

# The Baptist Breeze

First Baptist Church, Galveston, IN



## May 2024

~ May the Lord bless you  
and keep you ~  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you ~  
~ The Lord turn His face towards you  
and give you peace ~

NUMBERS 6:24-26



### **BOARD MEETINGS**

Deacons: May 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

Christian Ed: May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm

Trustees: May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

GBW Board: May 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm

### **MAY GREETERS**

Parking Lot: Jeanne Sisson

Carport:

### **MAY WELCOME CENTER**

### **MAY FOOD COMMITTEE**

Chair: Karen Troutman

Jeanne Sisson

Elsie Harris

### **NURSERY SCHEDULE**

May 5 - Denise & Rita

May 12 - Sheila &

May 19 - Katie & Molly

May 26 - Amber & Shelly

### **MUFFIN MINISTRY**

May 5 - Karen Troutman

May 12 - Amber Cooper

May 19 -

May 26 - June Cotterman

### **DOOR USHERS**

May 5 - Dennis Long

May 12 - Neal Rouch

May 19 - Floyd Shaw

May 26 - Brian Riley

### **DEACONS ON CALL**

May 5 - David Austin

May 12 - Aaron Miller

May 19 - Jeff Parker

May 26 - Keith Roberts

The **BAPTIST BREEZE** is available at both entrances of the foyer. It is also available for viewing on our church website: [www.galvestonfbc.org](http://www.galvestonfbc.org)

Weekly bulletins can also be viewed online.

### **WORSHIP TEAM PRACTICE**

Thursdays @ 6:15pm

### **LADIES "PTL" BIBLE STUDY**

The Ladies' Praise the Lord Bible Study meets each Wednesday morning from 9:30-11am. For more information, please see Jean Roberts.

### **PRAYER CHAIN**

Contact Shirley Finney

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574-699-6394

### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday – Friday 9am-2pm

Phone: 574-699-6243

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**Deadline** for the *June Baptist Breeze* is **Wednesday, May 29th.**

**The Baptist Breeze will be printed and put in the foyer on the Sunday prior to the first of each month.**

If you have news you would like to put in our newsletter, please contact the church office.

### **"REMIND"**

Anyone wishing to get text updates and information from the church on your cell phones, please contact the church office. 574-699-6243

### **LIGHTHOUSE MINISTRY**

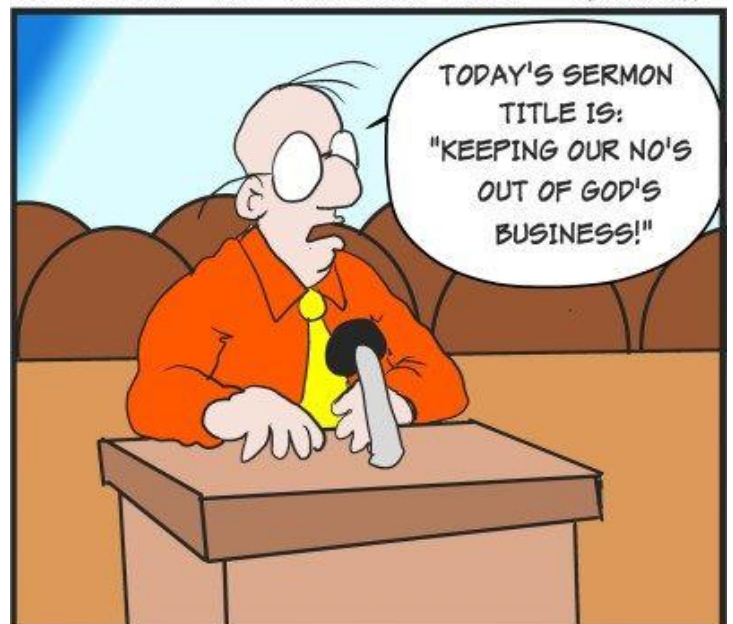
If you know of anyone who would enjoy a visit from one of our Lighthouse Visitation Ministry members, please contact the church office M-F 9a-2p. 574.699.6243



**Both men & women volunteers are needed for this ministry.**

### **CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH**

by Thom Tapp



## Happy Hearts

Happy Hearts Widow Group will be meeting on Tuesday, **May 14<sup>th</sup>** at Applebee's for lunch @ 11.30am. Dessert to follow at the home of Jeanne Sisson. Please let Jeanne know if you plan on attending.

## MOB

Watch the bulletin and the church Facebook page for more information on our next MOB breakfast meeting. Holidays may affect meeting dates.

## GBW

The ladies of the GBW will be sponsoring a "**Be Smart About Scams**" presentation by the Logansport Savings Bank for any and all who want to attend. They are looking to invite other churches as well as the community to attend. This will be **May 30<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30pm** in the sanctuary.

The ladies are also planning other events such as a painting night and a ladies luncheon with dates to be announced in the future.

The Blanket Ministry will also be continuing with a proposed date of August 24<sup>th</sup> from 9- noon. More information about these events will follow later.

The next GBW meeting will be May 28<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm.

## WIN Ministry

**WIN Ministry – The Widows In Need (WIN) Ministry is geared towards helping widows with automotive services and minor repairs. The WIN Ministry focuses on oil changes, batteries, air filters, fluid checks, lights, and brake inspection. If you are interested in having any of these services performed, please go to our website and fill out a request form or see Don Ellmore for a hard copy.**

## The Servant's Station

If you or someone you know is in need of an oil change or minor vehicle maintenance, please go to our church website [@galvestonfbc.org](http://galvestonfbc.org), click on the SERVANT'S STATION link, and fill out the application. Someone will be in contact as soon as the application is received.

## Scholarship Program

The GFBC Youth Scholarship Program is taking donations YEAR ROUND for the continuing education of our students. Please make a note on your donation and place it with your regular offering. Your contribution is appreciated!

Wanderers 

TREKKERS 

 PATHFINDERS

SUMMIT 

**PATHFINDERS** will resume next fall! Check out our website for more information.

**WANDERERS** Nursery is available during Sunday Service.

**TREKKERS** church is held during regular Sunday service each week.

**SUMMIT** meets on Sunday evenings from 5-7:30pm. This is for grades 6-12.



**The Summit Youth (with help from a couple of Trekkers) assisted in cleaning limbs and debris from a GFBC Member's property recently.**

# Soles to Souls



**Purdue Fellowship of Christian Athletes**

## MY STORY OF FAITH

*Paul Piferi - Purdue Football Alum*

I was raised in a Christian home with parents who would take my sister and me to church every Sunday. While I did not understand what was happening most of the time, I tried to concentrate and learn something while there. However, as I went into High School, it was clear that I was

living on my parents' faith. I was never walking in my own path and having a personal relationship with God.

One day after Purdue football practice in March of 2019, I was playing catch with our QB, Aidan, as we did after every practice. We began to talk about Jesus and Christianity one time. Aidan asked me about my own story of faith, and where I was in my walk with God. I told him my thoughts and how I had some doubts and lots of questions. He answered as many as he could and then invited me to come to the FCA Huddle Bible study that night. I was hesitant at first, but eventually got the courage to attend. That night Aidan introduced me to Marty, and to the rest of the FCA group. God gave me a great hunger that night. I was learning and paying attention as much as I could. Little did I know, that the Lord would use FCA to change my life forever. I trusted the Gospel of grace and the Lord saved me. It brought me closer to friends, closer to God, and closer to the answers I so wanted in life.

What a change God has made in me! I never thought I would be able to do a mission trip to Africa or spread the Word of God or see others come to Jesus. I never thought there was something greater for me after this temporary life. I was completely amazed that Jesus would love me, forgive me, and have a huge plan for my life. I thank the Lord so much for His working in my life through the ministry of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. I also thank all of the people who support the FCA ministry at Purdue and the Dittmar's serving there. I am thankful, too, that Aidan was not afraid to speak up for Jesus.

I now live and work in Florida. Marty helped me to find a good church and Christian people with whom I can fellowship and grow. God is so good!



# ***Weekday Religious Education***

*From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia*

Weekday Religious Education (WRE) or Released Time for Religious Instruction (RTRI) is a released time religious education program[1][2] for public school students in the United States. The program is administered during school hours, but by law[3] must be conducted outside school property. Weekday Religious Education classes are offered in school districts in several states, most of them rural.[1]

## **History**

In 1914, the Superintendent of Schools in Gary, Indiana, requested that local ministers teach principles of Christianity to school students during the school day.[3] In support of WRE programs and faced with declining membership, churches argued that secular education didn't appropriately prepare students for adulthood because it excluded religious views of moral and ethical concepts.[4] In 1946, Erwin L. Shaver wrote an article entitled, "The Movement for Weekday Religious Education" for the journal, Religious Education.[5] At the time, religious programs enrolled over 2 million students in more than 3,000 communities in 46 states.[4]

Programs varied state to state with various time arrangements

including before or after school, early dismissal, and time during the school day called "released time." The only program questioned legally was released time where the student would leave their public school work for a set period of time at the request of their parent. This type of program was also the most attractive to church leaders because it was compulsory for students whose parents have requested the class, didn't compete with other educational options, and enticed other children to want to join both WRE and church services.[4] Curriculum for WRE programs were developed by locally for and by the community with no accepted standards for achievement.[6] WRE as a practice was utilized non-denominationally for Protestants, Catholics, and Jews.[4][6]

In 1948, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled in re: *McCullum v. Board of Education* that religious classes held on public school property are unconstitutional.[3] However, classes continued in locations where the program was held outside school grounds. (See also "Criticisms", below.) The Supreme Court later ruled, in re: *Zorach v. Clauson*, that religious classes held outside school grounds, but during the school day, did meet constitutional requirements



dictating the separation of church and state.

An increase in WRE programs started around 2019 with the non-profit LifeWise Academy who develop curriculum to support new programs in Ohio. Since the curriculum is evangelical in nature, Catholics fear children may be less likely to attend church on Sundays for their parish's religious instruction.[7]

#### Current programs

Weekday Religious Education classes are currently offered in several school districts in the United States. Each program is organized locally and is funded through donations.[8] The following is a partial list, sorted by state:

#### Indiana

In Fort Wayne, Indiana,[10] classes are offered to children in the third, fourth, and fifth grades. Classes in the third grade focus upon introducing students to a "personal relationship with Jesus Christ". Third graders also learn about "Hebrew traditions", among which are "Sabbath, the Greatest Commandment, synagogue school and Jesus visiting Jerusalem". Fourth grade classes incorporate

lessons about the patriarchs and other figures from the Old Testament. In the fifth grade, students are taught that the Bible is the "inspired Word of God." Classes in Fort Wayne, Indiana use the Good News Bible.[10]

Other Indiana programs are supported by the Gideons, International and use the New King James Version of the Bible. Some programs teach Creation Science, Old and New Testament Survey and the Life of Christ as young as second grade.

*Love & Blessings,*

*Marcia Shaw*

*GBW Missions Coordinator*





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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Apr 28	29	30	May 1 Jason & Key Gibson	2	3 Kathy Naphew	4
5 Communion Dee Wenk Potter	6 Hope Miller	7 Deacons Meeting @ 7p Jill Jones	8 Gordon & Marlene Riley Jameson Miller	9	10 Phillip Jones	11 Arlen Miller
12 Mother's Day	13 Jenny Clark	14 Christian Ed Meeting @ 6p Trustees Meeting @ 7p	15 Gabrielle Anderson	16	17 Marc & Kathy Naphew Rachelle Leicht	18 Jeannie Wright
19	20	21 Dan & Lisa Miller	22	23	24 Rob & Heather Hileman	25 Adele Tobin Anthony Sowell Bill & Brenda Johnson Jeff Snider
26	27 MEMORIAL DAY - OFFICE CLOSED	28 GBW Board Meeting @ 6:30p	29	30	31	Jun 1

# **"Don't Use Prayer as a Spare Tire"**

*By Frank King*

Some time ago, my wife called me to tell me she had a flat tire. I drove to meet her where she had pulled over on the side of the highway. After removing the bad tire, I pulled my spare tire. To my surprise the spare tire was low on air.

Many years had passed since I had my last flat tire. A spare tire is just something I don't pay attention to until I need it. As they say, "out of sight, out of mind."

Some people are kind of like that with prayer. As long as life seems OK or is manageable, they don't give due attention to communication with God. It is only when all hell breaks loose in their life that they take prayer seriously. But one of the best ways to assure that God will hear us when we are desperate for Him is to talk to Him regularly even when all seems well in our life.

During His public ministry, Jesus taught a parable to encourage us to pray always and to never lose

heart (Luke 18:1). To be effective in prayer, we must employ both of these principles—pray at all times and never faint or give up.

To pray always does not mean we must pray 24/7. Even Jesus didn't do that. But it does mean we should pray fervently and daily. It also means we should not be legalistic about prayer. It may be our custom to pray in the morning before we start our day and at night before bedtime. But we should regard anytime and every time as prayer time.

## **What Our Prayer Life Says About Us**

Why should we pray to God? For one, He is our heavenly Father. If we love Him, we will enjoy talking with Him. That's what a person does when he or she loves someone. A person who says he loves God but seldom talks to Him by way of prayer does not love God.

We should pray to God also because He is our provider. All good and perfect gifts come from the Father above (James 1:17). Accordingly, we should offer prayers of thanksgiving to God often. For instance, I whisper thanksgiving to God whenever I

leave the grocery store or the gas pump. I am thereby acknowledging God as my provider of these things. How can we be thankful to God for His goodness to us if seldom say thank You?

And what about the time before you begin your road trip or flight and after you arrive at your destination safely? Do you give thanks to God for safe travels? Doing so is a way of acknowledging Him as your Keeper.

I could go on with my case. But I think you get my point. Our prayer life says a lot about what we believe or don't believe about God's role in our life. Prayer should not be used like we use a spare tire. But that's what we are doing if we pray only during trying times in our life.

We will pray daily and faithfully if we love our heavenly Father, we believe He is the source of the blessings we enjoy, and that He is the One who watches over us.

To me, it is hard to understand a person's claim of accepting these things as being true about God when that person lacks a genuine commitment to pray to God.

## **Don't Lose Heart**

Not only did Jesus say we should pray at all times but also that we should not lose heart in prayer. Sometimes, the trials of life can make it hard for us to pray. We may feel inclined to lose heart because little or nothing seems to be changing as a result of prayer. Our spirit is willing, but our flesh is weak.

Perhaps that's where some of you find yourself today as you read this post. I too have been in that undesirable place in my life in the past. I found it hard to pray because I felt so heavily weighed down by what I was dealing with.

During that time, God seemed so far away. I was a church pastor. I was preaching about faith in God and the faithfulness of God, but nothing was happening for me. Though a wounded soul, I showed up every week in the pulpit to minister life to the people of God.

It took everything in me to press my way and to tarry before the Lord in prayer. But I knew He was my only hope. And that, "In due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Galatians 6:9, KJV).

That's why you must not lose heart in prayer.

Actually, the spare tire analogy should have no place in the life of a Christian. That's because we always need prayer because we always need God—even when it seems as if we don't because all is well.

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**Sunday Schedule:** Sunday School – 9am  
Sunday Worship – 10:15am  
Trekking Church – During Sermon  
Facebook Livestream – 10:15am  
Summit Youth Group – 5-7:30pm

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