

# *fbc* Faith News

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Think Biblically!*

**July 2017 | Monthly Newsletter of  
First Baptist Church**



## **Mark Your Calendar**

**7.2**  
Youth Sunday  
**7.4**  
Church Office Closed  
No Women's Bible Study  
**7.7**  
Women's Better Together @FBC-6:30pm  
**7.8**  
Men's Rooted Conf. @ FBC-8am-3:30pm  
**7.9**  
CE/Outreach Meeting – 11:40am  
Trustee Meeting—11:40am  
Sunday Night Remix-6:30-8pm  
**7.10-15**  
CIY-Move High School Conf.  
**7.11**  
Church Council Meeting-7pm  
**7.15**  
Matt & Kate (Baughter) Norville Open  
House-9-11am  
**7.16**  
Quarterly Business Meeting-11:40am  
**7.22**  
Men's Ministry Gun Shoot-10:30am  
**7.23-27**  
Blackhawk Middler Camp  
**7.23-26**  
Family Mission Trip  
**7.25**  
J.O.Y. Circle—7pm  
**7.28**  
Ladies Night Out—6pm  
**7.30**  
5th Sunday Potluck-11:40am  
**7.30-8.2**  
CIY Mix-Jr. High

## **Pastor's Perspective ~ The Unique & the Mundane**

Summer is flying by. I keep hearing that from my kids. They actually want it to slow down because they know that a new school year is quickly approaching. Time doesn't speed up or slow down, it remains constant no matter what we do, but it is also very relative. It seems slow in the mundane and fast in the unique. The summer seems to be flying by because we have a lot of fun and unique things planned. When we are not doing anything special, but looking forward to a trip, or event, it seems to go painfully slow. In the month of June we had a wonderful 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration for First Baptist, and just a couple weeks later we had the most well attended VBS program in our church's history to my knowledge, with an average of 115 kids each day. Needless to say, the month of June flew by. The month of July will fly by as well, as we plan for a unique men's conference on July 8<sup>th</sup>, and prepare for a visit from our missionary from El Salvador July 18<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. Rigoberto and Valmori are making arrangements to come

visit us in Aledo! The visa process is still under way, so we are a little uncertain about it, but if all goes well, we will be able to introduce our dear friends from El Salvador to our whole church. I always hoped we might be able to do this someday, but God seems to have opened a door much sooner than I expected. The thing about the unique and the mundane times of our life is that we can thrive in each season. The point is that we make the most of every opportunity. Ephesians 5:15-17 says, "Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is." So, no matter what season you're in, whether it's exciting, painful, growing, waiting, or just mundane, it's the season God has you in right now, and He has a plan and design for it in your life. You'll find the blessing in this season as you rest in God's will for you in it.

In Christ, Pastor Luke

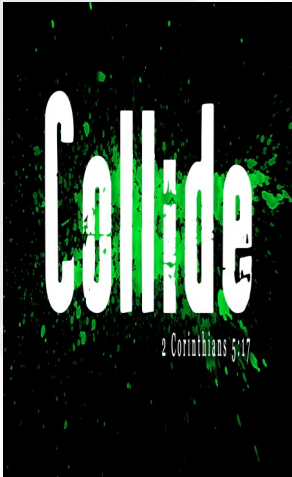


# COLLIDE YOUTH!

My mom and I have started meeting with a couple of girls on Tuesday mornings who are hungry to know more about God. These girls are new believers. One of the girls has spent very little time in church, but has spent a lot of time in youth group and last year, God got ahold of her and she gave her life to Jesus. Since then, I've seen a real change in her. She truly wants to know more about Jesus and it's exciting!

We also have a few baptisms coming up right around the corner. We hope you'll join us on Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> to celebrate those baptisms of a student

and her parents who've come to faith in Christ through the youth ministry's involvement. I truly believe one of the reasons why we exist is not just to reach students, but, if their parents don't know Jesus, to reach them too.

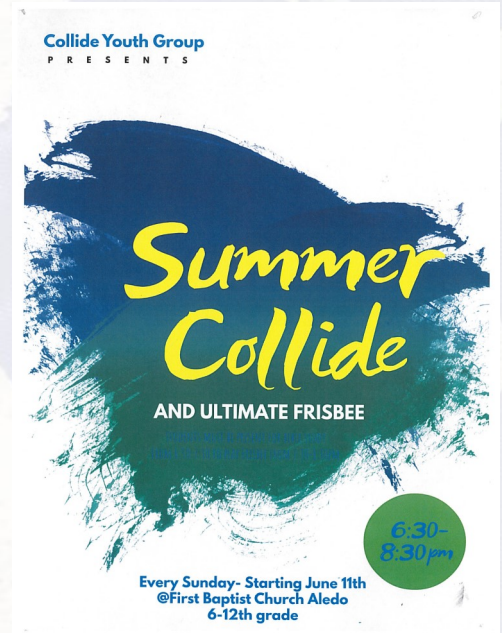


You'll be so encouraged to hear their stories. It's stories like these that make me so thankful for all the awesome things God is doing at our church and through the youth ministry.

Just a heads up, we'll be headed back to El Salvador next year for the youth mission trip. Information packets will go out on that at the end of the summer, but a tentative date has been set for July 28-Aug

4<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Summer activities continue to meet throughout the summer with Summer Collide on Sundays from 6:30-8:30pm and Gaga Ball on Wednesdays from 1:30-3:30pm.

Blessings, Heather Q.



## Upcoming Events

**Parent and Student Lunch**- FREE LUNCH for all parents and students (6th-12th grades) Sunday, August 20th in Fellowship Hall immediately after 10:15am service.

**Collide Fall Retreat 2017**- Oct 14-15th, at Camp Summit in New Windsor, IL . All kids grades 6-12th are welcome! Registration will begin later this summer.

# Volunteer & Giving Information

**Date**

**Nursery**

**Kids Worship**

<b>July 2</b>	Betty Williams Crystal Clark, Vivian Kopp & Katie Loving	Sarah Kellett, Felicia Bonyng & Shannon Sedam
<b>July 9</b>	Betty Williams, Ronda Moffitt, Emily Baldwin & Veronica Moffitt	Lisa & Shay Litwiler, Tina McCaw, Maddie & Mollie Dunn, Monica & Jacob Dennison
<b>July 16</b>	Betty Williams, Rusty & Marcy Smet & Maddie Dunn	Steph , Terry & Cassidy Leonard, Cimion Norwick, Mollie Dunn & Brian Rind
<b>July 23</b>	Betty Williams, Susan Potthast, Lisa Clawson & Shaylee Smet	Brooke, Katy, Caleb & Joe Loving, Joyce Thomas, Kathy Norton & Mollie Dunn
<b>July 30</b>	Betty Williams, Sharon Moffitt, Susan Potthast & Bryce Moffitt	Nadine Coulter, Haley & Josh Johnson, Jenny Dixon & Blair, Todd Baldwin & Mollie Dunn

If you are unable to serve the day you are scheduled in the Nursery, please make arrangements in advance to switch with another person on the schedule. Please contact **Ronda Moffitt, Nursery Coordinator**, for all concerns on her Cell:(309) 371-3021. Thank you! **Kids Club Worship**—PLEASE come to the Fellowship Hall by **10:00am** so you can help & prep. \*Please continue to let me know if you are switching with somebody. I have it set up so there are two adults plus myself helping at a time. Please do not switch with a couple if you are an individual. Thank you so much for your service! ~Mollie. If you need to contact Mollie about Kids Club Worship, call –309-371-6962.

**Finance Board Member of the Month for July—Melissa Struble**  
**Trustee of the Month for July - Don McConaughy**

## Prayer Team

July 2– Kay Hedrick, MaryLee Finch, Peggy Johnson & Ron Moffitt  
 July 9– Jeanne Barber, Barb Bryant & Kurt Diesch  
 July 16 – Deb & Dave VanderHeyden, Troy Riddell & Laurie Louck  
 July 24 – Tina McCaw, Jason & Shelly Snyder & Vickie Korn  
 July 30th—Rotation of Volunteers

## Weekly Attendance & Offering

DATE	5/28/17	6/4/17	6/11/17	6/18/17	6/25/17
<b>8 AM</b>	96	79		92	89
<b>10 AM</b>	233	243		271	364
<b>TOTAL</b>	329	317	327	363	453

Date	5/28/17	6/4/17	6/11/17	6/18/17	6/25/17
<b>General Fund Giving</b>	\$9,365.56	\$14,001.93	\$8,913.79	\$9,172.80	\$9,086.46
<b>Designated Giving</b>	\$1,547.95	\$2,815.09	\$1,917.30	\$944.94	\$1,302.00
<b>Total Giving</b>	\$10,913.51	\$16,817.02	\$10,831.09	\$10,117.74	\$10,388.46

**\*\*Weekly Current Expense offering needed to meet 2017 budget - \$9,557.25**



# Kids Club Ministry



Wow! The summer is flying by but we still have some great stuff ahead before it's over! Thank you so much to EVERYONE who pitched in to make our Maker Fun Factory VBS a HUGE success! We had **118** on our highest day. We raised **\$765** for Safe Families and the kids enjoyed a grand soaking of their crew leaders on the last day for reaching their goal! Thanks parents & kids for being so generous in supporting families in need in Mercer County & the greater QCA.

**Starting July 9<sup>th</sup> Kids Worship will be during the entire 10:15am service** in the Collide Room. Sunday School teachers will take their classes to Kids Worship so parents will not need to pick them up. All other kids will need to check-in before service at a kiosk at Kids Corner in the foyer or in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your patience as we make this change!

**Sunday Night Remix is July 9<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30pm called

"Sharing Jesus without Fear." While the adults are upstairs learning how to share Jesus with friends, we're offering **Kids Club Remix** "Sharing Jesus with My Friends" for kids ages 4-5<sup>th</sup> grade whose parents are attending. A nursery will be available for kids ages 3 and under.

**Summer Collide** for all youth 6<sup>th</sup>-12 grade will be offered in the Collide room as well. Please sign-up kids (Infants-5<sup>th</sup> grade) online at [firstbaptistchurch.com](http://firstbaptistchurch.com) if they're joining us. *\*Pre-registration isn't required but greatly appreciated.*

**Praise & the Park Family Fest will be Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am.** We're going to have family worship, lunch, water inflatables for the kids & youth & the "snake guy" is coming back from the Creation Museum with some super fun creatures. It's all free and you're encouraged to bring the whole family and your friends! More details to come in the August newsletter.

We'll kick-off the fall session of **Kids Club for kids ages 3-5<sup>th</sup> grade on August 30<sup>th</sup> every Wednesday from 6:30-8pm.** Sign-in begins at 6:15pm in the sanctuary.

We're continuing the Gospel Project and we'll collect food for the MC food pantries again. Kids can hop in at any time. Registration will be online in August. We have several kids & youth attending camps this summer as well as a group of families going to Life Action Family Camp in Michigan. Please keep our campers of all ages in your prayers as they prepare for their adventures this month and next!



**Volunteer Opportunities:** Please contact Mollie at 309-371-6962 or [mollieadunn@yahoo.com](mailto:mollieadunn@yahoo.com) this month if you are interested in serving on a greeting crew on Sunday mornings for the children's ministry, if you would like to join the Kids Club crew in the fall, or if you would like to serve on the nursery or Kids Worship rotation.

**Nursery update:** Our nursery is now a "NUT-FREE" zone. Please no outside snacks & sippy cups inside the nursery. They need to stay in bags. Nut free snack options will be available to your child(ren) while in the nursery. Hands will also be wiped down as kids

come in for the safety of children who have severe allergies. Thanks so much for helping us keep our youngest members safe. ~Mollie

**A note from the Preschool Sunday School Teachers—**If you have a child who is going to be 3 years old, we'd like to invite them to pre-school Sunday School. We sing, play, do simple crafts, work on taking turns, listening, praying out loud, and sharing the love of Jesus. Some kids come and just do the singing with their parents to get comfortable and some come by themselves and are fine. We are flexible and will accommodate your child's needs. Parents are always welcome. We have a large group moving to the next class, so this is a great time to try our class. If you have any questions, contact Lynda Castor, Kelly Higgins or Nadine Coulter. We look forward to serving you and your children.



# Women's Ministry



## *Better Together* at FBC

Friday, July 7th from 6:30pm to 9pm

Location: First Baptist Church, Aledo

(800 NE 6th Ave)

Bring a yummy **SUMMER SNACK** and a **PICTURE** of (or a **SOUVENIR** from) your favorite summer vacation!

Join us for this Women's Ministry event. Better Together at FBC events are a time for the ladies of FBC to connect, have fun, and encourage each other in our Christian walks. Child care is not provided. You can come for part or all of the evening. Generally we open with prayer, followed by a relaxed time of visiting and snacking after which we gather into small groups of 3 to 6 ladies and tackle the topical discussion for the evening. You can share your prayer concerns with your small group and they will pray with you and for you.

Questions—contact Sheri Olson at 312-883-4452 or Cindy Maynard at 309-644-0028.

### Women's Ministry Think Tank-

There will not be a Women's Ministry Think Tank Meeting in July. We'll resume meeting on Saturday, August 5th at 9am in the Enon Room.

**J.O.Y. Circle** —(Jesus, Others, Yourself) All ladies are invited to JOY Circle. We meet the 4th Tuesday of the month. In July, we will meet Tuesday, July 25th at 7pm.

**Blessing Card Ministry-** This new ministry will serve Christ by providing cards with encouraging blessings combined with Scripture for you to send to those in need. It may create a doorway into someone's heart that may not have opened in any other way. If you love expressing yourself creatively, consider joining us to touch lives with the hope of Christ. Cards (Free for the taking) are at the women's ministry table. Questions, see Cindy Maynard, Betty Frost or Sheri Olson.

### Life Action Camp

"Thrive" Women's Conference  
Coming in November

First Baptist will be taking a group of ladies to Buchanan, MI on Nov. 3rd-5th, 2017 for a women's "Thrive" Conference. Cost is \$160 and covers lodging and meals for the weekend. Registration forms for Thrive are on the Women's Ministry table in the church lobby.

Questions see Jenny Dixon(309)373-0104 or Brooke Loving—(309) 738-2319. Deadline: Sept. 15th.



**Ladies Night Out** - The Women's Ministry Team invites all ladies to the First Baptist Church "Ladies Night Out" Event. Join us Friday, July 28th at 6pm at the Aledo Depot - there will be a catered meal and games! Dinner cost will be \$15. Watch for sign up.







**Join us for First Baptist Church  
Praise in the Park Family Festival!  
Coming Sunday, August 27th  
@Aledo's Central Park  
9:30am-3pm**



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Praise & Worship Service  
followed by a FREE Lunch!  
Music, Water Inflatables  
(kids, bring your swimsuits!)  
Family Photo Booth Fun!  
The "Snakes Alive Guy" from the  
Creation Museum!**



**Music by the Punches Family!**



**This will be  
a great day  
for you to  
invite  
friends,  
family and  
neighbors**



**who don't have a church home to join us for worship,  
lunch and family fun in Aledo's Central Park.**

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**Coming up this Fall at First Baptist Aledo!  
Wednesday Night Live!  
New Fall classes for adults and children!  
Wednesday Nights Aug. 30th-Nov. 8th from 6:30-8pm.**

**Adult Classes:**

Watch the bulletin and the August Newsletter for adult class information & registration.

**Kids Programs:**

- Kids Club for ages 3 years old through 5th grade.
    - Collide Youth Group— 6th-8th grade.
  - High School Collide Bible Study for 9th-12th grade.
- Nursery for 0-2years old.

**All classes and programs are FREE and open to the public. Invite your friends to join us!  
To register or get more info visit [www.firstbaptistaledo.com](http://www.firstbaptistaledo.com) or call 582-7812.**



# Thanks to all who come and celebrated and volunteered during the 150th Anniversary Celebration of First Baptist Church!

Here are a few photos from the weekend. More photos can be found on our Facebook page.

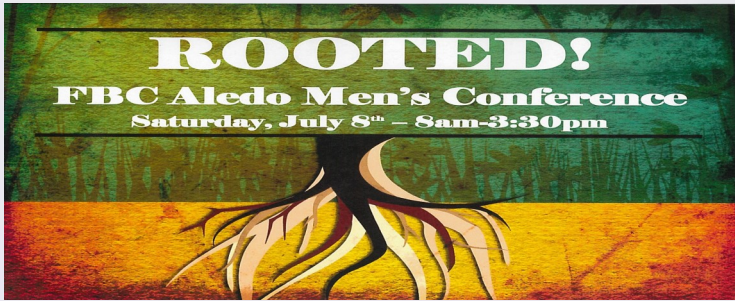
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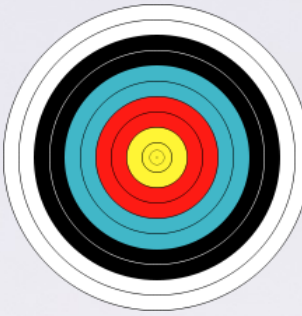


# Men's Ministry

Join us for the FBC Men's Rooted Conference— Saturday July 8th  
8am-3:30pm @ FBC Aledo



The Rooted Men's Conference will be a great way for the men of our church to fellowship and get to know one another. Topics covered at Rooted: Husband, Father, Spiritual Leader. Light breakfast & lunch will be provided. Cost to attend is FREE! Sign Up on Sunday's Connection Card! Questions, call Pastor Seth at 582-7812 or Kevin Ricke at 309-235-7999.



**Men's Ministry Gun Shoot**—Saturday, July 22nd at Bi State Sportsman Club in Colona, IL—Cost is \$55 plus 100 shells to be purchased at a local vendor before hand. We will meet at the church at 10:30am and carpool as needed.

Noon start time at the club. No need to RSVP, just show up at the church on July 22nd at 10:30am. Questions, call Barry Cooper at 309-313-3689.

## Men's Breakfast and Bible Study

**\*\*We will not meet Sunday, July 2nd.**



**When/Where:** Most Every Sunday at 7am at FBC in Fellowship Hall

**Cost:** FREE!

**Who:** All men are invited to attend.

No need to RSVP, just show up hungry!  
Questions: See Pastor Luke or Pastor Seth

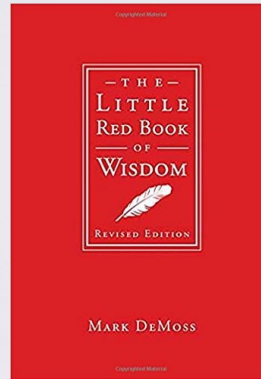
# General Announcements



**5th Sunday Potluck—Coming Up!!** Everyone is invited to the 5th Sunday Potluck Sunday, July 30th in Fellowship Hall following the 10:15am service. Table service and drinks provided. Bring a dish to share. Questions, call

Potluck Coordinator, Marjie Earl at 582-5567.

## July's Recommended Read



*The Little Red Book of Wisdom* takes the reader on a journey so often sidestepped in favor of the newer, quicker, easier. If you're seeking simplicity in a complicated world, Mark DeMoss's insights will illuminate your path to a wiser and more deliberate way of living. By illuminating the notions of integrity, humility, and self-restraint, DeMoss demonstrates what is possible when we value listening and thinking over talking and doing. We have a few copies of the book available on the Women's Ministry table for \$12 each.

## Minute for Mission! URGENT PRAYER REQUEST!!



Would you pray with me? Our friends in El Salvador need our prayers! The weather in El Salvador has been very bad with very heavy rains. There have been at least 3 deaths in the churches that Rigo, our missionary, serves. The rains have caused landslides, closed roads, and uprooted trees. There are some communities that have not been able to get to town at all for food and supplies. Rigo and another pastor will be walking with supplies to meet the people in need. Please be in prayer that the weather lets up and that no other lives are lost. Thank you for praying with us! Jenny Dixon



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Scott Williams  
Carroll Franks  
Lydia Clark  
Sadie Bonyng  
  
Veronica Moffitt  
Patty Hay  
Marge Goding  
Ellie Smock  
Bree Elliott  
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Gene Bear  
Jordan Riddell  
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Javin Dellitt  
Gracie & Essi Lloyd  
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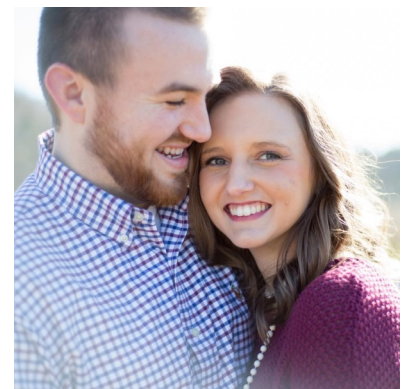
Stewart & Jan Klink  
Brian & Monica Dennison

Claude & Eloise Moreland

Mike & Kathy Sponsler

Brock & Dawn Huffstutler

Come celebrate with Matt & Kate! Matt & Kate (Baugher) Norville will be married on July 1st in Jackson, Tennessee. We will have an open house in Aledo at First Baptist Church on **Saturday, July 15th** from 9 to 11 in the morning. Coffee, cinnamon rolls, scones and fruit will be served. RSVP to Drue via call or text (309) 371-7913.





## A Word From Pastor Seth



The project of the Ruska Home Renovation continues! You may remember that we are renovating a mobile home for Jack, Bev and Alex Ruska. I've been overwhelmed by the response and help. I have also been overwhelmed by the work that has been done and the work that needs to go. To say it clearer, this has been an overwhelming project to take on. I really thank those many volunteers who have given their time, talents and resources. I have never been a project manager before but I've tried my best to keep things going. The best part for me is that I got to see the blessings be poured out to the Ruska's first hand. I'm thankful to know the family will spend the coming winter months in a warm home. I know right now it's difficult to think of 20 below wind chill but that is always just around the corner.

We are making progress now as we seemed to get bogged down in all the codes and inspections.

Going through all the proper channels and regulations is very interesting and exhausting. The funds are continuing to match the needs and just when I think the budget is at zero, again, someone donates more to help.

As we begin shifting the focus on the last stages, please consider an offering for this project as we have all the trim, paint, floors, light fixtures and wheelchair ramp left to purchase. I'm hoping for a zero budget when the last hammer pounds down but even if there is something left be assured that it will go towards the trailer in the form of lot rent or many other areas left to bless.  
~Seth

PS—Reminder our Men's Conference is just a few days away! It's not too late to register—call the church office at 309.582.7812 to sign up.



## Coming in JULY! Sunday Night Remix “Share Jesus Without Fear”

Summer Sunday Night Remix is about to begin! On Sunday evenings from 6:30-8pm from July 9th - July 30th FBC will



be offering Sunday Night Remix for the whole family! Sign up on Sunday's Connection Card or Call the church office at 582-7812.

The Topic is Sharing Jesus

Without Fear! It will be facilitated by Pastor Seth. We will also offer Kids Club and Collide during that same time so the whole family can come and learn how to share Jesus with others. Sign up on Sunday's Connection Card. This study presents a simple and relational approach to witnessing that underscores the dependence of God's power for the results. Birthed out of the life-transformation of its author (former brothel-owner turned Christ-follower), this method teaches believers how to navigate a witnessing conversation in everyday situations.

## Other Meetings of Note!

**There will be no Deacon Meeting in the month of July.**

**Christian Ed/Outreach meeting is Sunday, July 9th at 11:40 in Mollie's Office.**

**Trustees will meet Sunday, July 9th at 11:40am.**

**The Church Council will meet Tuesday, July 11th at 7pm and the FBC Quarterly Business Meeting will be Sunday, July 16th following the 10:15am service.**



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**HEALTH & WELL BEING**

Betty Williams, Don Williams, Doris & Marc Dewey, Pastor Mark Harris, Aggie Adams, Margaret Stenfeldt, Janet Rind, Fred & Nancy Bivens, Cena Sheets, Tony Vandersnick, The family and friends of Itachi Crusade-Ellis-Boyle, Lisa McWhorter, Barb Keller, Bettie Monts, Family of Brady Weber, Fred Rooth, Jack Cook, Donnie Davis, Family of Joanne Evans, Dugan Evans, Jerry Nylin, Bill Smock, Christian Williams, Liesl Parks, Ashley & Lillian Kaye Youngblood, Bill McAvoy, Barbara M., Melissa, Jack, Alex, Shirley Freimark, Steve Oaks, Sharon McCormick, Trisha Hammond, Jo Kernan, Joe Purlee, Marilyn Hessman, Bob Kopp, Mary Flint, Tammy Erickson, Jenna Preston, Marge Goding, Dave Cooper, Jessica Ruh & family, Dee Dellitt, Francie Jane Easley, Matt Gates, Barbara McPhinney, Daryl Kadel, Rocky Svoboda, Keiley Stoterau, Helen King, Marilyn Zielke, Stephanie Murphy, Sherry Brown, Nadine Coulter, Megan Klauer, Sandi Williams, Paige Johnson, Scott Yager, Maddie Wells, Martha Bernridge, Donna Fisk, Betty Adams, Mary Rillie, Matt Martin, The youth of our church & community, Larry Bull, Charlotte Thompson, Deb Corson, Karen Burnham, Susie Hall, Henry Leichty, Mercer County Jail Ministry, John Atkinson, Merrick LeClere, Vickie Anderson, Judy Leighty, Jeannene McNall, Marilyn Heine, Bob Sell, Colette Hawkins, Gerald Mitchell, Lauryn Russell, Chad Peterson, Connie Freeman, Shelly Upson & Tim Snyder

**NURSING HOME**

Betty Weeks, Bettie Monts, Betty Williams & Bob Sell

**MISSIONARIES & MILITARY**

Danika Higgins & Rigoberto Cruz

Holly Mattson, Jackson McKay, Joe Elliott, Spencer Zielke, Jon Szalonek, Christopher Schultz, Austin Weir, Tyler Mattson, Kyle Mandle, Charles Schultz, Terry Schaefer, Matt VanderHeyden & Tara Helmick

**OTHER CONCERNS**

The church & all decisions