



# THE BUGLE

“Sound the Call”

ALEXANDRIA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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## Michael's Musings

As you read this we are now heading into week 4 of The Story. It's been great thus far. I believe the Bible, The Story, the Word of God is becoming more alive for more people than ever before. How great that is when people begin to gain a better understanding of God's Word. Just think about it . . . when you can't understand a book you're reading, how can you apply it's teachings or lessons? In the same way when we can't understand what God wants us to know, we are just as stuck.

It's been great to see that about 200 people have bought The Story Bibles and are reading through it. What makes this condensed version so interesting is the fact that a lot of details which bog us down are left out. While every word is important, too many people get started with lots of enthusiasm and crash and burn in Leviticus or Numbers. The editors of The Story have made it fun and easier to read.

If you have not been following, please pick up a bookmark, or check out what's coming up so you can be reading ahead, and reading over the scripture we are talking about that next week. What is also great is that many of our Sunday School classes, from children through adult are reading and learning more about the same scripture I preach about on Sunday mornings. There are great opportunities available to learn and to grow in fellowship as you get to know others in the church through Sunday School. If you're not participating, I would highly encourage you to check it out.

Also, check out the new banners that our own Ellen Durr has made for the sanctuary. They are amazing. Keep in mind that on October 10, there will be some special visitors at church. Be ready to greet them.

There's a great spirit through the work of the Spirit at First Baptist Church. If you're not involved in the life of the church, I encourage you to come, get to know some of the friendliest people around. Make a new friend, feel included and you won't want to miss out on the journey we're on . . . doing it together . . . one body . . . one faith . . . one Christ!! Amen!

See you Sunday,

*Pastor Michael*

# ***Here in this House***

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*"...How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God  
this is the gate of heaven."*

*Genesis 28:17 (NIV)*

To the Faithful Alexandrians and beyond,

For this month, the choir is working on an anthem called, "*Here in This House*" by Michael Popham and Regi Stone. The chorus says,

*"Here in this house there is a blessing.*

*Here in this house He's given a song.*

*Here in his house, refreshing anointing, filling our hearts with perfect love.*

*There's mercy and grace falling like rain here in this house."*

We are blessed to be worshipping in a beautiful facility. When it comes to God's House, we should be exclaiming with Jacob, "*How awesome is this place!*" Yes, it can be a great place for meeting your friends and catching up. But ultimately, it needs to be none other than the House of God---a place where you can meet Him and experience His presence with other Believers. As the Church (the body) meets in the church (the building); we should be prepared to come to "the gate of heaven" together.

Here in this House, a holy place set aside, we can study His Story. He gives us His living Word. There is a time for private study of that Word. And yet God's idea was never for you to remain there. There is also a time to come together to share what God is teaching us on our own Spiritual Walks. The writer of Hebrews reminds us to "*...not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching*" (Hebrews 10:25).

Growing up, I used to see God's House as a museum: a place where way too many come to display "their outwardly best" and view those doing the same with a mask of perfection. When there was discussion, it was "EVERYTHING is fine, thank you very much!" Now, I see that God's House is really more like a hospital: a place where hurting, imperfect people can come to find God's blessing, anointing, mercy and grace. Then when we realize all that God has given to us, He even provides the song of praise; it is a song that we can easily give back to Him in gratitude. God's mercy and God's grace---that is such a big part of Him that He lavishly shares with us, so much that it falls like rain! Praise the Lord that He meets us---here in this House.

See you Sunday if not sooner!

*Pastor Doug*

# THE STORY

Date	Topic: Bible Reference	Date	Topic: Bible Reference
9.12.10	The Beginning of Life as We Know It: Genesis 1-4; 6-9	2.6.11	The Kingdom's Fall: 2 Kings 21; 23-25; 2 Chronicles 33; 36; Jeremiah 1-2; 4-5; 13; 21; Lamintations.1-3; 5; Ezekiel 1-2; 6-7; 36-737
9.19.10	God Builds a Nation: Genesis 12-13; 15-17; 21-22; 32-33; 35; Romans 4; Hebrews11	2.20.11	Daniel in Exile: Daniel 1-3; 6; Jeremiah 29-31
9.26.10	Joseph: From Slave to Deputy Pharaoh: Genesis 37; 39; 41-48; 50	2.27.11	The Return Home: Ezra 1-6; Haggai 1-2; Zech. 1; 8
10.3.10	Deliverance: Exodus 1-7; 10-17	3.6.11	The Queen of Beauty and Courage: Esther 1-9
10.10.10	New Commands and a New Covenant: Exodus 19-20; 24-25; 32-34; 40	3.13.11	Rebuilding the Walls: Ezra 7; Nehemiah 1-2; 4; 6-8; Malachi 1-4
10.17.10	Wandering: Numbers 10-14; 20-21; 25; 27; Deut.1-2; 4;6; 8-9; 29-32; 34	3.20.11	The Birth of the King: Matthew 1-2; Luke 1-2; John 1
10.24.10	The Battle Begins: Joshua 1-2; 6; 8; 10-11; 23-24	3.27.11	Jesus' Ministry Begins: Matthew 3-4; 11; Mark 1-3; Luke 8; John 1-4
10.31.10	A Few Good Men...and Women: Judges 2-4; 6-8;13-16	4.3.11	No Ordinary Man: Matthew 5-7; 9; 14; Mark 4-6; Luke 10; 15; John 6
11.7.10	The Faith of a Foreign Woman: Ruth 1-4	4.10.11	Jesus, the Son of God: Matthew 17; 21; Mark 8-12;14; Luke 9; 22; John 7-8; 11-12
11.14.10	Standing Tall, Falling Hard: 1 Samuel 1-4; 8-13; 15	4.17.11	The Hour of Darkness: Matthew 26-27; Mark 14-15; Luke 22-23; John 13-14; 16-19
11.21.10	From Shepherd to King: 1 Samuel 16-18; 24; 31; 2 Samuel 6; 22; 1 Chronicles17; Psalm 59	4.24.11	The Resurrection: Matthew 27-28; Mark 16; Luke 24, John 19-21
1.2.11	The Trials of a King: 2 Samuel 11-12; 18-19; 1 Chron. 22; 29; Psalms 23; 32; 51	5.1.11	New Beginnings: Acts 1-10; 12
1.9.11	The King Who Had It All: 1 Kings 1-8; 10-11; 2 Chronicles 5-7; Proverbs 1-3; 6; 20-21	5.8.11	Paul's Mission: Acts 13-14; 16-20; Romans 1; 3-6; 8; 12; 15; Corinthians 1; 3; 5-6; 10; 12-13; 15-16; Galatians 1; 3; 5-6; 1 Thessalonians 1-5
1.16.11	A Kingdom Torn in Two: 1 Kings 12-16	5.15.11	Paul's Final Days: Acts 20-23; 27-28; Ephesians 1-6; 2 Timothy 1-4
1.23.11	God's Messengers: 1 Kings 17-19; 2 Kings 2; 4; 6; Hosea 4-5; 8-9; 14; Amos 1; 3-5; 9	5.22.11	The End of Time: Revelation 1-5; 19-22
1.30.11	The Beginning of the End: 2 Kings 17-19; Isaiah 3; 6; 13- 14 49; 53		

THE WHOLE FAMILY | THE WHOLE BIBLE | THE WHOLE YEAR



*Mark your calendars!*

**December 12<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m.**

**“God Speaking”**

*Christmas musical presented by the  
First Baptist Church Adult Choir and Drama Team*



## **October 2010 Monthly Mission Memo**

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Greetings from our team,

Isn't fall another wonderful reminder of God's goodness, cooler temperatures, Fall colors and farmers seeing the results of their hard work. We are so blessed!

We would like you to start preparing for our next outreach. Join us as we get shoe boxes and start planning for "Operation Christmas Child". We are the area drop-off site this year. As with any ministry, the more we learn, the more exciting it becomes! OCC uses the shoe boxes as a tool to share the Gospel. Trained evangelists are with the team and they stay in the villages to train older children to evangelize in their village.

Collection week will be Nov. 14-21. We will have a special kick-off activity right after church on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Then we will be open to the area for 2 hours each day. Two workers will be needed for each shift. If you would like to participate, please let me know. We covet your prayers for success.

Finally, as you fill out your M25 cards, I have some service suggestions. We often need bakers, but specifically brownie bakers when it is our month to supply Church Street Commons noodle dinner items. We also need financial support. It averages about \$100 per month. One of CSC longest running outreach has been the Tutor/Mentor program. We are always looking for more mentors. No special education is needed. You just need to be able to give one child, one hour, once per week. This can be a life changing experience and is a definite need. See Gerry Cloncs to participate.

Gerry Cloncs,

Mission Team Leader



### **October - Pastor Appreciation Month**

**Join us Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00 p.m. for the**

**Annual Pastor Appreciation Ice Cream Social**



## **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  
724-2457

## **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

*"As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us." Psalm 103:12*

There are two days that can steal the joy from today. One is yesterday. The other is tomorrow.

Paul encourages us with these encouraging words in Philippians 3:13-14, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

We are to forget the past — the guilt, the glory, the grief, and the grudges, and look forward to our future. Everything you have done up to this second is now history, you can only change what happens from this day forward.

Maybe you have made mistakes that you feel forfeits you from being effective for God. Give up that emotion and allow the Holy Spirit to work in your life today. Today starts the rest of your life, how are you going to live out the only days you can change?

In Him,

**Pastor Rob**

## **Upcoming events for the Youth and Children's ministry in the month of October:**

- Nets Volleyball starts on October 9 and runs every Saturday morning until November 13<sup>th</sup>. It is for grades K-5<sup>th</sup>.
- Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> is the Youth Corn Maze Fall Festival, for grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>.
- Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. The youth band will be playing during the Sunday Morning Worship.
- Sunday night, October 24<sup>th</sup> grades preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will have a fall festival at the church from 6:15-7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday night High Point will be visiting Australia during the month of October. High Point is for
- grades K-5<sup>th</sup> grades. I hope to see you there.
- Sunday and Wednesday night youth at 6:15 p.m. I hope to see you there.

## **Children's classes and activities**

### **Sunday Mornings:**

Sunday School -9:15

Children's Church - 10:30

### **Sunday Night:**

Nursery Provided

Youth 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 6:15-7:30

### **Wednesday Night:**

Nursery Provided

Youth Small Groups (Grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)  
6:30-7:30

## 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.

Oct 9 (Saturday)	10:00 to 3:00	Ages 20 to 40
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

## 14 Ways to Refresh Your Prayer Life

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1. Sing a Psalm...Make up your own melody and sing or hum the words.
2. Take a prayer walk...Imagine Jesus walking beside you like a friend.
3. Kneel as you pray...It will increase your humility and attitude of reverence and worship.
4. Pray while lying down.
5. Be completely silent...Silence is restful and it allows us to rest in God's love.
6. Rest your hands on your lap, palms up, ready to receive what God has to give.
7. Light a candle...Let its quiet beauty still your mind.
8. Personalize Scripture.
9. Pray while engaging in a relaxing activity.
10. Use the outdoors to inspire your prayers.
11. Journal as you pray.
12. Use concrete objects to focus your prayers.
13. Organize your prayer life by focusing on different subjects every day of the week. Such as family on Monday, church on Tuesday, missionaries on Thursday etc. Wednesday is for praise only, no petitions.
14. Listen. Listen. Listen. God speaks in many ways: through pictures, dreams, impressions, words of Scripture, circumstances, other people.



We are praying for you!

Your parish nurses,  
Pam and Nancy



Angel Food Orders for October are due by noon, Friday, October 22nd.  
First Baptist Church will take orders during regular business hours, M-F, 8am – noon  
at the church office and Sunday mornings October 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

(We are no longer taking orders on Wednesday evenings.)

Orders can also be mailed to:

First Baptist Church Angel Food Ministry  
2107 S. Park Ave., Alexandria, IN 46001

Please include your check made payable to First Baptist Church along with your order form.

The order must arrive at First Baptist Church before October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

All orders must be picked up on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 9 – 10 a.m. at First Baptist Church.

Any food not picked up will be donated to a family in need.

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*Please feel free to use the e-mail addresses  
for church and family related communication.*

*No junk e-mail please.*

**CHURCH WEB SITE:**

[www.alexhbc.com](http://www.alexhbc.com)

## HEAVEN'S WEARHOUSE

*A ministry of Church Street Commons*

Offering gently used clothing and toys for those in need.

Operating Hours:

Monday – 4 to 7 p.m.

Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Location:

202 W. Church St./Canal St.

Alexandria, IN

(Annex of Old Baptist Church)

### CHURCH STREET COMMONS

CHICKEN NOODLE DINNER

Dinners will resume in the fall.

*“Go into the world and be a difference maker!”*