

# THE BUGLE

“Sound the Call”

ALEXANDRIA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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## Michael's Musings

### The Church and Football

It's a stormy Tuesday morning as tornado warnings and sirens blare from the towers. I can't imagine the leaves that have now come off of the trees, not to mention branches and sticks to clean up.

After the next Colts game, the season will amazingly be 50% over. As I consider the state of the Colts, (not the Bears . . . ugh!), the following thoughts occurred to me. . .

The average NFL game has approximately 150-170 plays per game, with each play lasting about 6-8 seconds. So, with that in mind, if there are 150 plays per game, averaging 8 seconds per play, we would have only watched 20 minutes of actual football. WOW!! What happens during the rest of the game? Players go back to the huddle and they spend more time in the huddle than playing the game.

Okay, Deutsch, what's the point? Glad you asked. What is the job of the church?

It is to impact the world, by helping change or transform the world in the name of Jesus!

It's like a huddle in a football game. Lucas Oil Stadium seats 63,000 people who pay an average of \$85.00 per ticket to attend the game. They don't go to watch the Colts huddle. But, what if you went to a Colts game and for 3 hours you watched 11 men stand in a circle and talk? That's not what you pay for!! 63,000 people pay \$85.00 a ticket to see what difference the huddle makes. What they want to know is, having called the play in secret, does it work in public?

The challenge for the church is not what we do when we call our Sunday morning huddle (worship), but what we do when we break our huddle and head to our Sunday morning assignments. When Satan lines up against us, what difference does it make that we claim to be Christ followers?

Now, you see what I'm getting at? Do we spend more time in our huddle, resisting going into the world to make a difference for Christ? Or do we hit the huddle, then, run out into the world proclaiming the grace, love and power of Jesus?

What will you be doing this Fall and Winter in the name of Jesus which makes a difference? Jesus has a plan, which includes you, so please join Him in changing the world, one person at a time!

Hope to see you Sunday,

*Pastor Michael*

## ***Refrigerator Magnets***

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To the Faithful Alexandrians and beyond,

On the bookshelf that we have on the second floor of our house, I have a copy of “*Uh-Oh*” by Robert Fulghum. He’s the one who also wrote the popular book, “*All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*.” His books contain humorous essays that his publisher calls a “collection of uncommon thoughts on common things.” In “*Uh-Oh*,” he talked about refrigerators! “*On a very local scale, a refrigerator is the center of the universe. On the inside is food essential to life, and on the outside of the door is a summary of the life events of the household...The door of the refrigerator is a chronicle of current events not found on TV or in the daily newspaper. An important art gallery is often found here as well...When you no longer have any art on the refrigerator door, something is over---your children have grown up. And when it appears again years later, it means your children have children.*”

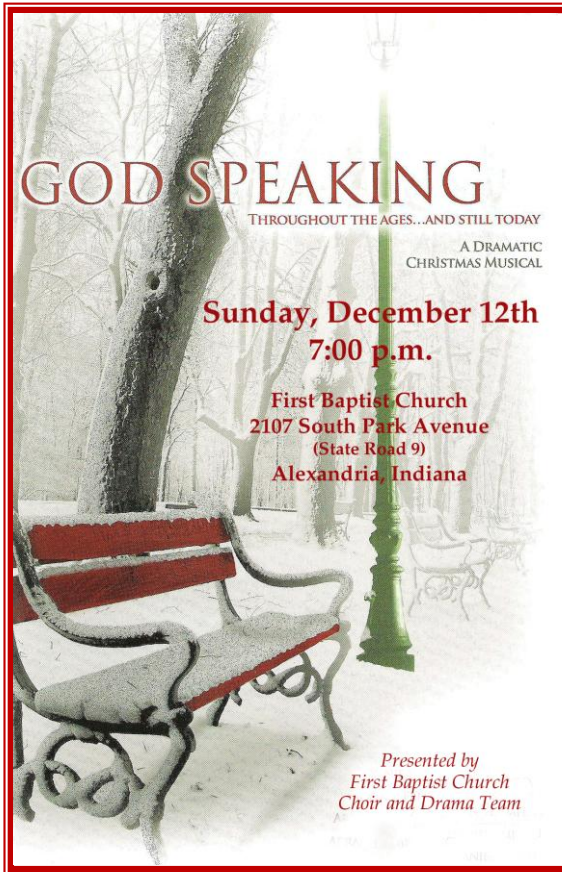
As I was thinking about this, I checked OUR refrigerator door. We have become collectors of refrigerator magnets! There are magnets of Beth Ann’s hometown and my hometown. There are magnets of Texas where we met and started our family. There are magnets representing much of our lives, all the way up to this summer, when we bought Henry Ford Museum magnets as mementos of our vacation. Yes, it is still an art gallery with the art work of Megan Vicki Jo on display. Paul’s representation on the refrigerator has now become college-oriented, with a few pictures of the Purdue Band!

On a very spiritual scale, your heart is the center of the universe. If your heart was a refrigerator door, and it had magnets for important events of your life, what would it look like? With a refrigerator door, we tend to put only the good stuff up there: a child’s GREAT report card, not the failing one! With our hearts though, we tend to remember EVERYTHING: the good and the bad. There is a magnet that represents a success in your life. Maybe there is an “art gallery” section where a magnet is holding up your creativity. There is also a magnet that represents the time of a loss, and one that represents the time of something painful. I pray that somewhere on that refrigerator door of your heart there is a CROSS magnet. It is there to represent the time that you said “YES” to Jesus and He came into your heart. Instead of you, *Jesus* now becomes the center of your universe. The next time you walk past your refrigerator and see your magnets, thank Jesus for all that He has done for you!

See you Sunday if not sooner!

*Pastor Doug*

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**Wanted: Chauffeurs**  
for  
**"God Speaking!"**

The Choir and Drama Team will present **"God Speaking"** on **Sunday night, December 12.**

I would like to have volunteers to drive both the church vans and maybe other vehicles to pick up those who would rather not drive that night. We will ask for reservations before December 6 so we will know who to pick up and where! Can you help with this one-time important ministry need? Please see Pastor Doug.



***Christmas Carols: Inside and Out!*** Mark these dates on your calendars!

**Inside!** On Wednesday, December 1 at 6:30 p.m., we will join as the entire church family in the sanctuary to sing your favorite Christmas Carols! What a great way to start the Christmas season! We want to have the children involved as well, so be ready for "Jingle Bells!" Do you have a favorite Christmas song that you want us to sing? Bring your requests to Pastor Doug!

**Outside!** On Sunday, December 19 at 6 p.m., we will meet at the church and then go out to sing Christmas Carols to our shut-ins! We had a great turnout last year with both church vans going in opposite directions to cover more real estate! Let's add a caravan for more fun!



## **November Monthly Mission Memo**

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We want to start by thanking the bakers for the wonderfully, successful **10-8-10 Outreach**. We heard many positive comments from the school staff. Our next outreach will be feeding the bus drivers breakfast the first week in November. If anyone would like to help out with breakfast foods or monetary donation, please see Vi Hiser.

We will be having our annual **“Rake & Run”** in November. Watch the bulletin for dates and time. If you would like to participate, see Pastor Rob.

November also presents us with a county outreach. We will be the new drop off site for **Operation Christmas Child**. The kick-off will be Sunday November 14<sup>th</sup>. Any one that wants to be part of a balloon lift-off may participate right after morning worship. The church will be open at least two hours each day during that week for shoebox drop-off. If you would like to work during one of the collection days, please contact Gerry Cloncs. Another opportunity to support this mission would be to donate money to help Elaine Bronner with her expenses for her mission to the North Carolina packing plant. Our prayer is to give her \$300 for transportation, hotel and meals. See Gerry Cloncs to donate. Speaking of goals, we would like to see our church pack 200 boxes this year, so get out to the dollar stores!

The Mission Team will be preparing for the annual **Alexandria Christmas Parade**. This year’s theme is “Toyland”. We will be handing out evangelistic fliers again this year. It was neat to see people actually reading them right there at the parade last year. We would like to see multi-generational participation. If you would like to be involved, see Linda Nelson.

We will also be collecting teacher supplies in December and January. You can watch for a needs list in the weekly church bulletin.

There are many service opportunities for you to get up off the pew, become involved and be a “difference maker”. What a better time to show Christ to the community than during the holidays!

In His service,  
Mission Team

## **Laying a Foundation Retreats**

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Reminder to all ladies: The Laying a Foundation Retreats will continue through December. These retreats are designed to help us connect with our spiritual sisters and our Heavenly Father. Age ranges are only a suggestion. Pick a day that best fits your schedule and join us.

Nov 6 (Saturday)	10:00 to 3:00	Ages 35 to 50
Nov 13 (Saturday)	10:00 to 3:00	Ages 70 to 90
Dec 4 (Saturday)	10:00 to 3:00	Ages 50 to 75

Location: Home of Cathy Goins, Pendleton

RSVP to the church office by Wednesday of the week you plan to attend. Also let the office know if you need transportation or want to carpool.

Your hostesses,  
Nancy Chastain, Pam Blake, Jan McClead, Cathy Goins

Jude 1:20



## **DROP OFF YOUR SHOE BOXES NOV. 14-21**

### **HOW TO PACK A SHOE BOX**

Use an empty shoe box (standard size, please) or a small plastic container. You can wrap the box (lid separately), but wrapping is not required.

#### **INCLUDE YOUR DONATION**

Please donate **\$7** or more for each shoe box you prepare to help cover shipping and other project costs.\* Please write a check to Samaritan's Purse (note "OCC" on memo line) and place it in an envelope on top of the gift items inside your box. If you or your family are preparing more than one shoe box, please make one combined donation.

#### **BOY OR GIRL?**

Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Print out the appropriate boy/girl label shown below. Mark the correct age category on the label, and tape the label to the top of your box. (Labels will be available at the church or online.)

#### **FILL WITH GIFTS**

Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child.

#### **DROP OFF**

Place a rubber band around each shoe box and lid and drop off at:

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
2107 S. Park Ave. (S.R. 9)  
Alexandria, IN 46001

### **GIFT IDEAS FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

#### **TOYS**

Small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

#### **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

#### **HYGIENE ITEMS**

Toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

#### **OTHER**

Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

#### **A PERSONAL NOTE**

In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

#### **DO NOT INCLUDE:**

Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow-globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.



# YOUTH NEWS

*"In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."  
John 16:33*

The will of God will never take you where the grace of God cannot keep you. His power is ever-present in your life as His child. - Adrian Rogers

When the disciples saw Jesus walking on the water, the disciple's greatest threat was the water. The water posed a danger, and could have ended their life. I cannot imagine a more fearful death than that of drowning. So you could easily imagine why one would be fearful of walking out to someone in middle of the deep water during the darkest of night. But with God all things are possible. I can almost hear Jesus say something like "What looks like it's going to be over your head, is already under my feet."

When you are faced with life's greatest problems and your darkest hour seems like an eternity. Just remember that Jesus is in the water during your darkest hour with you. Just step out and receive Him. What looks like it's going to be over your head, is already under His feet.

In Him,

**Pastor Rob**

On November 7 and 14, Pastor Michael will be meeting with any youth who would like to know more about what it means to have a **relationship with Jesus Christ**; to proclaim Him as Lord and Savior. This will be a time of discovery and new growth for all interested youth. During those nights, Pastor Rob will be meeting with the rest of the youth. This will occur during the normal youth group meeting times.

## Children's classes and activities (nursery provided)

Sunday Mornings:	Sunday Night:	Wednesday Night:
Sunday School -9:15	Youth 6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> 6:15-7:30	High Point – Kids pre-K through 5 <sup>th</sup> 6:15-7:30
Children's Church - 10:30	Children Pre-K-3 <sup>rd</sup> 6:15-7:30	Youth Small Groups – 6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:30



## VACCINE INFORMATION

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### FLU

Influenza is a contagious disease. It is caused by the influenza virus, which can be spread by coughing, sneezing, or nasal secretions. Anyone can get influenza, but rates of infection are highest among children. For most people, symptoms last only a few days. These include: fever, cough, sore throat, headache, chills, muscle aches, fatigue.

Infants, the elderly, pregnant women, and people with certain health conditions – such as heart, lung, or kidney disease or a weakened immune system – can get much sicker. Flu can cause high fever and pneumonia, and make existing medical conditions worse. It can cause diarrhea and seizures in children. Each year thousands of people die from seasonal influenza and even require hospitalization.

Influenza viruses are always changing, so annual vaccination is recommended. Each year scientists try to match the viruses in the vaccine to those most likely to cause flu that year. The 2010-2011 vaccine provides protection against A/H1N1 (pandemic) influenza and two other influenza viruses – influenza A/H3N2 and influenza B. It will not prevent illness caused by other viruses. It takes up to 2 weeks for protection to develop, after the shot. Protection lasts about a year. \*People who got the 2009 H1N1 (pandemic) influenza vaccine, or had pandemic flu in 2009, should still get the 2010-2011 seasonal influenza vaccine.

### Tdap

Diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis are serious diseases caused by bacteria. Diphtheria and pertussis are spread from person to person. Tetanus enters the body through cuts or wounds.

Children should get 5 doses of DTaP vaccine, one dose at each of the following ages: 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, 15-18 months and 4-6 years.

DTaP is not licensed for adolescents, adults, or children 7 years of age and older.

But older people still need protection. A vaccine Tdap is similar to DTaP. A single dose of Tdap is recommended for people 11 through 64 years of age.

We are praying for you!  
Your parish nurses,  
Pam and Nancy