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10:30AM Worship In the Sanctuary & Online



# MISSION is the VISION



## **Gathering Music**

## **Announcements**

*Pastor Tim Stair*

## **Praise & Worship**

*Small Town Savior*

*House of the Lord*

## **Worship Through Giving**

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

## **Message**

***MISSION is the VISION: Help Wanted***

***Acts 18:1-17***

**Rev. Dr. Jeremy S. Myers**

## **Responding to God**

*Goodness of God*

## **Benediction**

*Rev. Nathan Parker*



Rare is the moment when I struggle to find words. It's not often that I actively avoid engaging in dialogue about just about anything. I'm not one to shy away from difficult discussions or unpopular truths. But, in this cultural moment, I am both struggling to find the words and have a deep desire to avoid addressing the issues. The continued stream of school shootings coupled with the assassinations of people on both sides of the political aisle have stirred up concern and consternation in our hearts and minds. Lines have been drawn. Divisions have deepened. And, as is often the case in the internet age, anything you say can and will be used against you in the court of public opinion. But, a thoughtful conversation with a concerned neighbor has provided me with questions worth consideration and an answer to inform appropriate action.

My neighbor, like most of us, is feeling some big feelings. In specific, he is struggling with feelings of anger over the assassination of Charlie Kirk and a desire to retaliate in kind. He asked two relevant questions: Is it wrong to feel angry about what was done and at what point is it necessary to take a stand and return fire?

First, not only is it not wrong to be angry at the taking of a life, I would argue it is both natural and appropriate. Murder is a clear deviation from God's design for humanity; it should stir indignation in our souls. Being angry isn't, in and of itself, an issue. In Ephesians 4:26-27, it reads, "In your anger do not sin." Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold." It is OK to feel our feelings. What we have to be wary of is what actions we allow our anger to inspire.

Second, while the desire for retaliation and retribution is also natural, it is NOT right. "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" makes logical sense to us, but it fails to meet the standard Jesus set in both word and deed. In Matthew 5:43-45, Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven." Jesus turns the traditional understanding upside down. We may feel angry and indignant over the violence we see and experience in the world, but the proper response is not retaliation; it is love. We are called, and I would argue commanded, by Christ to offer the same compassionate grace that God continually offers us.

Jesus modeled how far this love is meant to go in his own action and attitudes towards those who did Him the ultimate violence. Jesus wasn't just assassinated; He was executed. In Luke 23:34, we read that while they were in the act of killing Him, Jesus prayed, "Father, forgive them..." He didn't return evil for evil, but instead He offered the ultimate blessing. It's a lesson both Peter and Paul later articulated. In 1 Peter 3:9-11, Peter writes, "Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. For, 'Whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech. They must turn from evil and do good; they must seek peace and pursue it.'" And, in Romans 12:17-18, Paul writes, "Do not repay anyone evil for evil... If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone."

In the face of such senseless violence (I would submit that most violence is, at its core, senseless), it is tempting for us to take sides, to rally our tribe, in whatever form that may come, and prepare for war. But responding to violence with violence changes nothing; it simply increases the injury. Love and forgiveness, however, reveals the difference Christ has made in our lives and allows us to extend His life-giving grace to a desperate and dying world. So, though our anger may burn, let us not give the devil a foothold. Rather, may we stand firm in faith and love boldly with the compassionate grace the Savior shows us.

# EXPERIENCE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH SEYMOUR

## THIS WEEK'S Activities

### Sunday, September 21

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

### Monday, September 22

- 5:30PM Men's Bible Study
- 6:30PM Women at the Well (off-site @ nursing homes)  
Oktoberfest Pepperoni Rolling

### Tuesday, September 23

- 10:00AM GriefShare

### Wednesday, September 24

- 5:00PM Family Dinner
- 6:30PM FBC Orchestra Rehearsal | Celebrate Recovery

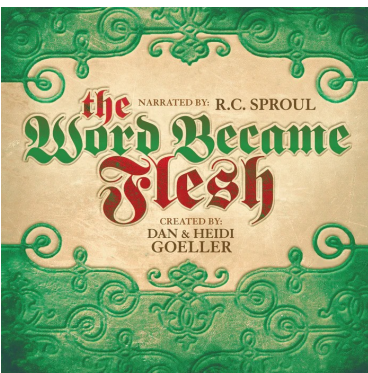


## Oktoberfest Booth Volunteers Needed!

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 or at the Welcome Center today.

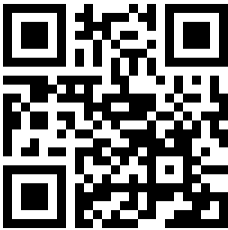
## Salt & Light (55+) to DERBY DINNER THEATER "Elf the Musical"

Friday, December 5 - Sign up at Welcome Center. 40 reserved seats. Tickets are \$46 each. Payment to be made at FBC office. BUS leaves FBC at 4:45 PM or carpool to travel on your own. Doors open at 6, Return to FBC around 11 PM.



## Christmas Cantata 2025

Join the choir or orchestra for this year's Christmas cantata, ***The Word Became Flesh***, which will be Sunday, December 21. The choir rehearses on Sunday afternoons from 3:45-5:00 PM and is open to all singers from 6th grade to adult. Ability to read music is not required as we have rehearsal recordings that will help you learn by ear—all that is required is that you love Jesus and love to sing! The orchestra rehearses Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 PM (please contact Pastor Nathan if you are interested in playing!)



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:8125221909)/[office@fbchome.org](mailto: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 Sept 21:** Rachel Parker      **SS Nursery Sept 28:** Katie Yee

**Children's Church Sep 21:** Kourtney Simmons & Karla Shutters    **Sept 28:** Pastor Tim

**Nursery Sept 21:** Katelynn Woods, Christie Senn

**Nursery Sept 28:** Joie Curtis, Kourtney Simmons, Alicia Reedy

**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:8125221909) or [office@fbchome.org](mailto:office@fbchome.org)) if you would be open to serve in any of these ways!

### Last Sunday, September 14, 2025

**Offering**

Total Receipts.....\$8,414.40

**Attendance**

Sunday School..... 80

Sunday Morning Worship.....207

### OUR PASTORAL TEAM

**Dr. Jeremy Myers**, Senior Pastor - [jeremy@fbchome.org](mailto:jeremy@fbchome.org)

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