					UNIVERSITY 7 PM		MORNING WORSHIP 10 AM
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	27	26	25	24	23	22	21
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	SATURDAY	FRIDAY	THURSDAY	WEDNESDAY	TUESDAY	MONDAY	SUNDAY

(in the loft) Student Ministry

WildLife - Ages: 12-18 Thursday 7:00 PM

**Thursday** Midweek Experience 7:00 PM

**Thursday** Discovery Zone 7:00 PM

**Sunday** Adventure Zone 10:00 AM

Sunday Worship Service

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Children's Ministry Ages: 2-11

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



WEEK OF APRIL 28, 2024

## TRUE 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 posses 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.

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 are just junk 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 people and to God, never to things. If you have things, fine. But realize that things have very little to do with defining success or failure in life.

# Pastor Jonathan

# **SERVICE** opportunities

#### 2024 Devotional Program

#### Bible Reading:

- New Testament plus two books from reading list at the info desk.
- Visit: 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.

#### **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.

# **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 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 for instructions on how to get set up with Centier's P2P.



Mail: PO BOX 624 Hobart, IN 46342

Phone: (219) 942-3651 Online: www.hobartfirst.com

#### 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

We are nearing the 8-month mark for our Reimagine Pledges

Time 33% (8/24 months)

Target giving at 33%

If you committed....

- \$1,000.... target giving: \$330
- \$5,000.... target giving: \$1,650
- \$10,000.. target giving: \$3,300
- \$20,000.. target giving: \$6,600
- \$50,000.. target giving: \$16,500



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!



Join us on Thursdays at 7 PM as we learn about how to hear the voice of God in our lives.



Congratulations to our Junior Bible Quizzers for a fantastic quiz meet in Columbus, IN yesterday!



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.



#### **CLASS 101**

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#### 2-Day Fast & Prayer

Plan to unite with church body for a 2 day fast from media and food next Monday & Tuesday. We will come together for family & kids prayer Tuesday night from 7-8pm.

# **GROWTH** steps

- Start reading a qualifying book for 2024 devotion program.
- Make a prayer list.
- Write a card to encourage someone.