

FBC SEYMOUR



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10:30AM Worship In the Sanctuary & Online



MISSION *is the* VISION



Gathering Music

Announcements

Pastor Caleb Maris

Praise & Worship

Child of Love

Send the Light

Worship Through Giving

That's the Power

Message

MISSION is the VISION: Receipts to Repeat

Acts 20:17-38

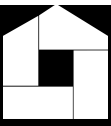
Rev. Dr. Jeremy S. Myers

Responding to God

You've Already Won

Benediction

Rev. Nathan Parker



Don't stop me if you've heard this before. I need to testify for a minute...

My relationship with Jesus began with a bus ride when I was in the first grade. I was out running around the neighborhood that fine Sunday morning. My best friend at the time, Kyle, had just gotten two brand new "jogging suits," one red and one blue. We thought it was only appropriate that we take them for a test run. As we made our way around the trailer park, a big white bus stopped beside us and a mustachioed man with the kindest eyes and brightest smile I've ever seen jumped out. His name was Dale Sours. He asked us if we wanted to go to church that day. He told us we would be playing some games, hearing Bible stories, and there would be candy and prizes. I was in! I jogged myself home, asked my mom if I could go to church, and jumped on the bus to First Baptist Church of Elkhart, Indiana.

Sometime later, I was sitting in the sanctuary of that church, listening to a traveling evangelist. His presentation included, what is by today's standards, a video of people standing before the judgment seat of God. The video showed depictions of people in Heaven and Hell. Even with the poor production quality, the video stirred something inside of me. I was afraid. So, I ran to the safest place in the church, the back stall in the bathroom in the hall. As I sat in that bathroom, a Bible verse I'd learned came to mind. Unsurprisingly, that verse was John 3:16. It states, "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." There in that bathroom stall, I bowed my head, closed my eyes, and prayed for Jesus to forgive me of my sins and save my soul.

If you're around me for very long, you're extremely likely to hear this story at least semi-regularly. It is the single most important story I have to share. It is the starting point of what we, in church parlance, would call my testimony. It is my personal account of how I have witnessed and experienced the saving grace of Jesus in my own life. It is not my only testimony. There are several other stories of subsequent experiences when God showed up and continued to work in my life and the lives of those around me. And, I share many of these stories quite often as well, without apology.

There have been some who have expressed a desire for me to share this and other "personal stories" less frequently. This request is often followed with an admonition to "just preach Scripture." While I certainly wouldn't put my testimony on par with the Holy Scriptures, it occurs to me that much of Scripture, particularly the gospels, is basically the testimony and personal stories of Jesus's original followers. I have to imagine that Peter told the story of him walking on water with Jesus and Christ calming the storm at every opportunity. I'm all but certain Peter, John, and the Marys told the story of visiting the empty tomb all the time, with John making sure to add his little detail about beating Peter in a foot race. I have no doubt that Lazarus trumped everyone else's stories with his testimony of being raised from the dead! Others may have gotten sick of hearing it, but they were compelled to serve as witnesses to all God had done for them. In fact, they along with all who have experienced the saving grace of Jesus have been commanded to do so.

In Acts 1:8, Jesus tells His disciples, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses..." The gospels are evidence that those who heard what Jesus said in Acts 1:8 went and did it afterwards. They served as witnesses; they shared their personal testimonies of all they saw and experienced with Jesus. They certainly shared those stories over and over and over again.

As Christians today, we can and should seek to understand and explain our own experiences with Jesus through their testimonies in Scripture. But, we should also share our own stories of how God has saved and made us through His amazing grace. Just like those first disciples, we are called to serve as witnesses to the life-giving, life-changing, and life-saving power of Jesus Christ. So, whatever your story of God's grace may be, TESTIFY, my friends!

EXPERIENCE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SEYMOUR

THIS WEEK'S Activities

Sunday, October 19

- 9:15AM** Sunday School classes for all ages
- 10:30AM** Sunday Morning Worship
(In-Person and online)
- 12:00PM** Board of Deaconesses
- 3:45PM** Voice of Praise Choir Rehearsal
- 5:30PM** The Attic Student Ministry
Board of Finance

Monday, October 20

- 5:30PM** Men's Bible Study
- 6:30PM** Women at the Well

Tuesday, October 21

- 10:00AM** GriefShare

Wednesday, October 22

- 5:00PM** Family Dinner
- 5:30PM** Board of Christian Education
- 6:30PM** Celebrate Recovery



Mark your calendars! The next **Child Dedication** will be held on **Sunday, October 26** in our worship service and is for children age 5 and under and their parents. Child Dedication is an opportunity to commit to leading your children to Jesus. As an important first step of the FBC Family Grow Plan, parents will commit to raising their children to know and love the Lord. Email Pastor Tim today to sign up (tim@fbchome.org).

Join us **Sunday, October 26th, 5-7 pm**, for the annual **FBC Fall Festival!** We'll have chili, hot dogs, smores, treat bags for the kids, games, bouncy houses, and more! We'd love to see you there!

Pies for Thanksgiving Baskets - We are in need of the following ingredients to make pies for this year's Thanksgiving baskets:

- 15 oz. Pumpkin in cans
- 12 oz. Evaporated milk in cans
- Cinnamon
- Pie crusts - 9 or 10 inches

If you or any groups want to help bake pies, please call Linda Wayman (812-528-8758) and she will get you plugged in!



October Birthdays

OCT. 1	DAVID CLAY
OCT. 4	CYNDI HUNT
OCT. 5	ROBYN MYERS
OCT. 6	MARILYN BLISH
	DANIEL GRUBE
OCT. 7	LEONA CHAMBERS
OCT. 8	KEVIN UDE
OCT. 9	PARKER REITMAN
OCT. 12	PAT BLEVINS
OCT. 14	LOGAN MEAD
	PAULINE WRIGHT
OCT. 15	TIFFANY BLISH
OCT. 16	JOIE CURTIS
OCT. 17	DAN BOHM
OCT. 18	ERIN BARKER
	JAN BARLOW
OCT. 19	MADELINE BAURLE
OCT. 21	HOLLY CORNN
OCT. 23	PHIL HARDWICK
OCT. 24	GEORGE HALE
OCT. 25	KARLA LEE
OCT. 26	JUDY MCKINNEY
	EMILY STAIR
OCT. 27	RICK KIDWELL
	DOTTI SENIOURS
OCT. 30	J. J. MYERS
	HARPER STAIR
OCT. 31	SHAWN CHARLTON



October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

There are bags set up in the carport and at the sanctuary welcome center by for Pastor's Appreciation Month. If you would like to express appreciation to our pastors with a card or gift, please drop it in the bags. They do a lot to keep our church running smoothly and getting our activities done. Thanks!

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, Jack Wildman

SS Nursery Oct 19: Katie Yee **SS Nursery Oct 26:** Rachel Parker

Children's Church Oct 19: Pastor Tim **CC Oct 26:** Joanna Spray

Nursery Oct 19: Joellen Martin, Miranda Hollaway, Rachel Parker

Nursery Oct 26: Amanda Doyle, Avah Kriete, Kaitlyn Ude

Shut-in for October: Jean Howard 2881 N. Hillcrest Dr. Seymour

College Students for October:

- Madalyn Baurle (Oct. 19) - 800 Northwestern Ave., W. Lafayette, IN. 47906
- Emily Stair (Oct. 26) - 610 N. Pine St., Seymour, IN. 47274
- Jeremiah "JJ" Myers (Oct. 30) - 110 W. High St., Pleasant Hill, OH. 45359

Current Opportunities to Serve

- Sing with the choir or play with the orchestra in the Christmas cantata!
- Serve as a Sunday School Leader or Co-Leader, or Children's Church leader
- Serve on the Welcome Team

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, October 12, 2025

Offering

Total Receipts.....\$14,258.44

Attendance

Sunday School..... 63

Sunday Morning Worship.....192

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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