



First Baptist Bulletin Board

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

July 2009

Upcoming Events

July 4 Independence Day

July 7 Deacons 6pm

July 21 Leadership 6pm*

July 22 Leadership 7pm*

(*note date change)

July 22 ABWomen 11:30am

No Trustees/Bd CE monthly mtg.

No evening service July 5, 12, & 19

Wed. Men's Prayer Grp@ 6:30pm



Freedom and Independence

On July 4, we celebrate our nation's independence. Our forefathers believed that certain ways of life were being unjustly forced upon them by a foreign ruler. So, at great sacrifice to many, they fought for our nation's liberty and obtained independence. We still feel the impact of their work today, as we enjoy freedoms that so many others long to have. However, freedom comes with responsibility—the responsibility to use it for wisely and not for selfish gain. In the context of freedom, choices come our way that can lead us deeper into God's design or can lead us further away from Him.

The apostle Paul spoke of a similar, but much deeper, freedom and the responsibility that goes along with it. He spoke of our being held captive by a spiritually foreign power and unable to enjoy the liberty God had designed us to enjoy. He spoke of how we could not shake the heavy yoke on our own, so God intervened and sent His Son. Jesus paid the ultimate sacrifice and opened the way to independence and freedom from our spiritual captor. However, Paul also drew attention to the fact that we must not use this liberty to serve ourselves. Instead, we are to use it to serve God and one another in unselfish love.

Today we have many freedoms to enjoy, both in our nation and in our hearts. These freedoms came at great cost, and we should thank God often for them. However, as we celebrate these freedoms, we also need to ask ourselves an important question: "Are we using the liberty God has so graciously given us as a means to honor Him or as a means to satisfy our own desires?" When we choose to honor Him, He will bless us beyond what we can imagine and will use us to be a blessing to others. But when we choose to satisfy ourselves, we will eventually reap suffering and heartache, and will do little good for others. What will we choose to do?

Signers of the Declaration of Independence

On July 4, 1776, fifty-six men signed this historic document creating our country. These men were not wild-eyed radicals; they were dedicated men of means and education. Among the group were 24 lawyers, 11 merchants, and 9 plantation owners.

Nine of these men died in the American Revolution, 5 were captured and executed by the British, and 12 lost their homes and possessions.

These men valued freedom and God's will more than they valued their properties and their lives. Standing tall, straight, and unwavering, they pledged for the support of the Declaration, a firm reliance on the protection of the Divine providence of Almighty God. These are the men who laid the foundation of our nation.

Pastor Jay

Soul Hunger

Blaise Pascal, the 17th-century French mathematician and philosopher, said there's a God-shaped vacuum in every human heart. Centuries before Pascal, a man named Augustine searched to fill the aching void in his own life. After he found what he had been missing, he wrote a prayer in which he said to God, "You have made us for Yourself, and our heart is restless until we find our rest in You."

These two thinkers have expressed what each one of us realizes in our quiet, reflective moments. Deep within us is a restless desire to know the One who made us. We want to discover the purpose He has for our existence in His vast universe. We long to find peace in a world that is being torn apart by feuding families, warring nations, militant religious groups, economic uncertainty, and self-destructive addictions.

At times we may try to suppress that longing with a busy life of community service, career pursuits, relationships, or drugs. But the longing will surface again and again.

Discover the joy of a personal relationship with God. Answers come from a Book that God has given us—the Bible. Find out for yourself what the Bible has to say about God and the practical issues of your life.



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.

Summer Camp Information

located in the church foyer

See Bill Collyer



VBS

June 29-July 3, 2009

6-8:30pm

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!

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Birthdays of Our Church Family

1st Lindsay Abrams
 6th Kyle Collyer
 7th Marjorie VanWert
 Jana Spurlin
 Trey Cameron
 9th Vanessa Ketchum
 10th Allie Smith

18th Brittany Huskins
 Nicole Randall Gosser
 19th Cecelia Ann Dill
 21st Amanda Paul
 Scott Morgan
 26th Elaine Williamson
 29th Noah Klinger

Wedding Anniversaries

1st Clay & Margaret McCarty
 3rd Scott & Elaine Williamson
 13th Terry & Ashley Stiers
 17th Bill & Nancy Smith
 Jim & Mary Abrams
 21st Jerry & Sharon Creager
 Charles & Judy Colvin
 22nd Ted & Beverly Koelmel



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

Areas for Service July 2009

Deacon:

5 Larry Lloyd
 12 Scott Morgan
 19 Tom Montgomery
 26 Scott Williamson

Greeters:

5 Bill & Donna Nelson
 12 Jane Sparks, DeMaris Simpson
 19 Scott & Elaine Williamson
 26 Davie & Teresa Norris

Nursery:

5 MW Amy Legere, Randy Klinger
 SS Kathy Agee
 12 MW Vanessa Ketchum,
 Hope Klinger
 SS Sarah Noll
 19 MW Windy Mosburg
 Christine Noll
 SS Lisa Klinger
 26 MW Linda Howard, Kiara Thorp
 SS Amy Legere

Ushers:

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

Audio-Visual:

5 Melissa McAhern, Cale Worley
 12 Jordan Manning, Terry Stiers
 19 Spencer Abrams, Zachary Morgan
 26 Terry Stiers, Bill Collyer

Van Drivers:

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

Candle Lighter: Casey Legere

Deaconess: Cathy Schneider
 Linda Abrams

Junior Church: Lisa Klinger