



# First Baptist Bulletin Board

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

February 2010

## Upcoming Events

**Feb. 2** Deacons 6:30pm  
**Feb. 3** Bd. of Christian Ed. 6pm  
**Feb. 7** Pitch-in at noon  
**Feb. 24** ABWomen 11:30am

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

## Lent

In recent years, the observance of Lent has changed from a time of fasting to a time of meditating on the decisive events of the ministry of Jesus, particularly His passion.

We must not let our minds be lulled to sleep by the familiar words of "the old, old story". Our constant aim must be to enter more and more deeply into what it meant for Jesus to walk the way of the cross and what it cost, so that we may see ever more clearly what He is asking of us who would follow Him.

---Dr. N. Watson



## Joy in the Midst of Adversity

### PASTOR'S NOTES

On January 12, a massive earthquake struck the tiny, impoverished nation of Haiti. At the time I am writing this, the death toll is up to 150,000 & continues to rise. Most of us by now have heard several accounts of what happened and have seen a multitude of pictures. Many stories are arising from the ruins, but one in particular has stood out to me. I would like to share that story with you.

I was watching the news as the first pictures of the disaster began to roll in. The reporter doing the story was giving an overview of the extent of the damage, and the pictures were pretty bleak. But at one point, he said something like, "Yet in the midst of tragedy a song of joy is rising." The pictures then went to a group of young people who were singing praises to God for saving them. Their countenances radiated with joy that was rooted in their gratitude for what God had done for them.

There's more to the story, though. A few scenes later, the camera was on a man standing in front of a destroyed building. His countenance was very different from those of the young people I had seen just second earlier. He was extremely angry and bitter as he said something like, "Where is the help we need from the world?" His need was very real, and I had compassion on him. Yet, I was struck by the contrast between him and the young people.

Since these images were etched in my mind that evening, I've thought much about how we as Christians handle adversity. Sometimes we are like the group of young people, seeing more of God's faithfulness than the need of the moment. We come through those situations stronger and a lot closer to God. At other times, we are more like the man in front of the demolished building. (And for most of us, our situations have been nowhere near as bad as his.) We focus more on our needs of the moment and on what we believe we deserve, missing God's goodness in the midst of adversity. We come through the situation angry and maybe even bitter.

What about you? What are you like when you go through adversity? Does your countenance radiate with joy that overflows from a thankful heart over God's goodness in the situation? Or is it filled with anger and bitterness? God wants to bring us to the point where we can see His hand at work even in the midst of hardship. Then, as we see His kindness toward us, our hearts well up with thankfulness, and we find joy in conditions of despair.

*"God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear, Even though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though its waters roar and be troubled, Though the mountains shake with its swelling." (Psalm 46:1-3)*

"Lord Jesus, forgive me for the times I've missed seeing Your grace in the midst of adversity. Help me when I face difficult times in the future to recognize Your hand at work. Then, may my heart be filled with gratitude that leads to joy over Your faithfulness. In Your name I pray, amen."

Pastor Jay

*Note: Please continue to pray for those in Haiti, especially those who need the hope of Christ like the man in the news story.*

## February 7 Pitch-in Dinner

The church's Goals' Committee is hosting a pitch-in dinner at noon on February 7.

This committee was given the responsibility of developing a future plan for our church. After months of collecting information, they are ready to present their findings.

Members received a list of possible goals, so be in prayer concerning which ones God desires for our church. Then following the dinner, each person will have the opportunity to select five in order of preference.

Meat and drinks will be furnished. Bring a covered dish or two, and your table service.

This is an important step in our church's future. Continue in pray as we seek God's desires.

Committee members: Jim Abrams, Jane Albertson, Scott Morgan, Chris Smith, Butch Spurlin, Elaine Williamson, and Pastor Jay (ex-officio)



### **WOMEN'S RETREAT**

*Women's Retreat 2010*

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

## Junior Church Leaders

There is a need for junior church leaders for 2010. If you can teach one month, please see Susan Cameron, Board of Christian Education. Materials are provided for each Sunday's lesson.

If we can not get enough volunteers, we won't be able to have junior church.

### Youth Groups

KFC (grades 3-6) at 6pm. Leaders Jane Cumberworth & Heidi Pezdek.

ABY (grades 7-12) at 6pm. Leaders Bill & Lisa Collyer.

*Starting with March, the newsletter will again be mailed. Please notify the office if you prefer online, therefore saving costs.*

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## Birthdays of Our Church Family

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|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Linda Howard            | 11 Nancy Smith    |
| 4 Steve Paul              | 14 Tom Howard     |
| 5 Melinda Morgan          | 16 Cora Legere    |
| 6 Rick Cameron            | 18 Grace Hamon    |
| 8 Jane Sparks             | 22 Zachary Morgan |
| Jaedon Thorp              | 26 Katie Sparks   |
| 9 Mary Hamill             | Mary Lou Miller   |
| 10 Nicole Paul Wooldridge |                   |
| Sue Graha                 |                   |

## Wedding Anniversaries

20 Larry & Martha Lloyd



### Our Homebound or Hospitalized Members

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 1400 Medical Prk. Dr., Ft Wayne, IN 46825
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 February 2010

### Deacon:

- 7 Tom Montgomery
- 14 Scott Morgan
- 21 Chris Smith
- 28 Link Fraley

### Greeters:

- 7 Terry & Ashley Stiers
- 14 Jerry & Sharon Creager
- 21 Scott & Melinda Morgan
- 28 Tom & Linda Howard

### Nursery:

- 7 MW Windy Mosburg  
    Randy Klinger
- SS Lisa Klinger
- 14 MW Amy Legere  
    Christine Noll
- SS Mary Thorp
- 21 MW Linda Howard  
    Hope Klinger
- SS Sharon Evans
- 28 MW Caroline Smith  
    Allie Smith
- SS Amy Legere

### Ushers:

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| 7 Thomas Noll     | Tyler Stiers     |
| Chris Smith       | Frank Pezdek     |
| 14 Zachary Stiers | Scott Williamson |
| Dick Vogel        | Dale Albertson   |
| 21 Keith Becker   | Butch Bowling    |
| Jim Carney        | Rick Cumberworth |
| 28 Bill Collyer   | Kyle Collyer     |
| Randy Collyer     | Jerry Creager    |

### Audio-Visual:

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|---------------------|----------------|
| 7 Jim Carney        | Bill Collyer   |
| 14 Jerry Creager    | Terry Stiers   |
| 21 Scott Williamson | Scott Morgan   |
| 28 Jim Carney       | Jordan Manning |

### Mini-Bus Drivers:

- 7 Bill Clark
- 14 Bill Nelson
- 21 Scott Williamson
- 28 Bill Collyer

**Candle Lighter:** Vanessa Stiers

**Deaconess:** Sharon Evans  
Cathy Schneider

**Junior Church:** Mary Abrams