

Faith Baptist

May 4, 2025 "Where JESUS will always be our first love"



Pastor's Corner Sin is a bigger disaster than we think, and grace is more amazing than we seem to be able to grasp. As I have said before God's sustaining grace is as vital as His saving grace. I am extremely thankful for my salvation in Christ, and I am also thankful for God's everyday grace. We need to remember how much God hates sin, especially in His children. Think if you heard your neighbors' kids cursing their parents, now it may be upsetting to you, but think of your children or parents cursing you. Why would it hurt you more? Because of the love you have for that person and the deep care you have for them. That's how God looks at us with a love and care that is so deep it is hard for us to fathom. Even what we may consider "small", or "little" sin is devastating to the heart of God. And "little" sin is likewise devastating to the believers Christian Walk and fellowship with God. Once we sin, we begin to sin. It becomes easier to sin again and again. The Bible gives the example how a little leaven in bread spreads throughout the whole loaf. Sin does the same thing. A "little" sin touches the whole body and life of the Christian. This is why God has given us His Spirit to dwell and to keep us living faithful to God (Galatians 5:16). Give your heart to God, keep your eyes on Jesus, and place your walk in the Spirit. Let's do our Christian Walk together. Love Bro. Brian

In the Life of the Church

Prayer is such an important part of our Armor of God and our relationship with Christ. **If you are submitting a prayer request for a friend, please seek their permission first**. We would like to respect the privacy of those listed.

Prayer

John 16:33 "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

EVANGELISM/Missions Team

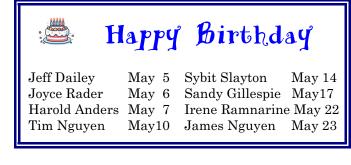
Bob White, Missions Leader

We had a very informative video conference call with Nate White last Sunday night and received insight into his calling to either an unreached or an unconnected people group ("nations"). I will keep up with his advancements and share in the coming days. Today we are focusing on handing roses to Mothers in assisted living facilities for Mother's Day. Thank you to those who have signed up, but there is still room for more if you can be available. I am encouraged by Pastor Brian's heart for missions and missions growth as we begin new avenues of opportunities to minister in "Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the uttermost parts of the earth". I look forward to reports from other Missionaries (some in our own church) in the coming days. Let's remain active until the last one has heard the Gospel.

Ladies of Faith

Gayle Netto, Ministry Leader

Our next event will be May31. The Ladies of Faith will be having a "KINGS Daughter's Tea". If you have any teapots I would appreciate you letting us borrow them; be they Large, Medium, or Small for the purpose of decorating our tables. Please see Gayle for tickets (\$15).Thank you all. Love in Christ, Gayle





Marcia Shearer, Team Leader

Beginning today until Sunday, May 18, 2025 we will be collecting individually wrapped baked goods. These items will go into a basket and will be presented to the teachers at Andersen Elementary School on Thursday, May 22 for Teacher Appreciation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Marcia Shearer at 570-772-5383. Thank you in advance for your support for this project.

Choir

Missy Jones, Choir Director If you would like to be a part of the Choir please contact Missy and join them for practice each Sunday evening at 5:00PM.

Continued Prayers for the Following

Pastor Brian Billy Meyer Dorothy Thimm Kenny Boyer Justin Harper Carolyn Wiggins Continued prayer for Jay Green-may need bypass surgery.

Wednesday Night Prayer Requests

David Arsenault - His strength to move from the wheelchair to the bed is waning.

Barbara Bowling's new medication seems to be helping with her shingles breakouts..

Pat Jenkins has finished his radiation treatments. The treatment caused some significant soreness under his arm which is still painful. The results of the PET and CT scans show the nodule on his Lung to be Dead. He has been referred to the lymphedema doctor due to his swollen legs.

Nancy White's sister-in-law, Dianne Hudgins, CT scan revealed fractional blood flow and may indicate the need for a stent. Nancy's friend, Linda Ives - experiencing health issues.

Debbra Leotta's friend, Judy, asked for prayer for her friends Joseph and Kandi DePue, missionaries in Brazil. The people there were presented the Gospel 50 years ago, the Bible was translated into their language, but Satan has succeeded in twisting the Good News into a Works Plan of Salvation. Please pray the Holy Spirit will help the DePue family to reveal the truth and the true plan of salvation to these people.

Missionary Nate White spoke to those attending Sunday night's service. He shared with us a few of the struggles and difficulties he, his wife, Kate, and daughters, Brinley and Alayna, have and will face as they follow the call of Jesus on their lives. Nate and his family are one of the missionary families we support. However they need our prayers.

Travel mercies and protection for all the travelers, especially our snowbirds.

Protection from the severe spring storms across the midwest.

Fran Kashchy's surgery, originally scheduled for May 1st, has been moved to May 8th. She has an upper respiratory infection. Please pray for her rapid recovery.

Praises

Missy's mother, Hope, and Pastor Brian's mother, Pete, are settling into the rehab. Pray for the strengthening of their bodies. Gail Swindle is doing some better on the new medication, but is still not feeling well.

Steve Schlundt is getting better every day.

Sue Lampton's sister, Mary Jane, is home, healing slowly from broken ribs.

Barbara Zada is doing well following knee surgery - will be entering physical therapy center next week



If you have information for the newsletter you would like to have listed, please send to <u>gail.swindle@gmail.com</u> or call Gail at 321-720-8693. Please provide by Thursday of each week.

Helping Hands Ministry

If you are in need of assistance around your home such as: pressure washing, gutter cleaning, changing a light bulb, moving furniture, contact Fritz Wagner and his ministry team for their assistance. 321-368-3831