

WALK IN TRUTH

A philosopher once said, "So long as we are able to distinguish any space whatsoever between the truth and us, we remain outside it." This is so true and so relevant to our day. In a world that is changing very rapidly and in almost every area, the one thing that must remain constant in the church is truth.

We live in a world that resists the idea of absolutes. The courts have difficulty in determining that anything is absolutely illegal. The government has difficulty in determining that there are any absolutes in ethics or morality. Society has given up even trying.

In the midst of all this, we cannot lose sight of the fact that this truth we hold is absolute. The necessity of an Acts 2:38 experience is absolute. While we may vary in our local house rules, there are clearly defined standards of holiness in Scripture; these are absolute!

In a gray world, we dare not lose an understanding that some things are black and white. Saying that one is almost correct regarding truth is like saying one is almost pregnant. We either are or we aren't. Let's not be embarrassed of truth nor be apologetic of it. This truth is settled in heaven. If there is any space between us and truth, we are outside of it.

In John 14:6, Jesus declared that the Holy Ghost was the Spirit of Truth whose purpose was to lead us into truth. It would be fair to conclude that separating from truth is separating from the Holy Ghost. The Word counsels us to buy the truth and don't sell!

III John 3 declares that the Christian walk is a walk in truth. In a world that has lost its bearings, thanks be to God for some things that are absolute!



Pastor Jonathan & Krista Barley

MAY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
MORNING WORSHIP 10 AM	2—Day Fast			MIDWEEK EXPERIENCE, YOUTH & ZONE 7 PM		
		FAMILY & KIDS PRAYER 7 PM		MIDWEEK EXPERIENCE, YOUTH & ZONE 7 PM		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY MORNING WORSHIP 10 AM				MIDWEEK EXPERIENCE, YOUTH & ZONE 7 PM		SERVICE DAY 9AM—NOON
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
MORNING WORSHIP 10 AM				MIDWEEK EXPERIENCE, YOUTH & ZONE 7 PM	ALL NIGHT PRAYER: MIDNIGHT TO 6 AM	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
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Notes

- 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 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 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 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.

Connect with us!

Mail: PO BOX 624
Hobart, IN 46342

Phone: (219) 942-3651

Online: 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 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.



Join us next Sunday, May 12th at 10 AM as we celebrate the influential women in our lives.



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.



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.

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 to view all reading options.

GROWTH steps

- Start reading a qualifying book for 2024 devotion program.
- Sign up to be involved in the Care Ministry at the info booth.
- Invite an influential woman in your life to next week's Sunday morning service.