

# The *First Baptist Church* Messenger

March 2010

Jeffersonville, Indiana

## Deacon's Corner

Dear Church Family,

Many years ago, it was advertised in one of our large cities that a great violinist would play on a violin worth \$1,000. The theater was packed. Many were curious and wanted to hear such an expensive instrument being played. The violinist went on stage and played very beautifully.

Suddenly, he threw the violin on the floor and then began to stomp on it, crushing it to pieces; he then walked off stage. The people were shocked, but then the manag-

er came on stage and said that the violinist did not really use the \$1,000 violin but a \$20 one. He would now play on the \$1,000 one, and so he did. But few people could tell the difference. He simply wanted to show that it was the violinist rather than the violin that makes the music. In the Master's hands, even a \$20 fiddle could make good music.

What a beautiful illustration of how God is able to use every Christian to do His work. We sometimes look at the really gifted Christian who write popular books or preach to thousands of people. We think how God is really

using that person. We then think of how little we can do for Christ. Don't you believe it. What matters to our Lord is not how we are gifted but how we use our gifts to please Him. He is watching to see if we are being faithful in how we serve Him at work, with our families, when we do our shopping, when we worship Him, and when we tell our friends how Jesus Christ had made a difference in our lives. Don't forget He can play on a \$20 violin and still make beautiful music.

In Christ,

— Ken Stutsman

## Mary Agnes Howard Circle of ABWM

March is Bethel Association's month to collect for the **Edna Martin Christian Center** in Indianapolis.

This Center was established as the East Side Christian Center in 1941 when a community activist, Edna Martin, began working with children in her neighborhood after school. In 1946 the Center became a home mission of the American Baptist Churches, USA, and expanded to include social services to strengthen families in the area. Their mission is to encourage, empower and engender a

vision of hope for all people.

Since the 1940s Edna Martin Christian Center has been Indiana's training ground offering education, social service, faith services, age-appropriate activities, mentoring and guidance.

Their programs focus on the holistic needs of the community — spiritual, physical, economic, social and mental.

The Mary Agnes Howard Circle of American Baptist Ministries of Indiana coordinates this service project for our church. Below is a list of needed items. Tables will be placed in the Welcome Center area through the month of March for these donations. We ask for your donations and

your prayers. Thank you.

— The Mary Agnes Howard  
Circle of ABWM

*Needed Items: canned fruit, canned beans, peanut butter, canned broth, jelly, ramen noodles, cereal, rice, macaroni, canned tuna, corn mix, chili, green beans, ravioli, chicken noodle soup pudding, baby food, applesauce, potatoes, mushrooms, pasta sauce, dry skim milk, Jell-O, canned meat, pasta noodles, crackers, canned spinach, beef stew, canned carrots, cake mix, canned peas, icing, canned corn, corn bread mix, sauerkraut, any paper products, paper towels, plastic silverware.*



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## Humor Corner

### 5 Percent Good

One day God was looking down to earth and saw all of the evil that was going on.

He decided to send an angel down to earth to check it out. When the angel returned, he told God the earth was in decline, 95 percent was bad and 5 percent was good.

God said this was not good. He would send a letter to the 5 percent that were good and encourage them. Do you know what that letter said?

Oh, you didn't get one either?!

## SATURDAY EVENING SERVICE



FELLOWSHIP 5:30 P.M. SERVICE 6 P.M.

*'I will be glad and rejoice in you;  
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.'*

— Psalm 9:2

# Happy Birthday!

## March Birthdays

### March 2

Lylli Franco  
Kay McCulloch

### March 3

Phyllis Monihon

### March 4

Kim O'Brien

### March 5

Larry Smith

### March 7

Peggy Ashabranner

### March 8

Ashley Cummins  
Erin Hampton

### March 9

Keith Conrad  
Allison Rodgers

### March 10

Stella Howard

### March 11

Evan Hampton

### March 12

Gary Holman  
Pat Wright



### March 13

Paula Briner

### March 14

Doug Neal  
Kelli Porter

### March 15

Andrew Farnsley  
Allison Himmelheber

### March 16

Margaret Baker  
Vickie Carter  
Anne Porteau

### March 17

Abrey Rayne Anderson  
Kaitlynn Darling  
Ethan Walker

### March 18

Jim Osbon  
Kyle Sowder  
Chris Sowder

### March 20

Michael Buckner  
Deborah Woods

### March 23

Eugene Combs  
Maggie Leigh Hylton  
Harper Rae Hylton

### March 24

Ian James Prinz

### March 25

Brian Holman



### March 26

Jim Davis

### March 27

Mary Anne Ferguson  
Shirley Stewart

### March 28

Ashley Hetz  
Paul Wilson

### March 29

Elizabeth Darling

### March 31

Lu Ann Petty  
Hallie Stewart



## March Anniversaries

### March 2

Adam & Heidi Palmer

### March 6

Robert & Mary Chapman

### March 11

Steve & Terri Murdoch

### March 14

Buddy & Kay McCulloch

### March 30

Gene & Carolyn Ferber

## Prayer Requests

### Health Concerns

Jerry Ashabranner  
Ruth Karen Bailey  
Bob Bennett  
Jim Burns  
Myrtle Burns  
Kim Chappelle  
Missy Chappelle  
Bessie Clipp  
Teresa Cooke  
*(friend of Gail Thieman)*  
Juanita Drury  
George Eckenrode  
Sharon Eckenrode  
Angie Ferber  
Gene Ferber  
Jill Fritz  
Ernie Hazel  
Norma Hazel  
Earline Himmelheber  
Lydia *(Paula & Ken Conner's granddaughter)*  
Maggie Hylton *(baby granddaughter of Danny & Lisa Hylton)*  
Buddy McCulloch  
Marilyn McClure  
Brandon Meier  
Allison Mitchell *(daughter of Steve & Rhonda Harris)*

Anna Owens *(Lana Himmelheber's sister)*  
Michael Patterson *(Ann Gettelfinger's son)*  
Ben Peacher *(Donnie's dad)*  
Ruth Phillips  
Carol Pritchard  
Stephanie Rockey *(daughter of Steve & Rhonda Harris)*  
Robert Tennill  
Frankie Waldrip  
Brandon Wheeler *(grandson of Norma & Ernie Hazel)*  
Ashley Whitlow *(friend of Katie Just)*  
Bill Williams *(friend of Ervin Himmelheber)*  
Tony Wimsatt *(friend of Lee Stewart)*  
Dewey Woods

### Bereaved

We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the following families:

- Ellis and Tonya Miller in the passing of Carl (Buddy) Miller, Ellis' dad on Saturday, Feb. 6.
- Steve and Rhonda Harris in the loss of Rhonda's mother, Marilyn Kulp, on Monday, Feb. 8.
- Dave and Ruth Maurer and family in the passing of Ruth's father, Heinz Brinkmann, on Thursday, Feb. 18.

- Betty Wells and family in the passing of her brother, Leo, on Sunday, Feb. 21.

Our love and prayers go out to these families.

### First Baptist Church service men, women and friends

Lewis Busse *(son of John & Pam Gleason)*  
Daniel Crone  
Jimmy Fischer  
Trenton Petty  
Jeff Rowan  
Steve Sample  
Lizzy Scifres  
Denny & Jon Stewart  
Ben Stewart

### Accomplishment of God's purpose as we strive to learn and to do His will

Our missionaries, pastor, church leaders and church family

*The prayer requests will be listed monthly in The Messenger. Pray regularly for our church family in need. To make or update prayer requests, call the church office at 812-283-6136.*

# Monthly Church Helpers • March 2010

See weekly bulletin for updates.

## Deacons in Charge of Communion

March 7 Wayne Carter & Rowdy McKee

## Bakers for Christ

March 1 Becky Denig  
March 8 Vicki Fuchs  
March 15 Anna Gettelfinger  
March 22 Mary Hampton  
March 29 Vernie Helton

## Children's Worship

*2's and 3's*

March 7 TBA  
March 14 TBA  
March 21 TBA  
March 28 TBA

*4 years – 2nd Grade*

March 7 Mary Hampton  
March 14 TBA  
March 21 TBA  
March 28 TBA

## Financial Secretaries

March 1 Millie Tunget, Pat Wright, Mike Ranney  
March 8 Ann Gettelfinger, Wilma Clark, Beth Stutsman  
March 15 Rick Edwards, Lou Ranney, Brenda Holman  
March 22 Alice Steele, Marie Jackson, Pat Stansbury  
March 29 Zennie Edwards, Erma Carter, Lou Ranney

## Greeters

March 7 PGD: Alma Meek  
BD: Ray Pfannmoeller  
SD1: Rhonda Harris  
SD2: Steve Harris  
March 14 PGD: Harley Read  
BD: Alice Steele  
SD1: Lynn Monihon  
SD2: Ron Monihon  
March 21 PGD: Charlie Pierce  
BD: Tanja Pierce  
SD1: Kay Vaughn  
SD2: Jim Vaughn  
March 28 PGD: Jo Price  
BD: Keith Chappelle  
SD1: Torrie Osbon  
SD2: Jim Osbon



## Library Schedule

March 7 Lu Ann Petty  
March 14 Betty Posey  
March 21 Lu Ann Petty  
March 28 Marsha Omanson

## Nursery Workers

March 7 TBA  
March 14 TBA  
March 21 TBA  
March 28 Mary Hampton

## Pew Straighteners

March 7 Larry & Rhoda Meier, Jim McDowell  
March 14 Lee & Shirley Stewart, Alma Meek  
March 21 Jim & Kay Vaughn, Stephanie Petty, Debbie Buckner  
March 25 Ronnie & Lynn Monihon, Phyllis Monihon

## Sound System

March 7 Jason May  
March 14 Brett Petty  
March 21 Rick Edwards  
March 28 Keith Chappelle

## PowerPoint

March 7 Brett Petty  
March 14 Brad Edwards  
March 21 Bud Schuster  
March 28 Lori Shields

## Sunday School Secretaries

March 7 Charlotte Perrin & Rhoda Meier  
March 14 Lana Himmelheber & Zennie Edwards  
March 21 Sue Ferrell & Marie Jackson  
March 28 Pam Deeringer & Stephanie Petty

## Ushers

March 7 Keith Chappelle, Harley Read, David Friedrich  
March 14 Mike Ranney, Pat Conrad, Stacey Stewart  
March 21 Paula Cravens S., Mark Just, Scott Conrad  
March 28 Betty Crone, Robert Denig, Ron Monihon

## Welcome Center Greeters

March 7 Susan Willoughby & Betty Crone  
March 14 David & April Friedrich  
March 21 Ron & Lynn Monihon  
March 28 Gary & Brenda Holman

## WNY Snack Preparers

March 3 Debbie Just  
March 10 Donna Neal  
March 17 Marilee Pruitt  
March 24 Marilyn Rodgers  
March 31 Susan Smart

*Remember to get a substitute  
and/or notify your committee  
chairperson if you cannot keep  
your schedule.*