Communion Sunday
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2013
9:15 AM  Deacon Prayer Time in the Pastor’s Study
9:30 AM  Morning Worship Service
          “Consider the Lilies”
          Luke 12:22-28
          Rev. Bernie Jackson
10:45 AM  Sunday School
5:15 PM  Praise Team
6:00 PM  Children’s Choir
6:00 PM  Evenig Worship Service - The Link
          Sermon: Pastor John Campbell
7:00 PM  Deacon Ministry Team
7:00 PM  Music Ministry Team

WEDNESDAY
5:45 PM  Fellowship Dinner
6:30 PM  Adult Bible Study
6:30 PM  Youth Bible Study
6:30 PM  Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
6:30 PM  Bible Seekers
8:00 PM  Sanctuary Bells

WELCOME DESK:
9:30 AM  Ruth Ann Dowdy

GREETERS:
9:30 AM  Sue Weger, Pat Fletcher

INTERCESSORY PRAYER CHAIN
Glen Miller 877-0628, Glenn Cardwell 298-8903,
Lori Moon 236-6437

VAN DRIVER
Paul Eller

REMINDER FOR PRE-SCHOOL
Toddlers: 1st Hour: Lois King, Danielle Gayso
          2nd Hour: Marsha Miller, Jane Everhart,
                     Betty Sizemore
Nursery: 1st Hour: Marilyn Shaffer, Mid Rusk,
          2nd Hour: Marilyn Shaffer, Jennifer White

BERNIE’S BITS
Ephesians 3:20 in the NKJV says “Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or
think, according to the power that works in us.” The Common English Bible says it this way, “Glory to God, who is able
to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us;”

Do you believe we serve a God of abundance? Do we trust that God is able to do far beyond what we even could
imagine? Or do we believe that it is up to me to make everything work or fit together? I suspect that many people give
lip service to our belief that God’s abundance is real until we are asked to trust that promise and then we revert to our own
understanding. Do you ever find yourself wishing you had more time, or energy or even money to give to the Lord?

I invite you to reflect upon Paul’s words as we prepare for our Stewardship Sundays of November 3 and 10. We
serve a God who is able to provide far more than we could imagine as God works through us! What could God do
through us if we were open to His power in our lives? Your answer to this question reaches or has an impact far beyond
your finances to how you appropriate and utilize all of the resources and gifts of your life.

You will find a letter and a form in this newsletter which you can utilize to indicate your support of the ministry of
First Baptist for the next year. As the Budget Team completes its work, the pledges of the membership enables a more
accurate projection of our ability to share in ministry for the next year. Your contribution is important as it impacts First
Baptist Church, ministries within the city of Terre Haute, in Indiana, all across the United States and around the globe
through our mission partnerships as American Baptists. Prayerfully respond to God’s promise that He is able to do far
more than we could imagine through His work in us!
The Children’s Choir will sing during our worship service this Sunday morning. This is the first performance for the group this year, so parents – please do your best to have your children present. The choir members should meet in the Children’s Church Classroom at 9:10 for rehearsal, and then be dismissed to sit with their families until the time in the service when they sing. The Children’s Choir is having a great fall semester and they are making excellent progress as they prepare the musical “Signs of Christmas” which they’ll present on December 8th.

Preparing for Worship was a topic that we discussed at the last Ministry Coordination Team meeting. Basically we talked about the time just prior to the service, as everyone is coming into the sanctuary. We realize that the talking and greeting that goes on during that time is an important part of our fellowship experience. However, we need to create a more meaningful way to then transition into worship. Many people have expressed a desire for an opportunity to quiet themselves and center their thoughts. We are going to try something different for the next couple of weeks and see how it works. Rather than sing a gathering hymn – we will begin with the time of greeting/fellowship. This will be followed immediately by the prelude or choral introit – as a means to create the bridge between the ordinary and the holy. We’re hopeful that this order will continue to allow time for friendly conversation, but also create an official “call to worship” which will signal the time for conversation to end as worship begins.

Hopeful Statistics – As you already know that I’m the staff statistician and I’ve been at it again this week. You will remember that one of the reasons that we began the Sunday evening Link Service was because some of our young adults expressed a need for a more contemporary worship opportunity. Last night I did some counting of the people present for that service. We had a total of 94 in attendance (this includes pre-school and children) and 48 of those persons were under the age of 35! It seems the young adults were correct in their advice and the Sunday evening worship and related programs continue to grow in numbers and enthusiasm each week.

BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

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FIRST BAPTIST FAMILY PRAYER LIST

We invite you to join the staff in praying for the following persons during the week of November 3-9. Each week we will be praying specifically for several in our First Baptist family. Please join us as we ask God’s blessing upon our sisters and brothers in Christ: Mary Nasser; Rose Neff; Andrew Newman; Steve, Beverly, and Justin Newman; Harriet Nichols; Robert and Mary Ann Nichols.

MILITARY ADDRESS

David Swearingen would like the church family to have his address and would appreciate hearing from his friends.
Pvt1, Swearingen, David
Echo Company 3rd Platoon
3rd Battalion, 13th INFREGT
193rd Infantry Brigade
5422 Jackson Boulevard
Fort Jackson, SC 29207-5022

FELLOWSHIP DINNER: Wednesday, November 6, 5:45 PM
Chicken Alfredo Lasagna Roll-Ups
Caesar Salad
Steamed Broccoli
Garlic Bread
Peach Crisp

Please sign up on the attendance register or call the office by noon on Tuesday. Indicate if it is to be a standing reservation.

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN

ABW will meet on Thursday, November 7 at 1:00 PM. John Campbell will be our speaker. Mabel Keathley and Linda Snyder will be hostesses.
JUICE FROM JILL

The boxes are beginning to come in for Operation Christmas Child. Please remember that each box requires $7.00 for shipping. I have opened a few of them and enjoyed seeing the special items that people have put in for their child. I try to imagine the joy on the children’s faces as they open up their boxes. Please remember to pray for the child who will be receiving your box. Please try to have your boxes in by the first Sunday in November. The children will be taking a Wednesday night field trip to a nearby church for the next leg of the journey of our boxes.

Staff for November 3

Preschool
9:30 Beginners – Betsy Leslie/Karen Lyon
Int/PreK – Lucinda Holston/Amber Renn/Brianna Jackson
10:30 Beginners – Diane Layton/Betsy Leslie
Int/Pre-K – Danielle Rayburn/Elizabeth Browning

Elementary
K/1st Grade – Mabel/Allen Keathley
Elementary – Marty Petscher/Darlene Thomas
Children’s Church – Amy Sizemore/Haley Sizemore
Candle lighters – Patrick Sizemore/Alex Lindsay

PRAISES FROM THE PRESCHOOL

The month of October is quickly coming to a close. The upcoming holidays are right around the corner. Thank you to everyone who ordered Butter Braids and another thank you to those who took a leaf off the "fall tree" and purchased needed supplies for program. Your support of "First Friends" Preschool is greatly appreciated.

Each month at Preschool the children are learning a new prayer to say at meal time, chapel time, or anytime!! I wanted to share with you the new prayer for November. It is so neat to watch the children learn these prayers and then take them home and teach their families!!

"We thank you for playmates, laughter and song.
We thank you for sunshine all the day long.
We thank you Dear Father for work and for play.
We thank you Dear Father for THANKSGIVING DAY." Amen

Thought for the day...."A praying child is a happy child"
Caring for God's precious children,
Gina

ANNUAL REPORTS

All Annual Reports are past due. Reports will be needed from the all ministry team chairpersons. Please e-mail or bring your reports to the church office.

NEW SERMON SERIES

“Precious Words, Enduring Promises”
November 10: “Sow Generously” 2 Corinthians 9:6-11
November 17: “Well Founded Hope” Romans 8:28-39
November 24: “Peaceful Rejoicing” Philippians 4:4-8

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS (1-8)
1. Brandon Dorsett, Brittany Dorsett, Barbara Percy, Michael Switzer
2. Dalton Rogerson, Kyle Thrasher
3. Mike Allen, Vickie Morgan, Roger Norris,
4. Anita Cheesman, Velora Kirby, Mike Lawyer
5. Mark Rogerson, Robert Schwindy, Justin Thompson
6. George Ralston, Wilma Roman
MY EBENEZER
By John Campbell

Sunday morning, we sang as a congregation “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”. In the song, there is a curious lyric… “Sinners, whose love can never forget the wormwood and the gall, go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.” I don’t know about you, but as I sang those words, I had to wonder, what in the world does that mean? So, I’ve done a bit of research. Our newer Bible translations such as the NIV don’t help us much here. Wormwood and gall are used often in the KJV, but are translated into more contemporary language in the NIV making it difficult for us today to grasp the connection and meaning the author of the hymn meant to convey.

Wormwood and gall appear, among other places, in Deuteronomy 29 and the reference can help us understand the hymn. Moses is speaking to the Israelite people and reminding them of the marvelous acts God had performed to deliver them from Egypt and provide for them in the wilderness. Moses is reminding them of the covenant God established with them and calling on them to be obedient to the Law passed on to them from God. As he does this, he warns them of the consequences of disobedience, stating, “Lest there should be among you man, or woman, or family, or tribe, whose heart turneth away this day from the LORD our God, to go and serve the gods of these nations; lest there should be among you a root that beareth gall and wormwood…the LORD will not spare him” (Deuteronomy 29:18-20, KJV).

In other words… Moses says, “If any of you turn away from God and choose to disregard his Law, worshiping idols and serving other gods, your life will be bitter and poisoned, and God will not spare you.” Gall is a bitter and poisonous herb. Wormwood typically refers to a curse or bitter things. Moses is making a significant claim. Choosing to not follow the Law given by God will result in death.

So, when we sing, “Sinners, whose love can never forget the wormwood and the gall,” we are being reminded of our lives as sinners, before we knew Christ, and the incredibly helpless, poisoned, bitter state that we were in. Paul would describe our life before Christ as death. But on the other side, risen with Christ by grace and through faith, we can look back at our death in sin and celebrate because God has saved us. We remember how bad things were and praise God for rescuing us. What better reason to spread our trophies at his feet and crown him Lord of all? Maybe you already understood this reference, but I didn’t. If you were in the same boat as I was, hopefully this will help you worship the next time around, knowing what you are singing, and giving full attention and credit to the God who saves us.

KIDS HOPE

Two weeks ago when Jill brought her wide eyed little kindergarten boy into the room she didn't know what to expect. She started out by getting into her snack bag and pulled out a Fruit Roll-Up. He chose to eat that first. He was excited to play a new game that Jill had brought so he took a couple of bites and then stuffed the rest into his mouth and immediately swallowed it. Jill and I looked at one another all bug-eyed. It went down and thank God he didn't get choked. This week he started out with the Roll-Up but Jill monitored every bite. It is hard to settle this guy down because he is so excited about EVERYTHING. It is so much fun watching the weekly progress of each child.

Mentors, don't forget to talk to your prayer partners. They are anxious to hear from you.

Judy/Judy

CHURCH BUS

The church bus will not be available for Sunday morning pick-up and drop-off November 10th. Our youth will be using the bus as they participate in the annual American Baptist Youth Retreat in Camby, Indiana. We apologize for the inconvenience, but ask for your prayer for our youth as they spend a weekend in retreat, seeking to deepen their relationship with our Lord.

THE LINK

Our Link worship service on Sunday nights could use your help. Each Sunday, we spend time before the service preparing the room for worship and time after making sure that the room is set back up for the rush of preschoolers that will be running through our doors Monday morning. We have a dedicated group of individuals who have been helping in this process, but we don't want anyone to get burned out or tired of this service. If you would like to help set-up or tear down, please let us know and we will see how we can plug you in on an occasional basis. Thank you!

THANK YOU

Thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated.

The family of Cleon Schafer
REMINDER….DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME TO END THIS SATURDAY EVENING
   Daylight Savings Time will end this Saturday night. Be sure to set your clocks BACK one hour before going to bed on Saturday evening. Get an extra hour of sleep and be on time for church on Sunday!

MEN’S FELLOWSHIP PRAYER BREAKFAST
   Our November breakfast will be Saturday, November 16th at 9:00 AM in Esken Hall. All men of First Baptist Church are invited. “It isn’t the load that breaks us down, it’s the way we carry it.”

PROJECT BABY BLANKET
   What: Flannel Blankets (36” x 45”) to be given to local hospitals and organizations
   Persons Needed: To Cut, To Pin, To Sew, To Yarn Tie
   Materials Needed: Flannel (plain and print) at least a yard in length and batting. Money donations welcome.
   Work Sessions: Thursday---Oct. 31, Nov. 7, and Nov. 14 1:00 to 2:00 PM. Tuesday---Nov. 5, Nov. 12, and Nov. 19 6:00 to 7:00 PM. Table for sign up and examples of blankets and materials will be set up Sunday.
   Contact for project: Connie Sheehan and Fran Campbell

OUR RECORD THIS YEAR
   Beginning January 1, 2013
   New Members: 6
   Baptisms: 3
   Rededication 1

   BUDGET INCOME:
   Envelopes 7,410.75
   Loose Offering 114.00
   TOTAL 7,524.75

   NON-BUDGET INCOME:
   World Mission Offering 895.00
   Designated 139.20
   TOTAL 8,558.95

   BUDGET FINANCIAL SUMMARY 10/27/13
   Budget Weekly 12,294.00
   Collected 7,524.75
   Difference -4,769.25
   Budget to Date 528,642.00
   Actual Giving 474,059.23
   Difference -54,582.77

WORSHIP / SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT
   AM Worship Service 263
   Link Worship Service 94
   Adults Sunday School 148
   Youth Sunday School 17
   Children Sunday School 23
   Preschool Sunday School 29
   Total Sunday School 217

   FIRST BAPTIST BULLETIN
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   Fax number ........................................... 877-9622
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   19 West Lawrin ........................................... 877-3936
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   239 S 24th St ........................................... 230-5613
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   Dr. William H. Griffith .............................. Pastor Emeritus
   Mrs. Susan Sneddon .............................. Organist
   Mrs. Gina Dorsett .............................. Preschool Ministries, Director
   Mrs. Judy Fox/Mrs. Judy Fears .............................. Kids Hope USA Directors
   Mrs. Fran Campbell .............................. Church School Superintendent
   Mr. Shawn McCammon .............................. Maintenance Supervisor

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God’s Abundance

Ephesians 3:20

Dear First Baptist family,

Our God is a God of abundance! We serve a God whose resources know no end and who provides for His people all that they need. Paul states in Ephesians 3:20, “Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us.” (ESV) God’s abundance is even beyond what we know or ask! First Baptist has been the recipient of God’s abundant care. There are many areas with First Baptist where we see God’s abundant hand at work!!

On January 1 of 2013, John Campbell began as a full time Associate Pastor with the church. This has been a blessing as he brings his passion and creativity to worship and ministry in our church. His commitment to mission and discipleship have led to the creation of “The Link” Sunday evening worship, the development of new in home Bible studies and a weekday on campus Bible study at Indiana State University. These are just a few of the many additions he has enabled in the past year.

Our children’s ministry continues to flourish under the watchful care of Jill Kirchoff. Jill’s dedication and commitment have been on display as the health concerns surrounding her son Jon unfolded earlier in the year. The ministry did not miss a beat as she provided leadership through so many capable adults within this congregation. Music is very much a part of First Baptist Church. I would stack our musicians up against any congregation around! Steve does an amazing job working with so many talented musicians. The Sanctuary Choir fills the loft most every Sunday. We have one of the few Senior Adult choirs around. We are blessed with the bell choirs, and the orchestra which all enhance our music program. The faithfulness and the quality of the musicians is a tribute to the strength of our music program.

There are many areas within our congregation which we could celebrate. Look at the number of adult Sunday School classes, the women’s Bible study groups, the men’s prayer breakfast, the American Baptist Women, the Senior Lunch Bunch, the numerous volunteers at the Salvation Army and 14th and Chestnut Community Centers and the milk donations and you will see God pouring out His!

Your generous support through prayer, volunteering and financial giving enables these ministries and the total ministry of First Baptist to continue. This letter’s focus is upon your anticipated financial support for 2014. Your support is crucial to the ongoing strength of the ministry of First Baptist Church. I invite you to prayerfully consider how you can be involved financially in the coming year as we seek together to serve.

Please use the form below to indicate your anticipated support for 2014. Please bring these with you on Sunday, November 10th as we share in offering them in worship or these may be mailed to JoAnne Woodcock, First Baptist Church, 4701 E. Poplar, Terre Haute, IN 47803.

God has indeed abundantly blessed us as a congregation!

Bernie Jackson

God’s Abundance

Our household joins with all those who went before and all those who will follow in our expression of thanksgiving to God. We make our commitment in love for God because of the gift of Jesus Christ.

My (Our) Commitment for 2014 is:

$ _________ per week, or
$ _________ per month, or
$ _________ per year.

Signed: ___________________________ Date: _________________________
PRAYERS REQUESTED

Union Hospital
Fay Ashby
E.R. Dorsett

St. Vincent Hospital
Lucas Nieman

Cobblestone
Bonnidell Clouse
Robert Clouse

Davis Gardens
Chuck Thrasher

Franklin Woods

Nursing Home
Helen Lehman

Meadows Manor East
Phyllis Triemstra

Southwood
Helen Westerman

Springhill Village
Susan Johnson

First Baptist Family
Beth Allen
Tom Bailey
Barbara Caton
Charles Caton
Matt Cohen
Kathryn Cordray
Carol Crain
Morris Crumrin
Stella Ennen
Kent H. Harris
Bill Higginbotham
Maddie Huffman
Dan Hunter
Donna Jones
Bill Kauffman
Jonathan Kirchoff
David Manson
Nadine Marina
Bea Maurer
Bob Maurer
Gary O’Neal
Pete Peffley
Wilma Roman
Don Rusk
Bob Shafer
Cameron Switzer
Jim Watkins

Others
Candy Abell
Rita Alderson
Angel Almorza family
James Anderson
Martha Anderson
Parker Auterson
Sue Bates
Mary Beth Chaney & children
Alice Compton
Penny Conley
Drew Coverstone
Morgan Earl
Jim Everhart
Maria Exline
Sue Hammons
Danny Harris
Ed Kirby
Jeremy Leibacher
Rose Losier
Donna Loveall
Dorothy Lovell
Donna McClain
Mike McCrisaken
Dave McKenna
Holly McKenna
David McLaughlin
Lawanna Matthews
Jean Ness
Marie Newman
Sandy Papero

Shelly Pittman
Geri Ralston
Pat Ray
Rodney Rice
Louise Roman
Camryn Saal
Dar Setters
Harris Thorpe
Letha Tucker
Donna Wilkinson
Helen Wright

Military
LCDR Andy Cain
Jake Culp
Maj. Brian Deas
Blaine Hallmark
Jeremy King
Robert O’Meara
Brad Price
David Swearingen

Shut-ins
Karolyn Dreher
Virginia Little
Pam Palmer
Allyn Showen
Juanita Stephens
Leora Taylor
Maxine Wilson
Pauline Wilson
Betty Wolfe

Names in italics are new on the prayer list.
Names will remain on the prayer list for three weeks unless the office is notified.