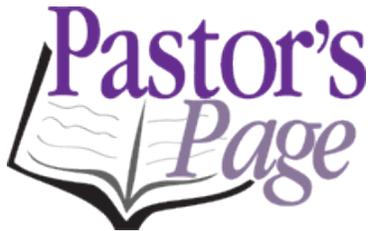




# First Baptist CROSSINGS

January 2018



Happy New Year! As we begin a New Year, I want to thank all of you who have made the past year so great. I know it has been tough with the loss of some prominent

people, but God is still at work in and through this church. If you were here for the New Year's Eve service, you have to hear about and see some of the work that God has been doing, but there is still more to be done.

We live in a nation where the fastest growing religious group is the "nones"; that's not the ones who wear the special outfit (that's nuns), but people with no religious affiliation. We live in a world where over 40% of the population has not heard the gospel.<sup>1</sup> Jesus has called us to be witnesses to those people, whoever they are and wherever they live (Acts 1:8). I feel strongly about doing what Jesus told us to do. I hope you do too.

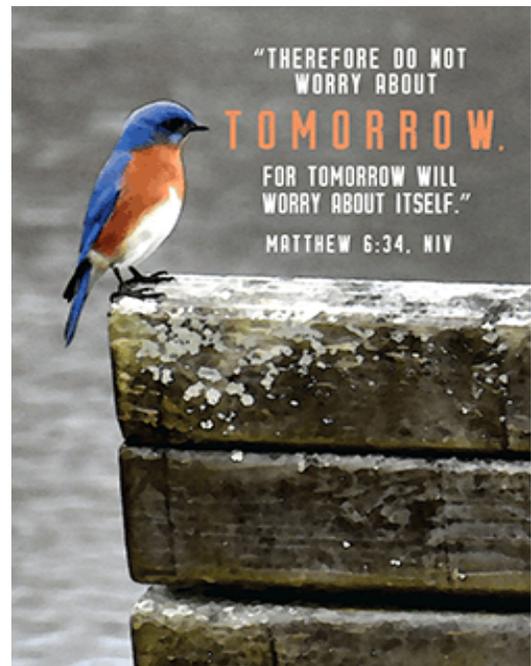
This year we are embarking on a journey that I call "Mission Quest", focusing on carrying out the mission Jesus has given us (Matthew 28:19–20). Thank you, Steve! Jesus calls each of us to be ministers and missionaries in this broken world in which we live. As a pastor, God has called me to "equip His people" (that's you and me) for ministry, and I want to be faithful to that calling (Ephesians 4:11–13). Over the next few months, there will be opportunities for you to get involved with a variety of ministries and missions. Please be in prayer about where God is leading us as a church and each of us individually.

I am excited about this coming year and the opportunities it will bring as we embark on this journey. I hope you will join Christ as He builds His kingdom here on Earth.

With the love of Christ,  
Brian

*18*Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. *19*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, *20*and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

- Matthew 28:18–20 NIV



<sup>1</sup> [https://joshuaproject.net/resources/articles/has\\_everyone\\_heard](https://joshuaproject.net/resources/articles/has_everyone_heard)



### Wednesday Nights & Youth Activities

6:00 pizza for Youth dinner and then 6:30 starts the Youth group and Adult Bible Study. There will also be youth worship, game time,

prayer time, and various Bible studies from 6:30 to 8:00PM. Jacob Chase, Fran Street, Bruce Swartz, Abby Heckman, Bob Haley and Brian Romanowski will be providing adult leadership.

#### Wednesday Nights:

Kid's Club (K-5<sup>th</sup>): "One Room Curriculum"  
 Youth Group: "Faith & Works"

#### Sunday Mornings:

Kid's Club (K-5<sup>th</sup>): "One Room Curriculum"  
 Youth Study: "The Gospel Project"  
 Adult Study: New series starting in January

**Nursery & Children's Church:** Childcare is provided during the worship service. Immediately following the children's sermon the children, ages 5-10, will be dismissed for children's church.

## Ministries



Each month, Helping Hands provides food and other items for people in need in Mahomet. Our church participates by providing sugar. Our goal each month is 100 lbs. of sugar, dish soap, and shampoo. We collected 198 lbs. of sugar, shampoo, and dish liquid and served 72 families. God bless you for giving!



### Volunteers Needed!

This time of year brings on a bit of a campaign to try to get volunteers to help. Many times, it is the same volunteers due to the lack of new ones. It's ok if you aren't talented in one area as there are several other areas that need your help. Don't let fear override your compassion to do what is in your heart. FBC needs your help. What will you volunteer for today?

**New Commandment Ministry** is a group of volunteers who help with projects within the church family as well as outside the church.

This is an outreach ministry. If you are interested in helping, have a need, or know someone with a need, please contact Jeremy Rexroad at (217) 649-9810 or Brian Romanowski at the church for information.

### Sunday Morning Prayer Schedule

Jan 7	Chris Ingersoll
Jan 14	Brian Romanowski
Jan 21	TBA
Jan 28	TBA

**Volunteers needed!**

### Fellowship Servers

Jan 7	Pat & Helen Murphy
Jan 14	Pat & Dan Theobald
Jan 21	Ann Paul & Donna Hobbs
Jan 28	Julie Romanowski & Abby Heckman

**Volunteers needed!**

### Communion Servers

Jan 7	** Phil & Kathy Wilson
	# Ann Paul & Judy McDowell
	** Set up # Clean up

**Volunteers needed!**



**Volunteers needed!**



**Happy Birthday!**

- January 6 Courtney Philbrook
- January 10 Judy Harris
- January 21 Debbie Riddle
- January 25 Kim Breckenridge-Long

**Happy Anniversary!**

- January 2 Dustin & Kindra Newton



Pray for Our Church Family,  
Praise & Thanksgiving

**Praises:**

...Steve S.--The fellowship at our church. For John and Carol Welch.

- ...Judy M.--For Carol W.'s birthday on 12/20.
- ...Fran S.--That others will come to know Christ from the life of John W.
- ...Carla S.--Jackie M.--Recovery from flu. Transportation back to Champaign as an Apt. becomes available at Round Barn Center.
- ...Pastor Jacob--for worship through children and music.
- ...Bob H.--That we may cherish each other.
- ...Bruce S.--Thanks for the relationships in this church.
- ...June W.--That Dan C. and Gabe W. are present today.
- ...Bruce S.--For all of us who feel emptiness at Christmas.
- ...June W.--for recovery for daughter Joan who has recurrence of cancer.
- ...Steve S.--That God is in control in spite of our losses. For the gift of Jesus.
- ...Cheri--Cousin Michael--has stage 4 cancer, and Jamie
- ...Pastor Jacob--Chris Albin--diagnosed with cancer at

age 25 as he graduated from seminary.  
 ...Adam K.--Praise that his mom who recently had a stroke, is recovering well and has her driver's license.  
 ...Ann P.--Jane D.--Bone marrow tests show return of cancer. Has to make the decision to accept chemo or not.

...Dan T.--New grandchild, #26.  
 ...Judy M.--Larry P.--health issues.  
 ...Judy--for the Herriott family, son Brad, age 46, passed away. Bill passed away on Christmas.  
 ...Bruce S.--Gratitude for those who helped with his care.  
 ...Fran S.--for Brad H., that others may come to know Jesus because of his influence.

...Pastor Brian--Praise for those who helped remove leaves at the Welch's. For missionaries, churches around the world, those who don't know the message of salvation, our country, freedom, those who serve in the military, first responders, police, firefighters, EMT's, Paramedics and ER personnel. That our church leaders will have wisdom, guidance and strength. That this church will minister as God directs. Praise for blessings that we don't deserve. Pray for students who are preparing to take final exams, that they will feel God's presence, and that their health will stay strong.

**Petitions:**

- ...Cooper W.--H.S. Seniors.--for final exams and finding the right college.
- ...Bob H.--That the men's shelter was opened early.
- ...Fran S.--for Rachel and Jacob's teaching.
- ...That the situation in N. Korea is resolved by back-channel communication between our & their leaders.

**Pray for RETIREMENT, NURSING HOME RESIDENTS, the HOMEBOUND**

Maxine Leffler, Judy Harris, Bob & Joan Yecny, Paul DeMoss (Jane's husband)

**Pray for MISSIONS AND MISSIONARIES**

- Jon & Amanda Good and their four children in Hungary
- The Staff at the CAC (Christian Activity Center) East St. Louis
- Chip & Chari Kingsbury, Kenya, Africa
- Larry & Becky Stanton serving in Hungary
- Scott and Tan Coats and family, serving the Lord in Thailand.
- Ruth Mooney serving in San Jose, Costa Rica
- Doug and Patti Magnuson, missionaries Amman, Jordan.
- Sharon G., serving in North Korea

**Pray for College Students**

- Natalie Douglas, Andi Phelps, Chia-Ying Chan, Jason Gardner, Leah Bice, Josh Brooks, Hannah Douglas, Brette Dow, Katie Russell, Amber Smith, Lauren Weiss, Valerie Brooks and Haley Bridgman.

## US and International Prayer

... Lori & Matt Mann, development workers in Laos  
... Rachel (Street)/ Jacob Way teaching for two years in China  
... Unrest in Middle East, especially refugees fleeing persecution  
... Our leaders--Federal, state and local, firemen and policemen, too.

## The following have cancer:

Julie's Aunt Patty, Carrie, Laura Bice, Michael Welch, Jane DeMoss, Randy Ross, Robin Eslinger, Valerie Bloomberg, Susan Florentino, Robert, Erin, Pat Wodka, Jennifer, Shelly Fouss, Gina Hern, Bernadette, Bobi Goodpaster, Shelby Horn, Chris Stevens, Tim, Jeremy--boss' son-in-law, Aaron, Ann Reynolds, Tina, Carol Ware's nephew, Jim & Dennis, Bob Hayward, Tyrone Phillips, Jeremy's uncle John; Dawn, Melissa, Cheryl, Bob Gifford, Jim;

(PRAY for their families and caregivers, too)

(Notice: current requests may be kept on 2 weeks unless notified.) Phone 586-3304 for additions and corrections

## NEW AND ONGOING ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Disaster Relief Teams:

American Baptist Men will be sending disaster relief teams to the Gulf Coast the weeks of Jan 7, Jan 14, and Jan 21. A team from this region is scheduled to go the week of Nov 12. If you are interested in going, contact Brian Romanowski for more information.  
*Pray, Give, Go!*



**Newsletter Information:** Chris is updating the contact list for the church's monthly newsletter. If you are not currently receiving the newsletter and would like to begin receiving the newsletter, please send your email or

mailing address to Chris Ingersoll ([cingersoll62@comcast.net](mailto:cingersoll62@comcast.net)) or Amy Krause ([agaasrud@gmail.com](mailto:agaasrud@gmail.com)). We would also love to be able to celebrate your birthdays and anniversaries with you, so please send in those dates so that we can include them in the appropriate newsletter.

**Retired Ministers & Missionaries Offering:**  
Thank you for contributing generously to those who have served the Lord. You provided \$1,138 to help our ministers and missionaries!

## Important Dates

- New Year's Day, *January 1, 2018*
- Epiphany, *January 6, 2018*
- Baptism of the Lord, *January 7, 2018*
- Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observance, *January 15, 2018*
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, *January 18-25, 2018*

## GOD'S PLAN FOR SALVATION

We need God's forgiveness – Romans 3:23  
Salvation & Eternal Life – Romans 6:23  
God's Love & Salvation – Romans 5:8  
Calling Upon God – Romans 10:13  
Confess Jesus as Savior – Romans 10:9



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# Get Well Chicken Noodle Soup



By

Donna Flessner

Pg. 20 from Taste of Heaven Cookbook

2 ½ - 3 lbs. broiler fryer chicken cut up  
2 stalks celery, sliced  
2 carrots, diced  
1 onion, chopped  
2 T. dried parsley  
2 cubes instant chicken bouillon  
2 Qts. Water  
Salt and Pepper to taste  
1 (1-1/2 oz.) pkg. frozen noodles  
1 (16 oz.) can creamed corn  
Salt and Pepper to taste

Rinse chicken; place in a large pot. Add celery, carrots, onion, dried parsley, chicken bouillon and 2 quarts water. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and cover. Simmer 40 minutes. Remove chicken and cool. Return broth and vegetables to a boil. Add frozen noodles. Reduce heat to medium. Cook 20-25 minutes until tender. Discard skin and bones from cooled chicken. Chop up the meat. Add chicken and creamed corn to the noodle mixture. Cook until chicken is heated through. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

## Bible Quiz



At the start of a new year, we remember that God continually gives us new chances. What does Jesus say to a woman caught in adultery?

- A. "Go, and from now on sin no more."
- B. "Not even in Israel have I found such great faith."
- C. "Peace be with you."
- D. "Tell no one what I have done for you."

Answer: A (See John 8:11)





# A NEW CREATION

The apostle Paul says everyone who believes in Jesus becomes brand new.

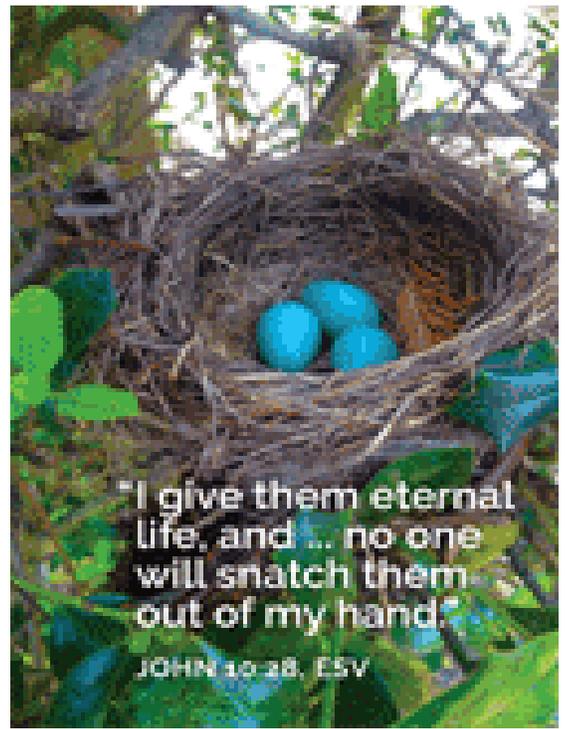
Directions: Cross out every third letter. Then write the remaining letters in the blanks to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV.

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Answer: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV



"I give them eternal life, and ... no one will snatch them out of my hand."

JOHN 10:28, ESV

