



# First Baptist Bulletin Board

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

October 2009

## Upcoming Events

- Oct. 6** Deacons, 6pm  
**Oct. 7** Trustees, 6pm  
Bd. of Christian Ed, 6pm  
Leadership, 7pm  
**Oct. 13** Leadership, 6pm  
**Sept. 9** Trustees, 6pm  
Leadership, 7pm  
**Oct. 27** ABWomen, Assoc. Mtg.  
4pm, host church

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

**Thurs.** Bible Study, 6pm

### Are You God's Wife?

While working at a shoe store in downtown Truro, NS, I noticed a barefoot little boy standing on a hot air register outside the bakery next door.

I was unsure whether to invite him inside our store when a lady came by. After a few words with the child, she brought him into our store. She bought him new shoes & heavy woolen socks for which he tried awkwardly to thank her. "Are you God's wife?" he asked.

Taken back by his question, she took some time before replying, "No, I'm just one of His children."

"Well, I knew you must be some kin to Him," he said as he thanked her again and ran out the door.

-Zelda Cornish

### "Save Me!"

"Help! Save me!" Many quickly turned their heads in alarm when they heard the cries of a young man struggling to keep his head above the water. Many wanted to save him but did not have the ability to swim out into the dangerous water where he had drifted. However, the lifeguard saw what was happening, quickly left his post, and swam to the terrified young man. Within minutes, he had pulled him to safety and saved him from drowning.

Many of us are in a similar situation to the drowning man. We need to be saved and are crying out for help. We want to be saved from political tensions, economic pressures, threats of war and deteriorating health. We want someone to rescue us from a hurt-filled marriage, a dysfunctional family, or conflicts with our neighbors. We seek to be liberated from a soul filled with loneliness and turmoil. Most importantly, many of us desire to be released from sins we've committed that are keeping us from God.

In the search for salvation on many different levels, we may look to a variety of sources. We look to political leaders, government programs, counselors, books, friends, support groups and many more. Though these may be helpful on the road to freedom, they alone will not meet our deepest needs. It's as though we are surrounded by many on the shore who want to rescue us, but they don't have what it takes. However, there is One who has what it takes...our Creator. If we want to find salvation, we must look to Him.

In Isaiah 45:22 we read "*Look to Me, and be saved, All you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.*" God can truly save us on all levels. He holds the hearts of political leaders in His hands (Prov. 21:1). He knows just how to use money for good (e.g. Prov. 23:4; 2 Cor. 8:9). He has the power to make wars cease (Ps. 46:9) and to bring health to our bodies (Ps. 103:3) He can mend broken marriages, families and other relationships (e.g. 1 John 3:16; Rom. 12:9-21). The loneliness and anxiety that grips our soul is not too much for Him (e.g. Phil. 4:6,7) And, most importantly, He can save our souls from the destructive power of sin that keeps us from Him (1 John 3:5).

God has what it takes to save us, but that alone is not enough. We need to look to Him and receive His saving work. If the young man who was drowning did not receive the lifeguard's help, he would have perished. God will not force Himself on us, whether it's our nation, our families or our own souls. However, if we are willing to place our lives in His hands, He is ready and willing to save us.

This doesn't mean that God will always deliver us from our circumstances. There are times when we reach out to His saving power, but those around us do not. As a result, we may go through difficult times because of their choices. However, God has promised to be with us through it all, and give us an internal freedom that no one can take away (e.g. John 16:33).

In what ways have you been seeking salvation? Are you ready to place your life in the hands of the One who has the ability to rescue you? He really is on the edge of His seat, waiting to save those who will reach out to Him.

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(Pastor's message continues...)

*"Lord, Jesus, I feel as though I am drowning in a sea of troubles. Though You may use others in the process, I know You are the only One who can truly save me. I call out to You now and receive Your help. Amen."*

**Pastor Jay**

### Women's Retreat 2009

*Thirty-one women gathered at the Golden Eagle Christian Center in Palestine, OH, for the 5<sup>th</sup> annual retreat. Some stayed the weekend, others came for Saturday only. The theme was "Under Construction". Our facilitator Lori Thomas led our sessions based on II Timothy. We shared and prayed together. Skits and special interests were enjoyed. God stopped the rain so we could enjoy the campfire. A very meaningful communion service was part of Sunday worship. Of course the food was delicious!*

*If you are being nudged by God to join us on our next retreat, please keep watching and listening for next year's date. Men, encourage your wives to attend; you can survive the weekend.*

*Thank you to the retreat committee: Linda Abrams, Judy Clark, Nancy DeSmidt, Glenda Fraley, & Heidi Pezdek.*



Women's Retreat 2010  
Date to be announced soon

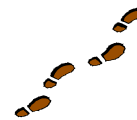
We had a wonderful time and hope more ladies  
will join us for 2010!!!

### Special Music

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

ABC World Mission Month  
empowering your gifts to transform  
the world

"Be Surprised by Walking  
in Different Shoes"



October

Pastor Appreciation Month

**[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!

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## Birthdays of Our Church Family

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Steve Schneider   | 13 <sup>th</sup> Elizabeth Turner |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Scott Williamson  | 15 <sup>th</sup> Bertha Poe       |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sadie Rose Graham | Thelma Jagers                     |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Eddy Hamill       | 16 <sup>th</sup> Erin Cumberworth |
| Leah Worley                       | 17 <sup>th</sup> Marjorie Maze    |
| Carol Hamilton                    | 20 <sup>th</sup> Donna Nelson     |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Troy Sparks       | Jim McDonald                      |
| Roy Sparks                        | 25 <sup>th</sup> Joyce Vogel      |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Sharon Evans     | Justin Howard                     |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Sharon Creager   | Winona Evans                      |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Ted Koelmel      | 29 <sup>th</sup> Thomas Jay Noll  |

## Wedding Anniversaries

- 18<sup>th</sup> Dale and Jane Albertson  
 23<sup>rd</sup> Gerald and Winona Evans



\*\*\*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	Miller's Merry Manor #14E
Dorothy Belle Smith	
Babs Southerland	
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

## Areas for Service October 2009

### Deacon:

- 4 Scott Morgan  
 11 Tom Montgomery  
 18 Scott Williamson  
 25 Bill Clark

### Greeters:

- 4 Tom & Grace Hamon  
 11 Barbara Howard & Cathy Schneider  
 18 Keith & Clara Becker  
 25 Jim & Mary Abrams

### Nursery:

- 4 MW Kathy Agee, Randy Klinger  
 SS Sharon Evans  
 11 MW Mary Abrams, Hope Klinger  
 SS Linda Howard  
 18 MW Mary & Kiara Thorp  
 SS Amy Legere  
 25 MW Vanessa Ketchum  
 Christine Noll  
 SS Sarah Noll

### Ushers:

- 4 Hope Kliinger  
 Jim Abrams  
 Rick Cameron  
 Butch Bowling  
 11 Scott Morgan  
 Trey Cameron  
 Keith Becker  
 Jim Carney  
 18 Tom Montgomery  
 Dale Albertson  
 Jerry Creager  
 Loren Cull  
 25 Bill Collyer  
 Lowell McMichael  
 Wyverine Copley  
 Rick Cumberworth

### Audio-Visual:

- 4 Jim Carney, Jordan Manning  
 11 Bill Collyer, Trey Cameron  
 18 Jim Carney, Terry Stiers  
 25 Cale & Melissa Worley

### Van Drivers:

- 4 Tom Montgomery  
 11 Bill Clark  
 18 Bill Nelson  
 25 Scott Williamson

**Candle Lighter:** Lauren Agee

**Deaconess:** Sue Graham  
 Nancy DeSmidt

**Junior Church:** Susan Cameron