

*The
Messenger*



Our Vision
*Guided by Prayer;
Committed by Faith;
Empowered by God's Spirit;
Working together to share
Jesus Christ.*

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My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.
Exodus 33:14

Schedule of Events
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

505 Community Drive • Seymour, IN 47274
(812) 522-1909

If you need emergency pastoral care after office hours or on the weekend, please call Rev. Larry Tingle at 812-603-2308. Leave a message and he will return your call as soon as possible.

Church web site: www.fbchome.org

Office hours are 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. • Monday thru Friday
email Carol@fbchome.org; Jeanne@fbchome.org

Blended Worship in the Sanctuary 9:00 A.M.
Sunday School10:10 A.M.
Contemporary Worship Service in the Fellowship Center11:15 A.M.
Wednesday Night Bible Study and Prayer in the Friendship Classroom6:30 P.M.

July 16, 2017

Rev. Dr. Jeremy S. Myers, Senior Pastor; email Jeremy@fbchome.org
Rev. Larry Tingle, Assistant Pastor; email Larry@fbchome.org
Pastor Nathan Parker, Pastor of Worship and Media; email Nathan@fbchome.org
Mrs. Karla Shuttters, Organist - Sharon Schulte Barnett, Pianist

9:00 A.M. BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

Welcome & Greeting

Praise & Worship

And Can It Be (#203)

Intercessory Prayer

What a Beautiful Name

Offering Prayer: Jim Carter

Offering

Offertory: Voice of Praise — *Come Just As You Are*

Children (ages 4-Grade 3) can go to Children's Church

He Leadeth Me (#461)

Message: Together We Go: Go with God or No Go

Exodus 33

By Rev. Dr. Jeremy S. Myers

Song of Response

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus (#376)

Benediction

Postlude

11:15 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

Call to Worship

Awesome is the Lord Most High

Welcome & Greeting

I Will Follow

Intercessory Prayer

Offering & Worship

What a Beautiful Name

Children (ages 4-Grade 3) can go to Children's Church

Message: Together We Go: Go with God or No Go

Exodus 33

By Rev. Dr. Jeremy S. Myers

Responding to God

Come to the Water

Benediction

If you have hearing difficulties, please contact an usher to receive a Williams Sound Personal PA Receiver.

Sunday, July 16

9:00 A.M. Blended Worship in the Sanctuary

10:10 A.M. Sunday School

11:15 A.M. Contemporary Worship in the Fellowship Center

5:00 P.M. Board of Evangelism and Mission

Monday, July 17

11:00 A.M. Meals on Wheels

Tuesday, July 18

7:45 A.M. Sr. Hi Youth -Lake Monroe Boat Trip

12:00 Noon – Golden Owls' Pitch-in Dinner & Program

7:00 P.M. Worship Team

Wednesday, July 19

6:30 P.M. Adult Bible Study & Prayer

7:30 P.M. Voice of Praise

9:00 P.M. College-age Girls' Bible Study w/Montica

Sunday, July 23

9:00 A.M. Blended Worship in the Sanctuary

10:10 A.M. Sunday School

11:15 A.M. Contemporary Worship in the Fellowship Center

6:00 P.M. Board of Finance & Stewardship

OUR GUESTS

Through Christ's love we welcome you to our services this morning at First Baptist Church. If you are a guest with us, please fill out one of the pink "Guest Information" cards located in the pew rack in front of you or on the table. Please drop the card in the offering plate when it is passed. Before you leave today, please stop by one of our two information desks conveniently located at the front and carport entrances. We at First Baptist hope as we worship together you will experience God's presence, love and hope.

ADDRESS AND EMAIL CHANGES

Please remember to contact the church office if you change your mailing address, your email address, or your phone number. Also, please notify us if you do not receive *The Messenger* by email.

CD Recordings of worship services are available (\$1 each) by contacting the office.

DEACON'S FUND/BENEVOLENCE FUND

Contributions can be made to the Deacon's Fund by using the purple and yellow "My Offering for Benevolences" envelopes located in the pew racks. Funds received are used to help those in need of a helping hand.

I'M THINKING...

ENGAGING

I am thoroughly convinced that God never intended for ministry to be boring. This includes every type of ministry. Children's ministry, youth ministry, college ministry, Sunday school, small groups, Sunday worship, prayer meetings, choir practice, and even board meetings should ultimately bring us joy, fulfillment, and a deeper connection with our God. I have been doing this long enough to know that every minute of every meeting and every gathering cannot be all cookies and Kool-Aid. And, I further understand that there are some fairly heavy parts of ministry that bring about sadness or a level of seriousness that could be understood as being less than enjoyable. However, I believe that ministry should, as a general rule, be fun.

Fun does not necessarily mean entertaining. Ministry is not an entertainment industry, nor is it a spectator sport. It is certainly important that ministries hold our attention; but, ultimately, ministries are meant to draw us into deeper involvement in the work God is doing in and through the community of faith. Ministry can and, in some instances, should be, entertaining. But more appropriately, ministry should be engaging. Ministries are the avenues through which our hearts, minds, talents, abilities, and resources are all focused on either being drawn deeper into relationship with Jesus or on drawing others into deeper relationship with Jesus. Ironically, one tends to cause the other and vice versa. The fun of ministry is found in engagement.

Fun doesn't always mean enjoyable. I can tell you from personal experience that there are parts of ministry that I enjoy less and others that I enjoy more. Funerals, hospital visits, and confrontational meetings are not the most enjoyable parts of my job. There is a seriousness that comes with some parts of ministry that often creates great stress and some level of sadness. However, in the midst of the sadness and seriousness there is an undeniable joy. There is joy in comforting those who mourn. There is joy in bringing hope to the sick. There is joy in helping bring about restoration and redirection in the lives of those who are far from Jesus. There is enjoyment to be found in allowing God to use us as His agents in this messed up world. While the work might be difficult, enjoyment is found in the knowledge that we've accomplished part of the mission to which Jesus has called us.

If you don't find the ministries you are involved with engaging, and you can't find a sense of enjoyment in them, there is a strong chance you are either doing it wrong or you're doing the wrong ministry. The hard truth of the matter is if you are bored leading the ministry, it is more than likely that those who are following are bored as well. Following and serving Jesus is anything but boring! It is by nature engaging, exciting, and enjoyable!

In Philippians 4:4 the apostle Paul wrote, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice" (ESV). According to Merriam-Webster to rejoice is to give or feel great joy or delight. Our ministries should foster in us, and in those to whom we are ministering, a sense of joy. In many cases, we have allowed ministries to become arduous and burdensome. It's high time we repent of our boredom and have some fun pursuing Jesus!

Grace and Peace,
Dr. Jeremy S. Myers

DECISIONS FOR CHRIST: Nathan and Rachel Parker, 525 Emerson Drive, Apt. 2, Seymour; Statement of Faith.

OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY is extended to Brian and Jamie York and Family on the death of their son.

OUR KNOWN SICK: George Hart, St. Vincent's Hospital.

WORKERS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY:

HOSPITALITY TEAM: 9:00 A.M. Phil and Mary Garrison

11:15 A.M. Yogi Fouts

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: 9:00 A.M. Cyndi Hunt

11:15 A.M. Carol Hounshel

WORKERS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 16:

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Jim Carter, 522-9678

PASTOR'S PRAYER PARTNER: Doris Cooksey

S.S. HOUR TODDLER NURSERY: Linda Newlin

USHERS: 9:00 A.M. Chris Crenshaw, Chairperson;

Jason Senn, David Curtis, Jaden Davidson, Rob Kaufman,

Rick Westfall, Ron Jarvis, Brian Fouts

NURSERY WORKERS: 9:00 A.M. Judy Gregory, Kaitlin Weissert

11:15 A.M. Janna Reed, Montica Chambers

BUS MINISTRY SUNDAY MORNING: 9:00 A.M.

Deryk Baurle, 530-7503

WED. EVE.: Don Kirk, 524-0008

WORKERS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 23:

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Phil Garrison, 522-3217

PASTOR'S PRAYER PARTNER: Phil Garrison

S.S. HOUR TODDLER NURSERY: Karla Shutters

USHERS: 9:00 A.M. Chris Crenshaw, Chairperson;

Jason Senn, David Curtis, Jaden Davidson, Rob Kaufman,

Rick Westfall, Ron Jarvis, Brian Fouts

NURSERY WORKERS: 9:00 A.M. Jamie York, Gina Fields

11:15 A.M. Linda Newlin, Kourtney Simmons

BUS MINISTRY SUNDAY MORNING: 9:00 A.M.

Don Kirk, 524-0008

WED. EVE. Danny Reynolds, 522-7893

CALL THE OFFICE AT 522-1909 TO SCHEDULE PICK UP FOR SUNDAY BEFORE NOON ON FRIDAY. PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL BUS RIDERS WILL ATTEND SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHURCH BEFORE BEING TAKEN HOME ON THE BUS.



Received as of

7/9/2017

\$381,747.59

Special giving envelopes for your donations are available for pick up in the Welcome Center areas of the church.

Last Sunday, July 9, 2017

Attendance:

Wednesday Eve ...cancelled

Sunday School141

9:00 A.M.161

11:15 A.M.82

The Lord's Treasury:

Tithes & Offerings ..\$14,258.00

Designated Gifts\$26.07

Total Receipts\$15,084.07

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone at FBC who helped with our Free Giveaway! First, a thank-you is sent to Dr. Myers for immediately giving his blessing on this project. A special thanks to the FBC men for taking a day to pick up donations. FBC had youth and adults of all ages who donated items, sorted items, and helped with set up prior to the sale. Lastly, my appreciation goes to all the volunteers who helped during the Free Giveaway. We had people that walked to the sale and our FBC men quickly volunteered to drive the FBC bus and take them home. FBC served the community in a beautiful way last Saturday! Dr. Myers' vision of "FBC for Seymour" is taking shape! #FBCforSeymour
In His Service, Pam Kelley

KEYS FOUND

A set of keys has been found at the church. If you are missing yours, please call 812 522 9678.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH TRIP TO LAKE MONROE

The Senior High Youth will be taking a trip to Lake Monroe Tuesday, July 18. Students need to be at church at 7:45 A.M. and we will return around 8:30 P.M. Students will need to bring the following: Freshmen and Sophomores should bring dessert and Juniors through 2017 graduates should bring a side dish. Meat and condiments are provided. You must have a permission slip to go on the trip. Please contact the church office or Justin Kelley for a form. Justin needs you to RSVP to him so he knows how much food to bring. Friends are welcome. Please contact Justin at 812 569 3597 or the church office at 522-1909 by Monday, July 17. If you have questions, contact Justin.

GUY PENROD CONCERT HERE

General Seating Tickets will be available this week in the office for a Guy Penrod concert here on Sunday, August 6, at 6:30 P.M. in the sanctuary. Artist's Circle tickets are available online at i-Tickets.com Guy Penrod is well-known for his work as a lead singer of the Gaither Vocal Band. Since 2009, he has pursued a solo career. He remains one of the highest-selling and sought-after gospel performers, so get your tickets soon as we expect a sell-out crowd. The cost of the general seating tickets is \$20 and the artist circle tickets will be \$28. Artist Circle tickets will reserve down-front seating and special time with Guy before the concert begins.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Special envelopes are in the pew racks for your donations to One Great Hour of Sharing. Funds received will be used to "be there" in times of loss or struggle, after a fire or flood, or when communities struggle to overcome the chronic absence of water, food, or economic opportunity. "I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink... I was hungry and you gave me food... I was a stranger and you welcomed me... (Matthew 25:35) Through your gifts, the church is there in times of need.

GOLDEN OWLS

All interested persons are invited to attend the monthly pitch-in dinner and program of the Golden Owls. They will meet on Tuesday, July 18, at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Center. Rick Wilson will be the speaker.

COMMUNITY NEEDS

Community Provisions of Jackson County is in need of peanut butter, jelly in plastic jars, pasta sauce in non-glass jars, pancake syrup, ramen noodles, and canned fruit. Your donations can be placed in the marked bins in the cabinets in the alcove or the Fellowship Center. **Clarity needs Gerber Soothe or Gentle Formula and baby wipes.**

PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

If you have a prayer request for the Board of Deaconesses' Prayer Chain, please call the church office at 522-1909 and your request will be forwarded to the Prayer Chain Chairperson.

MISSIONARIES OF THE MONTH FOR JULY

Kyle & Debby Witmer serve the Thai Karen Baptist Convention's Siloam Bible Institute in Chiang Mai, Thailand, working in pastoral education and leadership development.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS COMMUNITY FUNFEST

The Board of Evangelism and Mission is planning a Community FunFest on Saturday, August 19, 2017 that will be held in the church yard. Games, activities, an obstacle course, a slide, bouncy houses, free food, prizes, music and more will be available for families to enjoy from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. There will also be a school uniform swap. Bring a top or bottom your child has outgrown and swap it for something in their size! Please stay tuned to find out how you can be a part of this exciting community outreach.

COLLEGE-AGE GIRLS' SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

There will be a college-age Girls Bible Study again this summer. We will meet on Wednesday nights at 9:00 P.M. at the home of Montica Chambers. If you are interested in attending, contact Montica or the church office.

LOCAL MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

July 16: Brady Burgmeier
July 17: Marvin Tiemeyer, Linda Wayman, Haley Westfall
July 18: Briar Tidd, Kent Waggoner
July 19: Jeanne Nichols

WORSHIP SERVICE HELPERS NEEDED

Several persons are needed to help in the worship services. We need people to (1) advance the PowerPoint slides on the screen for the 9:00 and 11:15 A.M. services; and (2) run sound for the two services. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Nathan in the church office.