

**FORT WAYNE BAPTIST**  
Church



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**Newsletter**

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**Sunday:**

Bible Study—9:00 AM  
Worship—10:00 AM

**Wednesday Eve:**

Dine Lite—6:00  
Bell Choir —4:30  
Choir Practice—5:30

## The Golden Rule

Let us be honest; we live in a divisive time. The cause of the division does not really matter, and ultimately, the content of the division does not really matter. The solution does. Long ago, I learned that often the best way to deal with a complex problem is to seek the simplest and most straightforward solution, the one a child can understand. If necessary, you can build from there, but that is where you need to start.

You want a solution to everything going on in the world? All of the political fighting? The pandemic? Issues of race and culture and the economy? Easy.

“Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

To put it another way, “Treat others as you want to be treated.” This is the foundation for almost all religious ethical systems in the world. It is the Word of God. We learn it as children. We tell children to behave that way. We forget as we get older.



Let us break this down a little bit.

Do to others as you would have them do to you means...

Call people what they ask to be called, whether it is pronouns, racial terms, or names, because you care what people call you. (Even if you think you don't care, you do.) It does not matter what your politics or opinions are.

Treat what other people think is important with respect because you want them to respect what you think is important. It does not matter if you think it is important or not.

Speak politely with others because you want them to speak politely to you. It does not matter if they are screaming in your face and calling you names.

Give shelter and comfort to those in need because you would want someone to shelter and comfort you when you are in need. It does not matter if you think they deserve it or not.

Act to keep others safe because you want others to act safely around you. It does not matter if you have the freedom to do otherwise.

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Listen with sympathy to another's problems because you want people to listen with sympathy to you. It does not matter whether you think their complaints are justified or not.

Do not deliberately provoke, incite, or belittle, because you do not want people to do that to you. Even if that means unlearning the way you have spoken all your life.

This is the essence of the Law and the Prophets, the command of Christ, right? So that means the actions of others, their attitudes toward you and what you believe, are irrelevant. You act in this way not out of yourself, but out of obedience to Christ. It is not "Do unto others as they do unto you" nor is it "do unto others as you think they deserve to be done." There is no "But, they are..."

Irrelevant. The only standard is the command of Christ. The trick is actually putting yourself in the other person's place. Trying to relate your life to theirs. Not seeing things the way you see them but how they see them. Remembering the command is for YOU, the only person you have any control over.

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# PRAYER REQUESTS

- The country and world during the corona virus pandemic
- Reopening schools
- Joyce Bailey—had a cardioversion on 7/30 for a flutter, she is doing well
- Charlie & Marvel Powell—multiple health issues
- Jane Tagmeyer Dawkins—nearing the end of life
- Hti Mu—breast cancer
- Liz Hager (young daughter of Janet's friend n KY)—After her mastoid surgery on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, she got an infection and had to go back to the hospital. They discovered it was a resistant bacteria called Pseudomonas Aeruginosa and she's getting treatment
- John Trammel—continued prayers
- Seth (Vaunetta's grandson)—continued prayers

**Continue to Join us for Bible Study and a  
Sunday Worship Service  
from your home!**

Tuesday through Thursday Pastor Scott has been doing a Bible Study, and on Sunday we have a short service and sermon. These are all available through our website:

**<https://fortwaynebaptist.com/blog/>**

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Limited office hours until further notice

If you need immediate assistance,

call or text Pastor Scott at (260) 715-8080 or Janet at (260) 609-8710.

Until we resume regular office hours, Janet will be in the office on

Wednesdays 1:30-3:30pm and Fridays 10:00am-1:00pm.

Nick is in on Tuesday afternoon.

Email will be checked on a regular basis, so if you leave a message,  
be patient and Janet or Nick will get back to you.

Thank you.

## Operation Christmas Child

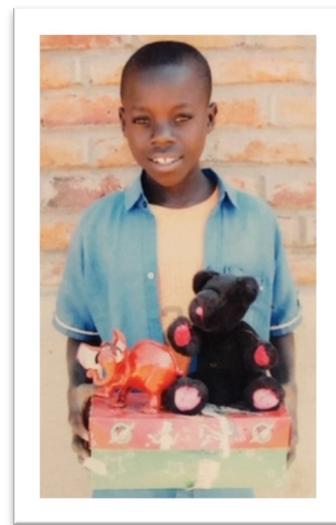
I've been asked many times what do you need for the shoeboxes. Since you ask here's a list of a few of the items we send in all boxes.

1. Soap—bars can be purchased at Dollar Tree 3 for \$1 (Palmolive, Jergens, and Dial)
2. Crayons—can be purchased at Walmart 24 CT Crazy Art 25 cents and Crayola 50 cents—do not be afraid of crazy art. They are good crayons.
3. Scissors—Walmart 2 for 97 cents OR Dollar Tree 2 for \$1 OR Menards 69 cents each.
4. Spiral notebooks—25 cents Walmart
5. Pencil sharpeners—come in all prices. 47 cents Walmart, 6 for \$1 at Dollar Tree and everything in between.
6. Toothbrushes—6 for \$1 Walmart

We are always wanting empty shoeboxes. We always need small stuffed animals or beanie babies.

If you want to help but can't go out shopping we'll accept money and checks and I'll go shopping for you. Just label your check BUY SHOEBOX ITEMS on the memo line.

Thank you so much for your help in this project.  
Sharon



# Missions

During the last few months without Sunday worship services and even now as we have resumed and have restrictions during the Sunday service, the international missions projects have been neglected. If you would like to give either to the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS—the spring missions) or World Mission Offering (WMO—the fall missions), or both, please still mail in your check and include which offering you would like to contribute to on the memo line. During this time of global crisis, we mustn't forget about these mission projects. Thank you!

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As the United States and the globe deal with the death and devastation wrought by the coronavirus, American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) and International Ministries (IM), also known as the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society—on behalf of American Baptist Churches USA—seek One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) COVID emergency support to help families, churches and communities find relief and recovery across the United States, Puerto Rico and countries around the world served by IM.

The OGHS COVID RESPONSE is a two-part appeal: one part for relief across the United States and Puerto Rico; the second part for international relief.

Funds raised for relief across the United States and Puerto Rico will be utilized by ABHMS as part of an emergency strategic plan—COVID RECOVERY: Renewing Hope and Service—currently being developed to address the far-reaching needs created by the current pandemic. Moreover, OGHS contributions will support American Baptist regions and churches dealing with current challenges as well as those bound to follow in the weeks and years ahead.

Specifically, donations to ABHMS' OGHS appeal will assist with immediate needs, such as unemployment or loss of income, housing, hunger and access to healthcare. Donations will also fund programs supporting the well-being and mental health of faith leaders, congregations and communities. In the current context of social distancing, as churches seek to connect with members through online connections, the need for enhanced technology has emerged in many churches. ABHMS also seeks to support American Baptist regions, denominationally related colleges, universities and seminaries along with community ministries (Neighborhood Action Programs and other service organizations) that are serving families in marginalized settings. There are also emerging needs that are not known presently.

OGHS COVID RESPONSE: INTERNATIONAL funds given for global relief will be used by IM to respond to requests by international partners for emergency grants. Gifts will meet immediate needs for feeding, housing and providing healthcare for persons impacted by COVID-19, with particular support for emergent and unmet needs of refugees, asylum seekers and immigrant populations. Funds will also support IM's global partners at risk of suspending vital services to vulnerable members of their communities and will facilitate activities and programs focused on sustainable solutions that address the long-term impact of the pandemic.

One hundred percent of donations go to relief efforts; no dollars are retained for administrative costs.

*Excerpt from <https://www.abc-usa.org/2020/04/an-american-baptist-plea-for-emergency-one-great-hour-of-sharing-support-covid-19-creates-great-need/>*

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## August 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10:00 AM Worship Srvc.	3	4	5	6	7	8 HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TOM & LINDA FRITZ!!
9 10:00 AM Worship Srvc.	10	11	12	13	14	15 HAPPY BIRTHDAY DENNIS NOAK!!
16 10:00 AM Worship Srvc.	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 10:00 AM Worship Srvc.	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 10:00 AM Worship Srvc.	31					