



THIS WEEK

**TODAY, January 31**

9:30 a.m. – Worship

10:30 a.m. – Coffee Fellowship (hosted by Fellow Strugglers)

10:45 a.m. – Sunday School

11:45 a.m.–Children’s Ministry Meeting–for those interested in helping children learn/grow in Christ

**MONDAY, February 1**

4:30 p.m. – Prayer Group (prayer room)

**TUESDAY, February 2**

9:00 a.m. – Staff Meeting

11:30 a.m. – Prayer Shawl Ministry

2:00 p.m. – Hannah Circle

2:30 p.m. – Homework Helpers

5:00 p.m. – Children’s Ministry Team

5:15 p.m. – Bell Quartet

6:30 p.m. – Foundation Meeting (lower conference room)

**WEDNESDAY, February 3**

6:00 p.m. – Alpha Course begins (introduction night)

6:15 p.m. – Awana (K-6)

6:30 p.m. – Pastor’s Bible Study

**THURSDAY, February 4**

2:30 p.m. – Homework Helpers

5:30 p.m. – Women’s Exercise Group (Chapel)

**FRIDAY, February 5**

6:15 a.m. – Men of Faith Bible Study (at Sadie’s Restaurant)

**NEXT SUNDAY, February 7**

9:30 a.m. – Worship – “What Is Your Calling?”, Isaiah 6:1-13; Luke 5:1-11, Dr. Dan Cash

11:45 a.m.-2:00 p.m. – JR. ABY & ABY Pre-Superbowl Event

2:30 p.m. – Children’s Discipleship Class begins (lower conference room)

4:00 p.m. – Touring Bell Choir

5:00 p.m. – Exultation Ringers

5:30 p.m. – Adult Christian Education Team

**Looking Ahead**

February 10 – Four Seasons Mending

February 14 – Blood Pressure Screening (before/after worship)

February 15 – March Newsletter Deadline

February 16 – “Wings for the Journey” Bereavement Support (7:00 pm)

February 16 – Church Council (7:00 pm)

February 21 – Pastoral Care Team (10:45 a.m.)

February 23 – Abigail Circle (7:00 pm)

February 28 – Coffee Fellowship (hosted by Seekers)

**Church Staff**

Rev. Dr. Daniel Cash, Senior Pastor

Joyce Crowder, Minister of Music; Lauren Skelton, Children’s Minister;

Donna Tull, Organist; Laura Friedrich, Administrative Assistant;

Dortha Anderson, Librarian; Peter Hensley, Barry Ferrill, Custodians

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“Practicing Our Faith”

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**THE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES  
IS WORKING HARD TO GET BACK ON THEIR FEET!**

Jennifer Sharp, a senior at East High School is helping to collect new and gently used toys to replace what they lost in the United Way fire as part of her senior project.

They are looking for:

- Pre-school puzzles
- Play dishes & Play food
- Card Games – such as Uno or Go Fish
- Toy Cars/trucks (not Matchbox)
- Blocks (medium sized)
- Kids' board games (without a lot of pieces) –  
-- such as Candy Land, Chutes & Ladders, Trouble, or Aggravation
- Baby Dolls
- Baby Doll Accessories
- Crayons
- Paper

Please bring your donations **before** Monday, February 15, and place them in the box near the kitchen or the office. Also, if anyone has any Little Tykes products such as a picnic table or slide that has been outgrown and would be willing to donate it, that would be greatly appreciated! Please contact Jennifer at sharp.jennifer@gmail.com with any questions, or if you have a picnic table or slide you would like us to pick up. Thank you!

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**MESSENGER EXTRA**

**WOMEN'S EXERCISE GROUP** is meeting Thursdays at 5:30 PM in the chapel! Bring your favorite workout video to share!

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**ATTENTION!!!!**

All interested participants in the mission trip to Calnali, Mexico in early June, **a non-refundable deposit of \$115.00 made out to First Baptist Church is due by TODAY.** Be sure to write "Mexico Mission Trip" in the memo line of the check. Please contact Marcia Cheek if you have any questions.

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**YOU have a skill or talent that can help our children learn and grow in Christ!**

Children's Sunday School Rotation – Delivered by God: Moses and the Passover

The upcoming rotation will run from February 21 through April 4  
and include activities such as:

Art, Bible Knowledge, Games, Drama, Media, Production, and Puppets.

**Please join us in the Children's Drama room after Sunday School TODAY  
and learn more about how you can help!**

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**2010 FOOD FOR FISH**

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,  
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink...” (Matthew 25:35)

During these difficult economic times, Love Chapel has seen a significant increase in the number of families needing assistance. Love Chapel is supported by the Ecumenical Assembly and is a significant source of supplying food, help with utility bills, rent, prescription drugs, and emergency need to those in our local community. **This month we ask you to give to the FOOD FOR FISH program.** 100% of your donation will go to those in need. Please place your donations in the blue envelopes and mark them FOOD FOR FISH. Thank you for giving generously. (Missions Committee)

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**WEDNESDAY PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY – The Book of Acts**

On Feb. 3 we will begin a semester long Bible study on the New Testament book of Acts. This study will meet at 6:30 PM in the Sanctuary and be led by Pastor Cash. You are invited to come and join the study and discussion of this important part of Scripture.

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**THE ALPHA COURSE  
BEGINS THIS WEEK – WEDNESDAY, FEB. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Do you know someone you can invite to this introductory night? Now is the time to extend that invitation. Alpha begins at 6:00 PM and includes a meal. Please sign up yourself and your guest at the Welcome Center today!

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# *The Alpha Course*

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**CHILDREN'S DISCIPLESHIP CLASS  
BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, FEB. 7**

The Children's Discipleship Class, taught by Pastor Dan and Lauren Skelton, will meet 2:30-3:30 PM on Feb. 7, 14, 21, and 28 in the conference room. This class will introduce participants to the basics of Christian discipleship and offer an opportunity to consider their own profession of faith and baptism. The class is geared toward children in grades 3-6. If you have questions or wish to have your child participate, email Lauren at [lskelton@fbccolumbus.org](mailto:lskelton@fbccolumbus.org) or call the church office at 376-3321.

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**AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

The ABWM is collecting non-perishable food for the Edna Martin Christian Center through February. Monetary donations are also appreciated (the money will be used to shop for food to take to the center). Checks can be made out to FBC and put in the blue pew envelopes. Please designate "Edna Martin Center Food" on the envelope.

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**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE**

Contact Laura (church office) if you are interested in applying for any of the following scholarships:

**American Baptist Women's Ministries Of Indiana:** for graduating high school seniors & college undergraduates. This is a need-based scholarship for \$500. The application and all accompanying information must be **postmarked by February 15**.

**E. Don Tull Memorial:** for graduating high school seniors. Deadline: April 1.

**Foundation:** for graduating high school seniors & college students. Deadline: April 1.

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**HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF OFFERING**

American Baptist Churches are responding to the Haiti Earthquake. If you wish to contribute toward this need you may do so by giving through the blue pew envelopes and marking your gift "Haiti Earthquake Relief". All gifts will be forwarded through the One Great Hour of Sharing relief offering to the need in Haiti.

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**2009 GIVING RECORDS ARE AVAILABLE ON WELCOME DESK IN THE NARTHEX.**

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**POP TOPS FOR RICHARDS SCHOOL:** We are collecting can pop tops for Richards School. Please place them in the container on the Welcome Center.

*A 10-Week Practical Introduction to the Christian Faith*

- *Dinner*
- *Small Group Discussion*
- *Group Teaching*
- *Day Away*

*A 10-week program for those who wonder:*

*Christianity: Boring, Untrue, and Irrelevant?*

*Who is Jesus?*

*Why Did Jesus Die?*

*How Can I Be Sure of My Faith?*

*Why and How Do I Pray?*

*Why and How Should I Read the Bible?*

*How Does God Guide Us?*

*Who Is the Holy Spirit?*

*How Can I Be Filled with the Spirit?*

*What Does the Holy Spirit Do?*

*How Can I Resist Evil?*

*Why and How Should We Tell Others?*

*Does God Heal Today?*

*What About the Church?*

**When:** Wednesdays at 6:00 PM – February 3 through May 5  
**Where:** First Baptist Church – Chapel

**Sign up at the Welcome Desk**

### **WHITE CROSS GIFTS OF THE HEART**

Disaster survivors need essential items to reclaim their homes and lives. Through White Cross, these special recovery kits provide assistance to people in need and show that neighbors near and far truly care. These are sent to Church World Service, which sees that they are sent to those in need. Please include **ONLY** the items listed.

**BABY KIT (Layette):** Six cloth diapers; Two washcloths; Two diaper pins; Two T-shirts or Undershirts (NO onesies); Two gowns or sleepers; One sweater or sweatshirt; Two receiving blankets (One can be knitted/crocheted). Wrap the baby items inside one of the receiving blankets and secure with diaper pins.

**HEALTH KIT:** One hand towel 16" x 28"; One wide-tooth comb; One bath size bar of soap; One toothbrush (original packaging only); One washcloth; One nail clipper; Six band-aids. Place all items in a one-gallon Ziploc plastic bag. Toothpaste that has an extended expiration date will be added just prior to shipment.

**SCHOOL KIT:** One pair blunt scissors (round tip); Three spiral or tape-bound pads of 8.5x11" ruled paper or pads with 70 sheets each. (NO loose-leaf or filler paper); One 12x14" to 14x16" cloth bag with cloth handles; One 30 cm ruler (12"); One hand-held pencil sharpener; One large eraser 2.5"; Six new pencils with erasers; One box of 24 crayons. Bundle these items in the cloth bag, fold top over, and secure with two large rubber bands.

Kits should be turned in by March 1 - they may be left on the Kitchen counter. It costs Church World Service \$2 to process and ship each kit, and we need to send that amount to them. Any money toward that cost may be given to Judy Alexander.

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