



# First Baptist Bulletin Board

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

March 2010

## Upcoming Events

**Mar. 2** Deacons 6:30pm.  
**Mar. 3** Bd. of Christian Ed 6pm  
**Mar. 4** Executive Council 7pm  
**Mar. 11** Business Meeting 7pm.  
**Mar. 16** Worship Comm. 6:30pm  
**Mar. 24** ABWomen 11:30am.  
**Mar. 31** Trustees 6pm.

**Wed.** Men's Prayer Grp, 6:30pm  
**Thurs.** Bible Study, 6pm  
Choir/Praise Team 7pm

## A Crown of Thorns

It is a lovely old legend that tells of the priest who found a branch of a thorn tree twisted around so that it resembled a crown of thorns. Thinking it a symbol of the crucifixion, he placed it on the altar in his chapel on Good Friday.

Early on Easter morning, he remembered what he had done. Feeling it was not appropriate for Easter Sunday, he hurried into the church to clear it away before the congregation came. But when he went into the church, he found that the thorn branches were blooming with beautiful roses.



## God's Growing Season

Have you ever seen a time-elased video of a plant growing? It's amazing to see how this creation of God grows from a tiny seed into a full-grown plant. It undergoes changes that often happen so slowly that we hardly notice them when they're taking place. Yet, with the help of technology, we see the process in a reduced amount of time. This helps us see in detail the amazing lifecycle God has designed for that plant.

Many of us would like God's kingdom to grow similar to a plant in a time-elased video. We desire our King to return and reign power and great glory. We long to see righteousness prevail, justice served, and evil overcome in the world. We want our fellow Christians to be healthy, perfectly reflecting the heart of their King. More personally, we would like to see our own lives and families completely fulfilling God's design. And, we would like to see all of this happen...yesterday!

In Mark 4: 26-29, Jesus compared the Kingdom of God to the growth of a seed of grain. He said the one planting the seed does not know the details of how it sprouts and grows. Yet, it does: "*first the blade, then the head, after that the full grain in the head.*" He went on to say, "*But when the grain ripens, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.*" We don't understand how the kingdom of God grows, but we see that it does according to God's design and timetable. We may want it to grow faster than it is, but God's "growing season" is different than ours. When His season is complete and we reach the end of time as we know it, the harvest will be great!

*Our father in heaven, thank You that You have the perfect growing season for Your Kingdom. Help me to be patient as You grow it in Your way and in Your time. Until Christ returns and the harvest is gathered, help me to do my part by opening my own heart and life to Your Kingdom.  
I pray this in Jesus, our eternal King's name.*

*Amen*

Pastor Jay

Holy Week  
March 28-April 4  
Join us as we celebrate  
God's great love for us.

March is America for Christ month.  
Gifts support ministries in the US  
and Puerto Rico. Pray about God's  
desire for your gift to our national  
ministry.

July 5-9  
Vacation Bible School

"SonQuest Rainforest"

Have you volunteered to help?

See Ashley....help relieve her stress!!!

*Women's Retreat 2010*  
*Mark your calendar for Sept. 24-26.*

Choir Practice Resumes!!

March 4 at 7pm

Anyone interested in sharing  
their musical talents should  
contact Margaret McCarty  
for more information.

Church Camp!!!

It's not too early to think about camp.

The list of camps and dates are  
available from the Board of Christian Education.

If you prefer not to receive a paper copy of the  
newsletter, please notify the office.

The newsletter is still available on the webpage.

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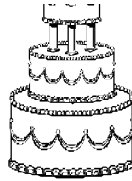


## Birthdays of Our Church Family

5th Tom Hamon	20th Hazel Stiers
6th Levi Jacob Wooldridge	Randy Klinger
8th Wyverine Copley	25th Kathy Nelson Agee
Brenda Phares	27th Freda Smith
15th Callie Spilman	28th John D. Ketchum
16th Renea Bowling	30th Nancy DeSmidt

## Wedding Anniversaries

2nd Mike & Rhea Dawn Buckley  
 4th Randy & Lisa Klinger  
 Tom & Christabelle Montgomery  
 5th Bill & Pauline Evans  
 25th Rick & Susan Cameron



## 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 March 2010

### Deacon:

7 Tom Howard  
 14 Larry Lloyd  
 21 Tom Montgomery  
 28 Scott Morgan

### Greeters:

7 Dale & Jane Albertson  
 14 Bill & Judy Clark  
 21 Rick & Susan Cameron  
 28 Scott & Elaine Williamson

### Nursery:

7 MW Vanessa Ketchum  
 Randy Klinger  
 SS Sarah Noll  
 14 MW Mary Abrams  
 Christine Noll  
 SS Lisa Klinger  
 21 MW Amy Legere  
 Allie Smith  
 SS Mary Thorp  
 28 MW Windy Mosburg  
 Hope Klinger  
 SS Caroline Smith

### Ushers:

7 Loren Cull	Link Fraley
Hope Klinger	Randy Klinger
14 Tom Howard	Ted Koelmel
Tom Montgomery	Jordan Manning
21 Larry Lloyd	Scott Morgan
Bill Nelson	Thomas Noll
28 Frank Pezdek	Chris Smith
Tyler Stiers	Zachary Stiers

### Audio-Visual:

7 Jim Carney	Bill Collyer
14 Link Fraley	Terry Stiers
21 Jim Carney	Scott Morgan
28 Jerry Creager	Jordan Manning

### Mini-Bus Drivers:

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**Candle Lighter:** Hunter Jones

**Deaconess:** Jane Cumberworth  
Grace Hamon

**Junior Church:** Susan

