

Greetings in Jesus' glorious name!

I asked Pastor John if he would allow me the privilege of writing a few words about my experience here at FBC these past few days with the adult VBS. First, let me say that I am so very grateful for the opportunity to return to this church after so many years. The gracious welcome, the prayers for our ministry and family, and the chance to have so much fun relating the Scripture have been some of the highlights of the week for me. (I love working with Pastor John!) Thanks for the stories, the memories, and the laughter. As Pastor John and I shared the story of the Philippians with you on Sunday, I was taken aback as we talked through the thanksgiving portion of the letter. Paul's words echoed in my mind all evening long as I continued to remember, with fondness and gratitude, our time among you so long ago.

Your influence on the churches in Thailand continues to grow as you help us be a part of what God is doing there. I don't say this out loud too often, because it really is the work of God and the people of the Thailand Karen Baptist Convention (TKBC), but when we went to Thailand, the TKBC had about 36,000 baptized believers and 230 churches. Now, 11 years later, there are about 78,000 baptized believers, and 310 churches. What you have allowed me to do is to train pastors for those churches that are being planted, to help contribute to the lives of the next generation of preachers, teachers, and leaders. Thank you.

Just as Paul did with the Philippians, "Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns." (Phil. 1:3-6, NLT)

Your gifts to God, through International Ministries, and to us, have been such a blessing. It isn't enough that you help us to be on the mission field. You bless us when we are in need. You bless my children. Thank you. This church will always be so very dear to me. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

— Pastor Kyle Witmer, for the Witmers

Stewardship

2025 Church Stewardship — Tithes and Offerings

Tithes and Offerings	July 27	Aug 3	Aug 10	Aug 17
General Fund	\$7,786	\$11,246	\$7,688	\$6,318
Building Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Misc. income	\$598	\$1,317	\$177	\$575
Total	\$8,384	\$12,563	\$7,865	\$6,893

Christian Weekday Religious Education (CWRE)

CWRE is held during the Plainfield school day once again! For 1 hour every Thursday. Do you know a 4th grader in the Plainfield school district that would like to participate? Would you like to volunteer to help as a needed teacher, assistant or van driver?

Check out this website for details: <https://bhall36.wixsite.com/cwreplainfield>

See Glenda Thompson with any questions



SEEK JESUS. REACH THE COMMUNITY. DO LIFE TOGETHER.

God has given each of us unique gifts, and when we serve together, lives are changed — in our church and in our community. We'd love for *you* to be part of what God is doing here at FBC.

Right now, there are opportunities to serve in 2026 at First Baptist — You don't have to be perfect, you just have to be willing. Whether it's greeting someone at the door, helping a child learn about God's love, helping with the property, or running the sound booth, your part matters. If you've been wondering how God might want to use you, this could be your next step.

Every smile, every handshake, every act of service here points someone to Jesus!

Our 2026 board and ministry opportunities include:

Connectedness Board—ministering through fellowship
Deacon Board — ministering through personal connection
Missions Board — supporting missionaries and missions in our communities
Outreach Board — reaching out and sharing Jesus to the community
Personnel Relations Board — serving through administration
Property Board — serving with a desire for the church property and grounds
Spiritual Development Board — ministering through Christian Education
Stewardship Board — ministering through financial management
Worship Board — ministering and supporting our worship services

If you feel led to join any of these ministries or would like more information on a particular board and their responsibilities, please let me know.

We hope to have our 2026 boards set and ready for the November 9 annual business meeting.

Reann Poray
Chair, Executive Board

Activities for All



Sept 20 from 5:30 - 9pm

Connectedness Board is sponsoring an evening of fun and fellowship at Game Night!

Bring your favorite appetizer or snack food to share. Invite a friend or neighbor to join us.

Or, if games are not your thing simply come to enjoy the sounds of joy and laughter as we gather for pure fellowship. (For some of us it's time for friendly rematches!)



Fall Family Festival

Get ready to play games, win prizes, enjoy the Bounce House and food!

September 28
4 - 6pm



Adult Ministries



Indiana State Library Tour

Established by the General Assembly, the Indiana State library has been answering Hoosiers' questions since 1825.

Join the ENCORE group on Thursday, September 18 as we explore and marvel at the library's stunning architecture and impressive collections. Our guided tour is free and begins at 10 a.m. We'll enjoy lunch together after the tour.

Interested in carpooling?
Meet at the church at 9:00am



TUESDAY MORNING Bible Study

Join us on Tuesdays
at 10 am for a new Women of Faith study

“Encouraging One Another”



October is the month when First Baptist Church Plainfield participates in International Ministries World Mission Offering (WMO). We join hands with thousands of churches and individuals who come together to promote and support ministries God is using to transform the world.

The theme this year is:

See, I am doing a new thing! *Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?* Isaiah 43:19

This year will focus on three missionaries with totally different callings:

Kristy Engel----has a healthcare focus and is a trained pediatric nurse practitioner. She recently served internally displaced people in Ukraine. Kristy has her own personal service dog, Mia, who warns Kristy of imminent health danger.

Eric and Yuree Lembke-----serve with the Karen ethnic people in Thailand in a Karen Baptist School and College located in a refugee camp in Thailand. They teach English and ministry classes (and much more). Yuree was born in Burma and escaped terrorists with her family across the border to Thailand and lived in a refugee camp until she was picked to go to the US for an education. She wished to never see a camp again, but God had a different plan for her!!

Mike Mann-----serves the hill tribe villagers living below the poverty line through assistance with clean water, sanitation, agriculture, education, health and cash crops. Join us as we participate in the World Mission Offering with joy!!

Mission Board News

Thank you for your wonderful contributions to the Baby Shower gifts for Brennan and Ariana Witmer, and Jasmine Clemmer. Because of your thoughtfulness, we were able to send gift cards totaling \$500 and \$575, respectively. Your act of love is truly appreciated, and your messages will surely bring smiles and joy to the celebration.

Be on the lookout for two more “Baby Showers” in the near future; the Witmer family has more babies on the way. We are grateful for your support and kindness!

The Mission Board

You're Invited: Flipping Pancake Breakfast for Family Promise

Join us for a delicious morning in support of families in need

The Mission Board is excited to invite you to a Pancake Breakfast in support of Family Promise! Enjoy a morning of fluffy pancakes, warm syrup, and great company—all while helping families in our community find stability and hope.

Date: Saturday, September 13

Time: 8:00 am – 10:00 am

Location: Hospitality Room at FBCP

Family Promise is dedicated to transforming the lives of those struggling in Hendricks County, by providing emergency and permanent housing, homelessness prevention and stability services. Your participation and contributions at this event will directly support their vital programs and services.



Bring your family, friends, and appetite! Whether you're coming for the pancakes, the cause, or both, we look forward to seeing you there.

Please Sign Up at the Connection Hub or call the church office to let us know you will be joining us.

Together, we can make a difference—one pancake at a time!

Digging Deeper

Dig Deeper: Food Insecurity Documentary

Food insecurity is a critical issue affecting millions of people in the United States and around the world, including right here in Indiana.

The Mission Board will be presenting a 30-minute video on **October 8 for the Dig Deeper topic**. This documentary provides valuable insights into the causes, effects, and lived experiences of individuals and families facing food access challenges. When viewing a documentary about food insecurity, consider the following points:

- Personal Narratives: Listen to the firsthand accounts of those who experience food insecurity. Their stories add a human dimension to the data.
- Systemic Causes: Note discussions about the root causes of food insecurity, such as poverty, unemployment, systemic inequities, and access to healthy food
- Community and Policy Responses: Observe examples of community-based solutions, nonprofit organizations' roles, and government policies aimed at addressing the problem.
- Call to Action: Many documentaries end with ways viewers can help, such as volunteering, advocacy, or supporting food programs.

After viewing, we will reflect on the main messages and consider discussing your thoughts about what you learned and what actions might make a difference in your community.

The Mission Board will be working on planning a day where we can unite our hands with an organization that provides food for the community in need in late October or early November.

**Wednesday, October 8 at 12 noon
in the Hospitality Room
(Bring you own lunch)**

PIZZA

WITH THE PASTORS AND DEACONS
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 11:45AM
IN THE HOSPITALITY ROOM

WE'D LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO "PIZZA WITH THE PASTORS AND DEACONS" SO THAT YOU CAN GET TO KNOW US BETTER. IF YOU ARE NEWER TO OUR CHURCH, HAVE BEEN WORSHIPPING WITH US AND PARTICIPATING IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH, YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR THIS INFORMAL GATHERING.

PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE HUB

Men's Coffee FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, Sept 20
9:00am
Hospitality Room

ADULT VBS FUN





Thank you

- Plainfield Federation of Churches writes: “Thank you for donating 179 cans of tuna in July for the PFC food pantry located at St. Mark’s. We are collecting pasta sauce in September (cans or plastic jars please) and will be collecting soup in October. Those that are food insecure appreciate your sharing generosity.”
- Linda Morton writes: “Thank you for a wonderful and fantastic Adult Vacation Bible School extravaganza. Everything was great from the food to painting party, games, Pastor Kyle and Pastor John’s biblical enactments (look out Hollywood) and the music . It was a great experience! For all who helped put on this amazing event, thank you so much for all your hard work! I had a blast! “
- Linda Morton also sends thanks: “Thank you so much for your lovely and wonderful birthday cards and wishes. You’re a blessing to me and I thank God for you. With hugs, Linda”

The Tuesday Morning Bible Study ladies want to recognize and honor members of our church who are currently Active Duty or Veterans of our Armed Forces. We will need the following:



Family member’s name, Branch of Service, and their current address.

A form will be made available at HUB from September 21 to the end of October for you to provide this information. Thank you so much.

—Tuesday Morning Bible Study



Janice Mitchell	Sept 02	Kay O'Neill	Sept 13
Adam Frank	Sept 05	Roy Eaton	Sept 15
Malachai Pruitt	Sept 05	Sara Hood	Sept 15
Noah Brown	Sept 06	Luanne Marshall	Sept 20
Ruthi Fouty	Sept 09	Beth Senteney	Sept 22
Melanie Zeiner	Sept 10	Keena Sparenblek	Sept 24
Joyce Castleman	Sept 12	Kathy Anderson	Sept 26
Raleigh Connell	Sept 12	Ryan Burns	Sept 26
Mary Franks	Sept 13		

Spiritual Growth

Start your week off right by joining us as we study God's Word together!

Sunday Morning Bible Studies at 9:00am:

THE TABLE (Adult 4 Classroom) Brad and Megan Martin, teachers

ANCHORED in FAITH (Adult 1 Classroom) John Hood, teacher

"Favorite Hymns and the story behind them"

Enjoy learning the meanings and reasons some of our favorite old hymns were written. This study will continue through September 7.

TRUTH SEEKERS (Adult 2 Classroom)

"Walk Like Jesus: Who He Calls Us To Be"

Don Weasenforth, Melanie Zeiner, Teresa Perry, Sandy Clemons, teachers

Dive into the life of Christ like never before with the Truth Seekers Bible Study class. Studying not just what He said, but what He did, why He did it, and what that means for you in your context.

LEARNING through LOVE & LAUGHTER (Adult 3 Classroom) Laura Gamm, teacher

"What's So Amazing About Grace"

It's one thing to talk about grace; it's another to experience its power. Discover how radical and life-changing grace can be.

Almost Home Shelter with Family Promise of Hendricks County

The families staying in the Almost Home shelter are part of a residential program. These are the families that receive our blessing baskets!

The shelter located in Plainfield houses up to six families. The Outreach Board has signed up to host a dinner once a month for these families. We are limited to the number of volunteers we can take each month, but we welcome any way that you feel you can assist: helping prepare a meal, serving, or donating ingredients and other items for the monthly meal.

For those interested in this outreach, a sign-up sheet is in the Hospitality Room. The dates that we have reserved for hosting a dinner are: September 8, October 13, November 10 and December 1st.

Contact Vickie Davidson with any questions you may have.

2025 Bundle Up Coat Drive

This year's coat drive will be September 28 - October 12! We need gently used clean or new coats, jackets, hats, scarves, gloves and mittens.

Watch for the blue collection barrel to appear in the main church foyer mid-September. The coat drive giveaway will be Saturday, October 18 from 10am - 2pm at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds.



Hey. Singles!

Interested in getting together and doing things with others?

Contact Loretta Broyles as she plans different opportunities for singles (of any age) in our church community.



2025 CROP Walk to stop world hunger

Sunday, September 28 at 1:00pm
Talon Park Shelter
(located near Plainfield Rec Center)

Want to walk or donate?
Information at the Connection HUB
Sunday, September 14

Sponsored by the Plainfield Federation of Churches



FUSE

STUDENT GATHERING

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 3-6PM

Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp

Contact Pastor Joyce if you are interested in going.

A row of hands holding various books of different colors and sizes, including red, blue, green, and brown, against a blue background.

Sunday Mornings

9 AM

First Baptist Kids

Sunday Morning Youth (6th–12th grade)

10:30 AM

Nursery & Wobblers

Creation Station for Preschoolers

Power Zone (K–5th grade)

Worship
Service

10:30 AM
SUNDAYS

Sunday Morning
BIBLE STUDIES

9:00AM
SUNDAYS

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First Baptist Church of Plainfield is an American Baptist church. The mission statement, which is based on Matthew 28:18-20, is "To go, make disciples; baptizing and teaching in obedience to God's command."

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