

# The Baptist Herald

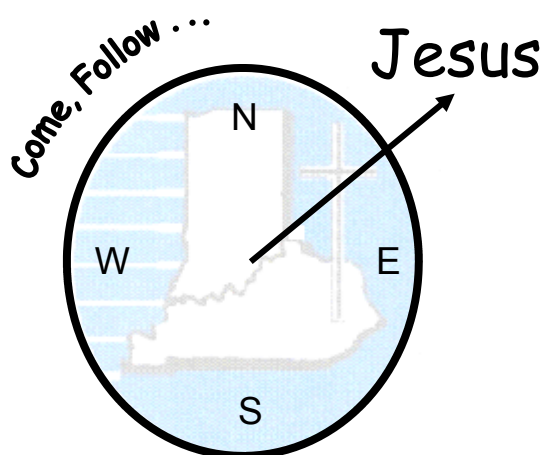


## 2008 Region Biennial Meeting

175th Anniversary Celebration October 3 - 4, 2008  
Crawfordsville First Baptist Church

Special Guest Speaker:  
Rev. Trinette McCray

Pastor  
Appreciation Gathering  
With Jeff Johnson



**Matthew 4:18-22**

### 2008 Biennial Meeting Schedule Friday, October 3:

3-5 p.m. Minister and Spouse  
Renewal Gathering, Jeff Johnson,  
speaker  
5:30 p.m. Minister-Spouse  
Appreciation Dinner  
7-8:30 p.m. Opening Plenary  
Session—Trinette McCray, speaker  
8:30 p.m. Birthday Party with cake  
and punch

### Saturday, October 4:

8:30 a.m. Morning Devotions...  
Manuel Hernandez  
Commissioning of Mexico Mission  
Encounter Group  
8:45-9:15 a.m. Region Business  
9:15-10:15 a.m. Workshops  
10:15-10:30 a.m. Fellowship  
10:30 a.m.-Noon Plenary Session—  
Trinette McCray, speaker  
Noon-1 p.m. Lunch  
1-2:30 p.m. Plenary Session—Larry  
Mason, speaker  
2:30-2:45 p.m. Closing and Going  
Forth

Child care and food for children will be provided free of charge throughout the event.

## TEACHER RECOGNITION SUNDAY

When: October 19, 2008 - 10:30 Worship Service

Who: Sunday School Teachers  
Children's Teachers (Sunday School & Church Zone)  
Wednesday Night Teachers (Adults & Children)

### APPRECIATION LUNCH

When: Immediately following 10:30 Worship Service

Who: All recognized teachers and families

The Board of Christian Education would like to recognize and thank all our teachers, who have served so well in 2007-2008. If you plan to attend the lunch, please call Jerri Stewart 234-1574, or Jeff Strickland at the church 362-6504 before Thursday, October 16th.

We hope that you can be here to celebrate!





The room was cramped, and the police officer sat uncomfortably close to me; although he did not seem overly concerned about his invasion into my personal space bubble. He was huge, tall and muscular and that made it worse. He read down the sheet quickly and methodically as if he was bored with such a mundane activity. I did not share his boredom, I was actually very interested, having never had anyone read me my Miranda Rights before. I wondered if I should get a lawyer, if I would be offered a phone call, or if I could at least scoot my chair back a bit to have a little more room. Finally he finished reading and asked me to sign and date the bottom of the sheet. I hesitantly signed and then looked up, he leaned back and looked at me expectantly, "Tell me what happened".

I walked into Kroger that day, no idea that I was about to commit a federal crime. I was in a hurry and so ignored my typical shopping route and went straight to the necessary sections and then back to the U-Scan. I like the U-Scan because instead of waiting on people you get to wait on a computer who thinks it has the authority to boss you around. I wrote my check for twenty dollars over the total and then went to the register to get my cash. The girl handed me a twenty dollar bill, which was one of the old ones, and I commented to her how I had not seen one for a while. She did not care and just nodded, apparently she was at the U-Scan to avoid people too, and so I pocket it and walked out. I then took my 5 accomplices to Wendy's for a special felonious dinner. Three of the five members of my gang were waiting for kids meals while I gestured wildly for quiet and made angry, whispered threats. I was trying to explain the evils of consumer America and how kids meals were total rip offs containing no real food just product marketing and cheap Chinese plastic as we pulled around to the first window. I gave the guy my recently acquired Kroger cash and took my change and proceeded to the second window. We waited a long time and then finally a woman opened the window and introduced herself as the manager. She then told me that there was a problem with the 20 dollar bill that I had given her, it was counterfeit. I did not really believe her and asked if I could see it, and she told me that she was not allowed to give it back. She then showed me the bill and pointed to the corner saying that there was a tiger there and the paper was all wrong. (Let me take this opportunity to say that I did not notice a tiger and it really did look like US currency and not like Tony Bucks or Monopoly Money.) She also said that there were several other problems with the bill proving it was counterfeit. I apologized and explained that I had just received it from the unfriendly U-Scan girl at Kroger and I would just take it back and get them a good one. She

refused and said that she could not give it back to me once it had entered the store. She suggested that I return to Kroger, without the bill, and tell them that they had given me some counterfeit money and ask them for a real bill (yeah right). Finally she said she believed that we had just made a mistake and if we would pull forward she would bring us out our food anyway, on the house. I pulled up and sat there for another long while, my partner informed me that they were taking our license plate number, and I wondered how she knew so much about the workings of the criminal under world. After receiving our cold food the gang and I went back to Kroger where I was surprised to discover that they do not hand out free money if you ask for it. They did suggest that I go to Kroger.com and file a complaint, which I was sure would be very fruitful. Later I went back to Wendy's and had them write my contact info on a to-go sack just in case they had any more questions. It was the next day when the officer called my house and asked me to come down to the station to answer a few questions. I told my partner to head for the hills and that if I did not return I love them all very much and then drove downtown. Which brought me back to the little room with the huge cop explaining how I was not really a criminal at all just in the wrong place at the wrong time, but then again, I hear everyone in jail is innocent. The large officer told me that this was not the only one they had found and would be investigating the matter. He then thanked me for my time and led me out another door into freedom.

We live in a world that is full of counterfeits, things like: Nordic Glacier Bottled Water that comes from a rusty pipe in South Detroit, Processed Cheese Food, the actual name of American Cheese, (if you have to call it "food" on the label it probably isn't), and all those wildly flashing boxes in your internet browser informing you of what you have won today. The Bible calls the devil an "angel of light", all that God has created he will try to counterfeit. The family, the Bible, love, courage, beauty, even the Trinity (see Rev 12,13) have all been copied corruptly by Satan. So the question is how do we live in this fake world, a world with Grapples (apples injected with grape flavoring). Psalm 43:3 says *Send forth your **light** and your **truth**, let them guide me; let them bring me to your holy mountain, to the place where you dwell* and Psalm 119:105 says *Your word is a **lamp** to my feet and a **light** for my path*. I am not telling you anything you do not know, just reminding you of what you may have forgotten. We have been given this great gift not just for a few minutes in the morning but to be a guide for every step you take. Are you confused, unsure, fearful, unable to discern, unclear, the Word of God has all that you need for life? Don't settle for imitations, like your own brain, worldly standards, or even Christian counsel, live in the light, and watch all that is fake fade in the glow of the truth.



*“Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. OUTDO ONE ANOTHER IN SHOWING HONOR. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. CONTRIBUTE TO THE NEEDS OF THE SAINTS AND SEEK TO SHOW HOSPITALITY.” (Romans 12:9-13–ESV)*

**“Can I just tell you that I love the Bible!”**

Whenever my wife gets excited about something she often introduces it with the statement “Can I just tell you...” and then just breezes right into what she has to tell me. Now, I know this fact will undoubtedly astonish you, but I am the annoying kind of person who loves grammar and really enjoys taking people at what they literally say. So, though I am completely aware that when my lovely wife uses this phrase, she is in no way asking a question of me, I continually interject right into the middle of her sentence with some sort of “Nah, I’m good” or a loud “Hmmm...not right now.” This witty little interruption usually earns me a brief but very sincere experience of the infamous “look,” which no man older than 16 needs explained, before it is utterly disregarded as my wife maturely continues with her story. I would like to note, however, that Microsoft Word’s Grammar Check has conveniently placed a small squiggly gray line under the end of the bolded statement above, proving that there should indeed be a question mark at the end of the phrase. Unfortunately, I think that only makes my attempt at humor even less funny.

Now, having had a brief glimpse into my world o’ ridiculousness, let’s move on to why I love the Word of God, as we continue to look into how God calls us to live together as the people of God. As I was looking at all of the one another passages in Scripture, my mind was quickly captured by Paul’s declaration above that we should “outdo one another in showing honor.” But before dealing with this specific verse, we need to briefly look at the section as a whole, beginning with its structure. Paul begins this section by introducing us to the subject of love in general, stating that the love with which he is concerned, is the love that “abhors what is evil and holds fast to what is good.” Paul has no real interest in the kind of superficial love that is so often characteristic of our sinful human nature, but rather he exhorts us to practice that love which is grounded in sincerity and truth. Having described this love generally, Paul takes us to the practical, showing us how this love is to be lived out.

There are certainly too many great truths in these verses to fully expound on in such a brief setting, so I want to focus on only two of these areas that were especially meaningful and unique to me. The first is the idea that we are to “outdo one another in showing honor.” Concerning this verse, James Boice states, “In other words, ‘don’t wait around for people to recognize your contributions and praise you. Instead, be alert to what they are contributing and honor them.’” How awesome would it be if the people of God competed not to get their own recognition, but to give others recognition? Personally, I like to imagine Christians frantically running around doing their best Sherlock Holmes’ imitations, desperately seeking those who they can encourage, lift up, and honor. And I like to think of them doing all of these things with full sincerity and genuineness. What an amazing image!

In addition, what if the body of Christ added to this practice the last charge of Paul’s in this section, “contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality”? The wording of this verse is a little confusing, but the idea is much clearer, we are to participate in each other’s needs and show hospitality. The meaning and practice of this idea is incredible to me; God is calling us not to simply recognize another’s need and passively help out, but rather to actively share and participate in each other’s need. As one body of Christ, we are to take part in each other’s burdens, sorrows, and joys.

Contemplating even these small portions of how the Bible calls us to love absolutely incites my excitement about what God has in store for His people... and can I just tell you I love the Word of God!

Pastor Jeff Strickland



Retirees and semi-retirees come and join us for a day away! October 16th, we are going to the famous Gray Brothers Cafeteria in Mooresville, Indiana, for lunch.

In the afternoon we travel back to Beasley's Orchard in Danville, Indiana, before continuing home.

We will gather at the church at 9:45 for a brief business meeting and leave for Gray Brothers Cafeteria at 10:15.

For further information and reservations call Peggy Caldwell 362-5863.

Don't forget to sign up for the Wednesday Night Meals.

October 8 ↔ Chili  
 October 15 ↔ Chicken Casserole  
 October 22 ↔ Ham Loaf  
 October 29 ↔ Meatloaf

The American Baptist Women's Edna Martin Circle will meet Tuesday, October 7th, at 9:00 am. The morning will begin with our business meeting in the Fireplace Room. All women of the church are invited to join us at 9:45 am as we continue our theme "Come to the Edge". Our presenter will be Cindy Zull, mother of our Pastor Isaac, sharing her "Missionary Experiences". We urge you to take advantage of this special opportunity to meet with Cindy and learn of her "come to the edge" experiences in the missionary field. Refreshments will follow in the Fellowship Hall with Marge Hughes and Marilyn Peterman hosting.



Our community outreach opportunity for October is sharing light bulbs, paper products, diapers, baby lotion, coloring books, and Bible and other story books with the Family Crisis Shelter. We invite anyone in our congregation to participate in this Outreach Opportunity – just give your items to Marge Hughes or Mary Jane Porter.

Please join with us. Please phone Mary Jane Porter, 362-6687, for further information.



**HANDS AND HEARTS FOR JESUS**

First Tuesday Small Groups  
 October 7, 2008

5:30pm Lite Supper - Tyke Rice  
 Dessert - Sharon Kenny  
 Devotions - Sharon Kenny

6:30pm Small Groups  
*"She's quick to assist in need,  
 reaches out to help the poor."*  
*The Message, Proverbs 31:21*

**Local Missions**

Crocheting for Women's Resource Center  
 Quilting for Well Baby Clinic

**Overseas Missions**

Cutting Quilt Blocks for AB Intl. Ministries  
 Rolling Bandages for AB Intl. Ministries

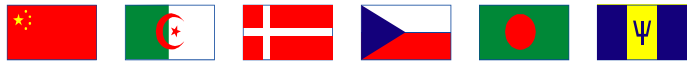
*All ladies attending our church are invited to attend.  
 Call Emogene Kenny 362-2863 or  
 eakenny@acelplus.net*



**ATTENTION ALL LADIES OF FIRST BAPTIST!!!**

This fall, the American Baptist Women of Indiana will meet for one day to celebrate all the many aspects of being part of the ABW Ministries. This event will be hosted by Anderson First Baptist Church on October 11th. Registration forms are available on the welcome center and the cost for the entire day will be \$10.00.

The state officers have planned a very good day for us and it promises to be full of Information .. Fun .. Food .. Fun .. Fellowship and did I mention fun?? Please pick up your registration and send it in as soon as possible. Transportation will be provided. Please plan to be a part of this exciting event. Any questions...call: Pat Snow or Georgia Phelps  
 Georgia Phelps, President of ABW Ministries,  
 First Baptist Church.



# MISSIONS



We were just on our way out to teach another class at JAMI when we saw the young woman who cleans our apartment building. “*Bom dia, tudo bem?*” (“good morning, everything’s OK?”) we both called out. We exchanged names and then to our surprise, she commented, “you’re missionaries, aren’t you?” We both looked dumbfounded. “Yes, we are....How did you know? Is it written on our foreheads?” we joked. Her reply literally stopped us in our tracks. “You just look at me differently. You look me in the eye. Other people ignore me.”

There are many “invisible people” around us every day - the clerk at the grocery store, the young man who picks up the garbage, the homeless woman on the street. It is perilously easy to close our eyes and our hearts to them, something Jesus never did. Jesus looked at those forgotten or rejected by others - and He loved them.

As part of our *Missao Integral* (holistic mission) course at JAMI, we recently took our missionaries in training to spend the day at a church in a urban slum. This church ministers to the invisible people in that part of the city. Her members are from poor families; many are former drug dealers, assassins, or thieves. Through a miracle of grace, the good news of Jesus Christ has transformed their lives, their families and the whole community. Our students led a worship service for almost 200 small children that attend classes at the church during the week. Later, we all helped to serve meals at their *restaurante popular* (the people’s restaurant) that offers a balanced meal for R\$1.00 (about .60).

Our Students will soon be serving in Senegal, Morocco, Peru, England, Uruguay and East Timor. We want them to look at people differently. We pray that they will see and minister to everyone in the community - including the invisible people. How about you? Who are the invisible people in your community? May you look at them today with both your eyes and heart.

Pela graça do Senhor (by the Lord’s grace)  
Ann, Bruce, Elena & Asa Borquist;  
Belo Horizonte, MG, Brazil

We have an excellent selection of books. There are many good resources available whether for your personal use or if you are teaching. We have added The Apologetics Study Bible with contributions from Chuck Colson, Ravi Zacharias, Norman Geisler, J.P. Moreland and others. *Real Questions, Straight Answers, Stronger Faith...*



- Does Science Support The Bible?
- Is There Evidence for Life After Death?
- Are Christ’s Claims Unique?
- Is The Old Testament Trustworthy?

There are also several new fictions. Two are Even Now and Ever After by Karen Kingsbury. If you have enjoyed her books in the past you will truly enjoy reading these books. A powerful tale of patriotism, undying love, and the power of sacrifice.

There is a list in the Library to sign up for a book you are waiting for. I will be happy to let you know when the book/books are available. Pat Snow 362-6919

## THEOLOGY BREAKFAST REMINDER:



If you have not signed up for these Saturday studies, feel free to still do so by contacting Pastor Jeff! Also, if you have signed up, don’t forget to let us know if you can’t make it, so we don’t have too much food left over. Thanks and remember, the next study is Saturday, October 11th!



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

If anyone is interested in volunteering to help during collection week a sign up sheet will be in the Narthex. Wrapped boxes are still available in the Narthex for anyone who needs them.

Collection week is November 17-24.  
Hours: Monday - Friday: 12:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Saturday: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Sunday: 8:00 am - 12:00 noon  
Monday, November 24: Not Collecting

The First Baptist Church and many other churches across the nation have adopted October as **Staff Appreciation Month**. Dr. James Dobson, the leader of *Focus On The Family*, initiated this tradition. The purpose of **Staff Appreciation Month** is to take the opportunity to express our appreciation for the dedication and hard work of our staff. We know they work very hard and spend long hours serving the Lord and our congregation. Our staff members are: Isaac Zull, Jeff Strickland, Julie Randles, Marjorie Hughes and Cathleen Robbins.


We want to encourage you to take time to express your appreciation for what they mean to you and our church. Here are some ideas for ways to express your appreciation:

- A card or letter of appreciation
- Make a phone call to express your personal appreciation
- Send an email message or email card of appreciation
- A promise to lift them and their family up in prayer
- Prepare a special dessert or snack for staff meetings
- Take them out for breakfast, brunch or lunch
- Present a small significant gift for each person
- Purchase a gift certificate for them
- Set aside a time in your Sunday School Class to pray for the staff and their families
- Encourage your children and grandchildren to make cards and posters of appreciation for the staff
- Make banners or posters of appreciation to display in the church
- Give them a break by volunteering to do a simple chore for them
- Ask them how you might be able to help them



Even though October is designated as **Staff Appreciation Month**, we must remember to express our appreciation all year. We all know how uplifting it is to be appreciated and to be told that what we do is appreciated. This is not about glorifying a man or woman. The scriptures ask us to *“respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work”*. I Thessalonians 5:12-13.

Thank you, The Staff Relations Board



## 75th Anniversary

Recently, the Open Door Adult Bible Study Class learned that it is 75 years old this year.

The exact date of the first class meeting is not known. The class will celebrate its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a lunch on Saturday, November 8, in Fellowship Hall. Class memories and pictures will be shared. When the class started, it was called Kum Kuppled but later changed its name to Open Door. The class meets in the Fire-place Room. Ralph Anderson is the current teacher; other teachers were Blanche Shields, Kathleen Warder, Dick VanArsdel, and Roger Rockenbaugh. The following is the scripture chosen by the class and hangs on the wall in the classroom.

**The Open Door Class**

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**Christ is the Door and the Good Shepherd.**

***“I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.” John 10:9***

To Guiding Light parents and Church Members

The Mission Board of the First Baptist Church wishes to thank all of you for your contributions of socks and other items, to be given to the mentally challenged in Montgomery County. The items will be distributed at Christmas by the VMCMH (Volunteers of Montgomery Co. Mental Health).

Each year about 200 people receive gift bags containing socks and other gifts.

May God bless you for your caring and generosity.

Mission Board Members



First Baptist Church,

The family of Harold Frederick Barclay wish to express our sincere appreciation to those who helped ease the pain of our devastating loss. Your prayers are comforting. Please continue to pray for Ed's health issues and Luther's emotional needs.

Dear Church Family,

Frank and I thank everyone for thinking of us on our 60th Anniversary.

Also thank you, Pastor Isaac, for taking time to be with us and our daughter on the day of my surgery. To the many who said a prayer, called, sent a card, flowers and food, it was very much appreciated.

Frank & Lucy Moore

Dear Church Family,

Things are very busy at the day-care. We have started our fall curriculum. We are using a preschool program called WEE Learn from Lifeway. We are very excited about how much the children are learning about Jesus.



We have started our chapel time again. Pastor Isaac taught the first lesson and sang songs with us. We love to have people come teach chapel time. We are in need of help with the music. Chapel is twice a month from 9 - 9:30 if you can help please let me know.

We are going to The Priebe's Pumpkin Patch in October. Be sure to check out our artwork in the FLC hallway we worked very hard on those.

Pray that God will continue to bless the children and their families and that we can be a blessing every day.

God Bless,

Julie and the Guiding Light Staff

**Week 1:**

Dennis & Beverly Lepper  
Donna Sloan  
Kyle Light  
Mildred Thompson

**Week 2:**

Roselyn Anderson



**REQUESTS  
FOR  
PRAYER**

**Week 3:**

Phyllis Krout  
Tom & Melanie Edwards  
Skyla & Caylin Foster Girls  
Jewell McKee

**Week 4:**

Lucy Moore



*With Deepest Sympathy*

Our Sincere Sympathy and Prayers are Expressed to the Whitaker and Barclay Families Who Have Lost A Loved One.

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

10/04	Terri Stewart	10/17	Judy Ford
10/05	James Gobble	10/18	Bill Lippencott
	Lisa Cruz		Paula Oshier
	Kaeleigh Carrier	10/19	Justin Ellingwood
	Macy Mason		Charles Ernest Reath
10/06	Suzanne Kincaid		Brad Kenny
10/07	Shane Harrison		Chris Minks
	Janet Fyffe	10/21	Robert Wilson
	Andrew Barclay	10/22	Terry King
10/08	Doris White		Shirley Astin
	Mekhi Wallace		Susie Locker
10/09	Mona Clouse		Nancy Kline
10/11	Barbara T. Craig	10/23	Harold Anderson
	Nate Hester		Nancy Cook
10/12	Jim Deckard		Roger Rockenbaugh
	Dennis Ward		Linda Wilson
	David Lovold		Trish Overpeck
10/13	Rachel Barclay	10/24	Jennifer Veatch
10/15	Allen Personett		Colton Pedro
	Barry Pool	10/26	Josh Hodges
	Ethan Utterback	10/27	Thomas McIntyre
	Samantha Rosi	10/29	Fred Cook
10/16	Ray Seale	10/30	Barbara Reisner
	Rick Schavietello		Jordyn Wallace
10/17	Jeff Stewart	10/31	Lois Priest

*Happy Birthday  
& Anniversary*



### ANNIVERSARIES

10/01	Harold & Linda Carpenter
	Fred & Rozella Clore
10/04	Joe & Michele Enlow
10/05	Dennis & Judy Fruits
	David & Laurie Rosi
10/07	Gerald & Janet Clawson
10/09	George & Barbara Allen
	James & Charlene Gobble
10/13	Mike & Sandy Meade
10/15	Rusty & Debbie Coffing
10/17	Howard & June Holt
	Richard & Evelyn White
10/18	Bob & Ritz Zahn
	Barry & Stephanie Pool
10/20	Roger & Sandi Hutson
10/21	Al & Peggy McKinsey
10/23	Jon & Jennifer Day
10/25	Duffy & Kristi Thornburg
10/26	Larry & Jana Minks
10/27	Tom & Kathleen Prince



### October CALENDAR

- October 3 - 175th Anniversary Celebration
- October 4 - KY/IN Biennial Meeting
- October 7 - Edna Martin Circle - 9:00 am
- Hands & Hearts - 5:30 pm
- October 10 CASHE - 6:00 pm
- October 11 Theology Breakfast - 8:30 am
- Horseman School Reunion
- October 14 GLCCM Meeting - 5:00 pm
- Board of C.E. - 6:30 pm
- October 16 Keenagers Lunch
- October 17 Wedding Rehearsal - 6:00 pm
- October 18 Wedding - 4:30 pm
- October 25 Theology Breakfast - 8:30 am
- October 26 ABM Sunday
- Deacon's Meeting 6:00 pm
- October 27 Keenagers Assemble Newsletter
- October 28 Open Door - 6:00 pm

### LOOKING AHEAD

November 4th Election Day



### **First Baptist Church**

Dated Material October 2008

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Every Member, Minister  
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