

BLESSINGS

In Luke 12:15 Jesus shares with us a great truth. Real success is not measured in terms of possessions. In the world we inhabit today, this is something that is becoming increasingly difficult to remember. The quest for things is a great threat to true Christianity in our generation. I firmly believe that the true worth of man is not measured by the objects he possesses. In fact, it is often the things he refuses to possess that truly define character.

It seems to be the philosophy of our world today that things can bring joy to life. This, I believe, is a great falsehood. In fact, the opposite is often true. I have seen many people spend years trying to arrive at a certain level of material wealth, only to learn that very often you don't own things; they own you.

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It is for this reason that one man said that we should acquire riches very grudgingly. Many of the things that we call blessings really are not. Some say they are blessed with this car, or this house, or this sum of money—this I feel is an incorrect point of view. The Scripture says that the blessings of God bring no sorrow. I have seen material wealth bring a lot of grief to some people.

David speaks of the benefits given by God, and I think this is the category where material things belong. God's blessings can't wear out, rust out, or be stolen. True blessings exist in the realm of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. Many of the things we call blessings is just stuff to God—He's going to burn them up someday.

Finally, in placing the right value on material wealth, never love anything that can't love you back. Love is the most precious thing any of us will ever have. Love should be given to God and to people, never to things. If you have things, fine. But realize that things have very little to do with defining success or failure in life.



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May calendar

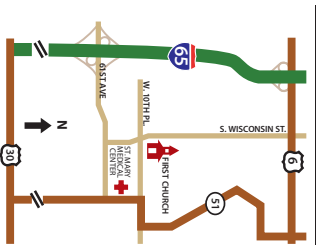
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MORNING WORSHIP 10:00 AM NO PM SERVICE	3-DAY FAST	1 FAMILY PRAYER 7:00 PM	2 3-DAY FAST	3 REVIVAL SERVICE SPEAKER: JOSH HERRIN 7 PM	4 REVIVAL SERVICE SPEAKER: JOSH HERRIN 7 PM	5
6 REVIVAL SERVICE SPEAKER: JOSH HERRIN 9 AM 10:30 AM 6:30 PM	7 LADIES PRAYER 7:00 PM	8	9	10 YOUTH AND MIDDWINTER EXPERIENCE 7 PM	11	12 MARRIAGEBUILT 6:00 PM
13 MORNING WORSHIP 9:00 & 11:00 AM NO PM SERVICE	14	15	16	17 YOUTH AND MIDDWINTER EXPERIENCE 7 PM	18	19 PRISON MINISTRY 12 PM THE MOVE 7:30 PM
20 MORNING WORSHIP 9:00 & 11:00 AM EVENING WORSHIP 6:30 PM	21	22	23	24 YOUTH AND MIDDWINTER EXPERIENCE 7 PM	25	26
27 FRIEND'S DAY MORNING WORSHIP 9:00 AM NO PM SERVICE	28	29	30	31 YOUTH AND MIDDWINTER EXPERIENCE 7 PM		

Notes

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 13: Mother's Day, AM Services Only
- May 19: Serve Day 9 - Noon
- May 19: The Move @ 7:30 PM
- May 20: CLASS 101 & 102 @ 1 PM
- May 27: Friend's Day, AM Services Only
- Enhancement Classes...**
- Divorce Care:** Mondays at 7:00 PM
- Celebrate Recovery:** Mondays at 7:00PM

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SERVICE opportunities

PRAYER & FASTING PROGRAM:

Join First Church in the 2012 devotional program. Pick up a devotion card at the information desk to help you stay on track. This year's challenge: Devotion: Start your day with prayer & Bible reading. Reading: The Life of Christ & Following Christ.

Serve Day:

A ministry that helps reach people for Christ by maintain our campus in excellent condition. The next serve day is May 19th from 9 to Noon.

Community Groups:

Are small groups that meet once per month in homes throughout Northwest Indiana. They are designed to be a place where you can connect and grow in your relationship to Christ. At First Church we think everyone should be apart of a community group. Fill out a Next Step card or ask a greeter at the information desk how you can join today.

Care Packages:

An ongoing ministry to touch the lives of missionaries, service personnel, and college students. Stop by the information desk for more details.

Open Door Prison Ministry:

Join our Prison Outreach at the Westville Correctional Facility. The next opportunity to get involved is May 19th. Stop by the information desk for more details.

Bible Studies:

Are you interested in learning more about what the Bible teaches?

You can join an on-going bible study group or elect to have a private bible study. At First Church we are committed to helping people understand the bible. Fill out a Next Step card or ask a greeter at the information desk how you can sign-up today.

Start one. Join one. Get in one. TODAY!

"Study to show thyself approved..." 2 Timothy 2:15



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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES & Announcements

CELEBRATE!!

Last week:
10 people baptized
3 people filled with the Holy Ghost

Van purchase:

Thank you to all who made commitments and who have given money toward the purchase of a new van. We had over \$15,000 given or committed to be given by the end of May!



Join us in congratulating our graduates!

Bachelors:

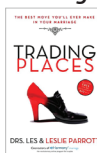
Susan Romero - Sociology @ Indiana University
Gina Romero - Psychology @ Indiana University
Brianna Thomas - Accounting @ Indiana University
Scott Crider - Business Administration @ Indiana Wesleyan

Masters:

Joselyn Stewart - Education @ Indiana Wesleyan

Book Highlight:

Trading Places by Drs. Les & Leslie Parrot. Ever feel like you're stepping on each other's toes? Then maybe it's time you put yourself in each other's shoes. That may sound uncomfortable, but it's easier than you think - and it will revolutionize your relationship. This book will help you be more understanding and better understood. Includes a FREE online assessment. Buy your copy today in Crosswords bookstore.



Join us on Thursdays @ 7 in the sanctuary

Redletters
WHEN GOD SPEAKS YOU SHOULD LISTEN

Redletters:

When Jesus speaks, the world is changed. His words are so important and powerful that they show up in the Bible as red letters. This spring, let Christ's words speak truth into your life, challenge you to change, and call you to a higher standard.

Life Enhancement Classes:

Classes are designed to meet the needs of real life. They include Divorce Care, Marriage Built to Last, Financial Peace University, and Celebrate Recovery.

Celebrate recovery:

The time to celebrate is approaching. Celebrate Recovery classes Monday at 7:00 PM. This class provides practical Biblical principles for those dealing with substance abuse, alcoholism, or other challenging life issues. If you or someone you know is a candidate for this class contact Jim or April Juarez, or visit the information desk.

Divorce Care:

Are you or someone you know going through a divorce or separation? Find help and healing for the hurt of separation and divorce. Mondays at 7 PM.

Sale: Sermon CDs

Up to 40% discount!! Order the preaching series GPS: God's Positioning System and the revival services with Josh Herring (5 sermons) today in Crosswords bookstore for \$15 each.

INFORMATION

SERVICES

Sunday
Worship Service 9 & 11 AM
Family Worship 6:30 PM
Thursday
Midweek Experience
7:00 PM

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sunday 10:00 AM
AGES 2-11
Adventure Zone
Thursday 7:00 PM
Discovery Zone
Nursery
Ages: 9 months - 2 years
(across from the bookstore)

STUDENT MINISTRY

(in the loft)
Thursday 7:00 PM
AGES 12-18
Product28
3rd Saturday of every
month at 7:30 PM
The Move - Ages 19-29

MORNING PRAYER

Monday-Friday
5:30-9:00 AM

LADIES MONTHLY PRAYER

Second Monday of the
Month
7:00-8:00 PM

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