





### 2018 Apple Festival

Our noodle making machine will once again restart in October to provide Chicken and Noodle Dinners at the Apple Festival. Mark your calendars for October 4th at 6pm for our annual Noodle Making event! Sign-up sheets are circulating for donations of the food and drink items and for volunteer workers. Volunteers are needed on Friday, October 5th and Saturday October 6th to set-up and tear down the booth, work in the kitchen, work at the booth, and serve as a runner between the church and the booth. Please contact Eric or Jennifer Moody to sign up or if you have any questions.



### Fun Friday's in September

FBC will host a children's program called "Galaxy Buck: Mission to Sector 9." Children ages 3 (with a parent) through 6th grade are invited to join us every Friday in September from 6:00-8:15. Dinner will be served and lots of fun will be had!



### Open Arms 17th Annual "Fore Kids" Golf Scramble

September 8, 2018 at the Stone Crest Golf Community in Bedford, IN. For more information or to register for the event, please visit [openarmschristian.com/event](http://openarmschristian.com/event) or call 812-659-2533. This year all the proceeds will go toward renovating our Turning Point Education Center Building.



### FLC Gospel Sing and Quilt Auction

The Family Life Center will host a Gospel Sing on Friday, October 5th at 6:30 pm at Shawnee Theater. You will be blessed to hear Eugene Helms Family performing a pre event sing along. The White River Quartet will lead the concert with a wonderful blend of 4 part harmony. Mark Vice will bring his talent to the stage. Austin Harper's Bluegrass Gospel Band will close out the evening with amazing picking and vocals. A love offering will benefit the FLC Senior Assistance Fund to help with utilities and prescription costs.

The Family Life Center will host its Annual Quilt Auction on Saturday, October 6th at 1:00pm at Shawnee Theater. All quilts and comforters are made and donated by friends of Family Life Center. Quilts and comforters may be donated any time until September 30th. Proceeds benefit our Family Assistance Fund to help with utility bills this winter.

For more information about these events, please contact the Family Life Center at 812-384-1639.



# A Note from Pastor Nathan

“...and you will be my witnesses...”

Acts 1:8

Sometimes it's helpful to take a word or phrase from Scripture and let our minds dwell on it for a while. In the midst of this call to become Jesus' Spirit-empowered messengers to the whole earth, we find the word, “be.”

The word, “be,” doesn't seem like such a big deal until we consider the alternative: “do.” Jesus does *not* say, “You will *do* some witnessing,” but rather, “You will *be* my witnesses.” Obviously, there will be things to do and words to say. The focus, however, is not on task but on identity. I *am* a witness; you *are* a witness.

This raises the immediate and perhaps uncomfortable question, “What kind of witness *am I being?*”

What kind of witness am I being at home? To my spouse? To my children? To my grandchildren? Is there anything about my way of being which makes following Jesus more – or less – compelling to my family?

What kind of witness am I being at work? How do I interact with my co-workers? What kind of language do I use? How do I handle conflicts, pressure, deadlines? With what attitude do I treat my superiors, or those who report to me? Does my way of working reflect the demeanor of Jesus? Does my co-workers' experience of me lead them to desire more of an experience with Jesus?

What kind of witness am I being at school? How do I treat other students? How do I treat my teachers? What kind of attitude am I telegraphing? How do I treat those whom nobody else likes? Does my presence in the school building reflect the love and compassion of Jesus?

What kind of witness am I being in the community? Are my interactions in public places more pleasant for the people who work there than their interactions with non-Christians are? Am I patient? Am I kind?

What kind of witness am I being at church? How do I treat my brothers and sisters in Christ? Do I exude grace, or something else? How do I handle it when I don't get my way? How do I respond when other Christians say or do disappointing things? With what tone do I speak in conversations or in meetings?

*What kind of witness am I being?*

My witness and your witness has the capacity to draw people toward Jesus or to repel people away. Our ways of being have the potential to invite people into the church or to drive them away from the church. We can be the kind of people that others cannot resist, or we can be the kind of people that others cannot stand.

I left out the phrase that precedes the quote above. “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you.” If we look across the Scriptures, we see that the power of the Spirit is obviously for *doing amazing work*, but it is also for *being a transformed people*. We rejoice in the power of the Spirit to change us!

“*Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death*” (2 Cor. 7:10, NIV '84). If we are troubled by any of our answers to the above questions, we rejoice that God does not abandon us in places of regret, but calls us forward, forgiven and whole, to walk with Jesus into something greater, better, fuller. We confess, repent, and press on.

As I write, all of this seems fitting for a church that seeks to “love our neighbors as ourselves.” *Lord Jesus, help us to be your witnesses, faithfully and fully.*

Grace and peace,  
Nathan

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**September  
2018**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Communion	3	4 6:30 Trustees	5 9:00 Bible Study	6 6:30 Deacons	7 6:00 Fun Friday	8
9	10	11	12 9:00 Bible Study	13	14 6:00 Fun Friday	15
16	17	18	19 9:00 Bible Study	20	21 6:00 Fun Friday	22
23	24	25	26 9:00 Bible Study	27 6:30 Church Council	28 6:00 Fun Friday	29
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<b>Deacon of the Month</b> <i>Brad Ellis</i>	<b>Trustee of the Month</b> <i>Eric Moody</i>	<b>Usher of the Month</b> <i>Norm Sullivan</i>	<b>Greeter</b> <i>Virginia Hendrix</i>
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**Reoccurring Weekly Activities @ FBC**

<b>Mondays:</b> 10:00 a.m. Enhanced Fitness - FH	<b>Wednesdays:</b> 6:15 p.m. FLAMES - CLC
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts – FH	<b>Thursdays:</b> 6:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast
	10:00 a.m. Enhanced Fitness – FH
<b>Tuesdays:</b> 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts - FH	11:00 a.m. Cottage Prayer Group
	6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts - FH
	6:30 p.m. Gideons (3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs. each month) – FH

Sound System	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Paul Schmidt
9 <sup>th</sup>	Braden Hudson
16 <sup>th</sup>	TBD
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Eric Moody
30 <sup>th</sup>	Eric Moody

Prayers	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Joe Burcham
9 <sup>th</sup>	Kimberly Porter
16 <sup>th</sup>	Brenda Flanagan
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Nancy Covey
30 <sup>th</sup>	Jennifer Moody

Nursery Care	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	
9 <sup>th</sup>	
16 <sup>th</sup>	Marlen Flynn
23 <sup>rd</sup>	
30 <sup>th</sup>	Sherry Weeks

Children's Worship <i>(2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays only)</i>	
9 <sup>th</sup>	Betty Miller
16 <sup>th</sup>	Janet Schmidt
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Kim Schulte