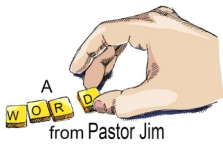




The BRIDGEBUILDER



First Baptist Church of New Albany, Indiana



Over the month of May, I will be preaching on the Basics of Christianity.

I believe that it is good to review the basics every now and then, so we know that we are not missing out on something that is very important in following God.

Of course, we cannot forget that Mother's Day is May 10. Honoring our parents is a way we honor our God. The two go hand-in-hand. We always have people visiting our church as they attend with their mothers, so please do all you can to make them feel welcome. Hopefully other churches will do the same for our members who may be visiting them on Mother's Day.

Everything we do should be grounded in honoring our Lord, so every Sunday we honor God by treating our visitors and our church family with respect. I am pleased to say that our church family does this very well. Remember, I believe that visitors are only visitors the first time they step inside our doors. After that, they are family, especially those who call Jesus their Lord and Savior.

Thank you for loving and welcoming others as God desires. You honor God every time you treat others with value and respect. You also minister to Jesus every time you minister to others in His name and with His love (Matthew 25:31-46).

Pastor Jim



God's Design for Music

Music is often linked with our emotions. But the word music calls us to use our minds. It comes from the Greek *mousa* where we get the term "muse"—to meditate, think carefully and thoroughly. For us as Christians, this also means to think biblically. Not doing so would lead to music being merely for our amusement, negating the very meaning of the word. Paul said, "I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my understanding" (1 Cor. 14:15).

In Job 38, God spoke to Job out of a storm: "Who is this that obscures my plans with words without knowledge?" "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand" (vv. 2, 4). We can ask ourselves a related question: Do we sing on Sundays only with emotion or with knowledge and understanding?

In Job 38, we discover that there was musical worship when the Lord laid the earth's foundation, when "the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy" (v. 7). A faithful pastor once said that "singing is as old as creation. Singing was there before the creation of the very world you and I inhabit...the DNA of singing is worship to God. It was there in the heavens before we ever enjoyed it here on earth." Apart from God— from whom comes all knowledge, understanding, and truth— music and our singing in praise and worship is meaningless.

Whether we sing in public or private, work or leisure, church or home, it is important to understand the divine design and purpose of music (and our entire lives): to worship and to give glory and honor to the living God. We worship Christ, the chief cornerstone (Eph. 2:20) who laid the cornerstone (Job 38:6). "Let everything that has breath praise the LORD" (Ps. 150:6)!

(taken from Today in the Word devotions)

Tammie

Muffins and More for Mom!

Sunday, May 10
9:30 to 10:45 a.m.
Fellowship Hall



Come enjoy biscuits & gravy, muffins, fruit and other breakfast items in honor of our mothers on Mother's Day. Free-will offering for Christmas Shoe-box. Everyone is invited!



Graduate Information Needed!

Are you or someone in your family graduating from High School or College? We will be recognizing graduates in an upcoming Sunday service. Call (812-944-4318), email (fbcna@yahoo.com) or fill out back of Sunday's Attendance Insert with: Name, School, Phone.

Newsletter

May

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Deadline



Many thanks to everyone who donated to our S. Ellen Jones Elementary School Underwear Project. We took 356 pairs of girls' underwear, 408 pairs of boys' underwear and 4,800 baby wipes to the school to meet the needs of the children there. Thank you for your faithfulness! *Scheryil*

Quarterly

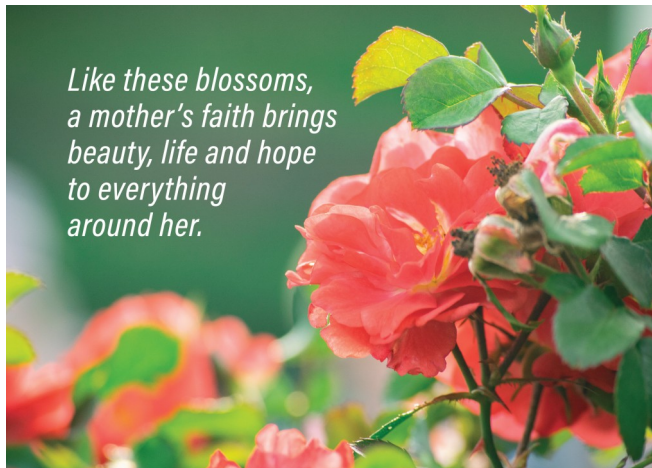
Budget Report



Dec. 27, 2025—Apr. 24, 2026

Income: \$ 32,062.24
Expenses: (\$ 41,358.68)
Cash on hand: (\$ 9,296.44)

Insurance came out in January (\$7,408) - that was a huge hit. We are in the process of making up the funds we lost. Giving is up, and we are doing much better than what's shown above.



Happy Mother's Day

May's Verses of the Month: Proverbs 3:5-6 NKJV

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.



MEMORIAL DAY




The Church Office will be closed Monday, May 25.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Service Times: 9:45 Sunday School 10:55 Worship				1	2	
3 Communion	4	5	6 6:00p Bell Choir Practice 7:00p Adult Choir Practice	7 6-8:00p Girl Scouts	8	9
10 Mother's Day 9:30a Muffins for Mom Breakfast 	11	12	13 6:00p Bell Choir Practice 7:00p Adult Choir Practice	14 6-8:00p Girl Scouts	15 DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES	16
17	18	19	20 6:00p Bell Choir Practice 7:00p Adult Choir Practice	21 6-8:00p Girl Scouts	22	23
24	25 Church Office Closed	26	27 6:00p Bell Choir Practice 7:00p Adult Choir Practice	28 6-8:00p Girl Scouts	29	30
31 5th Sunday Sing	Memorial Day 					

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10 James Zahn
12 Blanch Githambo
18 Brooklynn Stevens
25 Linda Jackson

28 Isabella Stevens
29 Barbara Byrne
31 Russ Thomas

18 Pat & Leanna Wood
25 Pete & Vicki Alles

Something to brighten your day!

A mother complained to her daughter's doctor - "All day long she lies in bed and eats yeast and car wax. What will happen to her?" "Eventually," says the doctor, "she will have to rise and shine!"

A minister buys a lawn mower at a local yard sale. Back home he fills it with gas and yanks the starter rope expecting it to start right up. After pulling and pulling he takes the mower back to where he bought it and says, "You told me this thing would start, No Problem!" "Well, it does start but you may have to curse it a few times for it to work" the man said. "I can't do that," the minister yells out. "I am a minister. I have forgotten how to curse." The man says, "Keep pulling that rope and it will all come back to you!"

At a weekly Bible study, the leader asked one of the older men to say a prayer to start the meeting. He began praying but he did so with the quietest whisper. One of the others in the Bible study interrupted and said, "I can't hear what you are saying!" The praying man paused and turned to the man and said, "I know you and you sure ain't the one I am praying to."

Six-year old John was looking through his grandma's Bible. As he was flipping the pages, an oak leaf fell out and floated down to the ground. John, wide eyed and excited said to his grandma, "I didn't know that you knew Adam personally!"

What do you call an Amish man who has his hand in a horse's mouth? A mechanic!

A man is talking to God and he asks, "God, how long is a million years?" God answers, "To me it is about a minute." The man then asks, "God how much is a million dollars?" and God answers, "To me it is a penny." So, the man then says, "God, may I have a penny?" and God replies, "Sure, but you will have to wait a minute!"

If Mary had Jesus, and Jesus is the Lamb of God, then I guess Mary did have a little lamb!"

Two little boys were known troublemakers, stealing everything they could get their hands on. One day a priest caught them stealing from the church and stopped them. The priest asked, "Where is God?" The boys both shrugged and the priest yelled, "Where is God?" The boys broke away from the priest and went crying to their mother. "What's the matter?" she said. One of the boys still crying said, "We're in trouble - BIG Trouble! God is missing and the priest thinks we took him!!!"

What did one elevator say to the other elevator? I think I am coming down with something!

What do Alexander the Great and Winnie the Pooh have in common? Same middle name!

What do you call it when Batman skips church? Christian Bale!

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I want to die peacefully in my sleep like my grandfather did. Not screaming in terror like the passengers in his car.

Where do cows go for fun?
To the Moo-vies!

What did baby corn ask mama corn?
Where is Pop-corn?

What lights did Noah use on his boat? Flood lights!

What do you call a cow that plays a piano? A Moo-sician!!