



# First Baptist Bulletin Board

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

August 2009

## Upcoming Events

**August 4** Deacons 6pm

**August 5** Trustees 6pm  
Bd. of CE 6pm

**August 11** Leadership 6pm

**August 12** Leadership 7pm

**August 26** ABWomen 11:30am

**August 30** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship

No Trustees/Bd CE monthly mtg.

No evening service July 5, 12, & 19



## Staying on Track

When I was on vacation in July, I learned about trains. My wife's brother and uncle have taken an interest in model trains and are slowly building up displays for them. When our son saw all this, he was bit by the train bug and came home with a starter set. Being in train mode, it was no surprise to me when a train service van caught my attention on our way home. I've seen train service vehicles before, but this one was a new experience for me. In big letters on the side of the vehicle, it said something like "Train Derailment Services".

I'm no expert in trains (as you will soon see!!), but I thought to myself, "Trains are meant to stay on the rails. How can derailing one be a service?" Later I learned that the way I interpreted the sign was the complete opposite of what it meant! The business helps put trains back on the tracks after they have been derailed. When a train comes off the tracks, it takes great strength and power to put it back. The operators cannot do it by themselves; they need outside help.

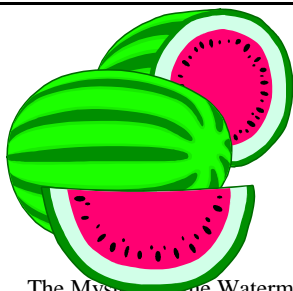
As I thought about the train derailment van, I began to think of our lives before God. He designed us similar to a train—we're made to stay on track with His purpose for our lives. However, we get off track at times and end up stuck, going nowhere. We may become disheartened when this happens because we can't get back on the tracks through our own strength. We need outside help; we need a "derailment service".

Who offers this kind of service? Can we do a Google search or look in the Yellow Pages and find the help we need? It's much simpler than that. The Holy Spirit offers the ultimate derailing service and He is only a prayer away. He has great power, strength and wisdom to get the job done and he has put many derailed lives back where they need to be.

How about you? Is there an area of your life where you've become derailed in your faith and stepped outside of God's design? Don't give up; it's not too late to get back on the tracks. The Holy Spirit is ready and waiting to help you. You only need to turn and yield to His powerful but gentle hand.

"Heavenly Father, thank You that You have a design for my life. If I've become derailed from that design, please put me back on track through the power of Your spirit. Take me where You want and bring glory to Your name through me. Amen"

*Pastor Jay*



## The Mystery of the Watermelon

I have observed the power of the watermelon seed. It has the power of drawing from the ground and through itself 200,000 times its weight. When you can tell me how it takes this material and out of it colors an outside surface beyond the imitation of art, and then forms inside of it a white rind and within that again a red heart, thickly inlaid with black seeds, each one of which in turn is capable of drawing through itself 200,000 times its weight—when you can explain to me the mystery of a watermelon, you can ask me to explain the mystery of God.

### ABK Needs New Leaders

After several years of leading the K-grade 2 children's youth group, Susan Cameron and Ashley Stiers have resigned. So, the Board of Christian Education is looking for volunteers. If you are considering the possibility, Susan and Ashley will try to answer any questions you may have. ABK meets once a month during the school months. Please be in prayer that this important position will be filled soon.

### American Baptist Women

On Thursday, July 23, several women traveled to Hope, IN. The ladies enjoyed a delicious lunch at Annie's Tea Room and then toured the Hope Baptist Church, pastored by Mark Walker.

ABWomen meet on the fourth Wednesday at 11:30am. Bring your lunch and enjoy the fellowship. ABWomen is open to any woman in the church. (If you are working, maybe you can join us during your lunch hour.) Come and join us!!

### Board of Christian Education News

We are looking for teachers and substitute teachers for our youth. Several areas are needing assistance. If you feel that God is nudging you to serve, or you have questions, please see one of the board members: Bill Collyer, Cale Worley, Susan Cameron, Ashley Stiers, Kathy Agee, or Teresa Norris.



Women's Retreat 2009  
September 25-27

Join us for a great weekend!!  
See Linda Abrams for more information.

### Special Music

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

Save the Date  
October 1-2, 2010

ABC IN/KY Region Biennial

Richmond First Baptist Church

August 30

Fifth Sunday Fellowship  
following morning worship

Come & enjoy the fellowship!!

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# Birthdays of Our Church Family

1<sup>st</sup> Mary Thorp  
 11<sup>th</sup> Gary Evans  
 13<sup>th</sup> Jeannie Sutter  
 14<sup>th</sup> David Norris  
 15<sup>th</sup> Gerald Evans  
 Aubrey Coffey  
 Olivia Mohler

25<sup>th</sup> Doris Hungerford  
 26<sup>th</sup> Clara Becker  
 29<sup>th</sup> Larry Lloyd  
 31<sup>st</sup> Olivia Smith

# Wedding Anniversaries

7<sup>th</sup> Scott & Melinda Morgan  
 10<sup>th</sup> Eddy & Mary Hamill  
 13<sup>th</sup> Bill & Sue Graham  
 18<sup>th</sup> Jim & Connie McDonald  
 26<sup>th</sup> Ray & Dorothy Bess  
 Mike & Nancy DeSmidt  
 28<sup>th</sup> Chris & Caroline Smith  
 31<sup>st</sup> Link & Glenda Fraley



\*\*\*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 August 2009

### Deacon:

2 Bill Clark  
 9 Link Fraley  
 16 Larry Lloyd  
 23 Scott Morgan  
 30 Tom Montgomery

### Greeters:

2 Emma Lou Moore, Bertha Poe  
 9 Frank & Heidi Pezdek  
 16 Tom & Christabelle Montgomery  
 23 Butch & Renea Bowling  
 30 Virginia Sadler, Bertha Guffin

### Nursery:

2 MW Melinda Morgan, Allie Smith  
 SS Mary Abrams  
 9 MW Mary & Kiara Thorp  
 SS Sarah Noll  
 16 MW Lisa & Randy Klinger  
 SS Kathy Agee  
 23 MW Caroline & Allie Smith  
 SS Amy Legere  
 30 MW Sharon Evans  
 SS 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship

### Ushers:

2 Rick Cumberworth, Bill Smith  
 Mike DeSmidt, Jordan Manning  
 9 Scott Morgan, Randy Klinger  
 Zachary & Tyler Stiers  
 16 Tom Montgomery, Jim Abrams  
 Terry Stiers, Hope Klinger  
 23 Link Fraley, Keith Becker  
 Dale Albertson. Butch Bowling  
 30 Rick & Trey Cameron  
 Jim Carney, Jerry Creager

### Audio-Visual:

2 Melissa McAhern, Cale Worley  
 9 Scott Morgan, Bill Collyer  
 16 Jordan Manning, Terry Stiers  
 23 Scott Williamson, Ashley Stiers  
 30 Trey Cameron, Jerry Creager

### Van Drivers:

5 Rick Cumberworth  
 12 Frank Pezdek  
 19 Link Fraley  
 26 Butch Bowling

### Candle Lighter: Rory Paul

**Deaconess:** Cathy Schneider  
 Sue Graham

**Junior Church:** Lisa Klinger