



Life Signs

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"Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. She said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed.' Jesus turned and saw her. 'Take heart, daughter,' he said, 'your faith has healed you.' And the woman was healed at that moment." Mathew 9:20-22

The Little Things Count **Randy Crutchfield**

In the Scripture passage above, the great faith represented by the woman's outreached hand enabled Jesus' power to flow. Our efforts to reach out our hands to the community allow the power of Jesus to flow as well. As I worked on this article, I wrote a quick list of things we have done as a church body to reach our community. (I'm sure there a plenty I've missed. What have I left out? Let me know!)

- Passed out the *JESUS* video to every downtown home
- Provided God Squad (after school care for kids) at our church building for several years
- Helped start, and continue to help with, the House of Hope (a local resource for food insecure people)
- Several FBC groups have served the Salvation Army's End of the Month Meal for more than a decade
- Over the past few decades we have raised thousands of dollars through the AB Women's annual Craft Bazaar for local (and not so local) ministries, including Big Brothers Big Sisters and Pathways Youth Shelter
- Hosted a Pool party at Crystal Beach for the community for several years
- Have connected with students at Lydia Middleton through Homework Helpers since at least 2011

Seven years ago we were on the cusp of learning to be an externally focused church and were experimenting with different ways to serve the community. We purchased Eggleston then to make things count, adding a huge tool to our resources for ministry. Since then, groups have done community cook outs on the playground, movie nights, Talent Night, Trunk or Treat, Derby Run, and giant blow-up game carnivals, as well as Church on the Court and various other Bible studies, both inside and outside the building, and it has been a primary location for our student ministries' Sunday night activities.

Eggleston is also used for storage and short-term meeting space for ministries and organizations like the Ulster Project, Treasuring Small Spirits, Pathways Youth Shelter, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and the Boy Scouts. We've provided the State Police with space for a day of room search training in May, with the possibility of future trainings being scheduled. (See *their thank you card on page 4!*). This summer Aaron Kelsey will be holding an art class there, and Pathways will be using a room twice a week for their Summer Enrichment Program.

Eggleston plays a vital role in providing space for Second Stories, Kim Taylor's ministry to parents (including young teens) who are expectant and/or with kids up to age 3. And we have some newer ministry partnerships happening there, including SWORD, a prayer group started by Jan Anderson. (You're invited to join with others from all around the community at their prayer meetings on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 10:00a and 6:30p!) We also have several 12 Steps programs meeting weekly on Wednesdays and Saturdays (Narcotics Anonymous), and on Sundays (Alcoholics Anonymous).

All this is just the beginning of everything God could do as we open our doors to His leading! Please continue to be prayerful about ways God may be leading you to reach out your hand to our community. If you have ideas for ways FBC can reach others with the power of Jesus' love, give me a call!

We would love to reach out to the 12 Step groups meeting at Eggleston to let them know FBC loves and cares for them! If you'd be willing to show love by baking a batch of cookies for them or have other ideas, please contact Kim Taylor (502-241-5483). They would be excited to find treats left for them by FBC folk!

Blessings, Randy



*“The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.
Come and see what the Lord has done... He makes wars cease
to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear.*

**He says, “Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”**
Psalm 46:7-10 (NIV)

Knowing He Is God Josh White

Last week Elizabeth and I celebrated our 5 year wedding anniversary! We celebrated by going to Panama City Beach. Elizabeth and I love the beach and the water. There is something about the sound, the view, and walking on the sand that just settles us. As I rested from the busyness of life we all experience, I was reminded of Psalm 46:10, the extremely popular “Be still and know that I am God” Scripture. It is often just taken to mean, “be quiet and listen to God”, but the context actually goes far beyond the coffee-sipping, early morning Bible-reading visual people often have when hearing these words. And as I re-visited this verse, I was challenged to think about it more deeply.

This psalm is written in the context of war. When the week is difficult, when friends, managers, kids, and others hurt us and it feels like it won't stop, our lives can feel like war too. But that's when we need to stop and be in awe of our Creator and King and realize how much we can trust Him.

Before vacation, I struggled with how to help some people in my life. I have family and friends struggling deeply at their jobs and with life. It made my heart extremely heavy. As Elizabeth and I walked the beach and looked into the deep, seemingly endless ocean, I was reminded of how big our God is and how small our pain is for Him to handle.



This church continues to amaze me with its ability to love people with action, not just words. I encourage all of us to keep doing the same and to especially show our youth and young adults what this looks like. They need to know just how big our God is, especially when their worlds feel like they're falling apart. Those of us farther in our faith journey can help encourage them by sharing our stories of learning to trust God. I hope you'll consider sharing your story with youth and young adults as you see them around church and town. Don't be afraid to ask them how they're doing and be willing to listen when life seems hard for them. Don't worry about having to “make it better”, or convince yourself that their pain isn't real. Just be someone who wants the best for them, and share how God has helped you pull through in the past.



As summer activities approach I would ask that you consider how you can help our youth and young adults. We always need lots of volunteers, but I'm just asking the church to think about how they involve children, youth, and young adults in every part of what we do. How are we discipling them in ways that allow them to make their faith their own?

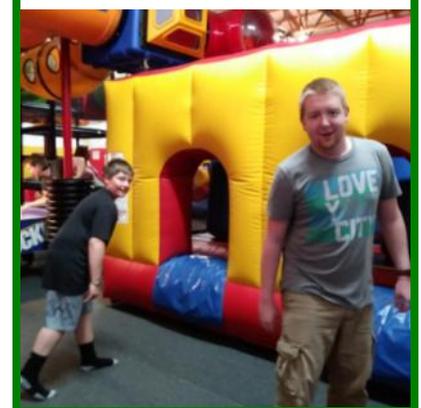
This is a big question but I think it's one we can all agree is important to God. If you ever want to talk about how we are, or how we can reach the next generation, don't hesitate to get in touch with me. I am excited to see how our church will continue to grow and God's love will be spread.

FBC Kidz: Having Fun, Growing Together Kelly Rector

We had a fabulous **Family Fun Night at Kangaroo's** on April 30th! We had 47 people in attendance. Twenty-five were from our church family and they brought 22 friends. Thank you, Deaconesses, for providing such a fun and fabulous night!

On **Mother's Day**, a small group of FBC Kidz, Eric, and I sang a special song called "Teach Them" by Seed Family Worship. The lyrics are straight from Deuteronomy 6:4-7. This scripture really speaks to me and is one of the scriptures I base our FBC Kidz Ministry after. God calls us as parents to teach our children about Him, not just on Sunday, but it shall be as we go through our daily lives. May Jesus Christ be the center of our homes and the center of each and every decision we make as a family.

We finished our **Creative Kidz Club 2018-2019** season with a bang. On May 19th, FBC Kidz and Youth families got together at Eggleston for some fun and fellowship. We had a prayer time, cook-out, devotional, and some good ol' bouncing fun with two inflatables.



Family Fun Night at Kangaroo's



FBC Kidz and Youth
"End of School Year Bash"
at Eggleston



FBC Kidz singing on Mother's Day

Congratulations! College Scholarship Winners from FBC:

American Baptist Women Scholarship Winners:

Frances Graves Scholarship: Ansley Crutchfield, Blair Holt

Peggy Wehner Scholarship: Peyton Holt

American Baptist Men Scholarship Winners

Harold Spicer Scholarship: Alyssa Goins, Robert Stoner

Association Scholarship: Adam Anderson



Just a little note...

Thank you card from The Indiana State Police for allowing them to use our church building and Eggleston for specialized training on May 15th



June Birthdays

Evan Cammack	06/01	Judie Ingalls	06/15
Mitchell Cammack	06/01	Carl Jenkins	06/16
Douglas Totten	06/01	Bill Demaree	06/18
Lucas Rector	06/02	Daniela Bonilla-Giovanetti	06/19
Sarah Dougan	06/03	Allison Feider	06/22
Debbie Anderson	06/05	Joseph Drossart	06/23
Grover Anderson	06/08	Alexis Hunt	06/24
Casey Williams	06/09	Abby Chism	06/24
Irene Youngblood	06/10	Danny Schafer	06/24
Carsha Strouse	06/11	Kaylynn Paul	06/25
India Cable	06/12	Sharon Jenkins	06/27
Chris Strouse	06/13	Adam Anderson	06/28
Rick Ford	06/14	Grace Spencer	06/30
Blair Holt	06/14		

June Anniversaries

Keith & Tasia Chilton	06/05
Tim & Margie Fisher	06/07
Wayne & Kim Tingle	06/08
Steve & Jeanne Dugle	06/09
Brandon & Chelsea Dugle	06/10
Darin & Brook Bailey	06/12
Fred & Denise Boles	06/12
Grover & Debbie Anderson	06/18
Dennis & Jennifer Brierly	06/18
Bill & Betty Demaree	06/18
Kerry & Milagros Dougan	06/18
Bob & Donna Vonch	06/19
Rick & Gracie Humphrey	06/20
Roger & Melanie Fuhrman	06/23
Curt & Laura Strouse	06/26
Michael & Michele Hopper	06/28

Our basement remodel is almost complete!

Remodel: Kidz Corner Upgrade By Kelly Rector

Remember our kids' space in the basement? Well, along with the basement remodel, our Kidz Corner is also getting a new look! That "Kidz Corner eyesore" look will be GONE, replaced with a classy upgrade designed to complement the new space in the basement, while remaining functional for our ministries. Toys will be stored neatly in storage cubes and tucked away on customized shelves. A fluffy rug will make the floor comfortable for children to play on, and gliders will make it comfortable for adults to sit and relax as they watch their children. Even our play kitchen got an upgrade with a child-sized replica of our new adult kitchen (complete with "tile" back splash)!

The Kidz Corner's new location (next to the new storage closet), farther away from the stairs and in sight line of the kitchen, will help volunteers with Kidz ministries keep an eye on children playing while adults prepare food. The new corner also uses less space than the old one, freeing up more space for tables and chairs at our fellowship dinners.

Why a Kidz Corner? Those without children may not realize just how needed and appreciated this special area in our basement is. It is used for our weekly community play groups, as well as by parents who bring younger siblings to Boy Scouts every Monday night. We also use it twice a month during Creative Kidz Club and during occasional Bible studies here at church. It's also a great blessing to parents of young children during our Fellowship Dinners. Having the space available allows parents to stay longer and socialize with other families in the church, since it's an inviting space children naturally gravitate towards. With so many fun options, children are able to entertain themselves. Without such a space, children often quickly grow bored and fussy, leading families to leave early or skip the meals altogether. It's so important for our young families to build relationships with others in our church, so the Kidz Corner provides yet another way we can love on families at FBC!



Sample images from the new Kidz Corner proposal



(Nearly finished) New Dining Hall / Meeting Space in Main Basement



(Nearly finished) New Kitchen In the Seekers/Scout Room

Kitchen Shower
June 23rd 3:00pm
in the Basement
See our "tree" in the lower auditorium
to purchase gifts for our new kitchen
and join in the celebration!

Thank you to our church family for supporting our ministries through your prayers, volunteering, and financial support. Through spaces like the Kidz Corner, and our newly remodeled basement, you help make our building a place ministries happen each week!

June 2019



Every Sunday
 8:45a Traditional Worship
 10:00a Sunday School
 11:00a Contemporary Worship
 5:00p Bible Study

Every Monday
 12:30p Nursery Playdate

Every Wednesday
 5:30p Bible Study
 @ Eggleston
 6:30p Choir Rehearsal

Every Thursday
 6:00p Group Study
 (rotating location - contact Josh)

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat								
2	1:30p Shut-in Communion 5p Deacons Meeting ABW Summer Conference	3	5p Finance Team 6p VBS Training @ Shawe Memorial 7p AB Men Picnic 7p ABW Exec. Bd.	4	6p VBS Training @ Shawe Memorial	5	6p VBS Set-up @ Pope John	6	6	7	8	1	ABW Summer Conference		
9	10a Deaconess Meeting 12:15p Family Lunch 2p VBS Set-up @ Pope John	10	11	6p Mission Circles 6p Property Team	12	5:30p Sister Church	13	5:30p Church Council 7p VBS Tear-down & Clean up @ Shawe	14	15	10a -2p Youth Hike & Picnic @ Clifty	15	10a -2p Youth Hike & Picnic @ Clifty		
16	Father's Day No evening activities	17	7p Madison Assoc. Bd.	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	3p Kitchen Shower @ Basement	Vacation Bible School at Pope John Elementary 6:00p -8:15p													