

# YESTERDAY, TOMORROW, OR TODAY?

THIS IS THE DAY WHICH THE LORD HATH MADE;  
WE WILL REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT. – PSALM 118:24

There was a plaque that said, “This is not a dress rehearsal; this is the real show!” I think that is what David was trying to impress on us in his psalm about today. I’m convinced that two of the greatest impediments to spiritual growth and success are yesterday and tomorrow.

This was true of Mary and Martha. They were sure Jesus could have healed Lazarus yesterday. They were sure of a future resurrection. They could not, however, grasp the fact that the Resurrection and life were present with them. I wonder how many miracles and blessings are lost because we allow ourselves to be the people of yesterday and tomorrow. This is the day that the Lord has made!

Martin Luther King said, “The time is always right to do the right thing.” Certainly, we cannot ignore the responsibilities of preparing for tomorrow, but the best preparation for a good tomorrow is a job well done today. The future is a maybe, but the present is all I have or ever will have to serve God. I don’t know what tomorrow holds, but I am convinced that today, well lived, will prepare me for both the pain and the pleasure of tomorrow. That was true yesterday! Today is yesterday’s effect and tomorrow’s cause.

Without doubt, I’ll face some difficulties tomorrow, but if I spend whole life waiting for the storm, I’ll never enjoy any sunshine. One man said, “If I have one eye on yesterday and one eye on tomorrow, I’ll be cockeyed today.” How many people realized how many todays were lost in this way? We must realize one very important thing which is; we are younger today than we will ever be again. And as such, I understand what David meant in Psalm 95:7. He is our God; we are the people of His pastures and the sheep of His hand-if we hear His voice today!”



Pastor Jonathan & Krista Barley

# APRIL 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 FAMILY PRAYER 7 PM FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY 8 PM	3	4 MIDWEEK EXPERIENCE, YOUTH & ZONE 7 PM	5	6 SERVICE DAY 9 AM—NOON
7 MORNING WORSHIP 10 AM	8	9 FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY 7 PM	10	11 MIDWEEK EXPERIENCE, YOUTH & ZONE 7 PM	12	13
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21 MORNING WORSHIP 10 AM	22	23	24	25 MIDWEEK EXPERIENCE, YOUTH & ZONE 7 PM	26 ALL NIGHT PRAYER: MIDNIGHT TO 6 AM	27
28 MORNING WORSHIP 10 AM	29	30 FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY 7 PM				

## Notes

- 4/26 All Night Prayer Midnight—6 AM
- 4/30 Financial Peace 7-8 PM
- 5/6-7 2-Day Fast
- 5/7 Family Prayer 7 PM
- 5/18 Serve Day 9 AM—Noon
- 5/24 All Night Prayer Midnight—6 AM
- 5/30-6/1 Hyphen Camp—Fortville, IN

## Service Times

- Service Times**
- Sunday Worship Service 10:00 AM
- Thursday Midweek Experience 7:00 PM
- Student Ministry (in the loft)**
- Wildlife - Ages: 12-18 Thursday 7:00 PM
- Children’s Ministry**
- Ages: 2-11
- Sunday Adventure Zone 10:00 AM
- Thursday Discovery Zone 7:00 PM
- Nursery**
- Ages: 9 months - 2 years
- Every Service - downstairs in the Sunday School wing

# SERVICE opportunities

## 2024 Devotional Program

- **Bible Reading:**
  - New Testament plus two books from reading list at the info desk.
  - Visit: [hobartfirstchurch.com/2024](http://hobartfirstchurch.com/2024) to view the list of reading options.

- **Prayer:**
  - Daily Devotion—Goal of 30 minutes per day
  - Pre-service prayer before each service
  - Family Prayer: First Tuesday of the month

- **Fasting:**
  - Weekly – a day of your choosing.
  - 2 day fast from food and media/entertainment the first Monday/Tuesday of every odd month (March, May, July, September, November).

## Bible Studies

Are you interested in learning more about what the Bible teaches? Fill out a Next Step card or ask a greeter at the information desk how you can join today.

# INFORMATION

## Get Connected

Text **FirstChurch** to **970-00** to receive notifications and updates about services and events from First Church.

💰 **Did you know that we offer online giving through Zelle or \*P2P through Centier ?** Use [hobartfirst@gmail.com](mailto:hobartfirst@gmail.com) as the recipient address. Please be sure to fill out a giving envelope for all donations made through Zelle or P2P through Centier so that your contributions can be accurately recorded.

\*Email [hobartfirst@gmail.com](mailto:hobartfirst@gmail.com) for instructions on how to get set up with Centier's P2P.

## Connect with us!

**Mail:** PO BOX 624  
Hobart, IN 46342

**Phone:** (219) 942-3651

**Online:** [www.hobartfirst.com](http://www.hobartfirst.com)

## All Night Prayer

Come pray at the church the fourth Friday of each month from midnight-6 AM.

## C.L.A.S.S. System

Christian Life and Service Seminar is the class system to help you become connected and involved at First Church. Each step takes you into a more meaningful relationship with Christ. In these classes, you can expect to come to KNOW CHRIST, GROW IN CHRIST, learn how to LIVE LIKE CHRIST, and SERVE WITH CHRIST.

## Serve Day

Excellence honors God and inspires people. The purpose of serve Day is to ensure the church grounds are maintained in excellent condition, inside and out. Volunteering for Serve Day can help you find purpose and fulfillment in the kingdom of God.

## First Church CARES

The Care Ministry at First Church seeks to help out our family who are hurting or in need. If you would like to get involved, stop by the information desk or fill out a Next Step card.

## How can we pray for you this week?

*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." - Phil. 4:13*

Text in your prayer request to **219-444-0805**

## Sermon Recordings

**Now offering Online file download!**

You can purchase Sermon Recordings as an **Online File for download (\$4 ea)**, **CD (\$5 ea)**, or in **both formats (\$6 ea)**.

*All orders must be pre-paid and are available for pick up the following service.*

# UPCOMING activities & announcements

## REIMAGINE

We are nearing the 7-month mark for our Reimagine Pledges  
Time 29% (7/24 months)  
Target giving at 29%  
If you committed....

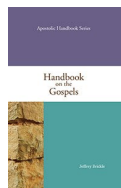
- \$1,000.... target giving: \$290
- \$5,000.... target giving: \$1,450
- \$10,000.. target giving: \$2,900
- \$20,000.. target giving: \$5,800
- \$50,000.. target giving: \$14,500



Whether you are new to faith, seeking to deepen your understanding, or reconnect with a group of believers, a Home Bible Study is a great place to start. We invite you to sign up for a 12-week, conversational style, small group where you can explore faith and experience community in a personal or small group setting. Sign up at the information desk to join a Home Bible Study today!

## Reading Highlight

Take a look at one of the 2024 reading program books:



## Handbook on the Gospels by Jeffrey Brickle

The *Handbook on the Gospels* is part of the eight-volume Apostolic Handbook Series. The author takes us on a journey of multiple expeditions throughout the ancient Mediterranean world and introduces us to a cast of characters who were instrumental in preserving the story of Jesus. Although the tone is conversational, the scholarship underlying the conversation is robust. Visit [hobartfirstchurch.com/2024](http://hobartfirstchurch.com/2024) to view all reading options.



You made the right choice when you decided to come to church today! We invite you to join us again Thursday at 7:00 PM.



Join us Thursday at 7 PM for our Midweek service as we learn what the Bible says about our relationships.



Join us for All Night Prayer this Friday, April 26th from Midnight to 6 AM.



## CLASS 101

Sunday, April 28th, 12:00 – 1:30 PM

Christian Life and Service Seminar is the class system to help you become connected and involved at First Church. Each step takes you into a more meaningful relationship with Christ. In these classes, you can expect to come to KNOW CHRIST, GROW IN CHRIST, learn how to LIVE LIKE CHRIST, and SERVE WITH CHRIST. Sign up at the information desk to secure your spot.

## GROWTH steps

- Come to All Night Prayer Friday night from Midnight—6 AM.
- Sign up for CLASS 101 April 28th.
- Invite someone to coffee this week.