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### OCTOBER - 2022

### Greetings!

#### Change is in the Air

There's lots of questions we'd like to ask God, but one I have is 'how can it go from 90 one day and 60 the next day?' Fall has certainly arrived. But one thing I miss are the days when the sun set at 9:30. Now, by 7:30, it's dark. I already miss that and it's going to get worse! :(

My point is, change is always in the air. Everyday we're changing a bit. As the seasons move on, we also go through our seasons of life. As of Tuesday, October 4, Debbie and I will officially be empty nesters. On that day, we're moving Zachary to Fairborn, Ohio to start his career working for the Air Force at Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

The church also goes through seasons of change. The goal is to always stay relevant and real as we see constant change in the world. Firstly, understand that our call is NEVER, NEVER, NEVER to change the powerful Word of God. That is

always our constant. The good news is that seasons don't change for the Word . . . thank God for that!!

As the world changes, we've also made changes in the way we do things over the past years. As your pastor, I will always guard against our misusing or misrepresenting the Word of God; yet at the same time, I believe we are always on call to look at how we do church and be willing to adjust course so that we can meet the needs of our community.

I'm not writing this to forewarn you of major change (thank you, Pastor Michael) but I do want you to know that we are looking at being more intentional about how we can meet the needs of the people in our communities. We want to equip each person to go into the world and share the GREAT NEWS of Jesus.

My greatest prayer for each of us, me included, is being open to the call of God and following Him. As I've been talking about . . . He calls us to FOLLOW HIM. For me that means, I have Jesus dwelling within me, so that I can use His power to follow His lead and His plans for my life so that I can honor and glorify Him.

Let's take that journey together and watch; and celebrate what God does in our midst! Remember, miracles still occur!!

See you Sunday,

Pastor Michael

### NEWS AND EVENTS

I just wanna speak the name of Jesus Over every heart and every mind 'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence I speak Jesus 'Cause Your name is power Your name is healing Your name is life Break every stronghold Shine through the shadows Burn like a fire Shout Jesus from the mountains Jesus in the streets Jesus in the darkness over every enemy Jesus for my family I speak the holy name Jesus

Don't you sometimes just want to speak the name of Jesus? I do too! And with that, I want to be in the presence of others speaking the name of Jesus. "Where two or three are gathered together...."

Starting **Wednesday**, **October 5th**, **at 6:30**, come to the Sanctuary for prayer. We will meet the first Wednesday of every month. What's the format? I don't

know. Whatever and wherever the Holy Spirit guides. We will start each evening reading a Psalm and maybe someone will make a few comments. But then we will pray. We can pray for anything: hearts and minds, peace, power, healing, strongholds. We can pray over the mountains and streets, our families. All the things the song "I Speak Jesus" mentions, and more.

Everyone, anyone, will get an opportunity to pray. Or not. You may just join your heart to others in silent prayer. But Jesus hears, Jesus listens, Jesus acts when His children pray.

Join us.

Also, starting **Wednesday**, **October 12th**, **at 6:30**, Pastor Michael will begin having Bible Study each week. Come and experience the power of Scripture as we take a closer look at God's Word, one awesome book at a time.

Submitted by Beth Thompson



Pastor Appreciation Sunday will be October 16.

There will be a pitch in immediately after worship. Come for fellowship and to honor Michael Deutsch, Eric Prophet, Jill Thomas, and George Killian.

Broasted chicken, mashed potatoes & gravy, drinks, and tableware will be provided.

Bring your favorite side dish(es) and dessert to share!



Monster BASH

Beulah Park - Alexandria, IN

Saturday, October 29 5:00-8:00pm Candy donations are appreciated! Collection barrel is located at the front of our lobby.

FBC will have a booth at this year's Monster Bash! We will hand out fliers and pens with our new logo on them to the adults and candy to the kids!

S.A.L.T. Society meets on the third Tuesday of each month. Keep your eye on the bulletin each week for more information!

# IMPACT

The youth group went to a flowing artesian well in Frankton for a lesson last Wednesday. As we discussed the story of the woman Jesus met at the well from the book of John, it was a fitting location. Here are some pictures!











### SERVICES



Sunday 10:30am: Worship Celebration Tuesday 7:00pm: Ladies Zoom Bible Study with Debbie Deutsch Wednesday 6:30pm: Prayer Meeting (first Wed.) 6:30pm: Bible Study

## A SONG FOR YOU

Enjoy this music video from Martin Smith, singer/songwriter and former lead singer of the Christian band *Delirious?* 

WAITING HERE FOR YOU - Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, and Martin Smith





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