



# First Baptist Bulletin Board

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

November 2009

## Upcoming Events

- Nov. 3** Deacons, 6pm  
**Nov. 4** Trustees, 6pm  
Bd. of Christian Ed, 6pm  
**Nov. 10** Leadership, 6pm  
**Nov. 11** Leadership 7pm  
**Nov. 29** Fifth Sunday Fellowship  
Christmas Celebration  
**Wed.** Men's Prayer Grp, 6:30pm  
**Thurs.** Bible Study, 6pm



## *An Unexpected Inspection*

I was in my office a number of years ago, when a couple of firemen unexpectedly showed up. At first, I didn't know why they were there. Then I remembered a man in the church telling me they would make surprise visits once in a while to inspect the building. My first thought was, "I hope everything is okay so we don't fail the inspection. That would be embarrassing." My apprehension subsided, though, as another thought solidified in my mind—they were there to help protect us. If a fire hazard existed, they would bring it to our attention so we could do something about it. We could take care of the problem before it hurt or destroyed us.

This experience with the firemen reminds me of one ministry of the Holy Spirit. Sometimes we are going about our daily business when He "shows up" to inspect our lives. He wants to see if there are any "hazards" that hold the potential to hurt or destroy us. These hazards may be areas of weakness or ignorance that could ignite the ravaging fires of sin. When the Holy Spirit finds any of these, He brings them to our attention by convicting our hearts (see John 16:8).

As the Holy Spirit does His inspection, we may become nervous and apprehensive, hoping He doesn't find anything wrong. We don't want to be embarrassed. Or, we can peacefully yield to His ministry, resting in the knowledge that He is there to keep us safe. When He exposes dangers, we can know it flows from the Father's deep love for us and is designed for our good. The only time we need to be apprehensive is if we are entertaining sin. Then, we need to be honest with Him and surrender it.

Like the firemen inspecting the church building, the Holy Spirit is most likely inspecting your life right now. At any moment He may bring to your attention hazards that you need to take care of. The question is, will you peacefully yield to the process?

*"Search me, O God, and know my heart;*

*Try me, and know my anxieties;*

*And see if there is any wicked way in me,*

*And lead me in the way everlasting."* (Psalm 139: 23, 24)

"Holy Spirit, I invite You to come and inspect my life. Expose those areas that hold potential to hurt or destroy the Father's design in me. As You bring them to my attention, grant me the grace to handle it well, yielding them to You. Thank you for Your precious ministry. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen"

## Have We Forgotten God?

We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace & prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God.

We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace & multiplied & enriched & strengthened us. We have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom & virtue of our own.

Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming & preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us.

—Abraham Lincoln

Thanksgiving Proclamation 1863

*Pastor Jay*

## Changes Are Coming!!!

After several years of the traditional Hanging of the Greens service, the Board of Deaconesses and the Worship Committee announce changes.

Desiring to make it a celebration:

Come One, Come All  
Come Help Us  
Deck the Hall!  
November 29 at 4pm



You are invited to  
an afternoon of  
Decorating the church.  
Stay and enjoy  
pizza & Christmas carols.

Start the Christmas Advent season with celebration.

On October 18 we welcomed the Flatrock Blue-grass Gospel Band led by Jim Innis. They provided special music and the accompaniment during worship.



*Women's Retreat 2010*  
Date to be announced soon

*We had a wonderful time and hope more ladies  
will join us for 2010!!!*

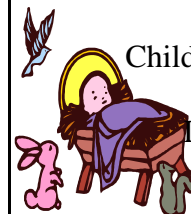
*Remember to bring breakfast items for the  
community food pantry.*

## Special Music

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

*Preparing for Christmas Season*  
*Sunday, November 29*  
*4pm.*

*Deck the Halls!*  
*Pizza & Christmas carols*  
*afterwards*



Children's Christmas Program

December 13 at 6pm.

**[www.fbc-rushville.org](http://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!

Office: [fbcushville@verizon.net](mailto:fbcushville@verizon.net)



# Birthdays of Our Church Family

- |                                     |                                   |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Virgil Pratt        | 13 <sup>th</sup> Terry Stiers     |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Virginia Sadler     | Natalie Lynn Wooldridge           |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Bill Collyer        | 14 <sup>th</sup> Bob Self         |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Randy Collyer       | 17 <sup>th</sup> Margaret McCarty |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Kristen Paige Smith | 18 <sup>th</sup> Connie McDonald  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Madison Sutter     | 26 <sup>th</sup> Clay McCarty     |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Evelyn Ketchum     |                                   |

# Wedding Anniversaries

- 1<sup>st</sup> Mark & Jana Spurlin  
 Virgil & Beverly Pratt
- 8<sup>th</sup> JT & Nicole Randall Gosser
- 9<sup>th</sup> Keith & Clara Becker
- 10<sup>th</sup> David & Teresa Norris
- 16<sup>th</sup> John & Evelyn Ketchum
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Bob & Lela Self
- 27<sup>th</sup> Jim & Ruth Carney
- 29<sup>th</sup> Steve & Cathy Schneider



# Our Homebound or Hospitalized Members

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	Covington Manor Nursing Center 5700 Wilkie Drive, 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 November 2009

**Deacon:**

- 1 Link Fraley
- 8 Larry Lloyd
- 15 Scott Morgan
- 22 Tom Montgomery
- 29 Scott Williamson

**Greeters:**

- 1 Mary & Kiara Thorp
- 8 Stan & Jane Manning
- 15 Eddy & Mary Hamill
- 22 Bill & Donna Nelson
- 29 Ted & Beverly Koelme

**Nursery:**

- 1 MW Windy Mosburg, Randy Klinger  
SS Lisa Klinger
- 8 MW Kathy Agee, Hope Klinger  
SS Sharon Evans
- 15 MW Mary Abrams, Kiara Thorp  
SS Kathy Agee
- 22 MW Caroline & Allie Smith  
SS Mary Thorp
- 29 MW Mary & Kiara Thorp

**Ushers:**

- |    |                        |                |
|----|------------------------|----------------|
| 1  | Mike DeSmidt           | Randy Klinger  |
|    | Tyler Stiers           | Jordan Manning |
| 8  | Link Fraley            | Hope Klinger   |
|    | Terry & Zachary Stiers |                |
| 15 | Jerry Creager          | Jim Abrams     |
|    | Butch Bowling          | Keith Becker   |
| 22 | Dale Albertson         | Trey Cameron   |
|    | Rick Cameron           | Jim Carney     |
| 29 | Rick Cumberworth       |                |
|    | Wyverine Copley        |                |
|    | Bill & Randy Collyer   |                |

**Audio-Visual:**

- 1 Jim Carney, Trey Cameron
- 8 Scott Williamson, Bill Collyer
- 15 Terry Stiers, Jordan Manning
- 22 Bill Collyer, Jerry Creager
- 29 Cale & Melissa Worley

**Mini-Bus Drivers:**

- 1 Bill Collyer
- 8 Rick Cumberworth
- 15 Frank Pezdek
- 22 Link Fraley
- 29 Butch Bowling

**Candle Lighter:** Kristen Smith

**Deaconess:** Jane Cumberworth  
Linda Abrams

**Junior Church:** Jane Manning