

fbc Faith News

Love Christ. Love Others. Think Biblically!

August 2018 | Monthly Newsletter of First Baptist Church



Mark Your Calendar

8.4

Women's Ministry Think
Tank-9am

Women's Prayer Time-
10am

8.5

Communion/Food Pantry
Sunday

8.7

Deacon Meeting-6:30pm

8.12

Trustee Meeting-11:30am
Prayer at MCHS-3pm

8.18

CPR Training Class-8:30am

8.28

J.O.Y. Circle-7pm

9.2

Praise In The Park Family
Fest-10am-3pm at Aledo's
Central Park

***No Sunday School or 8am
or 10:15am service this day.*

9.5-11.14

Wednesday Night Live
Classes for all ages! Each
Wednesday from 6:30-8pm

*"As the deer pants for streams of water, so my
soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for
God, for the living God. When can I go and
meet with God?" ~ Psalm 42:1-2*

*"Whoever drinks the water I give him will
never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will
become in him a spring of water welling up to
eternal life." ~ John 4:14*

The Scriptures above reveal a question asked and that question answered. Or a prophecy foretold, and a prophecy fulfilled. The Bible talks about it as an inner thirst. It could also be described as an inner restlessness, or dissatisfaction, or anxiety, or turmoil, or guilt. For the first half of my life I wrestled with this restlessness. I was blessed to be brought up in a Christian home, attending church, and with a general knowledge of the Bible and who God is. Unfortunately, even with all these advantages, I still tried to find satisfaction in practically everything except God. Rather than finding any type of comfort, I became more and more restless, anxious, and (subconsciously) thirsty for God. God is so good, He speaks to us in so many different ways. For me, I made the step of faith based on one overwhelming idea. I believed that if God created me, He knew who I was supposed to be better than I could ever figure out on my own. So, I gave my life to Him.

People come to the Lord in a lot of different ways, with a lot of different questions, burdens, and issues on their hearts. Whatever name it might otherwise

take on, it's a basic issue of thirst. That thirst is only ultimately satisfied in Christ. Sometimes, I forget that only my relationship with the Lord will quench my thirst, and bring peace to my anxious, restless heart. It's easy to lose sight of this, because there are always so many problems to solve and questions to answer. Everyone is looking for help with their pain, brokenness, and helplessness, whether it's personal, relational, financial, physical, or mental. It's natural to want to jump to practical solutions, at least for me. But until we start pursuing God in a personal relationship, none of the practical solutions will ever ultimately satisfy.

On July 15th, I launched a challenge to our church. I challenged everyone to pray for and personally invite one person to join them for Praise in the Park on September 2nd. If our entire church did this, we could have over 700 people join us that day. As we continue to pray and ask God to do a great work between now and then, I want to encourage you to pray. Pray that people would be thirsty for God. Pray that all those who are being invited would realize that the thirst, restlessness, anxiousness, and dissatisfaction in their life is their need for God. And please pray that they would meet the Lord on September 2nd and streams of water would well up in them through faith in Christ. Pray for me to bring the message that they need to hear.

In Christ, Luke

Volunteer & Giving Information

Date

Nursery

Kids Worship

Aug. 5	Ronda Moffitt, Rusty Smet, Jan Crutcher & Maddie Dunn	Denise Bowker, Brooke, Joe, Katy & Kaleb Loving, Lisa & Shay Litwiler & Mollie Dunn
Aug. 12	Ronda Moffitt, Crystal Clark, Veronica Moffitt & Lucy Dunn	Denise Bowker, Nadine Coulter, Joyce & Logan Thomas, Mollie Dunn, Monica Dennison, Haley & Josh Johnson
Aug. 19	Ronda Moffitt, Jo Bjorling, Penny Dixon & Sidney Quam	Denise Bowker, Leslie, Jason, Brady & JJ Connell, Kathy Norton, Sheila Busch & Mollie Dunn
Aug. 26	Ronda Moffitt, Sharon Moffitt, Louise Hendrix & Bryce Moffitt	Denise Bowker, Steph, Terry & Kassidy Leonard, Sarah Kellett, Melissa Struble & 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.

Committee Member of the Month

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

Prayer Team

Aug. 5th- 8am-Mary Lee Finch, Peggy Johnson & Kurt Diesch—**10:15am**-Tina McCaw, Anita Parkinson & Ron Moffitt
Aug. 12-8am-Marty South, Jon & Lindsay Ricke—**10:15am**-Jeanne Barber, Robyn Bottens & Laurie Louck
Aug. 19 - 8am-Troy & Tish Riddell - **10:15am**—Lisa Litwiler, Britni Ewing & Barb Bryant
Aug 26 –8am-Doug & Diane Hessman **10:15am** Jason & Shelly Snyder & Lonnie Maynard

Attendance & Offering Year To Date

Year To Date Weekly Attendance Average— 354
 Year to Date 2018 FBC Budget Need—\$327,153.35
 Year To Date Actual Giving—\$345,406.99



Lives Changed by Jesus Christ!

Year To Date Baptisms—24
 Year To Date Decisions for Christ - 22

Kids Club Ministry



Kids Club,
Collide, & Bus
Fall '18/Winter-
Spring '19

It's back! All kids & youth are invited back for another great school year of Kids Club & Collide on Wednesdays from

6:30-8pm starting September 5th- November 14th and then back again January 9th-April 10th.

*There will not be church on Oct. 31st.

Families can sign up for Kids Club, Collide, & the Bus Ministry all on one registration! Register at www.firstbaptistaledo.com,

*sign-up at Kids Corner on Sundays after church in August, call the church office during office hours at 582-7812, or call Mollie directly at 371-6962. ***On Wednesday Nights, Sign-In will be in the foyer for all kids & youth nursery age through High School.** Unless your children are on the bus, pre-registration is not required, but it is highly recommended. Kids can come when they're able and friends are welcome to join them anytime!*

Kids

Kids don't want to miss out on this fast-paced kids program jammed packed with fun, Bible, games, snack, music, Bible Memory, & friends! Kids are also encouraged to bring non-perishable food items & bathroom products for the local food pantries each week to reach a goal of 800 items by November 14th! Each family is also asked to donate at least 40 prepackaged, individually

Club

wrapped snacks within the first two weeks if they are able. Thank you for your help!



We're getting NEW t-shirts this fall! They will be available for \$10 at the T-shirt table in September or pre-order yours when you register. Look for "Add On" under your child's name.

Collide

Jr. & Sr. High Students are invited to join us every Wednesday to dive into God's Word, meet up with friends & make some new ones, play games, and eat!



Bus

Shuttle

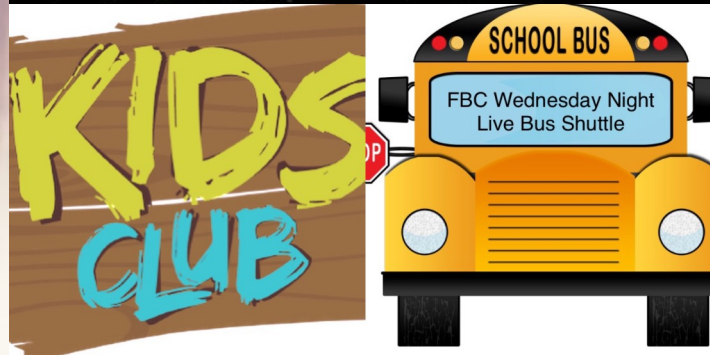
If your students are riding the bus shuttle, please sign them up to ride when you register.

Bus Riders must be pre-registered to ride.

Students riding the shuttle must be respectful, adhere to the rules, and be registered to ride.

*Kids need to be at least 4 years old to ride

the bus. Parents may drop-off/pick-up 3-year-olds at the church. A light meal will be to those riding the bus. Please look for our "**Wednesday Night Live Bus Shuttle: First Baptist Church**" page on Facebook for updates, cancellations, & event info.



Have a question!? Please contact Mollie Dunn at (309)371-6962 on Facebook or at mollieadunn@yahoo.com.

COLLIDE YOUTH!



What's Coming Up??

Fall session of Collide during Wednesday Night Live begins Sept. 5th and runs through Nov. 14th each Wednesday night from 6:30-8pm—We will be going through new

curriculum. Please be in prayer for the kids and volunteers. Collide is for all students grades 6th-12th.

Fall Retreat @ Camp Summit is also set and is being coordinated by Mike Bowns. The date for Fall Retreat is Oct. 13th & 14th. Please pray for Mike, all the volunteers and the kids who will come to Camp Summit. Registration will be coming soon!

Please know that serving in any area of ministry is open to all who have been attending Church services for more than six months. Also, everyone that serves in our children's ministry or in the youth ministries must have a back ground check and go through our child protection curriculum. If you are interested in serving, please contact Jenny Dixon to begin your screening jenny@firstbaptistaledo.com or 582-7812. ~ Seth



Pray for the Youth—Please be in prayer for the students, and the leaders as they are in El Salvador July 28th- Aug. 4th as well as for the people who they will be ministering to.

Prayer on Sunday, August 12th at 3pm. Prayer at Mercer County High School. Join others in the community to pray for the students, teachers and administrators of Mercer County School District. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Join us for a Collide Back to School Kickoff

Where: @ First Baptist Church

When: Monday, Aug. 13th from 6-8pm

What: Games, Food, Fun, Fellowship and the most important—Faith

Who: Students 6th-12th Grades

Don't Walk Alone Breakfast & Encouragement Gathering

@ Mercer County High School
Aug. 16th at 7am till 1st bell.



Why: To help the kids know that they are not alone

Where: In front of Mercer County High School

When: 7am until the bell rings

What: Breakfast and Encouragement

Who: Pastors, Deacons, Youth Leaders of the community are all welcome to join the kids.

Challenge: “Don’t Walk Alone” This is to have as many volunteers as we can to walk into the School with the kids and show our love and support for them. Many kids feel isolated or alone and we want to try to be visibly supportive or available to help.

Mark Your Calendar for Praise In The Park

Praise in the Park Family Fest!

AT ALEDO CENTRAL PARK
HOSTED BY FIRST BAPTIST ALEDO
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND FROM 10AM-3PM



- 10am-Praise & Worship
- 11am-12:30pm-FREE Lunch!
- 11:30am-2pm Water Inflatables (Kids, bring your swimsuits!), Archery Tag, Kona Ice & Family Photo Booth Fun!
- 11:30am-Music by the Dixon Brother's Band
- 2pm—Messiah's Magic Show by Jonathan Kirk!
- Bring your lawn chair!



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.

Coming up this Fall at First Baptist Aledo!
Wednesday Night Live! Sept. 5th-Nov. 14th from 6:30-8pm
New Fall classes for adults and children!

Adult Classes:

- "Prayer: Communing with God in Everything" by A.W. Tozer—Taught by Pastor Luke at FBC and open to all adults.
- "What In The World Is Going On?" A look at current events through the lens of Bible Prophecy-Taught by Aaron Struble at FBC and open to all adults.
- **Women's Study—"In the beginning..."** Let's start at the beginning, as it pertains to seekers and newer believers beginning their journey in the Bible. We will discover how to be propelled BY the Word and how to continue IN the Word. You will love it!! — Taught by Jane South at FBC and open to all women.
 - **The Gospel Project—"Come Lord Jesus" study** - Taught by Kevin Ricke at the Ricke's Home-1100 S. College Ave., Aledo and open to all adults.



Kids & Youth 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! Sign up for adult classes on Sunday's Connection Card. Sign up for Kids Club and Collide online at firstbaptistaledo.com

To register or get more info visit www.firstbaptistaledo.com or call 582-7812.

Men's Ministry/A Word From Pastor Seth

Men's Momentum Retreat

Date: October 19th-21st

Cost: \$100*

**Place: Life Action Camp in
Buchanan, MI**

Questions: See Luke or Seth



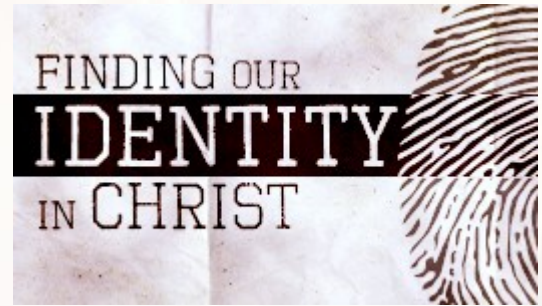
Men do not thrive on bread alone (although the food is great at a Momentum retreat!) Food, fellowship, and spiritual recharging mark these men's times together. Guests are challenged in their Christian walk, prompting many to make life-changing decisions. We encourage men to lead their families—and ultimately our nation—with deliberate action, resisting the role of passive onlooker. This retreat is designed for men ages 16 and older.

Cost includes conference fee, lodging and meals while at the conference you will need money for 2 meals while on the road. Departure will be from FBC on Friday, Oct. 19th at 10am and we'll be back in Aledo on Sunday, Oct. 21st in the early evening. Interested? Register online at FirstBaptistAledo.com under the Men's Ministry tab. *The actual cost of the retreat is \$150 so if you are able to pay \$150 that helps with the FBC budget.

Optional Mission Work @ Momentum

For those men interested and available, FBC has offered to do a mission project at Life Action Camp. If you are able to come early—Oct. 16th-18th, you can participate in doing hands on maintenance work that the camp needs assistance with. Watch and listen for more details about this mission project.

Identity in Christ



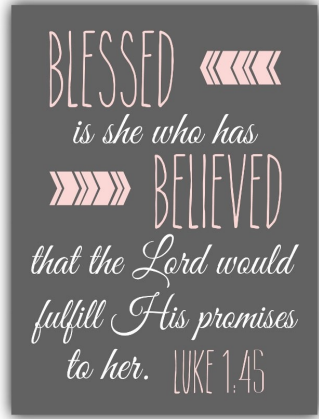
Self, self, self – that's what is at the root of my damaged mental and emotional condition. The problem with that root is that it always has a direct conflict with the Spirit of God in me. The Word tells me that I cannot walk in the Spirit and in the flesh, I can't serve two Masters and one is death and one is life. I'm still learning all that this means. I'm still learning how to be completely submitted to the Spirit of God. I'm still reminded of more and more territory that God gently (gently if I'm listening) asks me to yield to His will. I'm learning to be grateful and thankful for the discipline of God.

God's love for us is always refining, rebuking, correcting and shaping us more and more into the image of Christ. I'm so thankful that in all His love that He also encourages, lifts-up and empowers us to live in Him through the Spirit. Don't believe the lie from the enemy that God has nothing to do with you but abide, live, stand and rest in the comfort of the Potter's hand as He shapes, He forms us and gives us our identity in Christ. ~ Seth

Women's Ministry

Women's Ministry Think Tank Meeting- All ladies are invited to this meeting on Saturday, August 4th at 9am in the Enon Room.

Praying For One Another —The Women's Ministry would like to make all women aware of an amazing opportunity for women to serve other women. As you know, we have recently begun a prayer ministry where all the active women of our church are being faithfully prayed for by another woman in the church. We are going one step further with our prayers. Once a month, we will be meeting to collectively pray for a group of these women. By meeting once monthly, in a year, we will have joined together to bring all our women before the Lord! We will meet the first Saturday of each month at 10:00 am in the Enon Room. Our next meeting is Aug. 4th. If you feel lead to serve in this way, please consider joining us as we “strive together in prayer.” Romans 15:30 If you are one of our 20 prayer warriors, we will let you know when your list of women is being prayed for. We hope you will attend at that time. But feel free to join us any time. Questions see Jeanne Barber or Peggy Johnson.



J.O.Y. Circle Meeting—Our July J.O.Y. Circle meeting is Tuesday, August 28th at 7pm in the Enon Room. All women are invited to join this women's group. They enjoy fellowship, snacks and share a devotion.



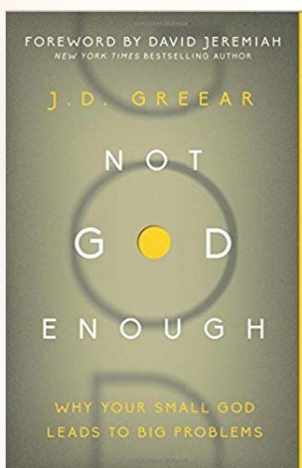
Women's Thrive Retreat
It's now time to sign up!
Life Action Camp
“Thrive” Women's Conference
Coming November 2nd-4th, 2018

First Baptist is taking a group of ladies to Buchanan, MI Nov. 2nd-4th, 2018 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 and can be returned to the church office.

Questions, call Jenny Dixon(309)373-0104. Deadline to register is October 1st.

Book/Birthday/Other Meetings/Thanks!



Book Of The Month

“Not God Enough”

by JD Greear

Copies available in the church lobby for \$10

We like God small. We prefer a God who is safe, domesticated, who thinks like we think, likes what we like, and whom we can manage, predict, and control. A small God is convenient. Practical. Manageable.

The truth: God is big. Bigger than big. Bigger than all the words we use to say big. Only a God of infinite power, wisdom and majesty can answer our deepest questions and meet

our deepest longings.

Ironically, many today seem turned off by the concept of an awesome, terrifyingly great God. We assume that a God you would need to fear is guilty of some kind of fault. For us, thinking of God as so infinitely greater and wiser than we are and who would cause us to tremble in his presence is a leftover relic from an oppressive, archaic view of religion.

But what if this small version of God we've created is holding us back from the greatest experience of our lives--from genuine, confident, world-transforming faith?

In *Not God Enough*, J.D. reveals how to discover a God who:

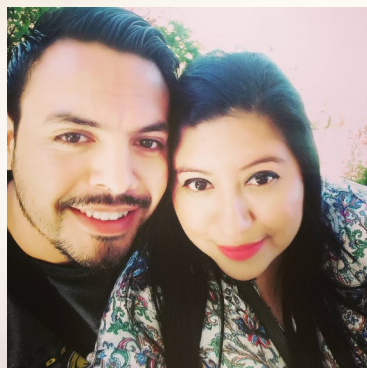
- is big enough to handle your questions, doubts, and fears
- is not silent
- is worthy of worship
- wants to take you from boring to bold in your faith
- has a purpose and mission for you on earth
- is pursuing you right now

God is not just a slightly better, slightly smarter version of you. God is infinite and glorious, and an encounter with Him won't just change the way you think about your faith. It'll change your entire life.

Hello Church family! By the time you are reading this newsletter the youth will have already taken their mission trip to El Salvador.

This year we are very excited to welcome Valmori, or Val as we all call him, back to the U.S. with the group. Val is the main translator for our mission trips to El Salvador. He will be visiting Aledo through August 14th and will be exploring the area while he is visiting.

Val is planning on speaking during church on August 12th at both the 8 and 10:15am services. If you have a moment, please stop and visit with him, he will be delighted to share with everyone what God is doing in his life! ~ Jenny Dixon—Mission Board



Building Committee Meeting—Members of the building committee will meet Tuesday, Aug. 7th at 6pm.

Deacon Meeting – Tuesday, August 7th at 6:30pm.

Trustee Meeting – Sunday, August 12th at 11:30am.

Volunteers Needed—FBC is the host of the American Red Cross Blood draw on August 21st at the Aledo VFW. Ron Moffit is looking for people to help volunteer during the blood draw. If you can help, call Ron at 309-582-4608.



You're Invited!

The Church Family is invited to an Open House to celebrate Ron McNall's 90th Birthday—**Saturday, Aug. 25th from 1-4pm**—Dancer's Creek Barn -702 NW 9th Ave. Aledo. No gifts please. Happy Birthday Ron!

Thank you so much prayer teams for your prayers for Marion. God

encouraged our doctor to keep moving forward and he found the "route" to attack the third wire to his heart. God is good! Praise His Holy

Name. Thank you again for the prayers and calls.

So thankful~Marion & Patty Hay

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Thanks for the prayers and concern for me following my knee surgery!
Sincerely, Adell Struble



CPR Class Being Offered At First Baptist In August

Janice Klink will be offering a CPR class on Saturday, August 18th from 830am-1130am at the church. Cost will be approximately \$20. Checks are to be given to Janice the day of the class. Sign Up on Sunday's Connection Card or call the church office at 309-582-7812 to register.

The Joy Food Pantry sponsored by the 180 Zone has M-O-V-E-D!

The 180 Zone Food Pantry that was in Joy, Illinois has been moved to the Keithsburg City Hall. The address of City Hall is 302-14th St., Keithsburg. This is effective immediately. The Pantry in the west end of our county is open the 4th Saturday of every month with a few exceptions for things like holidays and open to help anyone in need of food assistance. In August, the food pantry will be on Saturday, August 25th from 9am -11am at the new location in Keithsburg.



Scripture For August

Prayer Targets for August

Building Plans & Youth Pastor Search

Scripture Reading List

- 1 – Psalm 122 & John 1
- 2 – Psalm 123 & John 2
- 3 – Psalm 124 & John 3
- 4 – Psalm 125 & John 4
- 5 – Psalm 126 & John 5
- 6 – Psalm 127 & John 6
- 7 – Psalm 128 & John 7
- 8 – Psalm 129 & John 8
- 9 – Psalm 130 & John 9
- 10 – Psalm 131 & John 10
- 11 – Psalm 132 & John 11
- 12 – Psalm 133 & John 12
- 13 – Psalm 134 & John 13
- 14 – Psalm 135 & John 14
- 15 – Psalm 136 & John 15
- 16 – Psalm 137 & John 16

- 17 – Psalm 138 & John 17
- 18 – Psalm 139 & John 18
- 19 – Psalm 140 & John 19
- 20 – Psalm 141 & John 20
- 21 – Psalm 142 & John 21
- 22 – Psalm 143 & 1 John 1
- 23 – Psalm 144 & 1 John 2
- 24 – Psalm 145 & 1 John 3
- 25 – Psalm 146 & 1 John 4
- 26 – Psalm 147 & 1 John 5
- 27 – Psalm 148 & 2 John
- 28 – Psalm 149 & 3 John
- 29 – Psalm 150 & Revelation 1
- 30 – Proverbs 1 & Revelation 2
- 31 – Proverbs 2 & Revelation 3

Birthday

Alex Duncan	August 1
Brady Connell	
Caleb Smith	August 2
Tina McCaw	August 3
Kade Lafever	
Tyce Litwiler	August 4
	August 5
	August 6
Randy Franks	August 7
Blair Wilkerson	August 8
Audrey Ringle	August 9
Joe Reusch	
Dennis Carlson	August 11
	August 12
Cathy Griswold	August 13
Lisa Kellogg	August 14
Bruce Bodeen	
Sharon McCormick	August 16
Evan Clark	
Kim Sheese	
Kale Moreland	August 18
Faith Gillespie	
Kaylee Mohammadi	
Lynzee Mohammadi	
Bethany Cirks	August 20
Connie Mattson	
Lola Buttgen	August 21
Jerry Mattson	
Kathryn Retherford	
Jon Ricke	
Mollie Dunn	August 22
Ron McNall	August 23
Brad Franks	August 24
Jodie Andress	
David Potthast	
Robyn Bottens	
Kendell Hedrick	
Ilene Tracy	August 25
Lindsay Ricke	August 26
Kane Loving	
Perry Baugher	
Wesley Baker	August 27
Merrick LeClere	
Ava Ruggles	
Jarod Spangler	August 28
Erin Wyant	
Patsy Bewley	
Becky Moffitt	
Bob Schultz	August 29
Mary Schrock	August 30
Pat Gibson	

Anniversary

Bill & Bernice Kelly
Curtis & Karole Franks

Montie & Missy Schell

Brad & Sheri Olson

Luke & Mollie Dunn
Lonnie & Cindy Maynard
Ed & Mary Schrock
Dennis & Kathleen Carlson

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HEALTH AND WELL BEING

Family of Julie McVey, Richard Rockhold, Lonnie Maynard, Dean McCormick, Family of Angie Green, Family of Betty Lou Young, Marilyn Hessman, Family of John Olson, Family of Logan Foster, Gene Thompson, Adell Struble, Family of Fred Rooth, Family of Robin Andrus, Joe Sproston, Family of Frances Howard, Connie Freeman, Family of Casey Hitchcock, Garen Nelson, Kyle Dew, Family of Dick Maynard, Family of Sherry Bieri, Family of Virginia Ewing, Hallee Kammerman, Shirley Harker, Carol Willits, Doug Jones, Austin Loving, Chuck & Amy Coulter, Mary McMeekan, Kevin Ricke, Dave Barnhouse, Family of Valerie Carlson, Dee Dellitt, Sharon Adams, Jack Appleby, Kelly Smet, Rod & Chris Rader, Tabby Fitchner, Janet Rind, Tracy Randolph, Jessica Ruh, Tricia & Rory Conway, Marshall Easley, Bill McKinley, Kris Salmon, Calvin Frye, Sheryl Robertson, Doris & Marc Dewey, Pastor Mark Harris, Henry Leichty & Lauryn Russell

NURSING HOME

Bill McKinley, Marge Goding, Betty Weeks & Bob Sell

MISSIONARIES & MILITARY

Danika Volz & Rigoberto Cruz

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

OTHER CONCERNS

The church & all decisions