



First Baptist Bulletin Board

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

May 2009

Upcoming Events

May 5 Deacons 7pm

May 6 Trustees & BD CE 6pm

May 7 Nat. Day of Prayer

Breakfast 7-7:45am

May 10 Mother's Day

May 12 Leadership 6pm

May 13 Leadership 7pm

May 27 ABWomen 11:30am

May 31 5th Sunday Fellowship

RCHS graduation 2pm

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

Thurs. Bible Study 6pm



His Caring Hand

When my family and I first moved to Indiana, someone said to us, "If you don't like the weather, wait a few hours and it will change." I've heard that saying before, but I don't think I've ever lived in a place where it has proven to be as true as here! Lately, though, it seems we've had a lot of rain. This is something I am used to after having lived in Washington, but I sure am looking forward to some more sun. I overheard someone say the other day that if it keeps it up, he's going to grow webs between his feet!

I came across a portion of Scripture today that caught my attention in view of the recent *unusual* weather.

Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;

Sing praises on the harp to our God,

Who cover the heavens with clouds,

Who prepares rain for the earth,

Who makes grass to grow on the mountains. (Psalm 147: 7,8)

As I read this, I was reminded that God's hand is behind the rain that falls.

The lesson in this psalm goes deeper than the weather, though. It calls us to thank and praise God for the many ways He cares for us. At times we find it easy to complain when things aren't going the way we would like them to, including with the weather. But when we recognize God's hand of care in every- thing, our hearts change to being filled with thanksgiving and praise.

This is not always easy to do. Sometimes life gets rough and we face situations that are heart-breaking. However, God can help us to know His hand is at work in some way. This doesn't mean that everything about the situation is in line with His perfect design, for we live in a fallen world. But it does mean that if we give to Him whatever we're going through, His hand will begin to move. And for that we can praise and thank Him!

As I write this, it is still cool and rainy outside. But, I don't mind because I know that through the dampness, God is taking care of us. What is the climate in your life right now? Can you see God's hand of care moving and working for your good? If not, ask Him to show you the situation through His eyes. Then, let's thank and praise Him together for where He is at work!

Blessed is the Mother...

*Who can hold onto her
children while letting them
go;*

*Who puts a tranquil home
ahead of an immaculate
house;*

*Who knows a kind act will be
remembered longer than an
easy word;*

*Who really believes that prayer
changes things;*

*Whose faith in the future
sweetens the present;*

*Whose Bible never needs
dusting;*

*Whose sense of humor is alive
and well.*

*-Reformation Lutheran Church
Lancaster, SC*

Happy Mother's Day!!!

Pastor Jay

Our Savior

God so loved the world he sent his only Son
So victory over sin could be offered to everyone

Jesus was the best teacher of both men great and small
Giving them wisdom so they would not fall

His death was an event that must take place
The pain of our sins were shown on his face

He was hung on a cross and was later crucified
The world was given a Savior the moment he died

His body was laid to rest in this big empty tomb
Wrapped in linen and covered with perfume

On the third day after his death
They found his tomb empty and couldn't catch their breath

He has risen, He has risen was the shouts that could be
heard

Jesus claimed victory over death according to His word

This is a time that should never be forgotten
The death and resurrection of God's only begotten

Scott Williamson (3/16/09)

Scott shared his poem during Easter's worship service.



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.



National Day of Prayer May 7

Breakfast 7-7:45 am Friendship Hall
Please sign up for the 24 hour prayer vigil
in the foyer.

Children will have a balloon release on May 3.

For more information call Heidi 938-4328



VBS is coming!!!

June 29-July 3, 2009

See Ashley Stiers to volunteer!!!

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: fbcrushville@verizon.net



Birthdays of Our Church Family

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| 5 th Jane Cumberworth | 20 th Ruth Snyder |
| 11 th Ruth Carney | Lela Self |
| 14 th Whitney Buckley | Bree Lynn Huskins |
| 16 th Beverly Pratt | 21 st Ashley Stiers |
| Butch Spurlin | 22 nd Jane Albertson |
| Robyn Johnson | 24 th Gary Spilman |
| 17 th Linda Abrams | 27 th Bertha Guffin |
| 18 th Butch Bowling | 29 th Bea McKay |
| 19 th Debbie Dill | 30 th Jordan Manning |

Wedding Anniversaries

- 1st Butch & Renea Bowling
- 19th Dale & Marjorie Siders
- 21st Pastor Jay & Sarah Noll
- 27th Troy & Katie Sparks
- 30th Larry & Ann Copley



***Please check each month's birthday and anniversary lists for additions or corrections. Thank you.

Our Homebound or Hospitalized Members

Bea McKay Marie Jeffries	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 May 2009

Deacon:

- 3 Scott Williamson
- 10 Bill Clark
- 17 Link Fraley
- 24 Larry Lloyd
- 31 Scott Morgan

Greeters:

- 3 Barbara Howard, Cathy Schneider
- 10 Dick & Joyce Vogel
- 17 Terry & Ashley Stiers
- 24 Rick & Susan Cameron
- 31 John & Evelyn Ketchum

Nursery:

- 3 MW Linda Howard, Christine Noll
SS Sharon Evans
- 10 MW Mary Abrams, Allie Smith
SS Kathy Agee
- 17 MW Amy Legere, Kiara Thorp
SS Caroline Smith
- 24 MW Vanessa Ketchum
Randy Klinger
SS Sarah Noll
- 31 MW Mary & Kiara Thorp
SS 5th Sunday Fellowship

Ushers:

- 3 Loren Cull
Rick Cumberworth
Mike DeSmidt
Jordan Manning
- 10 Tom Montgomery
Jim Abrams
Randy & Hope Klinger
- 17 Scott Morgan
Terry, Tyler, & Zachary Stiers
- 24 Link Fraley
Bill Smith
Dale Albertson
Keith Becker
- 31 Rick & Trey Cameron
Butch Bowling
Jim Carney

Audio-Visual:

- 3 Terry & Ashley Stiers
- 10 Bill Collyer, Jim Carney
- 17 Cale Worley, Melissa McAhren
- 24 Scott Morgan, Jim Carney
- 31 Bill Collyer, Link Fraley

Van Drivers:

- 3 Rick Cumberworth
- 10 Frank Pezdek
- 17 Link Fraley
- 24 Butch Bowling
- 31 Tom Montgomery

Candle Lighter: Kristen Smith

Deaconess: Sue Graham

Cathy Schneider

Junior Church: Caroline Smith