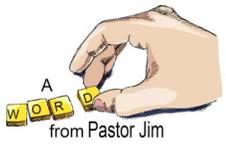




The BRIDGEBUILDER



First Baptist Church of New Albany, Indiana



Do you believe that everything you have comes from the Lord?

Well, the Bible does. God makes it clear as well when we look at the various verses that address these things.

God challenges us to give to His church so that there is enough money for His ministries. First Baptist is great about giving money for the work of the Lord whether it has to do with our mission efforts to S. Ellen Jones, Hope Southern Indiana, or the Christmas Shoebox ministry.

I am sure you have noticed, when talking about these ministries, I often stress that giving to these should be above and beyond the tithe. I do this because I understand that the tithe is about two things. First, it is about giving back to God a portion of what He gives to us. This shows our dependency upon God and our love for God. Second, the tithe supplies the needs for the local church as God called His people to do throughout the scripture.

I am going to be honest with you. We have been struggling to pay bills for a while now. Having an old church building as we do costs a lot of money in repairs and operating costs. I believe that God will bring the money into the storehouse if He desires that we continue doing His ministry. I also believe that God may say that enough is enough.

I have not preached on money much because I trust God totally to supply our needs. Recently, I have felt God leading me to do some education on the issue of giving knowing that people today may not even know what giving to God through tithing is all about.

Whether our needs are met or not, I am leaving up to God. Pray for me that I may preach true to His word and preach about giving with His Spirit only.

God, guide us all as we trust You with our ministries and our future.

Pastor Jim

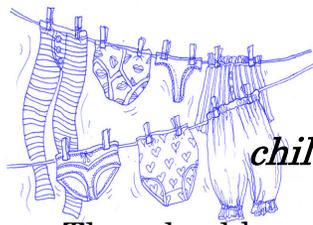
February's Verse of the Month: Malachi 3:10

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.”



Adult Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, February 4 at 7:00p in the Choir Room. We're starting all new music and Easter music. Now is a great time to join us if you love singing! Everyone is welcome—you don't have to be able to read music, just love singing to the Lord!

Tammie



We are collecting underwear for the children at S. Ellen Jones Elementary School.

The school keeps undergarments for the children who have accidents.

SIZES NEEDED:

girls panties—4, 6, 8, 10;

boys briefs—4, 6, 8, 10, 12.

Place your donations on the Underwear Tree located in the Sanctuary vestibule. Place your monetary donations in an envelope and mark “SEJ Underwear” on the outside of the envelope and place it in the offering plate. This mission project ends February 28.

Tammie’s Tidbit:

Did you know that if church services are closed due to inclement weather, you will be notified by email (if you have it); it will be posted on Facebook (if you have it); and you will receive a call from your Church Council member.

I use the same list for inclement weather as I use for the weekly prayer emails. If you are not receiving any emails from me, please send notification to: fbcna@yahoo.com.

Spring Cleaning for the Soul

Ash Wednesday is February 18, 2026, and it marks the beginning of the 40 days of Lent. Lent hints of spring, a time when the earth begins to awaken from a winter’s nap, and new growth bursts forth all about us.

More personally, it is an opportunity to enter into a springtime for our spirit. For centuries Christians have used the 40 days of Lent to seek spiritual growth. Sincere repentance, a changing of heart, casting off old sinful practices and seeking to commune with our creator help us go in the right direction. Spending serious time in silence and prayer focuses our attention. Reading spiritual literature, becoming more knowledgeable about the New Testament, meeting in small groups with other Christians to share personal stories of faith can all be immensely stimulating. Joining with others to serve the helpless and hopeless can strengthen our spiritual life.

Lent is a time to let God do “spring cleaning” within us. It’s our opportunity to allow God to help us toss out the “stuff” that hinders us and then freshen up the “new creature” we are meant to be as followers of Christ.



Dear Pastor Jim and First Baptist Church, 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 \$463.50 on Nov. 30, 2025. 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. Indeed your act of giving is more than just a donation—it is a meaningful expression of faith, love and hope. We are deeply grateful to count you as a partner in this work. With gratitude, *Becki Romans*, Executive Dir. and *Heather Liebert*, Dir. Emergency Services

Hope Southern Indiana needs:
Grocery bags – there are boxes around the church where you can place your bags.

Operation Housing Items:
Towels, Wash rags
Dinner plates, Bowls, Coffee cups
Skillets, pots, pans
Toasters, Crockpots
Drinking glasses, cups
All items can be used or new.



The Church Office will be closed on Monday, February 16 in honor of President’s Day.



February 2026

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	Communion	2	3	4	5	6	7
	9:45 Sunday School 10:55 Worship			7:00p Choir Practice	6-8:00p Girl Scouts		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Valentine's Day
			7:00p Choir Practice	6-8:00p Girl Scouts			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
	Office Closed 		18 Ash Wednesday	6-8:00p Girl Scouts			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
			7:00p Choir Practice	6-8:00p Girl Scouts			



5 Cindy Burks-Sanders
 5 Leanna Wood
 9 Mickey Alles
 18 Angie Ankrum
 19 Watson Bentley
 21 Janette Summers
 26 Carol Jensen



14 Gerald & Martha Gammons

Something to brighten your day!

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 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 ten-year old, under the tutelage of her grandmother, was becoming quite knowledgeable about the Bible. Then, one day, she floored her grandmother by asking, "Which Virgin was the mother of Jesus? The virgin Mary or the King James Virgin?"

The preacher was wired for sound with a lapel mic, and as he preached, he moved briskly about the platform, jerking the mic cord as he went. Then he moved to one side, getting wound up in the cord and nearly tripping before jerking it again. After several circles and jerks, a little girl in the third pew leaned toward her mother and whispered, "If he gets loose, will he hurt us?"

A little boy opened the big and old family Bible with fascination, looking at the old pages as he turned them. Then something fell out of the Bible. He picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that has been pressed in between the pages. "Mama, look what I found," the boy

called out. "What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked. With astonishment in the young boy's voice he answered, "It's Adam's suit".

My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo, while I asked, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both old," he replied.

One Sunday in a Midwest city, a young child was "acting up" during the morning worship hour. The parents did their best to maintain some sense of order in the pew but were losing the battle. Finally, the father picked the little fellow up and walked sternly up the aisle on his way out. Just before reaching the safety of the foyer, the little one called loudly to the congregation, "Pray for me! Pray for me!" (or "Don't beat me, Mama!" as my 4 year old son screamed as I marched him out of church after he acted up. Tammie)

The young couple invited their aged pastor for Sunday dinner. While they were in the kitchen preparing the meal, the minister asked their son what they were having. "Goat," the little boy replied. "Goat?" replied the startled pastor. "Are you sure about that?" "Yes," said the boy. "On the drive back from church I heard Mom say to Dad, 'Remember, we're having the old goat for dinner tonight.'"

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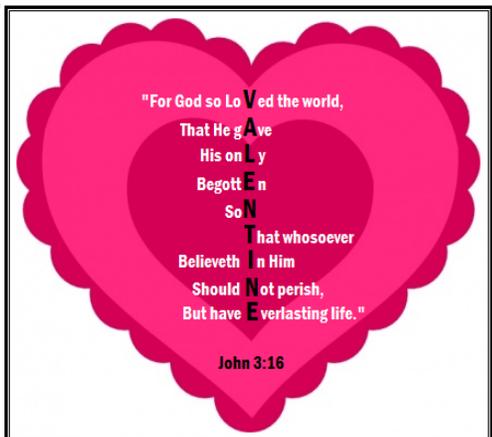
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