who loved her family dearly. She departed this life and went to walk those streets of gold and reunite with those loved ones who had gone before her on January 28, 2010.

We remember the light and life of **Jane Howard**, mother of Beth Saucerman. Jane was a regular worshipper at FBC for many years until ill health confined her to her home. Jane was a quiet, friendly lady who had a lovely smile for everyone. She loved her children and grandchildren, having pictures of them to show to any who visited her at the nursing home where she lived the last several months before her death. Jane entered her Heavenly Home, where she longed to be, on February 11, 2010.

We remember the light and life of **Jim Messer** who departed this life on March 26, 2010. Jim was a son to Emily and Chris Ellerman. Jim enjoyed spending time with his girls, Megan and Lindsey, and riding his motorcycle with his wife Kelly. Jim was a member of FBC. Someone close to Jim said Jim knew who his God was and that he prayed daily before going down into the mine he worked in. In Jim's Heavenly Home, he can now talk face to face to his God anytime, night or day, forevermore, as he enjoys all the blessedness of being in that Holy Place.

DOOR GREETERS

June 6	1st Service	Marianne Reel
	2nd Service	Bonnie & Abby Sydow
June 13	1st Service	Paul McMillin
	2nd Service	The Hart Family
June 20	1st Service	Lu Miller
	2nd Service	Beverly & Grace Jones
June 27	1st Service	Gary Byrer
	2nd Service	Caleb & Micah Sydow

USHERS

June 6	1st Service	Jill & Tucker Woodburn Gary & Christina Byrer
	2nd Service	Doug & Bonnie Sydow Steve & Andi Hart
June 13	1st Service	Paul McMillin, Mitch Arthur Randy Hobson & Gary Byrer
	2nd Service	Luke Sydow, Caleb Sydow, Micah Sydow & Ben McVay
June 20	1st Service	Carla Arthur, Nina Mahan, Christina Byrer & Sharon Hobson
	2nd Service	Nicole Hagemeyer, Bethany Hart, Andrew Maze & Ben McVay
June 27	1st Service	Bill & Chris Grabbe Todd & Becky Ervin
	2nd Service	Becky & Tali Boyles Beverly & Grace Jones

SCRIPTURE READERS

June 6	1st Service	Melissa Overton
	2nd Service	Abby Sydow
June 13	1st Service	Christina Byrer
	2nd Service	Doug Sydow
June 20	1st Service	Alberta Burnett
	2nd Service	Kayla Ramsey
June 27	1st Service	Sharon Alexander
	2nd Service	Tali Boyles

YOUTH CHURCH WORKERS

June 6	2nd Service	Ben McVay
June 13	2nd Service	Jennifer Lemons
June 20	2nd Service	Becky Boyles
June 27	2nd Service	Dusty McKimmy

OUR TITHES AND ATTENDANCE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Worship Services</u>	<u>Offering</u>
May 2	64	124	\$3,252.23
May 9	59	172	\$2,456.91
May 16	59	148	\$2,158.21
May 23	51	142	\$2,656.72
May 30			
		Average Offering	\$2,631.02
		Average Needed*	\$3,060.87

*Please note that the average needed is without a full time youth pastor.
The average needed with a full time youth pastor is \$3448.22



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