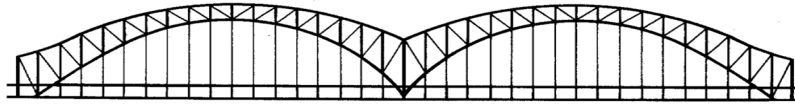
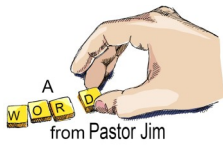




The BRIDGEBUILDER



First Baptist Church, New Albany, IN



We have learned throughout July about the ministry and being of the Holy Spirit. The Holy

Spirit gives Christians their life according to 2 Corinthians 3:6. What kind of life do we find in the Holy Spirit? What kind of life do we find when following the Lord?

I believe that the life we find in God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit is the best life we could ever hope for. It is not the same life that the world desires, but for a Christian there is no better life nor more rewarding life.

Life itself is actually a gift from God. God allows us to breathe. He is actually the one who gives us the breath of life. He allows us to communicate. God gave us language that matches those we live near so that we could have relationships and friendships in our daily walk.

Learning to walk by the Spirit is preparing us for our life in God and in the hereafter. The Spirit's life brings us peace, love, and joy as well as hope for this life and the next. We experience God's life as a family here at First Baptist. God blesses us every time we are together so I know that the life to come has more blessings than we could ever imagine.

August's Verse of the Month:
Galatians 5:25 NASB

**If we live by the Spirit,
let us also walk by the Spirit.**

Thank You, Lord for the life we have in Christ, for the life we have in the Holy Spirit, and for the life we will one day have in heaven with You. Our blessings overflow with Your Goodness!

Pastor Jim



Worship is an essential part of the Christian faith.

When we worship in our prayers, songs, service, and giving—we are expressing our thankfulness and awe to the Lord. Worship involves a spiritual intimacy that sets all believers apart from those who worship other gods. When we worship God in sincerity with a clean heart and mind, He encourages our spirits to enjoy His presence over our lives. I will be sharing more verses about Worship in the upcoming newsletters.

Worship with our offerings - 1 Chronicles 16:29 "Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering and come before Him. Worship the Lord in the splendor of His holiness" (1 Chronicles 16:29).

When we bring our offerings to God, it is a form of worship. Worshipping God with giving of our money reveals our heart's desires. We give sacrificially, generously, and consistently as a way of ascribing value to who God is in our lives. By doing so, our love for God grows stronger and we are less likely to fall in love with money.

Worship in our songs - Psalm 100:2 "Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs" (Psalm 100:2).

In addition to musical instruments, we can worship God with songs from our hearts. There's great beauty and magnificence when the body of Christ gathers with one heart and mind to sing worship songs to the Lord. The words of hymns and spiritual songs resonate with our inner spirits the glory of God in worship.



Dear FBC Family, Thank you so much for all your prayers, cards, visits and Pastor Jim and Tammie's visit to the hospital. With your prayers and God's healing touch, I'm getting better.

In Christ's love, *Judy Collins*



June was the month FBC gave food to Hope Food Pantry of Southern Indiana. Thank all of you for giving to this much needed food project for our community. Thanks to Theresa and Ronald Collins as they spearhead this project to get food and other items for Hope. Thanks to Bill Owen, Pete and Vicki Alles for delivering two large truckloads on Tuesday, July 14.



Dear Pastor Jim, On behalf of everyone at Hope Southern Indiana, thank you for your generous in-kind gift of Pantry Items with a fair market value of \$5,013 on June 30, 2026. Your willingness to share your resources is a beautiful reminder of the kindness and compassion that exist in our community. Your support brings hope to our neighbors who need it most. With gratitude,

Becki Romans, Executive Director

July 19, 2026

First Baptist Church Council: Just a note to tell you I have appreciated being at your church this June and July as a trial pianist. Tammie has been so supportive and helpful to me. I have enjoyed working with her. But, I feel I need to back off now and not take a permanent position due to the following reasons:

1. I can no longer drive at night; my husband would need to bring me over to practice with the choir on Wednesday night, and then he would leave to go to his church for prayer meeting (he brings outsiders in for service) and back again to get me.

2. So many years have gone by since I have played music such as the choir sings, it would be almost impossible to get back up to speed to be of benefit to the choir.

3. Tammie needs someone that can take on the position of pianist that will give her the relief that she needs. I am not able to do that.

I want to say that I found the church and people to be very loving and supportive of each other. You are a blest group to have a pastor and wife who pour so much into this body of believers. On the other hand, your pastor and wife are blest to have a supportive group behind their efforts.

It has been a real joy to get to know you a bit and to be part of the church for these past weeks. If you need a fill-in pianist, I will be available to help you if needed.

May God continue to bless each one of you. *Elaine Bump*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Service Times: 9:45 Sunday School 10:55 Worship						1
2 Communion	3	4	5	6 6-8:00p Girl Scouts	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 6-8:00p Girl Scouts	14 	15
16	17	18	19	20 6-8:00p Girl Scouts	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 6-8:00p Girl Scouts	28	29
30 Fifth Sunday Sing	31					

CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

DUE BY August 31, 2026

Any active member may submit a signed form letter recommending a potential Council member. The individual submitted must be an active member of the church having good character and a commitment to the mission of the church. They will serve for a term of one year. The form letter is on the Information Tables and includes all the qualifications needed to be a Council member. Please speak with the person you are nominating to see if they would be interested in serving.

The members presently on the Church Council are Vicki Alles, Cindy Burks-Sanders, Bill Owen and Joyce Redden. They are eligible to be nominated for another term.

HA HA!

Something to brighten your day!

After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys."

One particular four-year-old prayed, "And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets."

A Sunday School teacher asked her children, as they were on the way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother Joel were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had enough. "You're not supposed to talk out loud in church." "Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked. Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers."

A father was at the beach with his children when the four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand. "Daddy, what happened to him?" the son asked. "He died and went to Heaven," the Dad replied. The boy thought a moment and then said, "Did God throw him back down?"

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Deadline

Coupons wanted! Do you throw away all the coupons that come in the mail or in the newspaper? Theresa Collins would love to have them and that's less garbage that you have to deal with. Bring to church and give them to her or Ronald.