



FORT WAYNE BAPTIST
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Newsletter

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Sunday:

Bible Study—9:00 AM
Worship—10:00 AM

God Be With You

As a minister, you must be sensitive to God's direction. As much as you wish he would communicate in big glowing letters, or at least a voice from a cloud, that does not happen very often. About five years ago, I, after a hiatus due to past church trauma, was ready to go back into the ministry. I sent my resume out through a couple of services and cast my net far and wide, willing to consider anything that came. That was a difficult period for us: my wife lost her job, my multiple part-time jobs dried up, and my mother's health took a serious turn for the worse. Nevertheless, I felt as if something was coming soon that would be a big change for us.

Then I was approached by Fort Wayne Baptist Church. I knew nothing about Fort Wayne other than it was cold and far away from my extended family. I decided to remain open to God's call, wherever it took me. A few months later, it led me to a job offer. Janica and I came up and found the perfect house and got it under contract in one very long day. The day of the move was harrowing for lots of reasons, and I had no sleep for well over 24 hours, but we made it. Two days later, the first Sunday of June 2018, I preached my first sermon as pastor of Fort Wayne Baptist Church.

Now it is almost four years later, and we are moving again; again following God wherever he sends us. This time, it is for Janica's work, something of a dream job and a dream destination. We began the process of looking elsewhere several months ago. The pandemic era was hard, and I began to feel my period of effectiveness was reaching its limit. At that point, God might have told us to stay, or he might have told us to go back to Alabama, or he might have had other plans in store. He had other plans.



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We have reasons for going, reasons for leaving, but reasons are not really the guiding factor here. Rather, it is faith based on prayer and the moving of the Holy Spirit. I have faith that where God leads is where we need to be; I believe nothing past that. I do not know how things will work out. I do not know what will happen. I did not know when we moved here, and I do not know now that we are moving across the country. I just know that it is the right thing to do right now.

What holds true for me also holds true for you. You have been a worry and a joy, frustrating and supportive, a chore and a blessing. All churches are, to one degree or another. All relationships are. I came because God called me here, and I leave because God calls me away. My leaving is for your good, too, because I believe I follow God's will. Staying against God's will would do you great harm. My prayer for you is that you, too, would be open to whatever God says in the next phase of your ministry here in Fort Wayne. That you would listen and do, no matter how strange it sounds, no matter how far he asks you to go or not go.

We say "goodbye" as a contraction of "God be with ye." Thank you for allowing me to serve. Thank you for following God's will. May you continue to do so into the future.

God be with you.
—Pastor Scott



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Ukraine
- Burma
- Brenda Edwards—small strokes, in Lutheran Rehab, continued prayers
- Larry Bailey—knee issues, afib
- Randy Rusk—hip pain
- Jim Ryan—bone spur
- Don Schaab—upcoming surgery
- Cec Plumb
- Ed Jennings & his family
- Les Roberson—continued prayers
- Marilyn Elliott (Sharon Rusk's sister)—bladder cancer, passed away March 23rd
- Barbara Scheumann (Cec's friend)—cancer, passed away March 30th
- Diana (Brenda Routhier's sister)—continued prayers
- Ed McWilliams (Brenda R's friend)—blockage and aneurism in his brain
- Howard Rusk (Randy's brother)—cancer, continued prayers
- Andrea Lowe (Randy & Sharon Rusk's daughter)—has MS, continued prayers



Shoebboxes

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It's just the beginning of April but we need to be thinking ahead.

Ruth is setting up the return of GGG and combining it with a shoebox work day. Thursday, April 14th starting at 10 am to 3 pm. Bring a sack lunch.

Remember what we do at work days? We remove tags from stuffed animals, dolls and toys. We take scissors and other things out of their packaging. We wrap soap and washcloth. We wrap dolls in blankets. Just a few of the many things we do to prepare for filling week.

Here is my latest need. Do you have any empty Altoids tins? I have a project where I need as many as I can get. If you have any give them to me or drop them off in the office with Janet or Nick.

Sharon



GGG IS BACK!!

Hello GGG Ladies and other interested parties, We last met for GGG in February of 2020, pre-Covid. It's about time we got together to finish our book "Having A Mary Spirit" and to enjoy fellowship with each other. And we're even planning to multi-task this time!

Here's the plan: we will meet on our regular first Thursday afternoon of the month in May and June, and the second Thursday in April because of Spring Break being the first week. We will combine our meeting with Christmas Shoebox workdays.

10:00 -12:30 Shoebox preparation work (removing tags and packaging, wrapping soap, etc)

12:30 - 1:00 Break for lunch

1:00 - 3:00 GGG

You are welcome to come for all or any part of the day that fits your schedule. The dates are April 14, May 5, and June 2.

We are eager to resume our GGG women's group. In case you've forgotten what those three G's stand for, it is "Giggle, Glitter and Glow". The Giggle is for the laughter that comes from our friendship and fellowship; the Glitter for the crafts we work on for the shoeboxes; and the Glow is for our book study and prayer. We hope you can join us for GGG

Ruth

What's Happening

Don't forget to bring your Easter flowers into the church no later than Palm Sunday April 10th or Easter Sunday April 4th. You may take them home after the Easter worship service.



Fort Wayne Baptist Church will be having a farewell potluck brunch meal for Pastor Scott and his family on his last Sunday with us, which is Easter April 17th, immediately following the worship service. The Diaconate will provide the ham.



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

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
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3 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Svc. Communion Coffee Hour	4 HAPPY BIRTHDAY DICK STONER!!	5	6 HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESSIE CARTER!!	7	8	9 HAPPY BIRTHDAY TODD QUINN!!
10 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Svc. Noisy Offering Coffee Hour PALM SUNDAY	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Svc. Potluck Brunch EASTER	18	19	20 HAPPY BIRTHDAY BARB RAMSEY!!	21	22 HAPPY BIRTHDAY CEC PLUMB!!	23 HAPPY BIRTHDAY BRENDA EDWARDS!!
24 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Worship Svc. Coffee Hour	25	26 6 PM Council Meeting	27	28	29	30