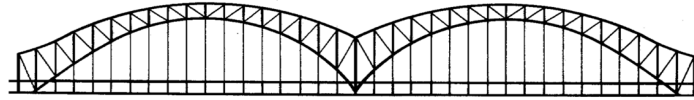
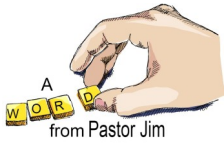




The BRIDGEBUILDER



First Baptist Church, New Albany, IN



God is so good! He has blessed me with my church family which is loving and kind in His name. I want to say thank you all for the cards, gifts and love that you gave to me to help me celebrate my 70th birthday. When God brought us together in 2012, I had no idea how wonderful our family would become. I cannot thank God enough for each of you!

October is another opportunity to reach out to our neighborhood and to our hometown of New Albany and to say to them, "God loves YOU!" As we reach out on October 31st, let us say to the devil, "Get thee behind us" for we are claiming New Albany for God.

Let's make this outreach one that honors our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and tells the people of New Albany that Jesus loves them all. We must be God's love and God's witness. If we are faithful in this, we will be expanding this wonderful family of God for our Savior. Thank you for honoring God every day!

I love you all! *Pastor Jim*

October's Verse of the Month: Isaiah 46:4 Voice

And when you are old, I will still be there, carrying you. When your limbs grow tired, your eyes are weak, And your hair a silvery gray, I will carry you as I always have. I will carry you and save you.



Both choirs are busily preparing music for Fall and Christmas. If you are interested in joining the Adult Choir, now is a perfect time to join us! *Tammie*

Worship is an essential part of the Christian faith. As promised, here are additional verses concerning worship:

Worship in Spirit and in truth - John 4:23-24 *"Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."*

Many people pretend that they are worshipping God; however, the Lord sees their hearts and minds. True worship is accepted by God from those who are a part of the body of Christ and live truthful lives. When we are honest with the Lord to confess our sins, we are purified to worship Him in Spirit and in truth.

Worship with our life Romans 12:1 *"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship."*

As believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, we sacrifice our lives daily for His purposes and plans—not our own selfish motives. We are taking up our cross every day and trusting in the Lord to lead us in the right direction. Our continual sacrifice is an offering of worship to Him out of gratefulness for the things He has done.



Your help is needed for the “Halloween Treat Night” on **Saturday, Oct. 31**. Please come and decorate a table in the Fellowship Hall and pass out candy as children walk through. The event runs from 6 to 8:00, so we recommend you have your table decorated by 5:30.

Table Sign-up sheet is on Information Table in Sanctuary.

We need donations of individually wrapped candy, too. Boxes will be around church for your donations. Monetary gifts should be placed in an envelope marked “Halloween Treats” and placed in offering plate. Make checks out to *First Baptist Church*.



TACO FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON

Sunday, October 25 at Noon

Menu: Tacos, refried beans, cheese dip, desserts.

Donations go to Hope Food Pantry. Following the luncheon, we will assemble the Operation Christmas Shoeboxes. Join us for a fun time of food, fellowship and ministry!

**Saturday, Oct. 31
6 to 8:00p
Fellowship Hall**



Come to FBC for a safe and FREE alternative for trick-or-treaters. The children will walk from table to table to see the Halloween-themed decorations and receive candy and treats. Hot dogs and drinks will be handed out to everyone.

Christmas Is Almost Here!

For the past 22 years FBC has given the children at SEJ Elementary School a Christmas Gift Bag containing food items. With the high cost of food and also dealing with so many children with food allergies, we decided last year to give a Christmas Fun Activity Bag for Winter Break. We gave each child from Pre-K thru Fourth grade a bag containing crayons, coloring/sticker/activity books, notebooks, pencils, puzzles and other items. And, yes, a bag of candy and a candy cane! The children enjoyed the Activity Bag so much that we have decided to give one this year as well.

We need your help with monetary donations for this Mission Project.

Place your donation in an envelope marked “SEJ Project” or take a bucket (on the back table) home, fill it with change, and bring it back. Put your name and envelope number in the bucket or on the envelope for contribution credit.

If you have any questions, please see Scheryil.

Welcome to Ángeles (Angie) Ankrum!

Angie has accepted the position of Secretary/Bookkeeper here at First Baptist Church. She is taking over one of Tammie's many positions. No, Tammie isn't going anywhere. She will continue to help out in the office as needed, but now will be able to concentrate on the Worship and Music ministries of the church.

Here's some information about Angie in her own words:

I was born in Puerto Rico. Puerto Rican culture is deeply ingrained on 400 years of Spanish influence. I carry my culture and history with me wherever I go. I lived Puerto Rico until I was 24 years old. I moved to New York for graduate school at St. John's University where I obtained two masters degrees. One in East Asian Studies and the other in Library and Information Science (Librarianship). After graduation, I worked at the New York Public Library as a librarian. I was there on 9/11 and to get home I had to walk from 42nd Street and 5th Avenue to the Queensboro Bridge that took another 45 minutes to walk from Manhattan to Queens. In Queens, I was able to take the subway. In all it took 4 hours to get home instead of the usual 42 minutes.

In 2003, I met Jeff and we were married in 2004. After getting married, I moved to Minnesota (where Jeff is from) and lived there for seven and a half years (way too cold!). After that, we moved to Indiana and have been attending First Baptist for 15 years. We have a wonderful son Asher. He is a freshman at Anderson University (Indiana) studying Cinema & Media Arts.

I love to read. I also love music but not all kinds. I have many hobbies but enjoy crocheting, cross-stitch, and arts crafts most of all.



Dear Pastor Jim & FBC, 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 \$18,567.00 on 7/24/2026 and \$9,486.00 on 7/31/2026. Indeed, your act of giving is more than just a donation—it's a meaningful expression of faith, love, and hope. We are deeply grateful to count you as a partner in this work. With gratitude,
Heather Liebert, Interim Executive Dir.



They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations. Isaiah 61:4

HOW ARE WMO GIFTS USED?

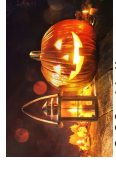
WMO gifts are used for mission program support (global servant, international partner, and other ministry support), for administrative support, and for development costs.

WHAT ELSE WILL MY WMO GIFTS DO?

As the body of Christ, we respond together to the needs around the world—when everyone contributes, no one group carries the full burden of expense. IM does not ask global servants to raise all of the funds they need but comes alongside them in financial support as well as in ministry. When personalized funding falls short, WMO gifts fill the gap and keep global servants in their country of service. WMO gifts support global servants with training and pastoral care, enable us to address crises when they arise, and so much more. Giving to the WMO is the best way to make sure that you support all of IM's ministries.

WMO envelopes are in October's bulletins.

OCTOBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:45 Sunday School 10:55 Worship				1 6-8:00p Girl Scouts	2	3
4 World Communion	5	6	7 5:30p Bell Choir 6:30p Choir	8 6-8:00p Girl Scouts	9	10
11	12	13	14 5:30p Bell Choir 6:30p Choir	15  6-8:00p Girl Scouts	16	17
18	19	20	21 5:30p Bell Choir 6:30p Choir	22 6-8:00p Girl Scouts	23	24
25 12:00p Shoebox Gathering and Taco Lunch	26	27	28 5:30p Bell Choir 6:30p Choir	29	30	31  6-8:00p Halloween Event



4 Chris Baldwin
5 Jerry Knear
15 Betty Stepro
24 Jeff Ankrum
28 Jewell Smallwood



8 Ronald & Theresa Collins

Annual Church Meeting Minutes September 20, 2026

The congregation met on Sunday, September 20, 2026 for the Annual Church Meeting. Twenty-five members were present.

The meeting began with prayer by Bill Owen following lunch.

Ballots for Church Council Members were handed out. The vote was taken and congratulations were given to our **2026-27 Church Council:**

Vicki Alles, Cindy Burks-Sanders, Bill Owen, and Joyce Redden.

The 2026-27 Budget was presented to be approved. Bill Owen reported that the Council is in the process of getting quotes on our insurance – hopefully to lower it. The budget was lowered around 3% from last year to better serve our congregation. After a few questions to clarify the budget presented, Vicki Alles made a motion to accept the budget; Judy Collins seconded the motion and it was passed by the congregation unanimously.

Bill noted that Ángeles Ankrum has been hired as Secretary/Bookkeeper and will be taking over Tammie's position.

We will have the Halloween Festival on Saturday night, October 31. Shoebox Luncheon and Gathering will be held the Sunday before, Oct. 25.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 pm with prayer by Pastor Mike Hosea. Respectfully submitted by Tammie Ivey, Secretary



You're nxxdxd! Evxn though my typxwritxr is an old modxl, it works quitx wxll— xxcpt for onx kxy. I havx many timxs wishxd it workxd prxfctly. It's trux that thx othxr kxys work grxat, but just onx kxy not working makxs a hugx diffxrxncx.

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So, thx nxxt timx you think your xfforts arxn't nxxssary, rxmxmbxr my typxwritxr and say to yoursxlf, "I'm a kxy pxrson in thx congrxgation, and I'm nxxdxd vxry much."

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**Quarterly
Budget Report**

June 25—Sept. 23, 2026

Income:	\$ 25,118.05
Expenses:	<u>(\$ 26,296.16)</u>
Cash on hand:	(\$ 1,178.11)

Something to make you smile!

A wife invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?" "I wouldn't know what to say," the girl replied. "Just say what you hear Mommy say," the wife answered. The daughter bowed her head and said, "Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

A pastor friend put sanitary hot air hand dryers in the restrooms at his church but after two weeks he had them removed. A colleague asked him why and he confessed that they worked fine but when he went in one of the restrooms, hung by the hand dryer was a sign that read, "For a sample of this week's sermon, push the button."

A little boy was in a relative's wedding. As he was coming down the aisle, he would take two steps, stop, and turn to the crowd. While facing the crowd, he would put his hands up like claws and roar. So, it went, step, step, ROAR, step, step, ROAR, all the way down the aisle. As you can imagine, the crowd was near tears from laughing so hard by the time he reached the pulpit. When asked what he was doing, the child sniffed and said, "I was being the Ring Bear."

A Sunday School teacher asked her little 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."

A Sunday school class was studying the Ten Commandments. They were ready to discuss the last one. The teacher asked if anyone could tell her what it was. Susie raised her hand, stood tall, and quoted, "Thou shall not take the covers off the neighbor's wife."

To rile up his Christian friends, the atheist in the high school class was always looking for scientific speculation that would throw doubt on God or the Bible. Scouring the Internet, he discovered research from a student at an obscure university who hypothesized that due to weather and wind patterns, the Red Sea was less than a foot

deep when Moses led the Hebrews across it. "It wasn't even up to their knees," the atheist sneered. One of the Christian friends exclaimed, "It's a miracle!" "What miracle?" the atheist asked. "Anybody could have waded across it!" The Christian grinned. "Simple. God drowned Pharaoh's entire army in less than a foot of water!"

Two Christians lived a very good life and they also lived very healthy lives. Within just a few days of each other, they die and go to heaven. After being welcomed by Jesus, they walked around to see what heaven was like. One said, "Wow, I never knew heaven would be so marvelous!" The other said, "Yep, and just think, if you hadn't made me eat all that oat bran we could have gotten here ten years sooner!"

A minister in Florida lamented that it was difficult to get his message across to his congregation: "It's so beautiful here in the winter," he said, "that heaven doesn't interest them, and it's so hot here in the summer that hell doesn't scare them."

Pumpkin Jokes

How do you know when a pumpkin is happy?
It has a big, wide grin!

What do you call a big, silly pumpkin?
A plumpkin!

Where do pumpkins hold their meetings?
In the gourd-room!

How do pumpkins get so strong? They
pump-kin iron!

What did the queasy pumpkin say?
"I don't feel so gourd!"

Why are jack-o'-lanterns so smart?
Because a candle makes them bright!

What did the pumpkin say to the pumpkin carver?
"Cut it out!"

What do you get if you drop a pumpkin?
Squash!

What's a pumpkin's favorite Western movie?
The Gourd, the Bad, and the Ugly!