



First Baptist Bulletin Board

A Newsletter From First Baptist Church, Rushville: A Home For You

February 2009

Upcoming Events

Feb. 3 Deacons @ 7pm.

Feb. 4 Trustees @ 6pm

Bd. CE @ 6pm.

Feb. 8 Women's Retreat Luncheon

Feb. 13 That 80s Grp. @ 6:30

Feb. 24 Leadership @ 6pm

Feb. 25 ABWomen @ 11:30am

Leadership @ 7pm

Wed. Men's Prayer Grp@ 6:30pm

Thurs. Bible Study 6pm

Choir 7pm



How's Your Shine?

"Boy, that sure is pretty," I thought, as I looked at the shimmering miniature Christmas tree on the coffee table. There weren't many decorations on it, but the tips of the branches themselves sparkled with a mixture of colors. Before it was plugged in, the tree looked like an ordinary decoration sitting on a stand. But now it seemed to come alive as fiber-optic-like lights glistened in its branches. I sat captivated by the splashes of variegated light in front of me.

My experience with this tiny Christmas tree reminds me of the life of Christ. Through many eyes, He looked like an ordinary human being when He waked the earth. But to those who were with Him at key moments, they saw much more. His awesome, bright glory shone through His humanity and when it did, people were captivated. They knew that God had come and touched humanity with His radiance.

God desires to do something similar with you and me. On the outside, we look like ordinary human beings who wouldn't catch anyone's eye. But, as Christ shines His glory through us, others begin to take notice of something special. This display is not special because we're something wonderful. It's special because He is so wonderful and chooses to use everyday people like us!

The Christmas season has come and gone, the lights have gone out and the decorations have come down. But there's more.... Christ wants to shine His glory through us all year long. And, He wants to do so in such a way that is much more beautiful than any physical light could ever be.

Key question: How can I allow the glory of Christ to shine through me today?

Pastor Jay

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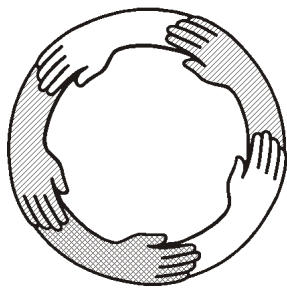
Love Hurts!

Even though love brings pain & sorrow, what would life be without it? In his book The Four Loves, C. S. Lewis wrote:

"To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything & your heart will be wrung & possibly be broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact, you must give your heart to no one, not even an animal. Wrap it carefully around with hobbies & little luxuries; avoid all entanglements; lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness....The only place outside heaven where you can be perfectly safe from all the dangers...of love is hell."

To love is to take risks, to expose our hearts. Sometimes it hurts! It hurt Jesus, but He kept on loving-even at the cost of His life. He asked us to "love one another as I have loved you" (John 15:12)

Nothing costs as much as loving-except not loving.



America for Christ Offering

The gifts from this ABC offering support ministries that transform lives, churches and communities across the US and Puerto Rico. The gifts bring hope to children living in poverty and equipping leaders to share the Good News of Jesus through evangelism, discipleship, congregational transformation and prophetic justice. Please pray about the amount God desires from you.

Thank you!

Thank you to all who volunteered to serve as officers or on committees for the past year and during 2009. Also thank you to those who have helped with the worship service and the AV system. The musical talent of our musicians is appreciated.

Junior Church Is Growing

The Board of Christian Education has expanded the children's program. Several children did not to give up Junior Church, so now we have Chapel Church for grades 1-4, while Junior Church continues to serve ages 3-K. Chapel Church is led by Heidi Pezdek and Sarah Noll. The Chapel kids met every Sunday, except the first Sunday.



Women's Retreat 2009 September 25-27

Join us for a great weekend!! See Linda, Judy, Heidi, or Glenda. More information later.

America for Christ Month March

"With Willing Hands"
Serve, Sacrifice, Surrender



February 8

Satisfy those hunger pangs!
Women's Retreat Luncheon
following Sunday School

Soups, salads, & desserts
Donations help extra expenses & retreat
scholarships



VBS is coming!!!

June 29-July 3, 2009

See Ashley Stiers to volunteer!!!

www.fbc-rushville.org

Check us out online for weekly sermon titles, scripture, upcoming events, worship service, newsletter, sermon downloads, and photos! You can also contact the church staff by e-mail!

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Birthdays of Our Church Family

1 st Linda Howard	14 th Amy Abrams Jones
4 th Steve Paul	Tom Howard
Bill Clark	16 th Donnathon Buckley
5 th Melinda Morgan	Cora Legere
6 th Rick Cameron	18 th Grace Hamon
8 th Jane Sparks	22 nd Zachary Morgan
Jaedon Thorp	26 th Katie Baker Sparks
9 th Mary Hamill	Mary Lou Miller
10 th Nicole Paul Wooldridge	
Sue Graham	
11 th Nancy Smith	

Wedding Anniversaries

20th Larry & Martha Lloyd
 21st Gary & Rhonda Spilman



***Please check each month's birthday and anniversary lists for additions or corrections. Thank you.

Our Homebound or Hospitalized Members

Bea McKay Marie Jeffries	Flatrock River Lodge
Bob Whitacre Dorothy Belle Smith Babs Southerland	Miller's Merry Manor #14E
Freda Smith	281 S County Rd. 200 E State Rd 44 Connersville, IN 47331
Florence Becht	1290 Boxwood Ct, Columbus, IN 47201
Ruth Snyder	432 N Sexton, Rushville, IN 46173
Marjorie VanWert	500 W 16 th St., Apt. 218B
Edythe Fraley	Covington Manor Nursing Center 5700 Wilkie Drive, Ft Wayne, IN 46804

Areas for Service February 2009

Deacon:

- 1 Tom Montgomery
- 8 Scott Williamson
- 15 Bill Clark
- 22 Link Fraley

Greeters:

- 1 Mary & Kiara Thorp
- 8 Ted & Beverly Koelmel
- 15 Wyverine Copley
Ann Copley
- 22 Mark & Jana Spurlin

Nursery:

- 1 MW Windy Mosburg
Randy Klinger
SS Lisa Klinger
- 8 MW Linda Howard
Hope Klinger
SS Sharon Evans
- 15 MW Kathy Agee
Christine Noll
SS Mary Thorp
- 22 MW Caroline & Allie Smith
SS Amy Legere

Ushers:

- 1 Jim Abrams
Zachary Stiers
Jordan Manning
Tyler Stiers
- 8 Rick Cumberworth
Terry Stiers
Rick Cameron
Jim Carney
- 15 Link Fraley
Mike DeSmidt
Bill Smith
Butch Bowling
- 22 Scott Morgan
Wyverine Copley
Dale Albertson
Loren Cull

Audio-Visual:

- 1 Jim Carney, Cale Worley
- 8 Ashley Stiers, Bill Collyer
- 15 Scott Morgan, Terry Stiers
- 22 Scott Williamson, Cale Worley

Van Drivers:

- 1 Bill Clark
- 8 Bill Nelson
- 15 Scott Williamson
- 22 Bill Collyer

Candle Lighter: Vanessa Stiers

Deaconesses: Jane Cumberworth
Cathy Schneider

Junior Church: Lisa Collyer