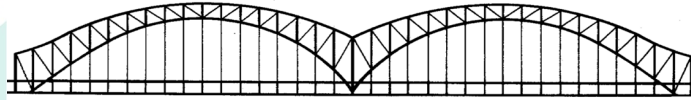
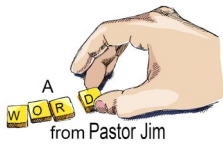




# The BRIDGEBUILDER



First Baptist Church, New Albany, IN



Hopefully, we will be moving into cooler weather soon, and this heat will only be a

memory. The older I get, the less I like change. Unfortunately, the older I get the more things seem to change.

In just a week, I will be having cataracts removed. I remember when my eyesight was better than 20/20. Unfortunately, those days have gone. First, I needed readers, then I needed real glasses. Now, I need surgery to even see what I saw with readers. I do not know about you, but I hate change.

Thankfully, we have a God who does not change. He is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. God is not subject to the whims of humanity. He is consistently our anchor in a world that is constantly changing.

I know that the world does not like having an anchor, but for God's people it is a blessing beyond compare.

Thank You, God, for being our unchanging Rock that we can always trust and hold on to in the storms of this ever-changing world. *Pastor Jim*

## September's Verse of the Month: Malachi 3:6 TLB

For I am the Lord—I do not change.  
That is why you are not already  
utterly destroyed, for my  
mercy endures forever.



**Looking for a meaningful way to connect with others and grow in your faith?** First

Baptist Adult Choir is more than just singing; it's a family! This is a supportive and welcoming community to share a love of music and deepen your spiritual journey. No matter your musical background, your voice is a gift we would love to hear. Join rehearsals to learn new music, hone skills, and share fellowship. It's a wonderful opportunity to build friendships and make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Come and see what makes our choir so special!

Rehearsals begin on **Wednesday, Sept. 17** at 7:00 in the Choir Room (second floor of the Education Building). Park in the back parking lot. Door will be open. If you are interested in singing in the choir, just show up! We'd love to have you.

The Bell Choir will begin rehearsals in October on Wednesdays at 6:00p. **If you are interested** in ringing (new and old members!), contact me ASAP. I'm choosing and marking music now and need to know how many copies to prepare.

Let's make a joyful noise! *Tammie*

WELCOME  
BACK, CHOIR





## Annual Church Business Meeting and Pitch-in Luncheon Sunday, September 21

All members, please plan to attend on Sunday, Sept. 21 and staying after worship for our annual business meeting. We will be voting on Church Council members and the 2025-26 Church Budget. Everyone is welcome to join in the pitch-in luncheon immediately before the Business Meeting. Church will provide meats, bread, drinks. Bring sides and desserts to share.



Dear Friends, Thank you for the card and your prayers. These have been bad times, but I am doing better. I miss Sunday school with you. I hope to be back at church very soon. Love to all of you, *Carol Jensen*



### Senior Society

First Baptist Church  
of New Albany

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays  
11:00a—2:00p

Ages 50+/- welcome  
Fellowship & Fun

### Sporadic Office Hours!

The first two weeks in September will not have set office hours due to Pastor Jim and Tammie's cataract surgeries. Answering machine and emails will be checked daily so leave a message if you need anything.




Pastor Jim's surgeries are on Tuesdays, Aug. 26 and Sept. 2 with next day follow-ups. Tammie's surgeries are Thursdays, September 4 and 11 with next day follow-ups. Please keep us in your prayers!


**FREE MONEY!!** Our church participates in the Kroger Community Rewards Program. Once you sign up your Kroger rewards card online, whenever you shop, points will be assigned to our church. Every quarter we will receive a check according to the points we have. The Church Council decided that this extra money will go towards our support of the Hope Southern Indiana Food Pantry. See Theresa if you have questions.

#### To Use the Kroger Community Rewards Program:

1. Go to: <http://www.kroger.com>.
2. Once logged into your Kroger account, search for First Baptist Church either by name or **UJ531**.
3. Click Enroll. New users will need to create an account which requires some basic information, a valid email address and a rewards card.
  - \*Customers must have a registered Kroger rewards card account to link to our church.
  - \* If you do not have a Kroger rewards card, they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.
  - \* You must swipe your registered Kroger rewards card or use the phone number that is related to your registered Kroger rewards card for each purchase to count.

# SEPTEMBER 2025


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9:45a Sunday School 10:55a Worship	1 Office Closed 	2 Office Closed	3	4 Office Closed 11—2:00p Senior Society 6-8:00p Girl Scouts	5	6
7 Communion	8	9	10	11 Office Closed 6-8:00p Girl Scouts	12	13
14	15 	16	17 7:00p Choir	18 11—2:00p Senior Society 6-8:00p Girl Scouts	19	20
21 12:00p Annual Business Meeting and Pitch-in Lunch 	22	23	24 7:00p Choir	25 6-8:00p Girl Scouts	26	27
28	29	30				



September BIRTHDAYS

4 Brittany Wines  
11 Earl F. Hadley, Jr.  
17 Dorine Way

27 Jim Brummett  
27 Jeremy Nance  
29 Vicki Alles



September ANNIVERSARIES

2 Russ & Iris Thomas  
11 Jim & Ceil Brummett



**Hosparus Health Southern Indiana** invites compassionate individuals to join its team of volunteers to support patients and families across Clark, Crawford, Floyd, Harrison, Jefferson, Orange, Scott, and Washington counties. The nonprofit hospice and palliative care organization is hosting a **free, in-person training session for new volunteers on Tuesday, September 23, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at 502 Hausfeldt Lane in New Albany.

Volunteer responsibilities include offering companionship to patients, providing respite for caregivers, supporting grief services or veteran initiatives, and even sharing a love of reading, music, or crafting. Additionally, volunteers can contribute to the organization behind the scenes with administrative assistance, writing letters and cards, making deliveries, and serving on committees.

Interested individuals should apply at [hosparushealth.org/volunteers](http://hosparushealth.org/volunteers) before the training session. If you are unable to attend in September, you can still apply now and register for future training opportunities. The **next training opportunity will be held on November 13**, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at our New Albany office. All volunteers must meet certain health requirements before starting.

For questions or general information about volunteering with Hosparus Health Southern Indiana, or to discuss customized training arrangements, contact Volunteer Manager Vonya Gresham at 812.542.2809 or [vgresham@hosparus.org](mailto:vgresham@hosparus.org).

HA HA!

After the service a young couple talked to the pastor about joining the church. The pastor hadn't met the husband before, so he asked what church he was transferring from. After a pause, he replied, "I am transferring from the Country View Golf Course."

The young daughter was texting with her mother and getting madder by the minute. "Look mom, I am a functional adult." As she sent the text she noticed that the phone changed the message to "I am a fictional adult." Mom wrote back, "You finally get what I have been trying to say!"



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**Do you shop at Menards and do not send off for the rebates?** If so, bring your rebate certificate to church and give to Tammie. We'll send off for the rebate and use to buy shoeboxes for our Christmas Shoebox ministry.