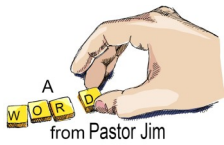




The BRIDGEBUILDER



First Baptist Church of New Albany, Indiana



Easter. The day that it became possible to become children of the living God. Jesus died just two days earlier on the cross. He was not the Messiah that Israel thought He was, but Jesus was the Messiah that God called Him to be.

What we now call the Easter season is a celebration of God's mission to redeem humanity through the cross and give the followers of Jesus eternity through the resurrection. Jesus showed His love for humanity by dying in our place to pay for our sin. This led to our being able to be forgiven for our sins. It also led to us being able to have a new beginning through the love of God.

Therefore, we live every day in Jesus, free from the slavery of sin and of death. We live without fear because the God of the universe watches over us and walks with us. We live victoriously because Jesus has won the spiritual battle over the devil and his demons. We become the family of God because God has called us to be His children and given us a home with Him forever.

Thank You God for loving us so. Thank You for Easter where You set us free to love You throughout eternity! We love You, Lord! *Pastor Jim*

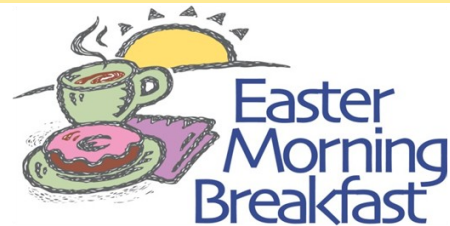


Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, March 29 at 10:55a
Palm Sunday Worship

Friday, April 3 at 7:00p
Good Friday Worship

Sunday, April 5 at 10:55a
Easter Sunday Worship
(No Sunday School ~
Continental Breakfast at 9:30a)

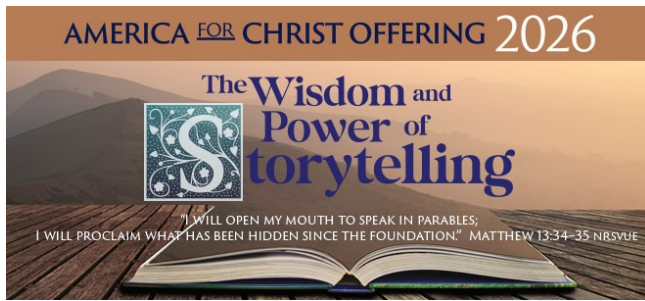


April 5 at 9:30-10:45 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

Please join us for a FREE Easter Sunday Continental Breakfast. We will serve biscuits & gravy, muffins, fruit salad, coffee, juice and milk.

April's Verse of the Month:
John 11:25-26 the Voice

I am the resurrection and the source of all life; those who believe in Me will live even in death. Everyone who lives and believes in Me will never truly die. Do you believe this?



Dear Beloved Partners in Christ, Each year, as we gather around the sacred work of the America for Christ Offering, we reaffirm our shared commitment to bringing the Gospel to life in tangible, transformative ways across our communities. For 2026, our theme—“The Wisdom and Power of Storytelling”—calls us to honor one of the most enduring practices of our faith: the telling and passing on of God’s stories across generations

American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) continues to carry that living story forward through a wide range of initiatives sustained by the America for Christ Offering. From faith-based innovation and community development to education and training for emerging and established ministry leaders, we empower ministries that foster dialogue, cultivate leaders, encourage mentors, and deepen spiritual formation.

I invite you and your congregation to join us once again as generous partners in the 2026 America for Christ Offering. Your gifts proclaim and embody the Gospel in life-giving ways by helping us to strengthen the bonds between generations, empower faithful storytellers, nurture hope, and build bridges that carry God’s truth into the future. Together, let us continue the story. With gratitude and grace, *Dr. Jeffrey Haggray*, Executive Director American Baptist Home Mission Societies

****Envelopes will be in April bulletins.**

Following Christ’s Example of Humble Service

On the night before His crucifixion, Jesus gathered with His friends to celebrate the Passover. During the supper, Jesus rose from the table, poured water into a basin, and went from man to man washing the disciples’ feet and drying them with a towel. Peter protested, “You shall never wash my feet!” Jesus answered, “If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.” Peter relented and asked Christ to wash his hands and head as well (see John 13:1-16).

Afterward, Jesus said to his friends, “If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you” (John 13:14-15, NKJV).

On Maundy Thursday, let us remember Christ’s command and His example of humility, service and love.

There’s Something Better Coming

The Easter season is a precious time for Christians to celebrate the source of our hope: Christ is risen, and He invites us to rise with Him into new life. Easter reminds us that God is still at work, even in the places where we’ve felt stuck or discouraged. Easter is an invitation to try again—with His strength—to break habits we thought were unbreakable. There’s something better coming.

Easter is a chance to breathe new life into a marriage we feared was beyond saving. There’s something better coming.

Easter is an opportunity to slow down, reach out, and reconnect with those we’ve unintentionally neglected. There’s something better coming.




Easter is an invitation to look at our lack of love and seek God for compassion. There’s something better coming.

Easter is a chance for all no-hopers to regain their vision of what can be! There’s something better coming.

Easter is an opportunity to renew our faith. There’s something better coming.

Easter is a chance to “renew our strength and mount up with wings as eagles; to run and not faint.” There’s something better coming.

APRIL 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:45 Sunday School 10:55 Worship			1 April Fool's Day 6:00p Bells 7:00p Choir	2 Maundy Thursday 6-8:00p Girl Scouts	3 Good Friday  7:00p Good Friday Service	4
5 Easter Sunday 9:30a Continental Breakfast 	6	7	8 6:00p Bells 7:00p Choir	9 6-8:00p Girl Scouts	10	11
12	13	14	15  6:00p Bells 7:00p Choir	16 6-8:00p Girl Scouts	17	18
29	20	21	22 6:00p Bells 7:00p Choir	23 6-8:00p Girl Scouts	24	25
26	27	28	29 6:00p Bells 7:00p Choir	30		



- 3 Tammie Ivey
- 4 Christopher Collins
- 6 Dale Brown
- 14 Janet Williamson
- 19 Susie Tanksley
- 23 Pat Wood
- 30 Scheryl Collins
- 30 Pete Wagner



- 2 Jerry & Lynda Knear
- 29 Erickh & Blench Grithambo

Something to brighten your day!

Easter is the only time when it's perfectly safe to put all your eggs in one basket.

What do you get when you cross the Easter Bunny with an over-stressed pastor during Holy Week? An Easter Basket Case.

Bulletin Bloopers:

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and the community.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

The pastor was preparing pancakes for his young sons when the boys began arguing over who would get the first pancake. Always looking for a teaching opportunity, the pastor said, "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait.'" The younger son turned to his brother and said, "I know, you can be Jesus."

During her sermon on Jesus's teaching that we should love our enemies, Pastor Sue asked the congregation to raise their hands if they had enemies. Everyone did so except for Mrs. Watson in the front row, who had just turned 95. "Mrs. Watson," the pastor asked, "how could you possibly live for 95 years and have no enemies?" "That's easy," Mrs. Watson replied, "I just outlived them all!"

The local pastor was on his way back to his church from an extended out-of-state trip. Eager to be home before dark, he was traveling well over the speed limit and just as he entered town he was pulled over by a state trooper who was one of his members. The officer was not impressed by his explanation as to why he was speeding and he said to the pastor, "I think it's time for me to give you a little sermon about speeding." The pastor looked at him sadly and said, "Oh, just skip the sermon, and get to the part where you tell us to give till it hurts!"

When Pastor Johnson moved to town, the local community service club honored him at a dinner. To have some fun, members tinkered with his name badge, listing his occupation as "Hog Caller". Everyone snickered as the badge was presented amid fanfare and laughter. Pastor Johnson just smiled. "I usually am called the "Shepherd of the sheep," he said, "but I guess you know each other better than I do."

Who was the best business woman in the Bible? Pharaoh's daughter - She went down to the Bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet!

Does God love everyone? Yes, but He prefers Fruits of the Spirit rather than Religious Nuts!

Did you know you can actually listen to the blood in your veins? You just have to listen varicosely.

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**Reminder: Do NOT park
in front of the church
on Wednesday mornings.
They clean the streets, and
you'll get a ticket if you're
parked in front.**

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Deadline