



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

Saints and Spooks

Here it is October again, in one of the strangest years of my life. October is a month best known by how it ends. A day known in various traditions as Halloween, All Saints Eve, Samhain, and Reformation Day.



Halloween is how most of us know it. A time for kids to play in costume, eat candy, and get little scares. A day that the Celts of Europe marked as Samhain (“sow-win”), a marker for the darker half of the year and a time of unsettled spirits. The Catholic church took that idea and made November 1st All Saints Day; if people were going to honor their ancestors and think about the dead then why not baptize it and make it about saints being the plan. Martin Luther took the opportunity to nail his ninety-five points of contention with the Church to the door of the sanctuary in Wittenberg.

Thus, it is all about change. Looking back to where we were and forward to where we might go.

Our country is haunted by ghosts. Ghosts of sins past that we have not adequately addressed or even accepted. Some believe that we have laid them to rest, but recent events, like a rock throwing poltergeist, show that we have not. We may want to look backwards and see only the good, but the dead are not so easily put to rest in ghost stories. Justice must be sought, not simply to make amends or end conflict but to live up to our calling as Christians. To seek grace, love, and wholeness for all.

We also look to the future. To a chance to be better. To embrace the spirit of Reformation and take a good long look at ourselves and our values and try to reconcile the two. To ask what we have done wrong and what might we do better.

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And thus, in the – dare I say it – spirit of the season let us make some choices.

For all the saints who have gone before us let us commit ourselves to striving ever onward to seek to be made into the image of Jesus Christ as we are called to do in Hebrews.

For the sake of Martin Luther let us be willing to take a long hard look at the church, the powers that be, and ourselves and demand reformation.

For the trooping spirits, the restless ghosts of the sins of today and yesterday, and all the things that frighten let us steel our courage to look them in the eye, to know them, to name them, and to help them find rest.

These are things easily said and difficultly done yet let us try and see what we get.

Hopefully a cookie and not a rock.

—Pastor Scott



**Continue to Join us for church activities
from the comfort and safety of your home!**

Wednesday—Bible Study

Thursday—Written Blog

Friday—Zoom prayer meeting for church members

(contact Pastor Scott or the church office for more information)

Saturday—Bonus Sermon.

These are all available through our website:

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

**NOTE: If you would like the newsletter to be emailed to you each month,
rather than mailed, please either email Janet at
fortwaynebaptist@gmail.com or contact the church office.**

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mondays 9:00-1:30

Tuesdays 9:00-5:00

Wednesdays 12:00-5:00

Thursdays 9:00-5:00

Fridays 9:00-5:00

*We are resuming normal office hours in October, however they are subject to change slightly if necessary.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- The country and world during the corona virus pandemic and the wildfires
- Family of Eugene Ely—passed away on August 28th
- Charlie & Marvel Powell—multiple health issues
- Hti Mu
- Jeremy Gray (Scott's Cousin)—needs liver transplant
- June Smith (Scott's brother's mother-in-law)—cancer
- Maureen Nichols (Janica's Aunt)—stage 4 pancreatic cancer has spread to her liver, planning chemo but no surgery.
- Family of Jane Tagmeyer Dawkins—passed away on September 14th
- Liz Hager (young daughter of Janet's friend n KY)—reconstructive surgery on September 22nd was a success
- Brenda Edwards—continued prayers
- John Trammel—continued prayers
- Seth (Vaunetta's grandson)—continued prayers



Shoebboxes

ONE SHOEBOX
FILLED WITH GIFTS
PACKED WITH LOVE
DELIVERED BY CHRISTIANS
WITH THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS
CAN CHANGE
1 Child
1 Friend
1 Family
1 Community
4 Eternity

It's less than 7 weeks before we start filling shoeboxes. The need this year is greater than ever with the covid19 pandemic changing everything. Shopping for items has been interesting and challenging.

We will move forward with masks, distance and sanitizer in place to fill the boxes in November if required by the state.

First of all we will meet on Tuesday, October 6th from 11-3 to wrap soap/cloth, make up school kits, fill school paper in folders, bag up necklaces....well you get the picture and maybe you remember from last year. Please follow pandemic requirements since masks are still required until October 17th.

On Monday and Tuesday, November 9th & 10th from 11-5 we will set up the room for the filling days. Volunteers welcome.

On Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 11th-14th from 11-5 we will fill as many boxes as we can.

Not only do the children get a shoebox full of gifts and needed items, they receive The Greatest Journey discipleship program that takes a child with an open heart through the entire gospel, teaching them the truths of God and giving them tools to share their faith with family and friends. Let us pray for a successful completion of the shoebox project for this year. Thank you to everyone in advance for their part in this wonderful program.

—Sharon

THE FIRST THING THE BOX NEEDS IS PRAYER.....
THE LAST THING THE BOX NEEDS IS PRAYER.....
AND PRAYER SHOULD BE IN ALL THE EMPTY NOOKS AND CRANNIES!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 HAPPY BIRTHDAY CAYDEN CALDWELL!!	3
4 10:00 AM Worship Srvc.	5	6 HAPPY ANNIVERSARY JIM & PEGGY RYAN!!	7	8	9 HAPPY BIRTHDAY SUSAN WALLIS!!	10
11 10:00 AM Worship Srvc.	12 HAPPY BIRTHDAY BARB ELY!!	13	14 HAPPY BIRTHDAY CARLENE BUDD!!	15	16	17
18 10:00 AM Worship Srvc. HAPPY BIRTHDAY VIOLA EDGAR!!	19	20	21	22	23 HAPPY BIRTHDAY LES ROBERSON!!	24
25 10:00 AM Worship Srvc.	26 HAPPY BIRTHDAY DON SCHAAB!!	27	28 HAPPY BIRTHDAY JIM RYAN!!	29	30	31