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## SERMON INFORMATION

- Feb 4** — “What’s Wrong With the Temple?”  
John 2:12-22
- Feb 11** — “The Witness to Nicodemus”  
John 3:1-15
- Feb 18** — **First Sunday of Lent  
Communion**  
“The Witness of the Baptist”  
John 3:22-30
- Feb 25** — “The Witness at the Well”  
John 4:1-42

## CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

- Feb 4** Marilyn Copeland - Great Pearl  
**Feb 11** Amanda Trent - Transfiguration  
**Feb 18** Amanda Trent - Lenten Puzzle  
**Feb 25** In Sanctuary - Rich Young Ruler

## MEAL DELIVERY

- Feb 2** Connie Timmons & Linda Ray  
**Feb 9** Connie Timmons & Linda Ray  
**Feb 16** Max Blessing & Jim Moyer  
**Feb 23** Max Blessing & Jim Moyer



## Stephen Ministry at FEPC

February makes us think of valentines and love, and we are often instructed in the New Testament to “Love one another.” Barnabas is an example of one who encouraged and supported others. Barnabas didn’t preach a sermon or write an epistle, but he encouraged his young cousin Mark and accompanied him on a long missionary journey. Maybe you’ve been a Barnabas in someone’s life, encouraging and believing in them. Have you had a Barnabas in your life, or do you need one now? Someone to walk alongside you, encourage you, and show you the love of Christ? Stephen Ministers have the gifts of faith, mercy, patience, and compassion, and make great companions on difficult journeys. If you could use someone like that, speak to Marty Rodkey or Pastor Kelly today to discuss your need.



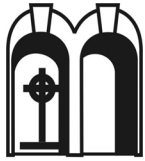
## Life in the Body of Christ

### Condolences to

- The family of Kay M. Shupe , who passed away December 30, 2017.
- Jeff & Sally Moore and family on the passing of Jeff’s mother, Ina L. Moore, January 14.
- Terri & Mark Calvin and family on the passing of Terri’s sister, Jacqueline Myers, January 26

### Thank You

- Many thanks to my church family for the cards, gifts, and well wishes you gave to mark my retirement! - Marty Rodkey



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**FIRST EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FRANKFORT, INDIANA**

*Focus on God, Equip God's People, Proclaim Christ, Change the World*

A monthly summary of activities at First Evangelical Presbyterian Church

February 2018

## Prayer with the Pastor

Continues each Monday @ 7:00 a.m.

## Jobs for Life Classes Begin

February 6 — Please keep Instructors, Champions and Students in prayer.

## Quilts on Wings

Friday, February 9 @ 1:30 p.m.

## Presbytery Meeting

February 16-17 in Greenville, OH  
Keep our pastor and elders in prayer.

## Family Game Night

February 17  
5 PM Pitch-in Dinner followed by  
“No-Laugh Challenge”

## Communion Sunday

February 18  
Observed in Morning Worship and  
at Wesley Manor at 1:30 p.m.

## Bloodmobile

Thursday, February 22, 2018  
Fellowship Hall

## B2B Community Dinner

Wednesday, February 28 @ 5:00 p.m.

## Borrowing Policy

If you need to borrow tables, chairs or other equipment from the church, please be sure to check with Donnie Albitz to be sure it won't be needed or that it hasn't been reserved by someone else. The policy states that we will not lend out kitchen equipment.

## THINK|18: Defending the Faith

Dates: Friday, March 2, 2018 - Saturday, March 3, 2018  
Location: College Park Church North Indy, 2606 W 96th Street, Indianapolis, IN US 46268

At 2018's annual THINK conference we're welcoming Ravi Zacharias International Ministries (RZIM), one of the leading organizations teaching churches methods for defending the faith and evangelism. Abdu Murray and Vince Vitale will lead us on Friday and Saturday and Ravi Zacharias will finish up the weekend speaking on Sunday morning. This weekend promises to help you grow in carrying out our mission of igniting a passion to follow Jesus.

Registration for THINK, kidTHINK, and StudentTHINK events will open Sunday, Jan. 14 after third service. Child care will be offered on Saturday during the conference for children ages 4 months - 4 years old and registration will also be open on Sunday, Jan. 14.

### Schedule for THINK|18

#### Friday, MAR. 2

**6 p.m.** // Doors open to facility/Registration/Bookstore/Refreshments  
**6:45 p.m.** // kidTHINK check-in open  
**7 p.m.** // Worship  
**7:30 p.m.** // Session 1: Abdu Murray  
**8:30 p.m.** // Session 1 Ends

#### Saturday, MAR. 3

**8 a.m.** // Doors open to facility/Refreshments/Bookstore/Registration  
**8:30 a.m.** // kidTHINK and child care check-in open  
**8:45 a.m.** // Worship  
**9 a.m.** // Session 2: Abdu Murray  
**10 a.m.** // Break (Bookstore Open)  
**10:30 a.m.** // Session 3: Vince Vitale  
**11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.** // Lunch Break (*On your own - pick up a list of nearby restaurants at the welcome desk; Parents of children participating in kid-THINK will need to pick up their children for the lunch break; Lunch provided on-site for children in child care*)  
**1 p.m.** // Worship (kidTHINK children return to Sanctuary for check in)  
**1:15 p.m.** // Panel Discussion/Q&A: Abdu Murray, Vince Vitale, Mark Vroegop  
**2:15 p.m.** // Break (Bookstore Open)  
**2:30 p.m.** // Session 4: Vince Vitale  
**3:30 p.m.** // Session 4 Ends

Attendance is limited, so you must register soon. Contact Dan Troyer or Miriam Curts to register.

The FEPC bus will provide transportation.



## **FEPC Church Model**

Maybe not everyone got to see it, but I constructed a 1/30 scale model of the church which sat in various places around Fellowship Hall for about two months this past fall. My intention in making it was not to promote it as a formal proposal for a building project, but merely to keep the “building project discussion” alive since it seemed to be waning.

The model was about 4 feet X 6 feet. It was a physical rendering of the Sanctuary, the Education Wing, and also a third building which was my vision of what a future addition to the church might look like.

The new addition would be located on the east side of the sanctuary where the little parking lot is now. There’s enough room to fit such a building in there. Its four sides would be bordered by 1) the sanctuary 2) the alley 3) the library property and 4) Clinton Street; and it would have the same footprint as our existing education wing. The nice part about this location is that the main floor of this new building would be built on the exact same level as the floor of the sanctuary. The two buildings would be connected by doorways in the front and in the back of the sanctuary; no steps, no going outside. Easy passage from the sanctuary to new restrooms, a new kitchen, a new gathering hall.

I don’t have a blueprint of what the inside might look like. It would have multiple floors and could be configured much like our education wing is, except with restrooms, kitchen & gathering hall all on the main floor instead of down in the basement or up on the third floor. Everything of necessity would be on the main floor (including access to not only the sanctuary but also the north parking lot) so that all would be wheelchair accessible. No need for a costly elevator system. The only things in the basement or upstairs would be things like classrooms, youth rooms, storage, maintenance areas, etc. We can blueprint it however we like. Personally I envision a large multi-purpose room in the new building. It could be almost as big as our sanctuary. It would have a vaulted, two-story high cathedral ceiling and some stained-glass windows. It would serve all the purposes our Fellowship Hall currently does, plus it would be a Sunday morning gathering spot. Additionally, in the distant future, it could also serve as a sanctuary if the old one should ever need to be repaired, replaced or removed.

Submitted by Matt Crawford

## Continue Praying for Pastor Brunson

A new posting recently seen on Facebook by Andrew & Norine Brunson:

Dear praying friends,

Each day I pray the following: "Father God pour out on me, your son, the courage, strength, endurance, perseverance and steadfastness of Jesus, that I may run the race set before me and finish well, a bride resplendent, purified in the fires of faithful obedience, and worthy of Jesus, my Beloved and King of Glory." I pray this over my family as well. I supposed it applies to all of us, especially in times of trial and testing. I feel like I am living in Isaiah 50:10 - hanging on in the dark. Thank you for standing with me - and for me - in prayer, and sharing in my imprisonment. It is a great encouragement when Norine tells me that prayer continues, even after this long time. Again, I thank you. May the Lord accomplish his purposes, do a deep and thorough work in me - and do it quickly!

Andrew

## Update from Bob & Patty Meredith

Thanks for PRAYERFULLY following us through this year of several interested "buyers" for our Nairobi Home! Looks like God is answering in the time of HIS favor. (Isaiah 49:8).

Read on!

In December, friends from our church in Colorado Springs were on a mission trip to Kenya and stayed next door to our house in Nairobi. The DAY THEY PRAYED for our house, friends from "our" church in Nairobi came by to look at it to rent it and a prospective buyer came by an hour later! (Actually, thanks for ALL your prayers.) Now we have friends temporarily renting the house AND a signed sale contract and deposit in our lawyer's bank account! YEA!!!

Selling the house has been a "team sport."

Please pray for

- Completion of the sale before the 9 April deadline AND
- SMOOTH transition for our friends in our house – to another home!

PRAISE GOD – also, for your prayers for Patty's herniated disc surgery in December. She is still in a lot of pain – but this is "to be expected" pain. (Still NOT fun)

Please pray for

- Patty to return to feeling more normal
- Patty's movement to be restored – walking is slower and painful after the surgery, but the Parkinson's meds cannot be effectively changed until she's stable.
- Bob –
  - o Patience and grace as Caregiver!
  - o Wisdom, grace and understanding of all the Navigator finances and diplomacy in communicating with Navigator leaders around the world! (This is a bit bigger than Africa!)
  - o Habakkuk 2:2 says, "Write down the revelation on (spreadsheets and) tablets and make it PLAIN so that whoever reads it, can run with it."
  - o I (Bob) desire to provide our leaders with "plain (financial) revelation that they can RUN with"!
  - o And ENDURANCE – Lord willing, we see ourselves in this role for another 8-10 years! NO RETIREMENT in the near future! (or, ever?)

Thanks so much for traveling with BOTH of us along this journey He is leading us.

Gratefully in Him,

Bob for Patty & me!