

**FORT WAYNE BAPTIST**  
Church



**April 2020**  
**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

## Pandemic Posts

Here it is, the end of Lent and the beginning of Spring. I should be preparing for Easter Week and extra services, but none of that is happening. Everyone's lives are in a state of uproar. At best we are just stuck at home, but some of us are dealing with loss of income, loss of security, unprecedented stress, and ill loved ones. There are boarder guards at some state lines to keep out the sick, hospital tents in Central park, and probably for the first time in history everyone knows the name of the head of the CDC.

But we continue.

At the moment of writing, the Stay at Home Order from the Governor is set to expire in about a week and we are scheduled to have Easter Sunday services. I do not think that is going to happen. The Governor's briefing on the 30<sup>th</sup> suggested that the peak cases in Indiana would be between Mid-April and Mid-May. I expect that we will be going through this until at least then. We are making no plans for the immediate future beyond what we are doing now.

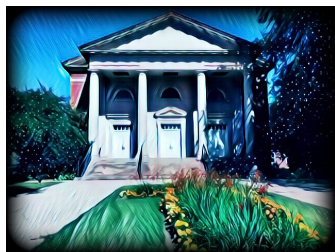
Tuesday through Thursday I am doing a Bible Study on the Book of Mark, and on Sunday we have a short service and sermon. These are all available through our website: <https://fortwaynebaptist.com/blog/>

Until we return back to normal services I encourage you to continue to contribute to the church, and you can send your offering in by mail if you normally put it in the plate. I also ask that you think about giving extra if you can to the Communion Fund. We were already a bit low and the effects of this crisis will continue for while and people will be in need.

Speaking of the future, just because we are not meeting right now doesn't mean we are not having plans.

Whenever we return to worship we are going to have Easter. I do not know what it will look like yet, but plan on having a meal and a special service.

As of now we are scheduled to provide meals for Just Neighbors beginning Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup> for one week.



We are partnering with Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation to host Family Game Night on Tuesdays from June 2 to August 25 at 5 to 8 PM at the Riverfront in the Plaza. We only need to provide 2-4 people a night and we will have a table where we can put flyers and other things. I will be looking for volunteers closer to the time.

Finally, beginning Wednesday April 8<sup>th</sup> at noon I am going to ask you to stop whatever you are doing and pray the following prayer. We will do this every Wednesday until the crisis is over as an act of communal worship and prayer.

*Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy  
in this time of uncertainty and distress.  
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may rejoice in your comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Amen.*

Thank You  
Pastor Scott

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## PRAYER REQUESTS



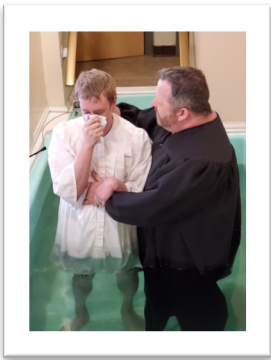
- The country during the corona virus crises
- John Trammel—in Lutheran Hospital for neck surgery
- Brian Blair—staying with the Sowards during his recovery
- Kathy Dailey (friend of the Carter's)—has had a few mild strokes, getting tests done
- Hti Mu—breast cancer
- Julie Russell—cancer
- Joan Morgan—recovering from having pacemaker implanted early in March
- Liz Hager (young daughter of friend of Janet's in KY)—last December had surgery of her ear drum, there is now possibly another tumor, waiting on pathology
- Kamden (Vaunetta's 4-year old grandson)—doing well recovering from cataracts surgery
- Seth (Vaunetta's grandson)—continued prayers



# What's Happening

**All Church activities are cancelled until further notice**

Congratulations to Caleb Caldwell on his Baptism on March 15, 2020 and on his new membership with FWBC!



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

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## **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Limited office hours until further notice

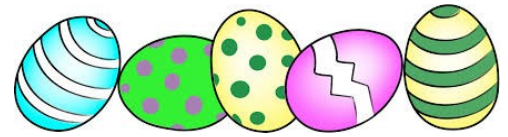
If you need immediate assistance call or text Pastor Scott at (260) 715-8080 or Janet at (260) 609-8710.


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

Thank you.

# Fort Wayne Baptist Church

## April 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 HAPPY BIRTHDAY DICK STONER!!
5	6 HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESSIE CARTER & SERENITY BURGOS!!	7	8	9 MAUNDY THURSDAY  HAPPY BIRTHDAY TODD QUINN!!	10 GOOD FRIDAY	11
12 EASTER  	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 HAPPY BIRTHDAY BARB RAMSEY!!	21	22 HAPPY BIRTHDAY CEC PLUMB!!	23 HAPPY BIRTHDAY BRENDA EDWARDS!!	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		