

The Tie

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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.

A Word from Pastor John

Do you ever find yourself in uncomfortable moments that seem beyond what is normal? Are you familiar with the term spiritual warfare? In this article, I am going to address this sometimes confusing and unsettling topic.

To be clear, not every uncomfortable or unsettling moment in our lives can be categorized as spiritual warfare. I don't believe Satan is behind every difficult circumstance. The consequences of our own choices can create chaos in our lives and it's wise to take responsibility for our own choices and not blame the consequences on Satan. That's a big statement, so read it again if you need to.

However, it's also important to note that spiritual warfare is a real thing and we need to be aware of it. As you read through this article I want to encourage you to look up the scriptures that support my statements and see them in context since I can't type all of them here.

We need to know there is a strategy behind spiritual warfare; there is deliberate activity around spiritual warfare; there is purpose in the warfare, and there is a way to respond to spiritual warfare.

First, SATAN SEEKS TO BLIND THE MINDS OF UNBELIEVERS. All of us, even those in relationship with Jesus, can have seasons or areas of unbelief. We become blind to the Spirit's power residing in us. *"The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers"...*2 Corinthians 4:4. Notice that the verse says our MINDS are blinded, not our eyes. That is an interesting aspect of spiritual warfare. Pay attention to where your mind sows doubt, dissension, and other things that are contrary to the Spirit of God. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you the personal blind spots in your own life.

Second, SATAN SEEKS TO STEALS GOD'S WORD FROM YOU. *"When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart."* Matthew 13:19 When we stop holding on to the truth of God as revealed in Christ, we easily find ourselves being used by the enemy. We may even start believing that our personal biases and belief systems are the truth instead of Jesus who sent the Spirit to instruct us in his truth reminding us what he taught which leads to the Father's glory. (John 14)

Third, SATAN SEEKS TO SET TRAPS TO ENSNARE YOU. *"...they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will."* 2 Timothy 2:26. We have an enemy who seeks to trap and ensnare us, creating confusion and dissension among us, while emphasizing part truths or things other than the truth—then we suffer the consequences of those traps.

Those traps exist for two purposes:

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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!

2021 Church Statistics

Tithes and Offerings	July 25	Aug 1	Aug 8	Aug 15
General Fund	\$2,472	\$19,659	\$8,563	\$6,363
Building Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Misc. income	\$553	\$2,562	\$3,690	\$1,867
Total	\$3,025	\$22,221	\$12,253	\$8,230

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SATAN SEEKS TO STOP YOU. Pay attention to this scripture; *“For we wanted to come to you—certainly I, Paul, did, again and again—but Satan stopped us.”* 1 Thessalonians 2:18. Notice that Paul tried again and again. He was persistent in trying to move forward with God, and he didn’t interpret the obstacles as God asking him to quit. The enemy wins when we stop moving forward with God and choose to give up.

SATAN SEEKS TO DESTROY YOU. *“Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.”* 1 Peter 5:8. This is more than just a strategy, this is the goal of our enemy. John 10:10 confirms this goal. If your effectiveness can be destroyed and you can somehow be rendered useless the enemy has won.

So, how should we respond?

First, we must recognize that **WHAT WE SEE IS NOT ALL THERE IS.** Our tendency is to focus on the attack, the difficult moment or even the person we perceive as our enemy. Instead, we should strive to focus on these two truths.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE IN YOUR BATTLES. (2 Kings 6:15-17) When it comes to spiritual warfare I want to encourage you to realize that you may feel you are alone but you are not. The truth is you are never alone!

And, **YOUR PRAYERS ARE FAR MORE POWERFUL THAN YOU KNOW.** (Daniel 10:12-14) The moment you cried out to God in the battle—the moment you prayed—at that very moment God began to move. You are not alone. God is moving even when you can’t see it because there is always more going on than you can see.

Read the following passage from Ephesians carefully:

“Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.” Ephesians 6:13-18

And pray in the Spirit! Did you catch that? Praying in the Holy Spirit covers us in the armor of God. The battle may heat up but you are able to take your stand in the Spirit. *“You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them (peers and principalities), because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.”* 1 John 4:4 This is how we respond to spiritual warfare, how we push back the darkness and advance the Kingdom of heaven on earth. This is how we take a stand—not against people but for God—God’s love and God’s ways. The truth is, we do not fight FOR victory in spiritual warfare, we already have victory in Christ who died and rose again and sent His Holy Spirit to empower us and lead us in His ways—God is always greater than our battles and God will lead the way.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

POWERZONE

for Preschool & Elementary Kids during BOTH Worship Services





Sunday Night Soundbite: Beginning Sunday, Sept. 5, the Salt of the Saints will be our online presentation of the Gospel to all those outside the walls of FBCP. We will take the Word to the world through the gift of social media and digital communication. Salt of the Saints will be posted to our Facebook and Instagram pages as a video study of God's Word and a time of prayer.

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

Take Note!

Let's bike the trails of Plainfield!

When: Saturday, September 11th at 9:00am

Where: Meet at Hummel Park in front of the Guilford Township Community Center
(1500 S. Center Street, Plainfield)

Details: Contact Kay O'Neill



Barnabas Partners 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 Ministry supports our college students with prayer, anonymous communications, small gifts and other things while they are studying--some away from home, some living at home. It's a great way to keep our students connected with First Baptist while they are away. If you'd like to participate in the 2021-2022 Barnabas program, please contact the church office. office@firstbaptistplainfield.org or 317-839-8163.

TIE Newsletter Transition



Starting in October, the TIE newsletter will return to in-house compiling, editing and publishing with the church office staff. You may email (office@firstbaptistplainfield.org), or drop off any TIE articles or notes to the office beginning October 1.



Youth Calendar

Aug. 29 | 4–6 p.m.
Friendship Festival

Sept. 5
No Youth Group

Sept. 12 | 6–8 p.m.
Church in the Woods

Sept. 19 | 6–7:30 p.m.
Youth Group

Sept. 26 | 6–7:30 p.m.
Youth Group

Medical releases are online this year!

In order for students to participate in certain church activities, especially those off-site, we must have a current medical release on file. This year, we've simplified the process by going virtual!

To submit the form, simply head to firstbaptistplainfield.org/the-hub and find the box titled Child/Youth Medical Release. Forms are submitted securely through our website.

Please submit forms by Sept. 1. Contact Pastor Nikki with any questions!



Let's get connected

Although the young adult ministry hasn't resumed regularly scheduled meetings, we have stayed connected and begun to build a fresh new sense of community through our evenings at Pastor John and Luanne's home. We've even started playing frisbee golf together!

For more information and to be added to the communication list for upcoming young adult events and meetings, reach out to Pastor Nikki (or the office — we'll get you to the right place either way!). We can't wait for you to join the journey with us!

See you next time!

Mission Moment by Myrna Parris

In the Mission Moment for July, I mentioned that American Baptists have over 120 International Missionaries serving in over 70 countries around our globe.

As a church we support three different families as they answer their call to do whatever the Holy Spirit directs: Bill and Ann Clemmer in Rep. of Congo; Kyle and Debbie Witmer in Thailand; Taku and Kati Longkumer in India.

Today I would like you to meet Larry and Rebecca Stanton. They work with IM partners Hungarian Baptist Aid and the Baptist Union of Hungary. Becky works with primary and elementary community schools as well as a college-prep high school. Larry assists Serbian Baptist churches with their service to the community and to refugees along the Balkan route. Their three daughters attend local schools, learning Hungarian and teaching English as only children can.

In March of 2019, Larry shared the testimony of one young Muslim-born believer whom Larry met as he served among refugees. This man was raised with a Muslim mother and an agnostic father, filling his mind with many questions about God. He shared how he came to know the faith of the Lord, saying "My fear was about: If He was real and I wasn't seeking Him....what kind of joy was I losing?" This led the young man on an in-depth search for Jesus and discovering that Jesus is real, and opening his heart and mind to the everlasting joy that is our God.

Becky Stanton has written, "This man's testimony speaks for itself, and it highlights the idea that Larry has been holding in his heart: Jesus has other sheep," based on the verse John 10:16 where Jesus said "I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock and one shepherd."

The above testimony made an impression on me and I have read it several times since 2019. It is so important for each of us to be ready to respond when the Holy Spirit leads us to action.

What has been your 'mission moment' in the last week, the last month? Have you made an effort to be aware of opportunities?

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

In with Crutches ... Out with Wheels!



Thanks to the generosity of our churches, partners, and friends we were able to purchase custom made handicap bicycles for three precious women, all mothers of Sunday school children at HEAL Africa. Two of these women lost their wheelchairs during the recent volcanic eruption, and one never dreamed of having something so precious as a wheelchair. Here are their stories which they readily shared:

Salima

Salima, age 30, was a healthy baby at birth but became crippled after receiving an unknown vaccine at age 1. She grew up in the mountains of South Kivu Province until rebels attacked their village and her family fled carrying young Salima on their back, leaving behind their home and livelihood. They eventually ended up as refugees in Goma. Today Salima has 4 children of her own. During the devastating volcanic eruption of Mt. Nyiragongo in May of this year she again lost all she had, including her wheelchair. She was delighted to have it replaced by a hand-capped bicycle allowing her to do so much more!

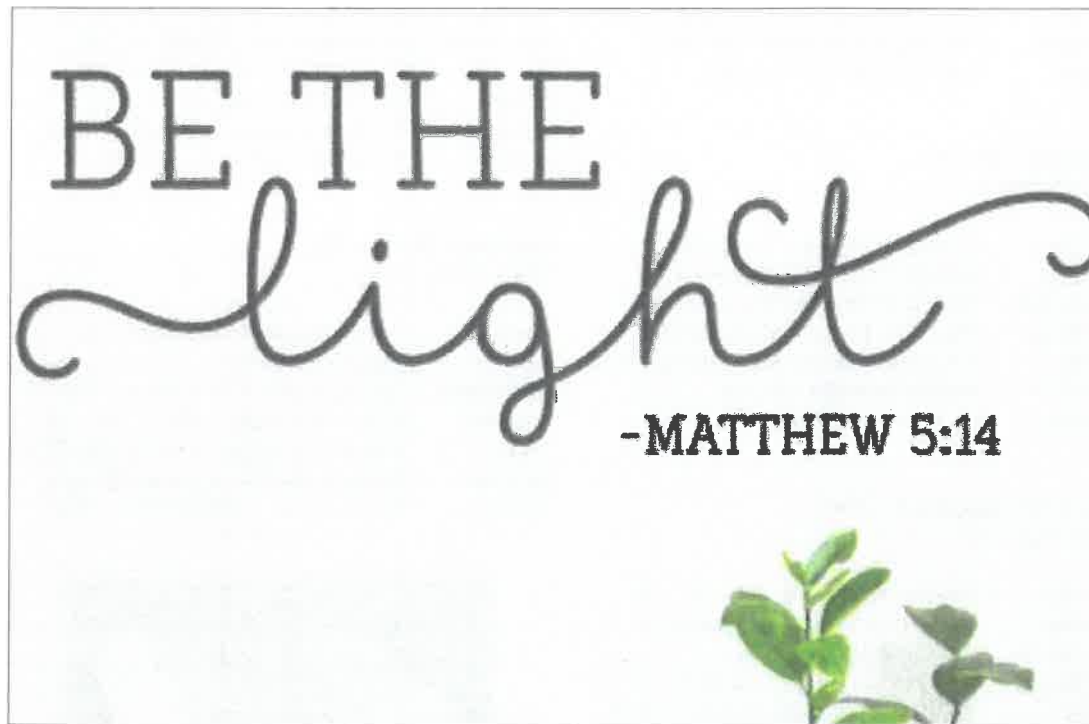


Grace

Grace, 22, and her 2 children, 7-month-old Graciela and 3-year-old Gradie, live in an impoverished rocky hill above the congested port of Goma. At the age of 8 months, she developed polio and was left crippled. She walks with great difficulty with metal leg braces that she has outgrown and handmade heavy crutches. I met her just before the volcanic eruption when she shared her dream of one day having a way to get around. Grace has a wonderful smile, and a positive outlook, despite her situation. I wish you could have been there to see her sheer delight when she received her own mobile bicycle!

Nyirandezimana

Nyirandezimana is 37. When she was 7, her leg became swollen without apparent cause. She went from hospital to hospital depleting all her family's resources. Doctors could not find the cause and eventually, fearing it could be cancer, amputated her leg mid-thigh. Today she is a single mother with 7 children. Her husband was shot and killed near their home, likely by thieves. When fleeing the eruption of Mt. Nyiragongo, her wheelchair was stolen. She never imagined it would be replaced by something this nice!



Today in the Word: August—September 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.

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

August 23—29, 2021

Read: Psalm 6

Monday: Promoting Healing 1 Corinthians 13
Tuesday: Building Community Matthew 22
Wednesday: Helping Others Matthew 25: 31-46
Thursday: The Learning Gap John 21: 15-19
Friday: The Power of Repetition Mark 10: 32-45
Saturday: Practice Foresight Luke 24
Sunday: Facing Disappointment 26: 14-56

August 30—September 5, 2021

Read: Psalm 23

Monday: Teaching by Example John 13: 1-17
Tuesday: More Than a Teacher Revelation 1
Wednesday: The God Who Hears 1 Samuel 1:1—2:11
Thursday: Two Kinds of Service 1 Samuel 2: 12-36
Friday: The God Who Speaks 1 Samuel 3: 1-21
Saturday: Using God 1 Samuel 4: 1-22
Sunday: God Among the Idols 1 Samuel 5: 1-12

September 6—12, 2021

Read: Psalm 106

Monday: Holy is the Lord 1 Samuel 6: 1-21
Tuesday: Return to the Lord 1 Samuel 7: 1-17
Wednesday: The Quest for a King 1 Samuel 8: 1-22
Thursday: Divine Confidence 1 Samuel 9: 1-27
Friday: Confirming God's Call 1 Samuel 10: 1-27
Saturday: Fear of the Lord 1 Samuel 11: 1-14
Sunday: A Leader Says Goodbye 1 Samuel 12: 1-25

September 13—19, 2021

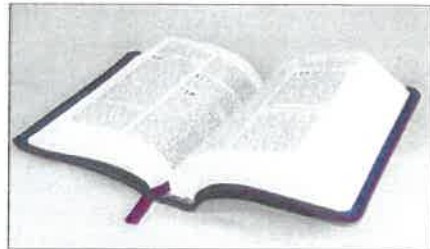
Read: Psalm 61

Monday: A False Start 1 Samuel 13: 1-15
Tuesday: A Rash Vow 1 Samuel 13:16—14:52
Wednesday: A King Rejected 1 Samuel 15: 1-35
Thursday: What God Sees 1 Samuel 16: 1-23
Friday: Gigantic Faith 1 Samuel 17: 1-58
Saturday: The Poison of Envy 1 Samuel 18: 1-30
Sunday: The Shield of God 1 Samuel 19: 1-24

September 20—26, 2021

Read: Psalm 126

Monday: Friends in Faith 1 Samuel 20: 1-42
Tuesday: Desperate Measures 1 Samuel 21:1—22:20
Wednesday: Guided by God 1 Samuel 23: 1—29
Thursday: Let the Lord Judge 1 Samuel 24: 1-22
Friday: Wise & Courageous Words 1 Sam. 25: 1-44
Saturday: Resisting Revenge 1 Samuel 26: 1-25
Sunday: Fear and Faith 1 Samuel 27: 1—28:2



Church Family News

- **Linda Morton** writes: "Thank you church family for all the birthday cards, calls and visits. You truly made me feel blessed beyond measure and much loved. What a wonderful gift. Linda Morton "
- **Pastor Joyce** sends thanks: "Thank you for the thoughtful and special way that you recognized the 30th Anniversary of my Ordination! The specially commissioned art is already hanging in my office & the beautiful flowers along with all of the cards adorn my table at home. We will enjoy special dinners out with the gifts we received. Thank you so much!! We are truly blessed to be ministering together with you! Pastor Joyce"



TIE articles due: Sept 10

Please leave articles in the TIE mail slot outside the church office, or email them to
Reann Poray:
rporay@plainfieldlibrary.net

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

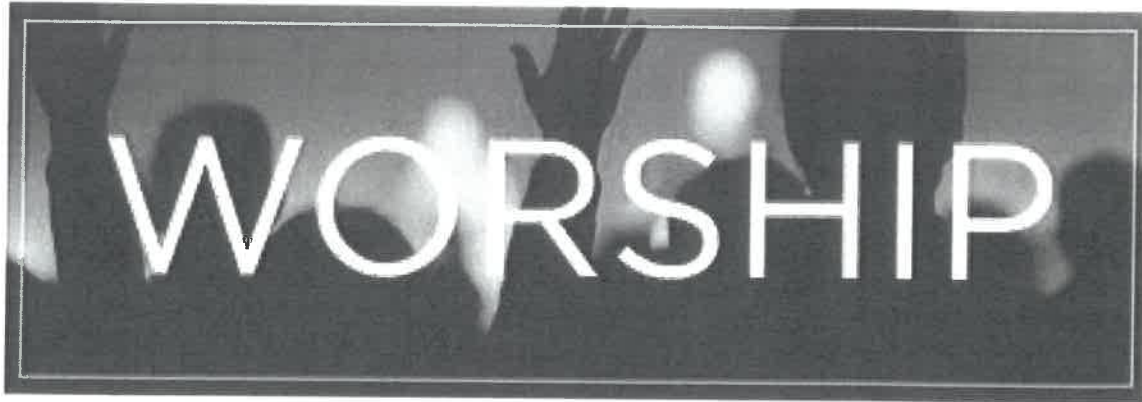
Noah Robinson — Arkansas Army National Guard. Nephew of Kay O'Neill.

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

Jeffrey Robert Painter, 2nd National Guard, Warrant Officer , Ft. Rucker, AL — grandson of Nancy Painter



Any Updates? Call the Church Office.



IN-PERSON and FACEBOOK LIVE

Inspiration Service (Traditional) Sundays at 9 am

Celebration Service (Modern) Sundays at 10:30 am



At 9 am

Anchored in Faith meets in the Loft.

At 10:30 am

Breaking Dawn with Friends meets in the Church Office.

Learning through Love & Laughter meets in Room 325.

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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 School
9:00am and 10:30am

Beginning Steps Child Care
Stephanie Brown, Interim Dir.

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Verse of the Month:

“But may all who search for you be filled with joy and gladness in you. May those who love your salvation repeatedly shout,
“God is great!”

—Psalm 70:4



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.”

