

**FORT WAYNE BAPTIST**  
Church



**May 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

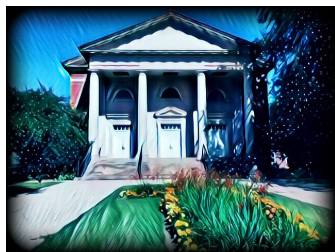
## This Again

Unfortunately, we are still in the holding pattern that is “this,” however, we want to define “this.” Nerves are fraying and everyone is eager to get back to normal. I want things to go back to normal as much as anyone else, but I also have a responsibility to think about the good of others. While my position of as pastor might make that responsibility a little greater, as Christians it is one we all have. We might see liquor and gun stores operating and think “why not us?” They are not our standard. Their motive is profit, ours is love. We will not resume regular services until this crisis is well and truly over. Nor are we going to be in a rush once we get the government go-ahead to reopen. We will assess the situation and make reasonable plans. We will not risk our most vulnerable members by being impatient.

We also need to understand that there will be no “going back to normal” after this. Events like this change a society, they change communities, they change families, and they change people. Sometimes for the good, often not. I already know of families that have been disrupted because of the stress this situation created. I know of people who have lost loved ones. I know of businesses that will not reopen. I know of people who were already marginalized and struggling who are now in serious jeopardy financially and emotionally. This is not over yet, either.

Contrary to what we might want to believe or what we might have been told, it takes a long time for a virus to run its course through a population. It took over three months in China under nationwide extreme lockdown conditions. I have friends who live in a major city there and continue to get daily reports. Most of our country has not gone that far and as long as there are infected populations, it will continue to spread until there is a vaccine or three-quarters of us have developed antibodies. More people have died of this virus in two months in the US than in combat in Vietnam. That’s for the cases we know about. Given the lack of extensive testing we cannot know for sure. We have to take this seriously. So far, our congregation has avoided serious consequences to our members. If we fail to proceed with caution, that will not be the case.

—Pastor Scott



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# PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISES



- The country during the corona virus crises
- Charlotte Laisure (former member)—passed away on April 20
- John Trammel—at home and recovering well from back surgery
- Brian Blair—staying with the Sowards during his recovery, he is doing well and is driving now, getting house ready to sell
- Joan Morgan—her arm has healed after surgery and she is able to use it now normally
- Don Schaab—is doing well after his fall and hospitalization last month
- Brenda Edwards—got a good report from her doctor, no new tumors and her lymph nodes are shrinking
- Peggy Richter—had a good report from her blood work and is doing well
- All of the snow birds are back home safely
- Rev. William Allan—is in the VA hospital in Fayetteville NC, he is doing well, not sure of cause
- Alfreida Garner—Sarah's (Proctor's daughter) mother-in-law passed away this morning from complications from Covid-19
- Hti Mu—breast cancer
- Julie Russell—cancer
- Kathy Dailey (friend of the Carter's)—has had a few mild strokes, getting tests done
- 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

## **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.

# What's Happening

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

## Service Opportunities

The Chaplin at St. Joe Hospital contacted Randy Rusk with two requests:

If you would like to write some Thank You cards for the medical staff and other hospital workers who have been serving during this crisis, you may drop them off at the church office and Randy has volunteered to get them and take them where they need to go. Janet goes in to check on things on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. You can ring the buzzer and let her know you are there and leave them with no contact. Or you may call Janet at 260-609-8710 to set up a time to drop them off.

If you can sew and would like to make masks (I know some of you are already doing this) the Chaplin can provide the raw materials. Randy has volunteered to pick those up and drop them off to you if you would like to participate. When you are done he can collect the finished products. If you would like to help with that please contact Randy Rusk to coordinate a drop off time.

## 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/>

## Member Spotlight:

Fort Wayne Baptist Church member Olivia Rusk has been awarded the Fulbright Grant. This is a prestigious scholarship funding a full year teaching English in Mexico. She does not know where her assignment in Mexico is yet and the placing has been postponed until January because of Covid19 Pandemic.



## SHOEBOXES

I may be quarantined but I am still thinking about OCC Shoeboxes. I have been busy crocheting hats, soap holders, purses, frisbees, making jump ropes and picture books just to name a few items. When things get back to whatever a new normal is I'll schedule workshops to work on items. Stay tune for updates. Sharon



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 HAPPY BIRTHDAY BRIAN BLAIR!!
3	4	5	6 HAPPY ANNIVERSARY DAVE & CHERI VINSON!!	7	8 HAPPY BIRTHDAY BECKY MEDSKER!!	9
10 MOTHER'S DAY	11 HAPPY BIRTHDAY JENNIFER GABRIEL!!	12	13	14	15 HAPPY BIRTHDAY SHARON RUSK, LINDA FRITZ, & JOHN TRAMMEL!!	16
17	18 HAPPY BIRTHDAY DAVE VINSON!!	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 HAPPY BIRTHDAY REBECCA BROWN!!	26	27	28 HAPPY BIRTHDAY LARRY BAILEY!!	29	30
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