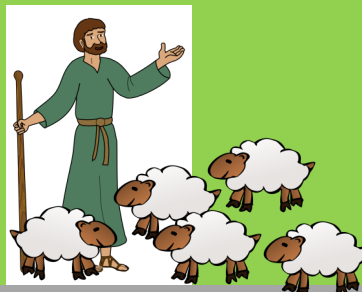


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Pastor's Ponderings

Faith Like a Child

Have you seen a child jump off of a rock or a ledge trusting that their parent down below will catch them? Can you picture a child being willing to step across a scary bridge or down a dark hallway as long as their mom or dad is right there with them? Most children instinctively have faith that the adults in their lives will protect them and care for them. And that's the way it's supposed to work. But as we get older, and supposedly wiser, we often lose that faith when it comes to trusting our heavenly Father.

When we first came to faith most of us jumped fully into trusting God and loving and serving Him, but then as time went on, some of those commitments faded and we stopped stepping out on the bridges or jumping off ledges in our walk with God. When some of the difficulties of life came we may have begun to question

why things are happening and we may have even begun to doubt that God is there for us. But then we recall Jesus' words to His followers in Matthew 18: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." It's not that God doesn't want us to know anything, as little children are very limited in their knowledge, but rather to be like little children in the way they came to Jesus fully trusting Him and valuing Him for who He was.

What might it mean for you to step out in faith in your life? Might there be a neighbor to connect with, a child or family that you know who needs some encouragement, or maybe to step out beyond your comfort zone at church? May we know that God is still faithful, and may we come to Him with the faith of a child.

Lenten Services and Dinners

In preparation for the Easter season, each Wednesday through Lent, starting Ash Wednesday Feb 14th at 6:00pm, we will be holding Lenten services at the church. We will be having a meal before each service. A sign up sheet for the meals is in the foyer. Wednesdays at 6:00pm Feb 14, 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21.

ABC Club: Thursday Feb 8 & 22 @ 6:30 pm

Carry-In: Sunday Feb 11 @ 11:30 am

BINGO: Wednesday Feb 14 @ 2:30 pm
Monticello Health Care

ABW: Wednesday Feb 21 @ 1:00 pm

Valentine's Luncheon

Tuesday February 13th At 12:00

All widowed and older single adults are invited to a luncheon at the church.

Please note it is Tuesday February 13th!



Sunday School Offering for February / **The Found at Purdue**

Our History - The Found was organized in 1948 from a Baptist Sunday School class that had been meeting with Purdue students since the early 1900's. Our full name is The Baptist Student Foundation at Purdue, Inc. and while our ministry is non-denominational, we remain affiliated with American Baptist churches of [USA](#), [Indiana & Kentucky](#), and [Indianapolis](#). "Be Found At The Found"

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Christ Is The Head
Of The Church



Tips For Memorizing Bible Verses

(Taken From 100 Verses Every Christian Should Know)

1. It helps to write each verse on a note card and carry it with you throughout the week, reviewing the verse often.
2. Memorization is, at its core, the process of moving things from short-term memory into long-term memory. You achieve this through repetition, which means that the more you recite the verse to yourself, the more quickly you'll learn it.
3. Even after you've memorized a particular verse, it's important to review it again and again throughout the year. Otherwise, a verse you've memorized in January may become little more than a foggy recollection by December.
4. Don't be too hard on yourself. If you can't quite master a particular verse, don't quit and don't lose hope. Instead of berating yourself, just keep reciting the verse over and over, until you finally send it into your long-term memory banks.

Verse 1 of 100

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

John 3:16 KJV

Verse 2 of 100

This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24 KJV

February Birthdays

1st Adam Wheeldon

6th Sharon Tolley

10th Andrew Lind

16th Bud Scott

17th Joyce Bertram

17th Beverly Dotson

20th Jerry Hall

No anniversaries this month.