

The Baptist Breeze

First Baptist Church, Galveston, IN



February 2025

God is love.



BOARD MEETINGS

Deacons: Feb. 4th @ 7pm

Christian Ed: Feb. 11th @ 6pm

Trustees: Feb. 11th @ 7pm

GBW Board: Feb. 25th @ 6:30pm

FEBRUARY GREETERS

Parking Lot: Russell Stier

Carport:

FEBRUARY WELCOME CENTER

Carol Greenburg

NURSERY SCHEDULE

- Feb. 2 - June Cotterman/Karan Faust
Brent Anderson/ Jeanne Miller
- Feb. 9 - Brooke Miller/Aaron Miller
Audrey Leicht/Patty Ingram
- Feb. 16 - Rita Long/Amanda Walker
Brenda Parker/Jeff Parker
- Feb. 23 - Liberty Harp/Alachia Sturgess
Denise Morgan/Anita Keeney

MUFFIN MINISTRY

- Feb. 2 - Brooke Miller
- Feb. 9 - Carol Greenburg
- Feb. 16 - Rachelle Leicht
- Feb. 23 - Russell Stier

DOOR USHERS

- Feb. 2 - Floyd Shaw
- Feb. 9 - Neal Rouch
- Feb. 16 - Rodney Thompson
- Feb. 23 - Brian Riley

DEACONS ON CALL

- Feb. 2 - David Austin
- Feb. 9 - Dan Miller
- Feb. 16 - John Troutman
- Feb. 23 - Jeff Parker

The **BAPTIST BREEZE** is available at both entrances of the foyer. It is also available for viewing on our church website: www.galvestonfbc.org

Weekly bulletins can also be viewed online. Click on the "What's Happening" link.

LADIES "PTL" BIBLE STUDY

The Ladies' Praise the Lord Bible Study meets each Wednesday morning from 9:30-11am. For more information, please see Jean Roberts.

PRAYER CHAIN

Contact Shirley Finney

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574-699-6394

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 9am-2pm

Phone: 574-699-6243

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Deadline for the **March Baptist Breeze** is **Wednesday February 26th.**

The Baptist Breeze will be printed and put in the foyer on the Sunday prior to the first of each month.

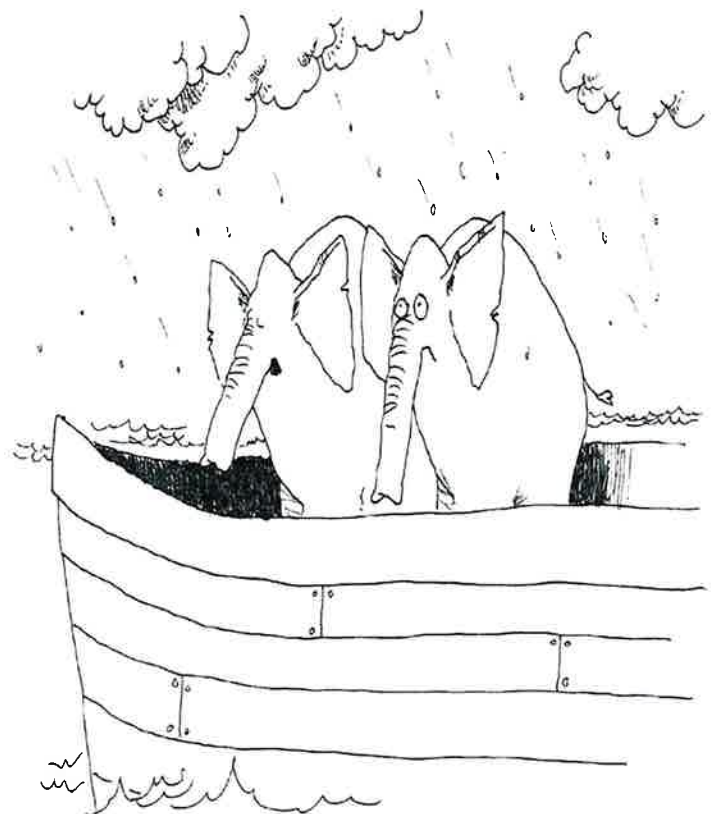
If you have news you would like to put in our newsletter, please contact the church office.

"TEXT GO GIVE"

You may now give your tithes & offerings via text message. Text "GIVE" to 765.302.4564 and follow the prompts.

LIGHTHOUSE MINISTRY

If you know of anyone who would enjoy a visit from one of our Lighthouse Visitation Ministry members, please contact the church office M-F 9a-2p. 574.699.6243



"Great, our first cruise and it rains for 40 days and nights."

- JAMES 4:4 NIV

Happy Hearts

Happy Hearts Widows Group will **NOT** be meeting again until the Spring. Please see the bulletins for updates.

MOB

MOB (Men of Breakfast) is a monthly event sponsored by the GFBC Board of Deacons. This is a free breakfast located in the upper fellowship hall. A speaker will follow along with fellowship. **MOB WILL BE MEETING FEB. 22ND @ 8AM.**

GBW

Vickie Maughmer will be conducting a Women's Bible Study on Monday evenings during the month of February @ 6:30pm in the adult Sunday School classroom.

March 17th the ladies will meet at Cross America for cross packing and dinner. Please keep an eye on the bulletin for future details.

Outreaches

We will be collecting individually wrapped Easter Candy for our **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** soon. Please make sure the candy is small enough to pack into the plastic eggs.

WIN Ministry

WIN Ministry – The Widows In Need (WIN) Ministry is geared towards helping widows with automotive services and minor repairs. The WIN Ministry focuses on oil changes, batteries, air filters, fluid checks, lights, and brake inspection. If you are interested in having any of these services performed, please go to our website (galvestonfbc.org) and fill out a request form or contact the church office for a hard copy.

The Servant's Station

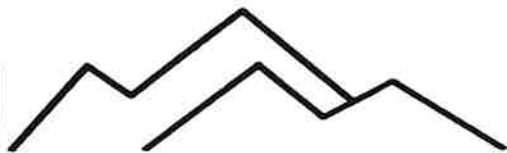
If you or someone you know is in need of an oil change or minor vehicle maintenance, please go to our church website [@galvestonfbc.org](http://galvestonfbc.org), click on the SERVANT'S STATION link, and fill out the application. Someone will be in contact as soon as the application is received.

GFBC Scholarship Program

Donations for the GFBC Scholarship Program are collected all throughout the year. If you would like to donate to this program, please contact the church office or signify your donation on your check or envelope and place it in the offering along with your tithes and offerings.

Wanderers 

TREKKERS 

SUMMIT 

WANDERERS Nursery is available during Sunday Service.

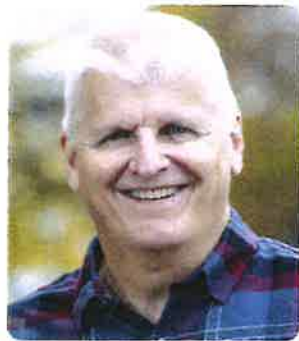
TREKKERS church is held during regular Sunday service each week. On the last Sunday of the month, they will be with the congregation.

SUMMIT meets on Sunday evenings from 5-7:30pm. This is for grades 6-12.



"Take up your cross daily" takes on meaning with the Summit Youth at this lesson.

Soles to Souls



Kevin's Special Message

Dear Floyd & Marcia,

In this issue of *Your Mission Messenger*, we have featured two courageous women who were able to find help and hope here because of your compassionate and loving support.

Donor support allows us to care for immediate needs by providing nourishing meals and safe shelter while also addressing short- and long-term goals like life and job skills that can transform someone's life.

And most importantly, our guests are introduced to Jesus' healing love, some for the very first time. That alone is the most consequential and life-transforming meeting of all.

Please note that while you may never meet them, your prayers and support will continue to impact the journeys of Breanna, Ellionia and many others to new lives of hope.

I pray that the Lord bless you and your loved ones, now and always!

Kevin L. Smith

Kevin L. Smith, Executive Director

“Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you fulfill the law of Christ.”

— GALATIANS 6:2

A close-up portrait of a young woman with long, light-colored hair, smiling warmly. She has some visible skin issues on her face, possibly from acne or a rash. The background is dark and out of focus.

A Whole New Future

Because of you, Ellionia found a new way to live.



Ellionia says she had a great childhood. She was raised by her dad, stepmom and grandparents. But in her teen years, her life took a drastic turn.

She started drinking alcohol and smoking pot with a friend and then was introduced to crystal meth. "When I was around 17, I started using crystal meth and I would hang out with the wrong people so I could get the drugs." She admits that though she had a happy home life, her low self-esteem led her to drug and alcohol abuse.

Throughout the next several years, Ellionia was in and out of rehab. She would stay sober for several months and then relapse into drug use.

At the age of 25, she began a relationship with a man who was very violent toward her, and she moved to the Kokomo Rescue Mission to escape the abuse.

She's been at the Mission for over a year. She's clean and sober and she became a Christian

a few months ago. "I want to thank everyone who supports the Mission," she says. "Your support gave me the stability that I need, and you helped me find Jesus when I needed him. I have a whole new future because you support this place."

Because of the help she received through classes and the staff at Watered Garden, Ellionia was able to get the first job she's ever had and is on her way to becoming self-sufficient.

"Your support helped me find Jesus."

Through your support, you give women like Ellionia the hope and help they need for a better life.

Saved by Love

Thanks to you, Breanna is rebuilding her life.

Growing up, Breanna never experienced the amazing healing power of love. Her parents were addicted to drugs, and throughout her childhood she dealt with physical, emotional and sexual abuse. "My sister pretty much raised me, and I then raised my brother," she says.


When she was 17, Breanna left home, and for the next several years she had a somewhat normal life — a job and her own home. But, at the age of 26, she was experiencing serious back problems and was prescribed pain medications. Longing to ease emotional as well as physical pain, she began using other drugs too, including heroin.

To support the habit, Breanna started dealing as well as using drugs. She had a son

during these years but lost custody because of her drug use. She finally wound up behind bars for four years.

Breanna ultimately found the love she longed for at Open Arms, the Mission's shelter for women and children. Her faith in God saved her, and she credits Open Arms for giving her love, support and hope as she rebuilds her life for herself and her son.

Thank you for supporting the Kokomo Rescue Mission and helping people like Breanna find acceptance, direction and the healing power of love.

A close-up portrait of Breanna, a woman with long, dark brown hair, looking slightly to the right of the camera with a calm expression. The background is softly blurred, showing green foliage.

"How priceless is your unfailing love, O God! People take refuge in the shadow of your wings."

Psalm 36:7

Emmaus receives food gift from Latter-day Saints

By Josh Flynn

CNHI News Indiana

Emmaus Mission Center in Cass County received a gift of 22 pallets of food, equaling 35,000 pounds, from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 4121 High St., on Tuesday morning.

"The church has a big heart for distributing food for people in need," said Silvia Heywood, a church member and wife of Bishop Jack Heywood. She said the church headquarters in Salt Lake City chooses an area every year that is in need of food. While researching areas to support, it learned about Logansport, Emmaus and the services the organization provides.

"This is for Emmaus," said Heywood. "This is to recognize Emmaus and give them a little grain of sand for what they do and help them to help others. We cannot reach everybody, but Emmaus have been doing this for more than 30 years. This is big to us, to help the one who are helping."

Emmaus Mission Center director Jason Mitchell said the organization did 24,000 food distributions to area families in need.

"The need is here," Heywood said. "We are very humbled that we can help him."

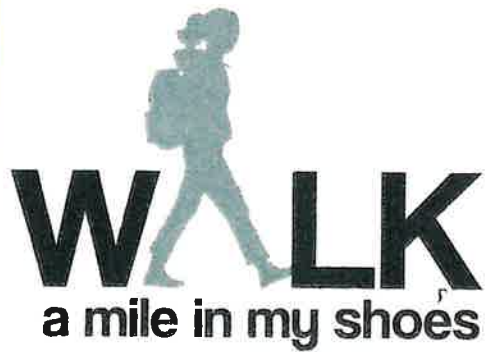
Among those who awaited the food delivery Tuesday morning was Logansport Mayor Chris Martin, who said the gift was another example of how Cass County community members help each other.

Several members of Trinity Episcopal Church, including Father Clark Miller, were present to assist in the unloading. Miller said his church and Emmaus had worked together to share resources and support each other's mission over the years.

"I'm extremely thankful for our community," said Mitchell. "We have so many wonderful factors in our community that result in us being able to do what we can do. To me, things like this just show the love that people in the community have for each other. We can only do as much as we can do because we are supported so well by Cass County."

The Emmaus Mission Center food pantry is located at 19 W. Richardville St. in Logansport.





Save the Date!

February 22, 2025

Our annual
fundraising event
features:

- A hot, delicious
breakfast
- Tour of our
two women's
shelters
- Stories from
residents

February 2025

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan 26	27	28	29	30	31	Feb 1
	3 Women's Bible Study 6:30pm	4 Deacon's Meeting @ 7p Kelly Ingram Neal Rouch	5	6	7	8
9 Paul Rankins	10 Women's Bible Study 6:30pm	11 Christian Ed Meeting @ 6p Trustees Meeting @ 7p	12	13	14	15
16	17 Women's Bible Study 6:30pm	18 Marc Naphew	19 Gary Akers	20	21	22 GFBC Family Movie Night 5-7p MOB 8a
23 Janet Pullen	24 Women's Bible Study 6:30pm	25 GBW Meeting: 6:30pm	26	27	28 Jeff & Cheryl Snider	Mar 1

Christian Generosity

by Don Bailey

The inventive mechanical genius of Robert Gilmour Letourneau's (1888–1969) led to the development of almost three hundred patents in the field of earthmoving. Though he dropped out of school with only a seventh-grade education, his inventions would dominate the large construction equipment used by the Allied forces during World War II. His sister challenged him at an early age to get serious about serving God, which he thought meant becoming a preacher or a missionary. But after he prayed with his pastor about his calling, the pastor told him, "God needs businessmen too." Letourneau's decision to become "God's business partner" motivated him to eventually give away 90 percent of his vast earnings to charitable projects all over the world. He said, "I shovel money out and God shovels it back, but God has a bigger shovel."

Perhaps, like me, you have heard stories like this before. On the one hand, you might marvel at how God has used the generosity of Christian men and women to give of their time, treasure, and talent to the glory of God. On the other hand, I don't think many of us believe we have any realistic opportunity to emulate such a person and even wonder if these stories simply belong to the "good ol' days." Moreover, we may question the value of using such gifts outside the local church, since Scripture specifically highlights doing good

"especially to those who are of the household of faith" (Gal. 6:10).

Though we should indeed make sure we are caring for the needs of our brothers and sisters first (Deut. 15:7–8; 1 John 3:16–18), Paul doesn't allow us to minimize generosity to nonbelievers. He writes: "Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith" (Gal. 6:9–10). The clarion call remains to do good to everyone as God gives opportunity. How often do we think about how the providence of God has been so aligned as to give us opportunity to shine the light of Christ into the world's darkness through our God-given gifts?

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We must first consider the abundant supply that is God Himself. The Apostle Paul writes to Timothy that God "richly provides us with everything to enjoy" (1 Tim. 6:17). Famously, John's gospel states, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (3:16). James tells us that "every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change" (1:17). God causes the sun to shine and the rain to fall on the just and the unjust in His beneficence (Matt. 5:45). If these considerations aren't enough to humble us in wonder, Paul asks in 1 Corinthians this piercing question:

“What do you have that you did not receive?” (4:7).

In responding to God’s generosity, we mustn’t get stuck on giving money alone. Each of us possesses the time on earth that God has given us as a resource to steward. He has also given us specific talents, whether they be cooking a meal, singing a song, designing a landscape, caring for a grandchild, constructing a building, diagnosing a disease, teaching a math lesson, or sweeping a floor. Consider the good we can unleash in granting our forgiveness to someone who has wounded us deeply. What about the sacrifice of our time and attention in being “quick to hear, slow to speak” (James 1:19)? Are we a people who are prayerfully using our various talents so that others may be blessed? Do we know the reality of what our Lord Jesus taught when He assured us that “it is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35)?

I think that at times we may get stuck in extremes as we think of how to give our gifts outside the church. We might embrace cultural retreat like the monastics or a “Christ against culture” mindset. Or we look to the opposite temptation of social gospel liberalism, which has been called “Christ in culture” thinking. Let’s be clear: neither escape from our culture on the one hand nor developing more access to soup lines and clean water on the other hand can usher in the kingdom of God without the call to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ. We must hold on to the tension of proclaiming the gospel in Word and living it out in deed. **The world is always**

watching Christians, a fact that bears strongly on the giving of our TIME, TREASURE, and TALENTS.

God doesn’t need flashy or sophisticated programs. I am moved to see members in my own church who sacrificially give of their time at a local pregnancy center, where they pray and share the love of Christ with fearful and often desperate mothers-to-be for the cause of life. Likewise, I am grateful for those in my church who give of their time and talents teaching the Bible’s ethic of work in an organization dedicated to helping men and women find meaningful vocations. Jesus openly and pressingly calls on Christians to a life that rises above that of the common human instinct to give to those who can give back or to those who are close to us in kinship and creed (Matt. 5:47; Luke 14:12–14). It is when our giving makes no sense to the world’s economy of giving and being repaid in kind that the world scratches its head and is beckoned to behold the economy of God’s kingdom, where beggars who have received, bread go running to the hungry with gifts of mercy and kindness.

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Summit Youth Leaders: Tyler & Kayla Yeakley

Church Secretary: Sonya Austin - secretary@galvestonfbc.org

Sunday Schedule: Sunday School – 9am
Sunday Worship – 10:15am
Trekking Church – During Sermon
Facebook Livestream – 10:15am
Summit Youth Group – 5-7:30pm

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Jeff Parker	Jim Horoho
David Austin	John Troutman
Aaron Miller	Dan Miller

