



SEPTEMBER - 2021

Greetings!

As the storms hit our area Sunday night, and maybe kept you up or woke you up, I thought about the folks in Louisiana. I wondered how they were doing. We had around 2.5" of rain. I can't imagine getting 15-20" of rain. I thought about how it's all relative. Many people were celebrating the rain in Indiana, while they were fearing and lamenting the rain in Louisiana.

Some pray for a sunny vacation, while people in the same area are praying for rain. God ultimately is in control of the sun, moon, rain, and yes, snow! It's an important reminder for me of how much control we seek to grab hold of. Yet, deep down we understand God is sovereign. He's in control. Nothing happens which surprises God. Nothing in our lives which happens, good or not so good, is a surprise to God!

As the year is quickly coming to a close, think about your plans and hopes in the next 4 months. Are they your plans or God's plans? How can you call out to God and ask God "what plans do you have for me? How can I serve you?"

We may just be surprised at the plans God has for us. Jeremiah gives us a message from God, who tells us, **11 "For I know the plans I have for you, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. 12 Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. 13 You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart."**

That passage speaks volumes to us. God knows His plans! They've been set out before time began . . . AND God's plans are always to bring good and not evil. Your job and mine is to call on God and seek Him with ALL YOUR HEART. Would you do that as we prepare to close the year? Pray! Seek God! Come closer to Him! Celebrate His goodness!!

Pastor Michael

NEWS AND EVENTS

COVID UPDATE

I don't think any of us expected that we would still be dealing with the impact of this virus. I'm not an epidemiologist, so the fact that there have been mutations was never in my thought process. With that in mind, we want you to feel comfortable to worship in any manner which fits your needs. If you want to wear a mask, that's fine. If you don't, that's fine, too. If you want to watch via Facebook, that's fine as well! We want you to know we support you and love you!

I have been impressed with our church. I think I can say that!! We have really respected one another's decisions and in our world, that's huge! We are to practice humility and to consider others' needs as well as our own. That's a sign of spiritual maturity.

We will continue to have the church cleaned and sanitized on a weekly basis and monitor what is happening in our region. As always, if you feel sick, please take proper precautions. Stay home, seek medical attention if needed. Call the church for prayer and if you need food, we can drop that off as well.

We are here for you!! We love you!

FBC CHOIR

Attention FBC family! Choir is starting up again! If you would like to sing in the choir, please join us for practice on Thursdays at 7:00pm. Our first practice is September 2 and our first Sunday morning will be September 12. We would love to have you!

MEN'S BREAKFAST

9:00am-1:30pm, Saturday, 9/11/21

All men are invited to a simulcast Men's Conference. We will begin with breakfast at 9:00am, followed by the simulcast. The cost of \$20.00 goes to Rightnow Media. You can purchase tickets by clicking [HERE](#) or you can sign up at www.alexabc.com/events. You need to have a Rightnow Media account. You can sign up for Rightnow Media through your phone! There are 1,000s of videos available. Text 49775 and enter AFBC.

Camp Tippy 100th Anniversary Celebration

September 11, 2021



A variety of activities will take place from 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Dan's Fish Fry: 4:00pm - 7:00pm

Cabins for Kids \$100 Challenge - It's more than a cabin... It's building for the future! Please consider giving a gift of \$100 for the construction of new cabins!

Camp Tippy is located at:
6 EMS Lane T52A North Webster, IN 46555
574-834-4184
Rebecca Scott, Camp Director

Registration for camp is now open! To register your child/children, go to www.camptippy.org and click on "Registration and what to bring"



EVENTS COMING UP...

- October is Pastor Appreciation month
- October 7 - First Choice for Women annual banquet
- October 24 - Fall Festival

HELP WANTED!

THE NURSERY AND PRE-SCHOOL ARE OPEN!

Please sign up to help take care of our little ones on Sunday mornings!



If you would like to help in the nursery or pre-school rooms on Sunday mornings please let Krystal Hill or Pastor Michael know. We greatly appreciate your help.
Thank you!!

OPPORTUNITIES

If you are wanting to serve in the church, now is a great time to say a hearty "YES" to the call of Jesus. Maybe it's learning and helping with the audio-visual / technology aspects of worship, maybe it's serving in the nursery or pre-school room, or helping Jill in Children's Church, maybe it's being an usher and helping people feel welcomed as they come into the church and helping in other ways. There are opportunities available beyond these as well. But you need to ask. We don't know what your skills, gifts and passions are, so please see Pastor Michael and we will help find a way to get you connected.



Sunday

10:30am: Worship Celebration

Tuesday

7:00pm: Ladies Zoom Bible Study
with Debbie Deutsch

Wednesday

6:30-7:30pm:
High Point (grades K-3)
Crew 456 (grades 4-6)
Impact (grades 7-12)

RESOURCES



Click [HERE](#) to access the 2021 Bible reading plan!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

HIDDEN VALUE

One of the items in *Ripley's Believe It or Not* is a picture of a plain bar of iron. It is valued at \$5.00. The same bar of iron has a far different value, however, if it is fashioned into different items.

- As a pair of horse shoes, it would be worth \$50.00.
- Made into sewing needles, it would be worth \$5,000.00.
- Formed into balance springs for Swiss watches, it would be worth \$500,000.00.

The raw material is not what is important. What's important is how the raw material is developed!

To each of us has been given talents and abilities - some have received more, others less, but all have received some unique gift from God. As Christians, we also enjoy spiritual gifts which flow from the Holy Spirit of God.

The value of these raw materials, however, is moot unless we develop and use our talents, abilities, and spiritual gifts as a force for divine good in this world.

If you don't know what your abilities and gifts are, ask God to reveal them to you. Then ask Him to show you what He wants you to do with them and begin doing it. Your happiness and success in life will be found in fulfilling His plan for your life.

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