

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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Newsletter

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Praising God . . . Everyday!

We just celebrated Easter. For me, it's the greatest of days! It's a day filled with hope. Yet, everyday is not a great day. In the midst of our struggles, can we still praise God?

When we praise God, we are honoring God's worthiness and majesty. In the Old Testament account of King Jehoshaphat, God's people faced a seemingly insurmountable enemy who was determined to destroy them. Yet God assured them that they would stand still and see the salvation of the Lord. (2 Chronicles 20:17)

The people of Judah believed God. In fact, their army was led by singers, offering praise and worship to the Lord for their promised victory. Imagine the praise team and choir leading us into battle! That's how certain they were of God's promises.

And the victory came!

When King David led the procession bringing the ark of the covenant back to Jerusalem, he praised God with all of his strength, as we read in 2 Samuel 6:12-23. David's praise was pleasing to God, and God's powerful presence filled the people and

helped David remain strong in the Lord.

After the Passover supper, Jesus was about to go to Gethsemane and to the cross. Yet He led His disciples to sing a hymn after the Passover meal. The disciples were all about to fail Him, and Jesus was about to be viciously executed. Yet Jesus insisted that they praise God. The praise of God looked beyond the cross to God's ultimate victory.

It reminds me that praise is rooted not in the circumstances of the moment but in the nature and trustworthiness of God. It is a reminder that God is present and with us. When the storms of life come upon us, and they will, we are reminded that God will always be victorious and for that we praise God!

Hope to see you Sunday!

Pastor Michael

A NEW OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

Making someone feel welcome at our church when they are a new or fairly new attendee is crucial to the growth of our church. There are two opportunities to help in that effort.

- 1. Make sure that you are always looking out for somebody you don't know and greet them.**
- 2. The Deacons are looking for people to serve as greeters in the main hallway. The purpose would be to assist the Ushers and get to know everyone who comes in on Sunday morning.**

They would also be available to identify visitors, show them to the sanctuary, and make sure they are given a visitor's welcome bag.

We have a large open facility with many people attending, so it is easy to assume (incorrectly) that everyone feels welcome. But it takes a purposeful effort to really make a friendly, welcoming church.

If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please let Pastor Michael or Kevin Thompson know.

Thank you!

NEWS AND EVENTS

The mission trip to Ohio was a success! We were able to do a lot of good work and hopefully be a blessing to those affected by the recent tornado that swept through the area. Please continue to pray for everyone dealing with this heartbreaking situation.



Softball Sign-up!



If you would like to play on our co-ed team this year, please let Eric Prophet know. Games will begin the week before Memorial Day.

We always have a great time and would love to have you!

Attention FBC Kids!

There will be a kids lunch with Miss Jill on Sunday, April 21st from 11:45am-2:00pm



Impact is going Go-Karting!

On **Sunday, April 21st**, the youth group will head to K1 Speed in Indianapolis for an evening of go-karting. We will leave the church at 5:30pm. Dinner will be at K1 Speed. If your teen is interested in participating, please let Eric Prophet know.

S.A.L.T. Society - Date Change!

S.A.L.T. will begin meeting on the 1st Tuesday of each month. They will not meet in April, but their next meeting will be on May 7th.

THE
THIRD
TUESDAY
TABLE

The Deaconesses of First Baptist Church are hosting community dinners!
These are held on the Third Tuesday of each month. **EVERYONE IS INVITED.**

This month's dinner will be **April 16th from 5:00pm-6:00pm.**
Menu is Spaghetti and Meatballs, Salad and Garlic Bread.

Dine in only - no carry outs.

Books and Music

If you love books and music (CDs), Pastor Michael has a deal for you. He will be giving away (in other words . . . FREE!) a number of books and CDs in the coming weeks. He will have a table set up in the Family Life Center on Sundays for you to pick any books or CDs you would like. Keep them, give them away, give them as Christmas presents, but don't give them back to Pastor Michael!!

SERVICES



Sunday

10:30am: Worship Celebration

Tuesday

7:00pm: Ladies Zoom Bible Study with Debbie Deutsch
S.A.L.T. Society meets on the third Tuesday of every month

Wednesday

6:30pm: Prayer Meeting (first Wed. of month), Bible Study (remaining Wednesdays)
6:30pm: High Point (K-3rd), Crew 456 (4th-6th), Impact (7th-12th)

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