

FBC SEYMOUR



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10:30AM Worship In the Sanctuary & Online



MISSION is the VISION



Gathering Music

Rev. Nathan Parker

Announcements

Pastor Caleb Maris

Praise & Worship

Praise

Gratitude

Worship Through Giving

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Message

MISSION is the VISION: The Powers That Be
Acts 16:16-40

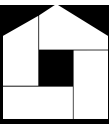
Rev. Dr. Jeremy S. Myers

Song of Response

Here Again

Benediction

Rev. Nathan Parker



There are large stained glass windows at both ends of the sanctuary at First Baptist Church of Seymour. This isn't at all unusual. Stained glass was and remains a common feature of many church buildings. What is uncommon, however, is the images contained within those windows. Often, stained glass windows depict major biblical stories or symbols. Common symbols include crosses, stars, roses of Sharon, lions, lambs, and doves. Our stained glass windows depict butterflies.

It doesn't take much effort or explanation to understand the intended symbolism. The life cycle of the butterfly from caterpillar to chrysalis to butterfly provides an amazing analog to both the life, burial, and resurrection of Christ and the new life He provides in those who accept His gift of grace. The caterpillar lives upon the earth for a time. The caterpillar then transitions into a chrysalis, functionally entombing it and ending life as it had been. By God's grace, the cocoon eventually cracks open and a butterfly emerges, spreads its wings, and flies off to live a new heavenly life. It poignantly portrays the words of the Apostle Paul found in 2 Corinthians 5:17. It reads, "If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come; The old has gone, the new is here!"

While visiting churches in Greece, I happened upon what were, to me, uncommon images within a church sanctuary. Rather than butterflies emblazoned in stained glass, these churches had peacocks embedded in the floors or walls. At the site of the oldest church in Europe in ancient Philippi, there were two separate mosaics dating back about 1500 years containing images of peacocks. In a more modern church on the island of Mykonos, there were peacocks engraved into the stone walls. On at least two occasions, we visited churches that had live peacocks parading around their gardens.

For the Greeks, both ancient and modern, the peacock serves as an illustration of eternal life in Christ. Every year, male peacocks lose their long, ornate feathers. As the old, well-worn feathers fall out, however, they are replaced by new, more brilliant feathers. Yet again, the words of Paul in 2 Corinthians 5:17 come to mind: "The old has gone, the new is here!"

Simple reminders like these are important. It is so easy to have our vision dimmed by the difficulties of our day, or to allow our past failures and faults distract us from present development and future realities through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit within us. The images of butterflies and peacocks may be uncommon in our churches but they remind us of an incredible truth in Scripture. God is in the business of bringing new and eternal life when and where it appears the end is all but certain. Christ came down to this earth to live among us. He died a terrible death and was laid in a grave, but the grave could not keep Him. Three days later, Christ rose from the grave victorious, making eternal life available to all who believe. So, the next time you see a beautiful butterfly or a parading peacock, remember the grace of God and the eternal life that is available to you through Jesus Christ.

EXPERIENCE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SEYMOUR

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday, August 31

9:15AM Sunday School classes for all ages

10:30AM Sunday Morning Worship (In-Person and online)

Monday, September 1

Labor Day—FBC Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 2

10:00AM GriefShare

Wednesday, September 3

5:00PM Family Dinner

5:30PM Board of Noah's Ark Preschool

6:30PM Celebrate Recovery



Oktoberfest Booth Volunteers Needed!

Oktoberfest booth volunteers are needed for October 1-4. It's a great opportunity to serve alongside one another and be visible in our community. Sign up online today or at the Welcome Center beginning September 7th.

Substitute Teachers Needed!

Noah's Ark Preschool and Parents Day Out is in need of substitute teachers for the school year. No special skills are needed. A background check is needed unless the FBC office already has one on file. If you are interested in serving in this way, please reach out to Pastor Tim (tim@fbchome.org).





September Birthdays

SEPT. 1	JEAN HOWARD
	AVAH KRIETE
SEPT. 4	TOM FRANKE
	CHRIS JONES
SEPT. 6	JOYCE FOUTS
SEPT. 8	BRITTANY METTERT
	JACQUE ROBERTS
SEPT. 9	JILL BAURLE
SEPT. 10	RITA BUSH
	JUDY GREGORY
	JASON WOODS
SEPT. 11	BRETT KLEBER
	R.J. KLEBER
	JASON ROLL
SEPT.13	SHELBY FIELDS
SEPT. 14	DEBBIE CARPENTER
SEPT. 15	JOHN FOX
SEPT. 16	DAVID CARMICHAEL
	CHRISTIE TURNER
SEPT. 17	SHARON BARNETT
	MITZI SILVER
	DOUG EWING
SEPT. 20	BILLIE JACKSON
SEPT. 21	GLEN BROCK
SEPT. 25	AIDEN MOUSA
	CHARLOTTE UDE
SEPT. 27	DWAIN FIELDS
	JAIDYN NICHOLS
SEPT. 29	LARRY TINGLE
SEPT. 30	DEBRA GUINN



Special event for our 55+ group at FBC!
Invite your friends...please sign up in
welcome center or contact Joyce Corya
or Suzanne McAdams.

***Learn strategies to stay sharp and
reduce your risk for developing dementia!***



Sunday, September 14, 12 noon, right after AM worship

Pitch in dinner in the Fellowship Center. Ham, rolls, drinks and table service provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Program to follow: a guest speaker on the topic of "Brain Health". Sign up at the welcome center so that we have a variety of food. NO CHARGE - just bring a dish to share. Open to any of your friends 55+ even if they do not attend FBC. Just be sure to RSVP for them and bring a little extra food to share.



*Scan the QR code
to give online!*

Pastor On-Call: If you have a pastoral emergency outside of church office hours, please call (812) 498-4169 and the on-call pastor will follow up with you.

Visitation Team: If you would like a visit from our visitation team or to be added to the shut-in list, please call or email the church office ([\(812-522-1909\)](tel:812-522-1909)/office@fbchome.org).

Pray for Our Known Sick: Glen Brock, Bill Bracker, Wayne Waggoner, Bill Hatton, Greg Hatton, Jerry Turner, Kaye Thompson, Jack Wildman

SS Nursery Aug 31: Katie Yee **SS Nursery Sept 7:** Robyn Myers

Children's Church Aug 31: Tim Stair **CC Sep 7:** Kourtney Simmons & Karla Shutters

Nursery Aug 31: Amy & Lyndsey Greenawalt, Alex Lantz

Nursery Sept 7: Montica Chambers, Sara Bowling, Melissa McAdams

Shut-in for September: Mary Stevens - Covered Bridge Health Campus, Room 509, 1675 W. Tipton St., Seymour

College Students for September:

- Eliza Cash (Sept 4) - 2136 Byrum Ave. Nashville, TN. 37203
- Jaidyn Nichols (Sept 27) - 1404 W. Neely, Kinghorn Hall, Room 201, Ball State University, Muncie, IN. 47306

Current Opportunities to Serve

- Rolling Pepperoni Rolls for Oktoberfest on Mondays from 6:30-8:30 PM
- Serve as a Sunday School Leader or Co-Leader
- Serve on the Welcome Team
- Serve as a Children's Church leader

Contact the FBC Office ([812-522-1909](tel:812-522-1909) or office@fbchome.org) if you would be open to serve in any of these ways!

Last Sunday, August 24, 2025

Offering

Total Receipts.....\$6,928.36

Attendance

Sunday School..... 77

Sunday Morning Worship.....207

OUR PASTORAL TEAM

Dr. Jeremy Myers, Senior Pastor - jeremy@fbchome.org

Rev. Nathan Parker, Pastor of Worship and Media - nathan@fbchome.org

Tim Stair, Director of Children and Family Ministries - tim@fbchome.org

Caleb Maris, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries - caleb@fbchome.org

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