



# First Baptist Bulletin Board

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

April 2009

## Upcoming Events

**Apr. 1** Trustees & Bd CE 6pm  
**Apr. 7** Deacons 7pm  
**Apr. 9** Maundy Thursday 7pm  
**Apr. 11** Children's egg hunt 10:30  
**Apr. 12** Sunrise 6:30am  
Breakfast 7am  
Worship 9:30am SS after  
**Apr. 14** Leadership 6pm  
**Apr. 15** Leadership 7pm  
**Apr. 21** Worship Comm. 6pm  
**Apr. 22** ABWomen 11:30am

**Wed.** Men's Prayer Grp@ 6:30pm  
**Thurs.** Bible Study 6pm; Choir 7



## New Life

Ahhh...Spring time. The birds are singing, it's getting warmer, and the trees are starting to bud. This is a beautiful time of year as new life bursts forth in many ways. But new life is not only in the environment around us; it is springing forth in people's hearts. "In whom?", you might ask. In those who have opened themselves up to receive the new life Christ brings. Just as spring brings new life each year, so Christ has come to bring new life to those who will receive it.

Soon we will take time to reflect on Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection. We'll remember His last supper with the disciples and His being betrayed. We'll call to mind His suffering and sacrificial death on our behalf. And we'll celebrate the joy of His resurrection! As we do these things, we need to remember what makes them especially meaningful—it was all to bring new life to you and me.

The new life that Christ brings is different than the new life of spring, though. It goes much deeper and lasts much longer. Eventually, the same trees that were budding will grow old and die. The bright colors of the flowers will fade, and the birds will stop singing. The life that Christ brings lasts forever, even when all other life has ended. Also, His life goes past our senses and penetrates into the core of our being. It is life like we've never experienced it before!

Have you tasted of this life that comes in Christ? If not, today can be the day! Have you tasted of it, but would like to experience it in more areas of your life? Christ still offers it to all who come to Him in faith. We just need to open up fully and completely like a flower does to the sun. This spring, let's not only enjoy the life *around* us; let's delight in the life that can be *in* us because of what Christ has done.

*Pastor Jay*

### *As Long as God Is Awake*

*A mother and her little four-year-old daughter were preparing for bed. The child was afraid of the dark, and the mother, on this occasion alone with the child, felt fearful also. When the light was out, the child caught a glimpse of the moon outside the window. "Mother, is the moon God's light?"*

*"Yes" answered the mother.*

*"Will God put out His light and go to sleep?"*

*"No, dear, God never goes to sleep."*

*Then out of a simplicity of a child's faith, she said that which reassured her fearful mother. "Well, as long as God is awake, there is no sense in both of us staying awake."*

*-Trinity UM, Oak Ridge, TN*



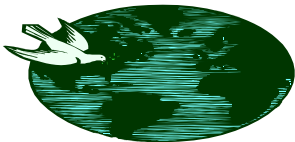
### America for Christ Offering

“With Willing Hands. Serve. Sacrifice. Surrender”  
Our goal is \$1,000. As of March 22, we have collected only \$235!!! This offering supports ministries across the US and Puerto Rico. Please pray about your donation and give to the America for Christ.



### Improved View

Have you noticed that the tree line has disappeared at the edge of the church’s property? The Trustees contracted with RL Coon for the project. On Saturday, March 14, several members collected debris from the field. Thank you to the volunteers for their help. It was a great time of fellowship, as well as the exercise!!!



We celebrated the ordinance of baptism on March 22. Three young ladies, Aubrey Coffey, Vanessa Stiers, and Kristen Smith were baptized during the morning service.



### Women’s Retreat 2009 September 25-27

Join us for a great weekend!!  
Please pay \$50 deposit to Linda Abrams.

### Summer Music

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



### April 9-12

Maundy Thursday 7pm  
Children’s Egg Hunt April 11, 10:30am  
Easter Sunrise 6:30am  
Breakfast 7am  
Worship 9:30 followed by Sunday School



VBS is coming!!!

June 29-July 3, 2009

See Ashley Stiers to volunteer!!!

### [www.fbc-rushville.org](http://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!

Office: [fbcrushville@verizon.net](mailto:fbcrushville@verizon.net)



# Birthdays of Our Church Family

1<sup>st</sup> Rhonda Spilman  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sarah Noll  
 5<sup>th</sup> Spencer Abrams  
 8<sup>th</sup> Brian Schneider  
 Lisa Collyer  
 Jane Manning  
 10<sup>th</sup> Hunter Jones  
 Tom Montgomery

13<sup>th</sup> DeMaris Simpson  
 Jerry Creager  
 20<sup>th</sup> Emma Lou Moore  
 21<sup>st</sup> Ann Copley  
 Mary Carolyn Alexander  
 24<sup>th</sup> Wilma Taylor  
 Lauren Agee  
 30<sup>th</sup> McKenzie Kay Mohler

# Wedding Anniversaries

15<sup>th</sup> Tom & Linda Howard  
 16<sup>th</sup> Bob & Brenda Phares  
 Stan & Jane Manning



\*\*\*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 <sup>th</sup> St., Apt. 218B
Edythe Fraley	Covington Manor Nursing Center 5700 Wilkie Drive, Ft Wayne, IN 46804

# Areas for Service April 2009

## Deacon:

5 Link Fraley  
 12 Larry Lloyd  
 19 Scott Morgan  
 26 Tom Montgomery

## Greeters:

5 Link & Glenda Fraley  
 12 Tom & Grace Hamon  
 19 Keith & Clara Becker  
 26 Carl Evans & Margaret Hornaday

## Nursery:

5 MW Melinda Morgan, Allie Smith  
 SS Linda Howard  
 12 MW Kathy Agee, Kiara Thorp  
 SS Mary Abrams  
 19 MW Vanessa Ketchum  
 Randy Klinger  
 SS Sarah Noll  
 26 MW Windy Mosburg  
 Hope Klinger  
 SS Lisa Klinger

## Ushers:

5 Randy & Hope Klinger  
 Jim Abrams  
 Dale Albertson  
 12 Link Fraley  
 Keith Becker  
 Butch Bowling  
 Rick Cameron  
 19 Tom Montgomery  
 Trey Cameron  
 Jim Carney  
 Bill Collyer  
 26 Scott Morgan  
 Lowell McMichael  
 Jerry Creager  
 Wyverine Copley

## Audio-Visual:

5 Terry Stiers, Scott Morgan  
 12 Bill Collyer, Jim Carney  
 19 Cale Worley, Ashley Stiers  
 26 Terry Stiers, Jerry Creager

## Van Drivers:

5 Bill Clark  
 12 Bill Nelson  
 19 Scott Williamson  
 26 Bill Collyer

**Candle Lighter:** Lauren Agee

**Deaconess:** Linda Abrams

Jane Cumberworth

**Junior Church:** Vanessa Ketchum