

The Tie

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BEGINNING AUGUST 15
COFFEE, DONUTS AND FELLOWSHIP
IN THE HOSPITALITY ROOM
10:00 - 10:30 AM

A Word from Pastor John

I grew up in a Baptist Church where the Holy Spirit wasn't talked about very much. I want to take the next few months and dedicate my TIE article to what I have discovered about the Holy Spirit since those days.

Jesus says this in John 14:6-: *And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever - the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for he lives with you and will be in you.*

When it comes to understanding the Holy Spirit, we face some challenges. First, **WE CAN'T SEE HIM**. Because we can't see the Holy Spirit, we tend to create our own conclusions and perspectives. If we base the Holy Spirit on our own experience and our own understanding, then we might have a variety of perceptions around the Holy Spirit. We might over sensationalize or create an understanding of the Holy Spirit as completely out of control.

Another challenge we face in understanding the Holy Spirit is **WE DON'T KNOW HIM**. When we perceive the Holy Spirit as this out of control, super sensationalized, mystifying being we create a perception that is confusing, complicated, weird and scary. And that isn't who the Holy Spirit is. Or we might go to the opposite extreme and use our intellect and create a God that is limited by our own understanding. God becomes predictable, controllable and a God like that doesn't change much. God becomes stagnate and boring.

Either perspective shows that we simply don't know the Holy Spirit. So I want to offer something to you. I believe that knowing the Holy Spirit is best seen through what the Holy Spirit brings into your life.

The Holy Spirit gives us the power **TO WALK IN GOD'S WILL**. *But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.* (John 14:26) I love this image. We need to be reminded of everything, and we need to be continually taught.

The Holy Spirit also gives you power in your life **TO SHARE CHRIST BOLDLY**. *My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.*

(1 Corinthians 2:4-5) We often find it very challenging to share Christ boldly with others, to invite them to take one step closer to a relationship with Jesus Christ. The reason is we are more often than not relying on our own power than on the power of the Holy Spirit living in us.

A Word from Pastor John, continued

The Holy Spirit empowers us to speak boldly, and the Holy Spirit also gives us life power in order for you **TO LIVE A HOLY LIFE**. Living a holy life is allowing yourself to be influenced by the Holy Spirit so that you can live an uncommon life. A life this is marked by uncommon power, uncommon character, uncommon morals, uncommon ethics. To be holy is to stand out. *So I advise you to live according to your new life in the Holy Spirit. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. The old sinful nature loves to do evil, which is just opposite from what the Holy Spirit wants...These two forces are constantly fighting each other, and your choices are never free from this conflict.* (Galatians 5:16-17 NLT)

The Holy Spirit also gives you power **TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE WITH SPIRITUAL GIFTS**. *God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.* (Hebrews 2:4 and in I Corinthians 12:7) it says, *A spiritual gift is given to each of us as a means of helping the entire church.*

The Holy Spirit brings so much into our life and that alone is worth knowing more about the Holy Spirit. Next month I want to share what you can do to know the Holy Spirit more.

—Pastor John

2021 Church Statistics

Tithes and Offerings	June 20	June 27	July 4	July 11
General Fund	\$4,538	\$6,035	\$8,987	\$7096
Building Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Misc. income	\$2,872	\$240	\$208	\$474
Total	\$7,410	\$6,275	\$9,195	\$7,570



Invite your friends and neighbors to this special event for children, youth, and their families!

Volunteers Needed!

We need volunteers to help with food, games, prizes, set-up and tear down. Contact Pastor Joyce or Pastor Nikki if you can help!



August 1 from 4—5 pm

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

POWERZONE

for Preschool & Elementary Kids during BOTH Worship Services





At 9:15 am (9:00 am starting August 15)
Anchored in Faith meets in the Loft.

At 10 am (10:30 am starting August 15)
Breaking Dawn with Friends meets in the Church Office.
Learning through Love & Laughter meets in Room 325.

Come and celebrate
Rev. Soozie Whitten Ford
as she begins her retirement
Sunday, August 29 - 3-5pm
A light buffet meal - 3pm
Program - 4pm
Columbus First Baptist Church
3300 Fairlawn Drive Columbus, IN 47203
Please RSVP by Monday, August 23
to abcin@abc-indiana.org

ABC IN-KY Region News

Would you like to go deeper and mature in your faith journey? Would you like to grow in your knowledge and skills for leadership and investing into others? Do you desire further education for leadership in the church, but seminary is not possible? Then, **Church Leadership Institute** was designed for YOU!

CLI is a ministry of American Baptist Churches-IN/KY in cooperation with ABC-Greater Indianapolis along with sponsoring American Baptist Churches & Associations for **growing, equipping, and enriching** Christians for ministry in their home churches, communities, and associations. It is for Christians wanting to deepen their discipleship journey, develop their gifts and skills, and/or invest their lives to serving Christ, the church, and the world.

Rev. Dr. Bruce Cochran will be teaching Introduction to the Old Testament this Summer and Introduction to the New Testament this Fall.

Both class topics:

- are available either “in-person” at the ABC-IN/KY Region Office in Greenwood or via Zoom Live Streaming
- can be taken with the option of earning credit or as an “audit student” for a lesser fee
- will allow churches to register 3 or more individuals to earn credit at a lesser fee

Introduction to the Old Testament

- Late Registration Deadline – July 30
- Dates the class meets: July 17 & 31, August 14 & 28

Introduction to the New Testament

- Registration Deadline – September 24 (early-savings registration deadline Sept 3)
- Dates the class meets: October 2, 16, 30 & November 13

If you have any questions or plan to register for either of both of these classes, please contact Jennifer Greene at jennifergreene@abc-indiana.org or 317-490-3087 (cell).





There is nothing like the sound of laughter filling a room. Although weekly young adult ministry meetings have been on pause, there have continued to be places of connection for young adults at FBCP. From Sunday mornings when young adults gather organically to talk before, during, and after services to our recent dinner at Pastor John's house — the gathering of young people forges on through the trials of life that we all face in one way or another. The most consistent characteristics of young adults in a shared space are laughter and acceptance. It is a gift to witness, and to be invited into, such a place. My hope as I pastor the young people in our church, both the youth and young adults, is that those environments of laughter and acceptance continue to flourish organically. When those things exist together, safety is created. I don't mean the kind of safety that allows us to rest in our comfort zones; rather, I am referring to the safety that you feel at home, when you're curled up on the couch with a good book, a football game, or a midnight snack. Would you join me in praying that our church — not only the building, but more importantly, the persons that make it what it is — would continue to foster this environment of laughter and acceptance? There is so much work before us as disciples in the Kingdom, and I am confident that our congregation is ready to respond to that call!



YOUTH MINISTRY:

SUNDAYS

6-7:30 P.M.

THE CHURCH

THANK YOU



For helping to make

Mission Moment by Myrna Parris

“International Ministries, also known as the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, works cross-culturally to invite people to become disciples of Jesus Christ and to proclaim, through both word and deed, God’s reign of justice, peace, and abundant life for all creation.”

The prior mission statement was found in the 2020 Annual report of IM, along with the following statistics.

- * 70 COUNTRIES
- * 120+ GLOBAL SERVANTS
- * 250+ GLOBAL PARTNERS
- * 430 SHORT-TERM MISSION VOLUNTEERS

In all probability, you have said at some time or another, that you could never be a missionary. The idea seems out of the question for most of us, and yet God said in Matthew 6:10, *“your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”* We recognize those words as part of the prayer Jesus taught his followers to pray. That suggests that we need to be busy making His kingdom come even as we live our daily life. So that set my mind to thinking about simple ways in our daily lives that we can be missionaries. I’m sure the Holy Spirit gives us opportunities to plant spiritual seeds; sometimes we recognize and respond and sometimes we are tuned out and fail to make the contact.

In the last three weeks, I have worked as a Volunteer at the Green Lake Conference Center. My job has been as a greeter for breakfast at 7:30 AM. Since I am a morning person it has been a pleasant experience. One Monday morning, a man came in with his daughter and said he accidentally brought his wife’s ticket, which she would need to have marked when she came to eat. We asked him to describe her, which he did, and then proceeded to say she would be with a younger daughter and their son, who had lots of hair. I soon saw a young man with a baseball cap on backwards. I smiled and asked if he had a lot of hair. With a surprised expression he said he did. To which I responded that I would need to see that hair before the week was out. He grinned and shook his head as if to say, “can’t do it”. Every time he came, when I was working the line, I made a comment about my grandson’s hair styles. He just smiled all over. On the last day, I said, “You aren’t going to let me see your hair, are you?” By that time he was more willing to talk, so I asked if he was coming back next year. With a big grin, he answered that he probably would be back.

The father had shared with me that his son did not want to attend the conference because he had no friends there. But he made a friend at the conference and looked forward to the attention I gave him at mealtime. If something so small as making a teenager feel welcome, and brings him back to learn more about his spiritual life, surely that was my mission at that moment. I thanked God after hearing what the father had to say about his son’s experience.

Our FBC International Missionaries

Please be in continual prayer for the three American Baptist missionary teams that FBC supports: Kyle and Debby Witmer (Thailand), Bill and Ann Clemmer (South Sudan), and Kati & Taku Longkumer (India).



Bill & Ann Clemmer



Taku & Kati Longkumer

Follow the Longkumers: <https://www.internationalministries.org/author/kt-longkumer/>



Kyle & Debbie Witmer with Julia, Hannah, Emma, Brennan

YOU'RE
INVITED
TO A
WEDDING SHOWER
FOR
PASTOR NIKKI
AND GARRETT



Sunday, August 8 at 12noon
Hospitality Room

A light lunch will be served

Nikki and Garrett are registered at www.theknot.com

This co-ed shower is sponsored by the
Connectedness Board

(To help prepare, please RSVP to the church office by August 4)



Celebrating 30 years In Ministry

August 18 marks Pastor Joyce's
30th year
Ordained in Christian ministry.
We'll celebrate this milestone on
Sunday, August 15
at both services.

Congratulations!

Church in the Woods

After a 2-year hiatus, the Deacon board is happy to host
**Church in the Woods and New Members Recognition
Ice Cream and Dessert Social**



Join us on Sunday, September 12 at 6:00pm

Location: FBC Woods

What to bring: dessert to share, lawn chairs

Pastor John will share a devotion, and we'll recognize our new members
from Fall 2019—Fall 2021.

Today in the Word: July — August 2021

Outline for Daily Devotions:

1. Begin with prayer.
2. Read the Psalm listed.
3. Read the daily scripture listed.
4. Take time to reflect and meditate.
5. Pray for others and yourself.
6. Finish prayer with thanksgiving and your commitment for the day.

July 12—18, 2021

Read: Psalm 59

Monday: Saved from Destruction Joshua 6: 17-25
Tuesday: The Sin Within Joshua 7: 1-19
Wednesday: The Consequence of Evil Joshua 7: 20-26
Thursday: Vengeance is the Lord's Romans 12: 9-21
Friday: Listen to the Lord Joshua 8: 1-29
Saturday: Renewing a Covenant Joshua 8: 30-34
Sunday: Deceitful Neighbors Joshua 9: 1-27

July 19—25, 2021

Read: Psalm 5

Monday: He Fights for You Joshua 10: 1-15
Tuesday: God and Science Job 38: 2-15
Wednesday: Five slaughtered kings Joshua 10: 16-27
Thursday: The Lord Prevails Joshua 10:28—12:24
Friday: God's Not Finished Job 13: 1-7
Saturday: Long Awaited Inheritance Joshua 14: 6-15
Sunday: Cities of Refuge Joshua 20: 1-9

July 26—August 1, 2021

Read: Psalm 22

Monday: Behind the Scenes Joshua 21
Tuesday: Inquire, Don't Infer Joshua 22
Wednesday: Good and Godly Leaders Joshua 23
Thursday: Serving Nothing Else Joshua 24: 1-27
Friday: A Final Resting Place Joshua 24: 28-33
Saturday: At Home With Him 1 Peter 2: 4-12
Sunday: What is a Teacher? Matthew 28: 16-20

August 2—8, 2021

Read: Psalm 105

Monday: Check Your Mindset Luke 6: 17-38
Tuesday: Be an Influencer John 1
Wednesday: A Life-changing Lesson John 3
Thursday: Learning Thru Experience Mark 6:30-44
Friday: Asking the "Why" Matthew 6: 25-34
Saturday: Meet the Target Mark 10: 1-29
Sunday: A Responsive Classroom John 4

August 9—15, 2021

Read: Psalm 60

Monday: Practicing Awareness 1 Timothy 4
Tuesday: Practicing Empathy Mark 8:1-13
Wednesday: Recognizing Needs Luke 19: 1-9
Thursday: Enduring Understanding Luke 14
Friday: Empathy in Action Romans 12: 9-21
Saturday: Teaching Through Stories Matthew 13
Sunday: Important Questions Mark 4: 1-20

August 16—22, 2021

Read: Psalm 125

Monday: Asking the Right Questions Matthew 16
Tuesday: Providing Feedback Matthew 17: 14-21
Wednesday: Choosing to Rejoice Luke 10: 1-23
Thursday: Problem Solving Mark 11: 12-26
Friday: A Biblical Worldview Ephesians 2: 1-10
Saturday: Listening as Obedience Malachi 2
Sunday: Listening Well Philippians 2



Church Family News

- **Ben Hinz** writes “Dear church family. Thank you so much for the support as well your gift. I am very grateful for both of those. In addition, I found the graduation recognition service to be unforgettable. It feels like just yesterday I was still in Sunday School, and I have come so far since then. I thank the whole church for helping make me who I am today. Sincerely, Ben Hinz”
- **Dave and Sally McMahan** send thanks: A sincere thank you to all of our friends at First Baptist Church Plainfield who have reached out to us this past month. May the Lord bless each of you. Much love, Dave & Sally McMahan”

FBC College Students Needed!

We at First Baptist Church Plainfield need you! We have a support program for college students where we pair an adult with a college student for each school year. It is called the Barnabas Program.

The Barnabas partner that receives your name will do several things for you during the school year, such as, praying for you daily, sending little gifts, snack items, and possibly a gift card for a restaurant. And this is done anonymously. Then in June we will have a reveal luncheon. This is when you will find out who has been sending encouraging notes and praying for you during the year.

We have many people waiting to be a Barnabas to our college students. Please consider signing up in August. You can sign up by filling out the form on the FBCP website.

**One Great
HOUR
OF SHARING**

The OGHS offering supports disaster relief, development projects, and refugee ministries of the American Baptist Churches and its partners.

Our Military Family

FBC Members:

Bryce O'Neill—Captain, United States Space Force, Shriever AFB, Colorado Springs, CO

David Poray — Sergeant, Indiana Army National Guard, Stout Field, Indianapolis

Zachary Eaton — E2, Indiana Army National Guard, Stout Field, Indiana

FBC Family and Friends:

Patrice Voltaire — PFC Marines, Terre Haute. Sone of Emanise and Jean Voltaire.

Jeremiah Jacobs — Army. Grandson of Jim & Dova Copeland

Captain Nicholas Ocegueda -- Army, Iraq, grandson of Sue Roe

Steven Main -- Air Force, grandson of Phyllis Bartley

Joshua Gath — Navy, Hawaii, grandson of Dee Williams

Matthew Roe—Indiana Army National Guard, grandson of Sue Roe

John Betzoid—Navy, Great —nephew of Anita Broyles

Brian Schafer, Chief Warrant Office, Indiana National Guard, son of Dick & Margaret Schafer

Nate Boys—Air Force, Afghanistan. Friend of Jim & Patty Hession.

Lt. Colonel Jon Beach—Air Force, Dyess AFB. Son-in-law of Bob and Carol Hanger

Lt. Colonel Alison Beach—Air Force, Dyess AFB. Daughter of Bob and Carol Hanger

Jerry Betzold — Marines, San Diego. Great nephew of Anita Broyles.

Sgt. Joshua Carter — Army, nephew of Tom and Janet Jackson

Aaron Tyler Sutherlin — Sergeant, Indiana Nat. Guard, Stout Field, grandson of Larry & Sally Sutherlin

Noah Robinson — Arkansas Army National Guard. Nephew of Kay O'Neill.

Daniel Scott Roberson, Marine Basic Training, San Diego, CA , grandson of Donna Brown

Cora Bruner—Air Force, Minot AFB, Minot, ND



Any Updates? Call the Church Office.



IN-PERSON and FACEBOOK LIVE

Inspiration Service (Traditional) Sundays at 9 am

Celebration Service (Contemporary) Sundays at 10:30 am



***TIE* articles due: August 13**

Please leave articles in the TIE mail slot
outside the church office, or email them to
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Rev. John Marshall
Senior Pastor

Rev. Joyce Castleman
Associate Pastor of Children &
Spiritual Development

Pastor Nikki Edrington
Associate Pastor of Youth &
Young Adults

Sunday Worship Celebration
9:00 am (Inspiration)
10:30 am (Celebration)

Sunday Church School
9:15am and 10:30am

Beginning Steps Child Care
Leah Hirsch, Director

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Verse of the Month:

"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us
anew in Christ Jesus so we can do the good things he
planned for us long ago."

—Ephesians 2:10



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."

