

COLLECTIVE GATHERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE 9:30AM
 2nd Hour: M.O.R.E. / CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 10:45AM

Welcome

Call to Worship "How Great is Our God"

Opening Prayer Evelyn Zigler

Worship in Song "Unstoppable God"
 "Our God Saves"

Object Lesson Judith Heying
(Nursery care is available for children after the lesson)

Life in the Body

Ministry Moment:

Offering "Doxology"

Worship in Meditation & Prayer Pastor Fred

Message "Gideon" Pastor Fred

Song of Response "I Know Whom I have Believed" Hymn #409

Song of Encouragement "Our God"

Prayer at the Cross (Deaconesses: Sandy Sherrod, Joyce Schafer)

Postlude

All Songs used by Permission CCLI #1719875

Worship Leader: Joshua Youngen **A/V Techs:** Chad, Todd, Maria
Music Team: Joyce Trygg, John Bush, Corinne Freal, Ernie Jewett,
 Brian & Tracy McKee, Jennifer Kary, Pastor Fred, Janna, & Maria
Greeters: Jeaniece Bumgardner & Connie Wood / **Hostess:** Jan Kary
Nursery: 9:30am – Corinne Freal / **10:45am** – Cindi Jewett

We are equipped with FM listening devices for the hearing impaired.
 LARGE PRINT BIBLES, BULLETINS, & HYMNALS are available.
 Braille bulletins and song sheets are also available upon request.
 Please ask an usher for these items.

PLEASE RECORD YOUR ATTENDANCE ON THE RESPONSE TAB AND PLACE IT IN THE OFFERING PLATE! THANK YOU!

WELCOME GUESTS! We are glad you're here.

- Please sign the guest registry at the center doors.
- If you are a first time visitor, please stop by the Information Station and pick up a gift bag. Thank you for worshipping with us!
- If there is anything that we can do to help make your time with us more enjoyable, please let us know. God bless you!

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Office hours: Monday, Wednesday: 9am-3pm

TODAY: 9:30am Worship Service
 10:30am Blood Pressure Screening in Conf. Room
 10:45am Fellowship time & Second Hour Education
 5:00pm Annual Church Bonfire at the Youngen's

**** October/November Newsletter Announcements due ****

Monday: 6:30pm Board of Directors' Meeting

Wednesday: 10:00am Bible Study: Life of Christ
 11:00am P.A.C.E. (pray/acknowledge/care/encourage)
 6:30pm Worship Team Rehearsal

Sunday: 9:30am Worship Service
 10:45am Fellowship time & Second Hour Education

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to everyone that helped out in some way with the Fall Pork Chop Dinner. To those that sold tickets, bought tickets, helped set-up, serve, clean-up, grill, dip, prepare orders, deliver orders, provide cookies or monetary donations and for those that prayed. All of you were important in the process and we thank you. It's great to see our FBC Colony working together so beautifully!

CHURCH BONFIRE – Our annual Bonfire at the Youngen's home is **TONIGHT** at 5:00pm. Anyone interested in attending, please sign the Response Tab. Hot Dogs will be provided but you are asked to sign-up for food items to bring. Please bring your own chairs for around the bonfire. The address is 61360 Oak Rd, South Bend.

LUVABILITY MINITRIES FUNDRAISER will be this **Thursday, September 27** from 11am-10pm at the UP Mall, Grape Rd. location. Be sure to say you are there for the Luvability Fundraiser and 20% of the sales plus \$1 for every milkshake will be donated. Thank you for your support of this ministry to the special needs community.

DEAR FBC FAMILY, Thank you for the cards of encouragement while my mother was dealing with health issues. It meant a lot to know that people were thinking about me. Your kind words were very uplifting.

~ Cindi Jewett

Response Tab

CHURCH BONFIRE

___ I am interested in attending the Youngen's bonfire on Sept. 23 at 5:00pm. I will bring:

- ___ Fruit
- ___ Salad
- ___ Vegetable
- ___ Dessert



___ Yes, I will help with the clean-up after the bonfire.



Please complete, detach, & place in the offering plate. Guests please bring it to the Information Station for a gift. Thanks!

Registration for Guests

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail Address _____

Age: ___ Student ___ 19-25 ___ 26-35
 ___ 36-50 ___ 51-65 ___ 65+

- I am a first time guest
- I have been here before
- I desire a visit from the Pastor
- I wish help in becoming a Christian
- I am interested in learning more about the church.
- Place me on the mailing list.

Church Family Registration

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Note change of address

I desire a visit

Prayer Request – Information

_____ for publication & prayer chain ___
 private request ___

PRAYER REQUESTS

MINISTRY: Glen Scott, Camp Shishewana, Pastor Emy – Romania,

HEALTH CARE FACILITIES / SHUT-INS: Peggy Collins, Nancy Hollister, Doug & Nancy Jarvis, Connie Keigley, Chuck & Pauline Lambert, Shirley Lynas, Mary Jane Teske, Betty Vervae

HEALTH CONCERNS: *Kurt Schafer* – serious health concerns, *Connie Keigley* – hip surgery recovery, *Nancy Jarvis* – dementia, *Doug Jarvis* - strength in caring for Nancy, *Bob Smith* – lymphoma; *Arthur Barry* – health concerns, *Sue Phillips* (Cindi Jewett’s mom) health, *Sandy Lehman* - foot pain, *Sandy Gawenda* – health concerns, *Ernie Jewett* – Rhizotomy recovery (back injections), *Peggy Baer* – shoulder surgery recovery, *Debbie Pfender* – body pain, *Tyler Wagers* – foot healing, *Charlotte Meller* – health concerns (needs encouragement), *Andrea Gratrix* (Bush’s daughter) – health concerns w/new meds; *Nick Stevenson* (Jack & Jan Kary’s son-in-law) – health, *Stuart & Jean* (Janna’s parents) – health & strength for move to MI

HOSPITAL / REHAB: *Amy Riley* (West Bend Rehab) foot, shingles *Charlotte Meller* (St. Paul’s) – for rehab after surgery

PRAISE: *Elizabeth Rose Wagers* was born on September 13 at 10:14am and spent some time in the NICU. PRAISE God, she came home Tuesday. Continue to pray for her growth and for Tyler and Valerie’s adjustments.

SUNDAY STATS - September 16, 2018

Worship Service	- 90	General Fund Offering	\$1659.00
2 nd Hour M.O.R.E	- 49	Faith Promise	\$ 151.00
Midweek Activities	- 32	Building Fund	\$ 140.00
		Budget Need per week	\$3065.25

FUTURE EVENTS

- September 26, 10a-2pm Michiana Military Stand Down
- October 7, World Communion Day (Full Communion w/ footwashing)
- October 13, 10am-2pm Brethren Retreat Chicken BBQ,
 221 Chicago Ave, Goshen, IN. Information is on the kiosk.
- October 21, 9:30am Matt & Julia’s ministry update

Memory Verse – Romans 12:1-2 (ESV)

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

UPDATED ADDRESSES:

- ~ Kathy Fox, 1140 Hernando St., Apt. C, Fort Pierce, FL 34949
- ~ Alexis Kary, 1227 Spring Creek Dr., Apt. 104, Forest, VA 24551



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Pastor Fred Youngen

The Purpose of First Brethren Church is:

- To know the love of Jesus Christ
- To grow in the love of Jesus Christ
- To show the love of Jesus Christ

SERMON NOTES

Introduction: Gideon Judges 6-8

I. GOD'S PEOPLE FAIL HIM Judges 6:1-10

- A. Israel's Calamity 6:1-6
- B. Israel's Call 6:7-10

GOD PROVIDES A WAY FOR HIS PEOPLE

II. GOD'S CHOSEN ENCOUNTER HIM Judges 6:11-40

- A. Gideon's Confrontation 6:11-12
- B. Gideon's Confidence? 6:13-16
- C. Gideon's Convincing 6:17-24
- D. Gideon's Challenge 6:25-33
- E. Gideon's Concentration 6:34-35
- F. Gideon's Conditions 6:36-40

GOD PRESENTS HIMSELF TO HIS FOLLOWERS

III. GOD'S WARRIOR OBEYS HIM Judges 7:1-8:21

- A. Gideon's Calling 7:1-8
- B. Gideon's Courage 7:9-18
- C. Gideon's Conquering 7:19-25
- D. Gideon's Complainers 8:1-3
- E. Gideon's Confrontations 8:4-21

GOD PREPARES HIS PEOPLE FOR SPIRITUAL BATTLES

IV. GOD'S PEOPLE MAKE WILLING CHOICES Judges 8:22-35

- A. Gideon's Confirmation 22-23
- B. Gideon's Crisis 24-27
- C. Gideon's Concubines 28-31
- D. Gideon's Collapse 32-35

GOD PERMITS PEOPLE TO CHOOSE TO FOLLOW HIM OR NOT

CONCLUSION:

