



# First Baptist Bulletin Board

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

December 2009

## Upcoming Events

- Dec. 1** Deacons & Deaconess
- Dec. 2** Trustees 6pm.  
Bd of Christian Ed. 6pm
- Dec. 3** Executive Council 7pm
- Dec. 6** Holiday Dinner noon
- Dec. 10** Business Mtg. 7pm
- Dec. 13** Children's program 6pm
- Dec. 17** ABWomen 11:30am
- Dec. 24** Christmas Eve 6:30pm
- Dec. 25** Happy Birthday, Jesus
- Wed.** Men's Prayer Grp, 6:30pm
- Thurs.** Bible Study, 6pm

## God's Gift

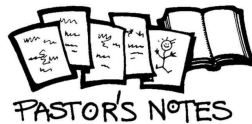
Under most Christmas trees on December 25, there will be many gifts. On Calvary's tree there was only one gift, but it included all others—God's gift of His only begotten Son.

Christmas began in the heart of God. It is complete only when it reaches the hearts of people.



I will honor Christ in my heart and try to keep it all year.

—Charles Dickens



## Dot-to-Dots

Dot-to-dots. At first, they look like speckles of ink splattered randomly across a page. But, as they are connected in the correct order, a picture emerges. It may be a mountain scene, your favorite cartoon character, a superhero, or a rescue vehicle. What first was unrecognizable has now become clear when we see how the individual parts fit together.

Our lives are similar to a dot-to-dot picture. The dots represent the times when God has moved in a special way in our lives. Maybe He spoke something to us when we needed it most or reoriented a situation that was beyond our control. Over time, more and more of these "dots" cover the span of our days as God's Spirit continues to move in and through us. These moves of His Divine Hand often seem unrelated at first, but He shows us otherwise. God opens our eyes to see how they connect to form a picture of something He wants to show us about Himself.

For example, Scripture shows us how God moved in David's life in many ways. One of those ways was to deliver him from the hands of his enemies time and time again. It was through those divine interventions that David was able to see God as a shelter and a strong tower from the enemy (*Ps. 61:3*). As a result, David said he would trust in Him (v. 4). Another example is Moses. Through his encounters with God, he came to see Him as a pure, strong, and holy God who must be obeyed (*Ex. 15:11; Deut. 13:4; etc.*)

What about you? How has God moved in your life throughout the years? How might He "connect the dots" to show You something regarding Himself or your relationship with Him? What themes is He weaving into the fabric of your life? During this Advent season, take time to reflect on these questions with an open heart. Allow God to speak, challenge and encourage you through His movings in order to draw you closer to Himself.

*Precious Heavenly Father, You have been so good to move in my life throughout the years. I know You have had my best interest at heart during those times, even though they were not always easy. Thank you for all You've done. Open my eyes to see how Your movings connect to reveal a picture of Yourself that You want me to see. As I see You more clearly, may what I see drive me to be closer to You. In Jesus' name I pray, amen.*

Pastor Jay

### Covers for Christ

The American Baptist Women with the congregation's support completed a mission project in November. New twin-sized blankets were collected for the Wheeler Mission. A total of 102 blankets were delivered Nov. 23. Jane Sparks, Barbara Howard, Kay Hineman, Virginia Sadler, & Joyce Vogel traveled the new mini-bus driven by Jerry Creager to Indianapolis to make the delivery.

Thanks to the generous donations of our congregation, many people will be warm this winter.

### Holiday Dinner

December 6 at noon  
Turkey & drinks furnished  
Bring side dishes and **table service**



**WOMEN'S RETREAT**

*Women's Retreat 2010*

*Mark your calendar for Sept. 24-26.*

### Special Music

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

No January 2010 newsletter  
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Children's Christmas Program  
December 13 at 6pm



Practice on Saturdays  
10:30-noon  
Adult must be present with  
child under age 5.

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## Birthdays of Our Church Family

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|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Desirae Vogel        | 20 Donna Wilson         |
| Amy Legere             | Cale Worley             |
| 4 Matthew Ketchum      | Jordan Worley           |
| 5 Vanessa Renee Stiers | Heidi Pezdek            |
| 9 Nelena Rummel        | 21 Barbara Stiers       |
| 11 Florence Becht      | 22 Darren Legere        |
| Stephen Cumberworth    | Martha Jones            |
| 15 Sally Cull          | 25 Holly Mohler         |
| 17 Linda Clarkson      | Becki Paul              |
| Mike DeSmidt           | 26 Frank Pezdek         |
| Brian Sutter           | 28 Hope Karissa Klinger |
| 18 Jack Clarkson       | 31 Floyd Kunz           |
| Don Wilson             |                         |

## Wedding Anniversaries

- 1 Steve & Becki Paul  
 5 Darren & Amy Legere  
 27 Rick & Jane Cumberworth



## Our Homebound or Hospitalized Members

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|------------------------|---|
| Bea McKay              | Flatrock River Lodge  |
| Dorothy Belle Smith    | Miller's Merry Manor #14  |
| Babs Southerland       | Miller's Merry Manor #6W  |
| 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          | University Park Rehab & Nursing Center<br>1400 Medical Prk. Dr., Ft Wayne, IN 46804 |
| Gerald Evans           | 1114 Washington Street  |
| Marjorie Gahimer       | 549 Foster Heights  |
| Mary Carolyn Alexander | 2877 N Rushville Road   |
| Corine Keely           | 223 E 11 <sup>th</sup> Street   |

## Areas for Service December 2009

### Deacon:

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

### Greeters:

- 6 Tom & Christabelle Montgomery  
 13 Larry & Martha Lloyd  
 20 Bill & Lisa Collyer  
 27 Jerry & Sharon Creager

### Nursery:

- 6 MW Vanessa Ketchum  
 Christine Noll  
 SS Sarah Noll  
 13 MW Windy Mosburg  
 Randy Klinger  
 SS Lisa Klinger  
 20 MW Mary Abrams  
 Kiara Thorp  
 SS Caroline Smith  
 27 MW Melinda Morgan  
 Allie Smith  
 SS Mary Thorp

### Ushers:

- 6 Randy Klinger Jordan Manning  
 Terry & Tyler Stiers  
 13 Tom Montgomery Hope Klinger  
 Jerry Creager Zachary Stiers  
 20 Scott Morgan Bill Smith  
 Rick Cumberworth Loren Cull  
 27 Link Fraley Wyverine Copley  
 Rick & Trey Cameron

### Audio-Visual:

- 6 Jim Carney Bill Collyer  
 13 Jerry Creager Terry Stiers  
 20 Jim Carney Scott Morgan  
 27 Scott Williamson Bill Collyer

### Mini-Bus Drivers:

- 6 Tom Montgomery  
 13 Bill Clark  
 20 Bill Nelson  
 27 Scott Williamson

### Candle Lighter: Rory Paul

**Deaconess:** Sue Graham  
 Jana Spurlin

**Junior Church:** Amy Legere