

THE HERALD 3/16/2025

**“THE LORD WILL MARCH OUT LIKE A CHAMPION, LIKE A WARRIOR HE WILL STIR UP HIS ZEAL; WITH A SHOUT HE WILL RAISE THE BATTLE CRY AND WILL TRIUMPH OVER HIS ENEMIES.”
ISAIAH 42:13**



Prayer Requests

Zull Prayer: *The Unite Purdue event was awesome! This evangelistic outreach brought over 4,500 students to a large auditorium on Purdue's campus. It looked like about half of the group stood up to respond to the call to come to Jesus for salvation. We are praising the LORD!! May this response continue as Unite US goes to other campuses. Since September 2023 over 100,000 students have attended Unite outreaches. The next Unite event will be at West Virginia University, March 11. Please pray with us that many students will come to know the Lord through this event. Nick and I met with Danny Faulkner from Answers in Genesis on Zoom. Danny and Nick, both astrophysicists, talked about astronomy and some other sciences too. When I shared this with another group, they asked me what my contribution was to the conversation. I said that I asked Nick if he had another question for Danny. That was it. I am hoping to be able to get these two back together very soon. The hope is that Nick will see that the Bible is true and that he will come to salvation. We would appreciate prayers for Nick. I had lunch with Simon this week. He said his sickness is some issue that appears every couple of weeks. That's all I could get him to say about it. Simon is willing to talk about spiritual things. I was able to tell him about the two funerals we had attended recently. We have a sure hope because of Christ. Sadly, many internationals have no idea of what will happen to them after this life. We are praying for Simon to have a desire to study the Bible.*

Rusty Adams: *will be going home Thursday, March 13 and will continue therapy at home.*

Please continue to pray for the following: *Richard & Dawn Colavita, Clarence Radcliff, Naomi Mitchell, Marilyn Peterman, Pat Seale, Judy McFerran, Robert Willard and Don Redden.*

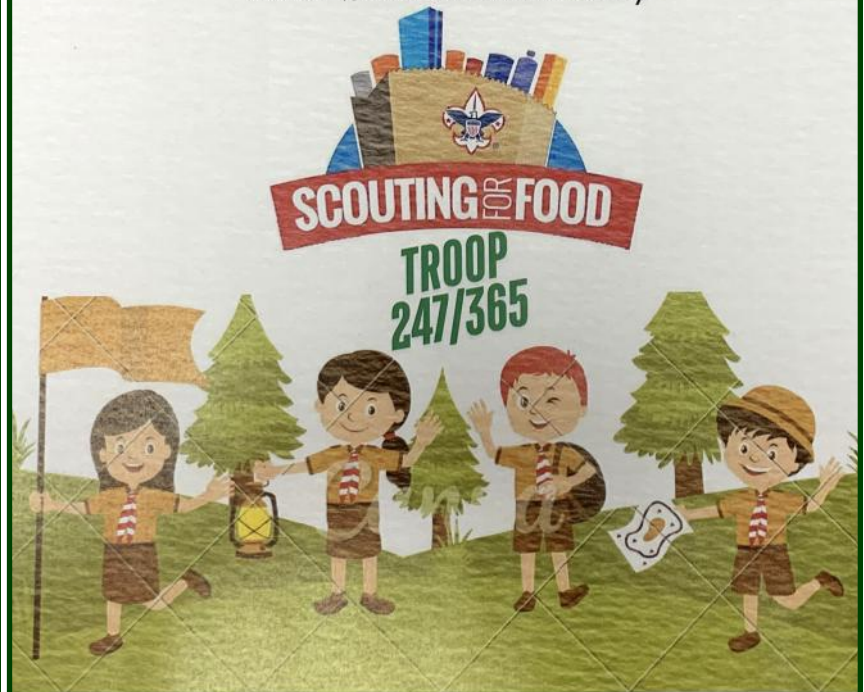
Claycomb Family: *children have experienced a horrible event*

FOOD DRIVE

MARCH 8-MARCH 16, 2025

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
1905 LEBANON RD
CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN 47933**

Please help us collect non-perishable foods for our non-profit organization. This food drive serves many families in need within our community.



Attention Keenagers/Retirees:

Come and hear the fantastic experience that Nick Bethard and his dog Baron had as they competed for an International Championship in Vinkovic, Croatia. Nick will have Baron perform for us giving an idea of the intelligence of the dog as well as the skill of his handler. Some of Baron's awards: 2024 AWDF All Breeds; 4th of of 28; 2024 WDC All Breeds, IGP 3, 10th of 103. Nick will explain the acronyms.

For those who are interested in joining us for a pitch-in at noon, please come. The main entrée will be provided by Keenagers. If you are interested in the program, we would be happy to have you join us at 1:00 pm. Hope to see you on March 20th for this outstanding program.



“What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.” These words are so familiar to us, but are they too familiar that we aren’t overwhelmed by that simple statement each time we think it or sing it or read about it in God’s Holy Word? I pray that I will ALWAYS be overwhelmed by the knowledge that Christ died for MY sin. That the agony He suffered on the cross was for ME. Thank you Jesus for your extravagant, beautiful sacrifice and the precious gift of salvation for ME!
John 3:16—For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. *Linda*



Operation Christmas Child Collections: March and April

We are collecting fashion accessories and stuffed animals. Please place your donations in the mission box in the narthex.



We are ready to start our **Crochet Group!** We will meet the first Tuesday at 7pm and the 3rd Sunday at 3 pm in the Open Door Classroom. We will teach new crocheters and encourage those who already crochet. I'll have supplies including yarn and hooks. Experienced crocheters can bring their current projects, if they wish. Looking forward to crocheting together with you all! *Christine Smith*

Mission News: One of our mission partners is Seedline international. They assemble whole Bibles and also special edition John and Romans (J&R also in Spanish). Seedline international prints, assembles, and distributes. They have just completed distributing some of these products in Washington DC and they had 50+ team members in Washington DC that handed out special edition scriptures. They have shared the Word of God with 26K+ folks in two days!!! They also have containers on their way to Burkina Faso, South Korea, Papua New Guinea!

BUILDING UPDATE:

We are into phase 3. They need \$72,983 to complete (includes insulation for the building, the assembly/ collating room completion, insulation for the warehouse, garage door, and firewall drywall) if you would like to invest in this portion of the building, please mark your gift “Building.”

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, and cards during our time of sorrow. Knowing you have a church family that cares is a great comfort to us. *Fred and Carla Earl*

Ushers

- Steve Akers
- James Barclay
- Pete Utterback
- Vance Pyle

Weekly Operational and Missions Giving Report: 3/9/2025

Weekly OP Budget:	\$6,549.40	Rec'd:	\$3,218.85	49%
Weekly MI Budget:	\$1,086.54	Rec'd:	\$450.65	41%
YTD OP Goals:	\$65,494.00	Rec'd:	\$49,241.91	75%
YTD MI Goals:	\$10,865.40	Rec'd:	\$8,439.90	78%

Scripture Readers:
Mar 16: Cherlyn Hunter
Mar 23: Neil Barclay

Attendance 3/9/25:103
Facebook: 139 views
YouTube: 24 views

Happy Birthday!

- 17 Carla Earl
- 18 Nancy Fry
- 19 Eleanor Pitcock
- 20 Mike Cox
- 23 Cindy Thompson
- 24 Bill Boone
- 26 Dave Foster
- Wanda Harshbarger
- Vicki Ratcliff
- 28 Mardee Line
- 29 Denise Wray
- 30 Ethan Pearman
- Joyce Delp
- 31 Georgia Taylor
- Shirley Pyle

Happy Anniversary!

- 29 Larry & Dee Ratcliff

Children's Corner

March 16

Birth to 4 Sunday School Hr

Janet Clawson

Martie Akers

Birth to 4 Worship Hour

Nikki Brown

Carla Lippencott

Children's Church

Andrew & Carolina Salter

March 23

Birth to 4 Sunday School Hr

Dorothy Barclay

Christine Smith

Birth to 4 Worship Hour

Bronna Utterback

Cherlyn Hunter

Children's Church

John Sands

Tanya Bethard

This week at FBC:

Sunday, March 16

- 9:00 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Worship Service
- 3:00 pm Crochet Club

Monday, March 17

- 5:15 pm Staff Relations Mtg
- 6:00 pm Deacons Meeting

Tuesday, March 18

- 6:00 am Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, March 19

- 5:45 pm Pitch-in Dinner
- 6:30 pm Wed Night Study

Thursday, March 20

- 8:30 am CACHE
- 9:00 am Linen Closet