

## A Word From Our Pastor

The excitement is in the air and the signs are everywhere: people sporting their favorite team's jersey, heightened chatter in the news, at work, and at church, neighbors spying out the most coveted "man cave," not to mention those dreadful lines at the supermarket as the supply of hot dogs, chips and dip vanish as if we're preparing for an invasion. Yes the Super Bowl is here. The defining moment between friend and foe is selecting whose side are you on.

In life we do the same thing. You may not be a sports fan but let me assure you, we all are cheering on our greatest hero. You can tell by the way we spend our money, who we hang out with, and what we do in our private time. You and I are definitely cheering for someone, but who is it?

So let me ask you a very important question, whose side are you on? When it comes to eternity you are either with Christ or you are against Him. There is only 2 teams and that's either yourself, or him. Daily we are called to die to self and carry our cross. You either live for him or for yourself. So right now, what have you chosen?

Joshua 24:15, "And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve (...) But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."



### Going on This Month

- 2/02 7:30 pm Business Meeting
- 2/03 9:30 am WOM meeting
- 2/05 6:30 pm AWANA & Youth
- 2/06 7:30 pm FCA Youth
- 2/12 6:30 pm AWANA & Youth
- 2/13 7:30 am FCA Youth
- 2/19 6:30 pm AWANA & Youth
- 2/20 7:30 pm FCA Youth
- 2/23 5:00 pm Deacon's Meeting  
6:30 pm Reverb
- 2/26 6:30 pm AWANA & Youth
- 2/27 7:30 am FCA Youth
- 2/29 8:00 am Men's Breakfast  
10:00 am Ladies Brunch

### *Ministry Highlight*

*God is good and here are some of the ministry highlights we participated in at FBC Bethany last month:*

On Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> our FBC Youth ministry partnered with Immanuel Baptist Youth ministry and rang in the New Year at our local community gym from 8 pm-midnight.

On January 5<sup>th</sup> we were pleased to announce that we surpassed our Lottie Moon Christmas giving goal and gave \$5,376.33 to global missions!

On the January 5<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting we voted to sheetrock in our office hallway area and on the roof being shingled in the spring of this year.

On January 19<sup>th</sup> we celebrated the Sanctity of Life Sunday

This month "His Last Days", a community Easter Pageant, began rehearsals.



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# ***Faithful Servants***

*We appreciate your service to our church for our Lord...*

## **February 2**

**Bus Driver:** Eric Sweat

**Prayer:** Gerald Parker

**Greeters:** Eldon Woodward, Ella Adkins,  
Dale Adkins, Greta Bottcher & Kelvin/Angie Cox

**Praise Team:** Shelly Rogers & Kate Rogers

**Special Music:** Kim Fish

**S.S. Nursery:** Brooklyn Ellis & Arlene Lanning

**2 & 3 Years Old:** Wendy Johnson &  
Gretta Bottcher

**Children Church 4-K:** Harmony Cornett &  
Ranae Shahan

**Evening Service Nursery:** Arlene Lanning

## **February 9**

**Bus Driver:** Bryan Barnett

**Prayer:** Brian Bottcher

**Greeters:** Jana Price, Bob Price, Jackie  
Wynne, Brad Bowman & Ruby Heintz

**Praise Team:** Shelly Rogers & Kate Rogers

**Special Music:** Couples Choir & Kim Marshall

**S.S. Nursery:** Kim Fish & Arlene Lanning

**2 & 3 Years Old:** Pat Barnett & Carma Hansel

**Children Church 4-K:** Harmony Cornett &  
Ranae Shahan

**Evening Service Nursery:** Lois Woodward

## **To the Members of The Bethany First Baptist Church:**

“Thank you for your concerns and support with Richard’s passing. Thanks, also, for the Old Rugged Cross floral arrangement. Your kindness will be always remembered!

*Sincerely, Phyllis & Family”*

## **February 16**

**Bus Driver:** Gary Lanning

**Prayer:** Dale Mitchell

**Greeters:** Carma Hansel, Tom Hansel,  
Michelle Williams, Bob & Sharon Johnson

**Praise Team:** Shelly Rogers & Kate Rogers

**Special Music:** Heintz Family &  
Greg Woodward

**S.S. Nursery :** Leslie Price & Arlene Lanning

**2 & 3 Years Old:** Ruby Heintz & Sherri Joyce

**Children Church 4-K:** Greg & Jeanne Cracraft

**Evening Service Nursery:** Rita McCall

## **February 23**

**Bus Driver:** Jeff Bottcher

**Prayer:** Jeff Williams

**Greeters:** David Mulnix, Carol Mulnix,  
Mary Jane Sweat, Gerald Parker &  
Matthew Heintz

**Praise Team:** Shelly Rogers & Kate Rogers

**Special Music:** Leo Madison

**S.S. Nursery:** Julie Kunce & Arlene Lanning

**2 & 3 Years Old:** Lori Pottorff & Rita McCall

**Children Church 4-K:** Greg & Jeanne Cracraft

**Evening Service Nursery:** Becky Adkins

# ***Youth Highlight***

Our FBC Student Ministry has had a slow January, mostly due to weather! Unfortunately, we had to cancel our trip to Winter Jam down at the Sprint Center. However, we're still excited about other upcoming events for our youth. We're looking forward to teaming up with FBC Trenton, Immanuel Baptist, FBC Gallatin, and FBC Gillman City for an area-wide student discipleship weekend. This year's Disciple Now theme is "DISCIPLED." Please pray that the Lord draws our students deeper in their relationship with Him, and that their hearts would be ready to follow! Thank you for loving our students and supporting ministry to the students of our community!

# ***Kids Highlight***

Having begun the New Year, our FBC children have just started their second semester. After the Holiday break ended, AWANA and Youth resumed again on Wednesday January 8<sup>th</sup>. As usual we have been meeting weekly at 6:30 pm. We’ve entered our annual cold season. Weather permitting, AWANA will meet every Wednesday. We adhere to South Harrison’s school schedule, so if they should cancel for weather related conditions, we will as well.

The children still have a solid opportunity in AWANA to earn their end of year awards. Parents & Guardians, don’t forget your child may receive awards by bringing their Bible, their AWANA book, a guest, wearing their shirt, completing sections in their book, completing their entire book, and for attending Bible Study time.

# ***Looking Ahead***

- Business Meeting will be held Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> following the evening service at 7:30 pm.
- There is business meeting agenda scheduled for interest in a church security team and installing a wireless network throughout the building.
- This month we will resume the painting of our church. Please see the bulletin for details.
- There is a Ladies Brunch scheduled this month for February 29<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Please refer to the bulletin for further details.
- Men’s breakfast is January 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am at the Diner Car (located in Hope Royale).

# ***With Gratitude***

- We would like to give special thanks to Tom Hansel for all the snow shoveling and ice melt he has been laying out in order to secure a safer place of worship for all of us.

-We would also like to thank Gerald Parker for going over above to clean up our church parking lot for special occasions like the funeral services we have had this month.

-Phyliss Westlake would like to thank the church family for their hospitality last month. The hymn book memorial in honor of her late husband Richard Westlake and the funeral meal meant a lot to her.