

FORT WAYNE BAPTIST  
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Newsletter

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**Sunday:**

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

**Wednesday:**

Bible Study—2:00 PM



# Thesis Statement

I have often repeated the advice I gave students when I was teaching public speaking at a Junior College. “Decide what you want to accomplish in the speech. Make that a thesis statement. If it doesn’t relate to the thesis statement it doesn’t go in the speech.” Nevertheless, many of them floundered. Some because they simply wanted the assignment done, and that is all they accomplished. Some because they did not have a clear goal in mind, others because they had a goal that did not conform to the assignment. A clear, precise thesis statement and strict adherence to it can solve a world of problems, not just in speeches and papers but in life.

By this point many of you know we have been given a very large and generous gift. Details of which can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. As we try and discern what the Lord wants us to do with it I will be encouraging us over and over to remember a very simple verse: “*But seek first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.*” Matthew 6:33.

We are going to be tempted to ask questions like: what will make more people come to church? What will look good? What will draw attention? None of that matters. Our goal is now and always should be the Kingdom of God, first and last. The Kingdom of God is bigger than one church, or even all the churches. The Kingdom of God is concerned with sharing the Good News, not just of salvation in heaven but of love here on Earth. Our model is Jesus. Can we feed the hungry? Heal the sick? Comfort those who mourn? Befriend strangers and outcasts? Share the love of God to the uttermost parts of the Earth?



Anything we discuss doing, anything we consider, we must put through the filter. Are we seeking the Kingdom of God or our own benefit?

—Pastor Scott

# PRAYER REQUESTS

- Haiti
- Afghanistan
- Linda Davis—in hospital
- Siegrid—was hospitalized, possible stroke
- Todd Quinn—doing better
- Les Roberson—found lump during endoscopy
- Cec Plumb—renal failure & heart issues
- Dick Plumb—cirrhosis & heart issues
- Julie Robinson—shoulder still healing
- Don Schaab—continued prayers
- David Carter (Scott's brother)—being treated for Tourette Syndrome
- Rick (Nancy Noak's brother-in-law)—in remission
- Howard Rusk (Randy's brother)—cancer, continued prayers
- Seth (Vaunetta's grandson)—continued prayers



# Shoebboxes

We've been able to track our shoeboxes journey for seven years now. Ukraine to Columbia SA, to Mexico, to Malawi, to Benin, and to South Africa. I wonder where our boxes will go this year don't you?

We've been busy filling school kits. Cec and Dick Plumb donated pencil bags that we have filled with pencils, eraser, sharpener, scissors, crayons, and paper or index cards. One school kit will go in each shoebox giving every child access to basic school supplies.

I have three work days scheduled for September—

**Thursday, Sept 2**

**Tuesday, Sept 14**

**Tuesday, Sept 28—from 10-3 pm.**

Come for the day. Come for an hour. All help is needed. We still have lots to do and all jobs are sit-down jobs.

We have a faithful crew of volunteers—Barb, Brenda E, Colin, Dennis, Joan, Nancy, Phyllis A, Phyllis M, Reese, Ruth, Sasha and me. We usually average about five workers at each work day. Will you please be one of them?

Thank you for everything you do for our shoebox ministry here at Fort Wayne Baptist Church.

.....And keep praying for us.

—Sharon Rusk



# What's Happening

A bequest from a former member, Doctor Mortenson, has come to us to use as we are led to do. In excess of \$369,000, this bequest brings both joy and responsibility. Never before and probably never again will we have such an opportunity to go beyond what we already do. The programs, projects and ministries must come from and be accountable to the entire congregation. After praying, dreaming, and planning, please submit your suggestions in writing via email (fortwaynebaptist@gmail.com), a note sealed and presented in the offering plate, or by mail to the office marked "Legacy". Suggestions are due by the end of September.

Randall Rusk, Moderator

## **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Mondays 12:00-5:00

Tuesdays 9:00-5:00

Wednesdays 12:00-5:00

Thursdays 9:00-5:00

Fridays 9:00-5:00

### **The Back Pew - Jeff Larson**

This is my body.. do this in my remembrance of me.



When it was discovered the communion crackers and juice was in short supply.. communion stewards Ted & Bill quickly nabbed up from the fellowship center a large tray of DONUTS and 2 liter bottles of POP.

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

Thursday—Written Blog

Available through our website:

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

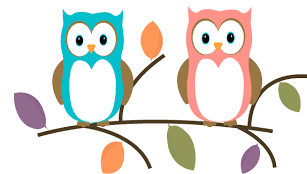
Friday—Zoom prayer meeting for church members

(contact Pastor Scott or Janet for more details on how to participate)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 2:00 PM Bible Study <b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARCIA SHEPPARD!!</b>	2 <b>10-3 Shoebox Work Day</b>	3	4
5 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Srvc. <b>Communion NO Coffee Hour</b>	6 <b>LABOR DAY</b>	7	8 2:00 PM Bible Study	9	10	11 <b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY CHARLIE POWELL!!</b>
12 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Srvc. <b>Noisy Offering</b>	13	14 <b>10-3 Shoebox Work Day</b>	15 2:00 PM Bible Study	16	17 <b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY PHYLLIS MISENER!!</b>	18 <b>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY BILL &amp; PHYLLIS MISENER!!</b>
19 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Srvc.	20	21	22 2:00 PM Bible Study	23	24 <b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY JOAN MORGAN!!</b>	25 <b>HAPPY BIRTHDAY NEIL SOWARDS!!</b>
26 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Srvc.	27	28 <b>10-3 Shoebox Work Day</b>  6 PM Council Meeting	29 2:00 PM Bible Study	30		