



# First Baptist Bulletin Board

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

September 2009

## Upcoming Events

**Sept. 1** Deacons, 6pm

**Sept. 2** Bd. Christian Ed., 6pm

**Sept. 3** Executive Council, 7pm

**Sept. 8** Leadership, 6pm

**Sept. 9** Trustees, 6pm

Leadership, 7pm

**Sept. 10** Business Mtg., 7pm

**Sept. 23** ABWomen, 11:30am

**Sept. 25-27** Women's Retreat

**Wed.** Men's Prayer Grp, 6:30pm

**Thurs.** Bible Study, 6pm

## Planter or Waterer?

*The one who plants and the one who waters work together with the same purpose. And both will be rewarded for their own hard work. 1 Cor. 3:8*

Just as God gives different spiritual gifts to every person, each of us is responsible for fulfilling specific roles. Maybe you're especially gifted at launching new initiatives. Or perhaps your strength is in cultivating plans that have been put into place. Whether you're a planter or waterer, do everything to the best of your ability and God will reward you for your hard work.

—Marian V. Liautaud

## Nothing Too Difficult

"That's impossible!" I could see the words in two little eyes that were looking at me. I had asked a little girl to jump from where she was to where I was about eight feet away. I went on to encourage her that though she thought it was impossible, I wanted her to make the leap anyway. As she was ready to leave the floor and take her leap of faith, I scooted over to her and carried her the distance. So it is with God. As we step out in obedience to Him, He does the impossible.

The prophet Jeremiah knew what it was like to face what seemed to be an impossible situation. One day God spoke to him and told him he was to buy a piece of property. This might not sound unusual, except that the field was in the enemy's hands. The Babylonians were conquering Judah and were about to seize control of Jerusalem. The nation's fall was imminent and many would either be killed or taken captive. It wasn't the most ideal time to buy a piece of property.

God wanted Jeremiah to buy the land as a statement to the nation about their future. Even though they were about to be overthrown and carried away captive, the people of Judah would one day return. God would bring them back and cause them to do business as they once had. More importantly, they would dwell in safety and would enjoy a deep intimate relationship with God.

Jeremiah obeyed, and then went to God in prayer. His prayer went something like this: "Lord God, You made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and nothing is too difficult for You. You've moved powerfully in the life of Your people, guiding and supernaturally bringing us to this land. Your people have not obeyed You, though, and now are facing Your judgment. Look at the situation! The enemy has surrounded us, we've been beset with war, famine and disease. And now You've said that I am to buy a field in front of witnesses when we are about to be given over to our enemies!"

Jeremiah's prayer reflects his natural thought about what was happening. But God responded by saying, "*Behold, I am the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?*" (Jer. 32:27) God would do what seemed impossible to human eyes.

God is no different today. He is still the God of all flesh and there is still nothing too difficult for Him. No matter what we think, we need to trust Him and step out in faith. We can depend on His Word, even when we don't know how or when He is going to fulfill it. (Remember, Jeremiah did not live to see the day when Judah was fully restored. In fact, the prophecy is still being fulfilled!)

What has God called you to do? Step out in faith and trust Him to do the impossible!

"Heavenly Father, You are the God of all flesh and nothing is too difficult for You. Forgive me for when my life has not reflected this truth. I now step out in faith and do what You have called me to do, trusting You to do the impossible."

## Volunteer Opportunities

(1) Youth leader(s) for ABK (American Baptist Kids, grades K-2) meeting once a month during school time. See Susan Cameron or Ashley Stiers for more information.

(2) Sunday School teacher for the high school age. See any member of the Board of Christian Education.

(3) Administrative Assistant to print, copy, & distribute, organize & file music in its various formats for our praise team. Also would help schedule & record team rotations, as well as weekly song selections. See Sarah Noll for more information.

(4) Pianist for praise team. Duties include mid-week practice (approx. 1 hour), Sunday 8:30am practice, & playing for the praise team during worship. Must be able to read music and be comfortable with syncopated rhythms of modern praise songs. See Sarah Noll for more info. info.

(5) Learn the projection programming. Training and written instructions. See Ashley Stiers.

(6) Calls to worship (grade 4 and up), children's sermons, and offertory prayer. See Sharon Creager.

We have many wonderful volunteers in our congregation. If God has been nudging you, then give the opportunity a try.



Women's Retreat 2009  
September 25-27

Leaving the church at 4:30pm Friday.

## Special Music

If you, or someone you know, would provide vocal or instrumental music for Sunday worship, please contact Margaret McCarty.

*RCVA Benefit Concert featuring  
Steve Hall*

*an international Steinway pianist*

*September 23 at 7pm*

*Center Christian Church*

*Reception following*

*Tickets \$10*

*(Call 938-1555, 932-3244, or 932-2153 for tickets)*

Quarterly Business Meeting  
September 10 7pm

Executive Council meets Sept. 3 at 7pm.

**[www.fbc-rushville.org](http://www.fbc-rushville.org)**

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# Birthdays of Our Church Family

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Tyler Stiers<br>Kiara Thorp     | 11 <sup>th</sup> Scott Evans<br>13 <sup>th</sup> Phillip Morgan |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Keith Becker<br>Glenda Fraley   | 17 <sup>th</sup> Judy Clark<br>18 <sup>th</sup> Barbara Howard  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Carl Evans                      | Rory Paul   |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Dale Albertson                  | 19 <sup>th</sup> Bob Phares                                     |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Tony Mohler<br>Loren Cull       | 21 <sup>st</sup> Bill Smith<br>22 <sup>nd</sup> Marjorie Siders |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Caroline Smith<br>Susan Cameron | 23 <sup>rd</sup> Taylor Gilbert<br>28 <sup>th</sup> Dale Siders |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Jenna Smith<br>Pastor Jay Noll | 29 <sup>th</sup> Link Fraley                                    |

## Wedding Anniversaries

- 7<sup>th</sup> Frank & Heidi Pezdek
- 9<sup>th</sup> Bill & Lisa Collyer
- 16<sup>th</sup> Gary & Sharon Evans
- 29<sup>th</sup> Bud & Babs Southerland



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

## Our Homebound or Hospitalized Members

Bea McKay	Flatrock River Lodge
Bob Whitacre Dorothy Belle Smith Babs Southerland	Miller's Merry Manor #14E
Florence Becht	1290 Boxwood Ct, Columbus, IN 47201
Ruth Snyder	432 N Sexton, Rushville, IN 46173
Marjorie VanWert	500 W 16 <sup>th</sup> St., Apt. 218B
Edythe Fraley	Covington Manor Nursing Center 5700 Wilkie Drive, Ft Wayne, IN 46804

## Areas for Service September 2009

### Deacon:

- 6 Scott Williamson
- 13 Bill Clark
- 20 Link Fraley
- 27 Larry Lloyd

### Greeters:

- 6 Mike & Nancy DeSmidt
- 13 Jim Carney & Wyverine Copley
- 20 Bill & Lisa Collyer
- 27 Ted & Beverly Koelmel

### Nursery:

- 6 MW Linda Howard, Hope Klinger  
SS Mary Abrams
- 13 MW Vanessa Ketchum,  
Christine Noll  
SS Sarah Noll
- 20 MW Windy Mosburg, Kiara Thorp  
SS Lisa Klinger
- 27 MW Amy Legere, Allie Smith  
SS Caroline Smith

### Ushers:

- 6 Loren Cull  
Wyverine Copley  
Bill & Randy Collyer
- 13 Lowell McMichael  
Link Fraley  
Rick Cumberworth  
Bill Smith
- 20 Scott Morgan  
Mike DeSmidt  
Jordan Manning  
Zachary Stiers
- 27 Tom Montgomery  
Randy Klinger  
Terry & Tyler Stiers

### Audio-Visual:

- 6 Jim Carney, Terry Stiers
- 13 Cale & Melissa Worley
- 20 Jim Carney, Bill Collyer
- 27 Jerry Creager, Scott Morgan

### Van Drivers:

- 6 Rick Cumberworth
- 13 Frank Pezdek
- 20 Link Fraley
- 27 Butch Bowling

**Candle Lighter:** Vanessa Stiers

**Deaconess:** Nancy DeSmidt  
Jana Spurlin

**Junior Church:** Melinda Morgan