

*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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The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Exodus 14: 21-22

**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.

May 28, 2017

Rev. Dr. Jeremy S. Myers, Senior Pastor; email Jeremy@fbchome.org

Rev. Larry Tingle, Assistant Pastor; email Larry@fbchome.org

Mrs. Karla Shuttters, Organist – Sharon Schulte Barnett, Pianist

9:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY

Prelude

Welcome & Invocation

Greeting

There Shall Be Showers of Blessing (#289)

Intercessory Prayer

Praise & Worship

All the Way My Savior Leads Me (#460)

Offering Prayer: Larry Lee

Offering

Musical Offering: Voice of Praise

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

I Will Follow

Message: Together We Go: Pick a Path

Exodus 13:17-14:31

By Rev. Dr. Jeremy S. Myers

Song of Response

Battle Hymn of the Republic (#569)

Benediction

Postlude

11:15 A.M. CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

Welcome and Greeting

Call to Worship & Invocation

Christ is Enough

Praise & Worship (Offering)

Praise the King

Intercessory Prayer

Because He Lives (Amen)

Offering Prayer

I Will Seek You

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

Message: Together We Go: Pick a Path

Exodus 13:17-14:31

By Rev. Dr. Jeremy S. Myers

Song of Response

I Will Follow

Benediction

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

Sunday, May 28

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

10:10 A.M. Sunday School

10:55 A.M. Time of Fellowship

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

Monday, May 29

Office Closed for Holiday

Tuesday, May 30

7:00 P.M. Worship Team

Wednesday, May 31

4:00 P.M. Jr. & Sr. High Youth serve at The Alley

6:30 P.M. Adult Bible Study

7:00 P.M. VBS Volunteers' Meeting

7-8:00 P.M. VBS Character practice

7:30 P.M. Voice of Praise

Sunday, June 4

9:00 A.M. Sunday School

10:15 A.M. Combined Worship Service
Called Business Meeting

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.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORKERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to lead Children's Church for the month of June in both services and for the second service in July. The curriculum is easy to use and is fun for the kids. Please call Amy Greenawalt at 812 528-8092 if you would be willing to serve our children. Thank you!

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...

EVERYDAY AND ORDINARY

What would it have been like to actually experience some of the miracles found in the Bible? What would something like that do for your faith? While I love the miracles of the New Testament and would have loved to have seen some of those, I find the miracles in the Old Testament to be a little more grandiose and attention grabbing. God did some things that one simply cannot forget.

I would have loved to have seen the parting of the Red Sea. The people find themselves standing with the sea on one side and the army of Egypt on the other. The odds are not exactly in their favor. Moses makes a little speech, steps to the edge of the water, raises his staff, and the waters part. In Exodus 14:21 it says, "...all that night the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry ground." That's sensational! It's not very difficult to evaluate that situation and come to the conclusion that their God had made a way, where there previously had not been one. That would be something that would provide confidence that God was present and acting on behalf of His people.

Another incredible act of God was the fire from Heaven on Mount Carmel. Elijah claims to be the last of God's prophets left alive and he challenges the 450 prophets of the false God Baal and the 400 prophets of Asherah. He clearly does not have the numbers. The goal is to prove which God is truly God. Each group was to build an altar and prep a sacrifice and the God that answered by fire would be validated. The prophets of Baal and Asherah take their turn and nothing happens. Elijah sets up his sacrifice and soaks it with water, just to rub it in, and God responds. In I Kings 18:38 it reads, "Then the fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifices, the wood, the stones, and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench." That is epic! Once again, it would be fairly easy to watch something like that take place and walk away knowing that God was present and acting on behalf of His people.

But, what about in the everyday and the ordinary? What happens when the water returns and the fire burns out? In the case of the people of Israel, once memory begins to fade, they begin to question the presence and provision of God. I would argue the same is true for us. When we have major victories, or experience massive demonstrations of God's power and presence in our lives, we are quick to praise and pursue Him. However, when we walk in the everyday and the ordinary, we begin to wonder where God is. The answer is He is right where He was when He acted in amazing and extravagant ways; in our midst, acting on our behalf, drawing us to Himself.

In Matthew 28:20 Jesus promised, "...surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." In Hebrews 13:5 the encouragement provided to Joshua is afforded to us. The author writes, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." The same God who parted the sea and dropped fire from Heaven is with you at home, at school, at work, at the store, and everywhere in between. The God who was present in the extravagant is present in our everyday ordinary lives.

Grace and Peace,
Dr. Jeremy S. Myers

BAPTISMAL SERVICE HELD: Sheyenne Moore was baptized May 21, 2017 in obedience to the Lord's command.

OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY is extended to Jim Klosterman and Family on the death of his mother.

OUR KNOWN SICK: Jo First, Judy Turner, at home.

WORKERS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY:

HOSPITALITY TEAM: 9:00 A.M. Sharon Goodman, Carol Matthews

11:15 A.M. Ron and Sharon Schrader

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: 9:00 A.M. Gina Fields

11:15 A.M. Jane Bartsch

WORKERS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 28:

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Larry Lee, 497- 0213

S.S. HOUR TODDLER NURSERY: Linda Newlin

USHERS: 9:00 A.M. Chris Crenshaw, Chairperson; Jason Senn, David Curtis, Rob Kaufman, Rick Westfall, Ron Jarvis, Brian Fouts

NURSERY WORKERS: 9:00 A.M. Jill Baurle, Melissa Kaufman **11:15 A.M.** Judy Turner, Doris Ewing

BUS MINISTRY SUNDAY MORNING: 9:00 A.M. Danny Reynolds, 522-7893

WED. EVE. DRIVER FOR ADULTS: Danny & Cindy Reynolds, 522-7893

WORKERS FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 4:

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Elton Chambers, 859-338-1609

S.S. HOUR TODDLER NURSERY: Karla Shuttters

USHERS: 10:15 A.M. Jamie York, Chairperson; Tim Tritle, Deryk Baurle, George Hart, Don Kirk, Chris Allman

NURSERY WORKERS: 10:15 A.M. Judy Gregory, Kaitlin Weissert, Janna Reed, Montica Chambers

BUS MINISTRY SUNDAY MORNING: 9:00 A.M. Joe Goodman, 522-3022

WED. EVE. DRIVER FOR ADULTS: Don Kirk, 524-0008

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

5/21/2017

\$377,824.59

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

Last Sunday, May 21, 2017

Attendance:	The Lord's Treasury:
Wednesday122	Tithes & Offerings ..\$11,092.10
9:00 A.M. Service179	Designated Gifts3,075.54
Sunday School147	Total Receipts\$14,167.64
11:15 A.M. Service70	

CALLED BUSINESS MEETING

A Called Business Meeting will be held on June 4, following a combined worship service for the purpose of voting on Pastor Nathan Parker as the Pastor of Worship and Media. Sunday School will begin at 9:00 A.M. and the combined worship service will be held at 10:15 A.M. that day.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUMMER BREAK

Family Night Dinners and the Wednesday Night Children's programming will take a break beginning May 31 and will resume at a later date after school begins. However, the Adult Bible Study will meet Wednesday nights at 6:30 P.M. Voice of Praise will meet at 7:30 P.M. Please note the times. The nursery will not be staffed on Wednesday night.

WORSHIP SERVICE HELPERS NEEDED

We need several people to help in the worship services. We need people to (1) to advance the PowerPoint slides on the screen using a remote for the 9:00 and 11:15 A.M. services (2) to set up the PowerPoint shows for the two services; (3) to advance slides for the balcony screen; and (4) to run sound for the two services. If you are interested, please contact the church office. Thank you for considering serving in these important roles.

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH FOR MAY

Terry & Tom Myers serve in Bulgaria helping families create solutions to the problem of unemployment. Terry is involved with a literacy program for Roma children and working with victims of human trafficking.

LOCAL MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

May 28: Sharon Goodman, Shannon Platter
May 29: Betty Wilson
May 30: Dan Senn
May 31: Joellen Martin
June 1: Jean Floyd
June 2: Victoria Ewing

GRADUATION OPEN HOUSE

All members and friends of the congregation are invited to attend an open house in honor of Megan Baurle in celebration of her graduation from Seymour High School. The open house will be held Saturday, June 3, from 6-9:00 P.M. at her home at 117 Kerry Hill Drive.

CURRENT 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 new cabinets in the alcove or the Fellowship Center. **Clarity needs Gerber Soothe or Gentle Formula, baby wipes.**

USHERS ARE NEEDED

If you are interested in serving as an usher during the 9:00 A.M. worship service, we could use your help. Please call the office to sign up at 522-1909.

CALLING ALL SUPER HEROES

Your help is needed to save the world! Join us June 8-10. VBS would not be possible without heroes like you who are willing to be Group Defenders, Snack Warriors, Nursery Protectors, and Craft Challengers. Unleash your superpower and help save souls. For heroes who cannot help physically, look for donation sheets coming soon to a Sunday School class near you.

PASTOR'S PRAYER PARTNERS

Ephesians 6:18(NIV) And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Prayer provides the opportunity for God's people to bring praises and concerns before the Lord on behalf of each other. We are starting a new prayer ministry at First Baptist Church called the "Pastor's Prayer Partners". We are looking to have church members willing to pray during our services in a designated location, a maximum of once per quarter. Signup sheets are located at each welcome center of the church. More details forthcoming! For more information contact Curt Nichols Curtis.w.nichols@gmail.com or call the church office.

TOILETRIES & HYGIENE ITEMS COLLECTION EXTENDED

The Board of Evangelism and Mission has extended through May the collection of toiletries and hygiene items to be donated to the Clothing Center. Whatever items your family uses such as toothbrush and toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo, feminine hygiene products, disposable razors, shaving cream, diapers, diaper wipes, etc. are needed. Place your donations in the alcove or the Fellowship Center bins.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the members of the Board of Christian Education and others who were involved in preparing and decorating for the delicious meal in honor of the graduates. We truly appreciate all of you and your support of these young men and women!
The graduates and their families

GRADUATION CELEBRATION

All church family and friends are invited to attend a celebration in honor of Mitchell Fields upon his graduation from Seymour High School. The celebration will be held in the FBC Fellowship Center on Sunday June 4, from 5-9:00 P.M..

GRADUATION OPEN HOUSE

All members and friends of the congregation are invited to attend an open house in honor of Haley Westfall in celebration of her high school graduation at her home at 8823 Ranier Road on Saturday, June 3, from 6-10:00 P.M.

VBS VOLUNTEERS' MEETING

Anyone who is interested in serving as a volunteer for Vacation Bible School should attend a meeting on Wednesday, May 31, at 7:00 P.M. Pizza and drinks will be furnished.

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.

"PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR PRESCHOOL" WORKSHOP

This workshop, sponsored by Noah's Ark Preschool and Parent Day Program, is free and open to the community. It will be held June 6 at 7:00 P.M. in the Noah's Ark Preschool Classroom. Your child is not required to enroll in our early childhood programs to take advantage of this great opportunity. So, tell your friends and family! Adults only, please. Childcare will not be provided. Please RSVP by calling 522-1909 by Thursday, June 1, so we can be prepared. Space is limited.