

TOO BLESSED TO POUT

FINALLY, BRETHREN, WHATSOEVER THINGS ARE TRUE, WHATSOEVER THINGS ARE HONEST, WHATSOEVER THINGS ARE JUST, WHATSOEVER THINGS ARE PURE, WHATSOEVER THINGS ARE LOVELY, WHATSOEVER THINGS ARE OF GOOD REPORT; IF THERE BE ANY VIRTUE, AND IF THERE BE ANY PRAISE, THINK ON THESE THINGS. - PHILIPPIANS 4:8

Someone once said that life is too valuable to pout any part of it away. To forfeit the good part of life by allowing disappointments to cloud our perspective is ultimately folly. The wise man said that man's days will be full of trouble. The word "full" comes from a Hebrew word meaning "to tire." In other words, by the time my life ends, I will have had enough trouble that I'll be tired of it.

Since this is so, it is incumbent on me to focus on life's good things. Hurtful and annoying things are part of life. Sometimes these situations are brought about by people who are supposed to have the Holy Ghost. People who are supposed to represent Jesus! So, they are just people, and by and large people are pitiful. Life is too short to spend my time nursing hurt feelings or pouting over wrongs. If I really knew how many people were pouting over things I have done, I would probably be amazed.

We have a great God, a great salvation, and a great future. By and large, God's people are pretty great too. So—whatever you're pouting about, just get over it! Life is too precious to be spent that way.



Pastor Jonathan & Krista Barley

APRIL 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 3—Day Fast FAMILY PRAYER 7 PM	2	3 MIDWEEK EXPERIENCE, YOUTH & ZONE 7 PM	4	5 LADIES PRAYER 9 AM
6 MORNING WORSHIP 10 AM	7	8	9	10 MIDWEEK EXPERIENCE, YOUTH & ZONE 7 PM	11 EASTER PROGRAM 7 PM	12
13 PALM SUNDAY EASTER PROGRAM 10 AM	14	15	16	17 MIDWEEK EXPERIENCE, YOUTH & ZONE 7 PM	18	19 SINGLE ADULT MINISTRY PRAYER & BREAKFAST 9 AM NEW BUILDING OPEN HOUSE 10 AM
20 EASTER SUNDAY 9 AM & 11 AM	21	22	23	24 MIDWEEK EXPERIENCE, YOUTH & ZONE 7 PM	25 ALL NIGHT PRAYER MIDNIGHT TO 6 AM	26
27 MORNING WORSHIP 10 AM	28	29	30			

Notes

UPCOMING EVENTS

5/6	Family Prayer 7 PM
5/11	Mother's Day
5/23	All Night Prayer Midnight—6 AM
5/30-31	Hyphen Camp
6/9-13	15-18 Camp
6/16-20	12-14 Camp
6/25-27	Family Camp
7/7-11	8-9 Camp
7/14-18	10-11 Camp
8/1-4	Spanish Camp

Service Times

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

SERVICE opportunities

2025 Devotional Program

- **Bible Reading:**
- Read the Old and New Testament.
- **Prayer:**
- Family Prayer every first Tuesday of every month.
- **Fasting:**
- Quarterly 3-Day Fasting.

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.


WILDLIFE

Wild Life is a dynamic, high energy, age-relevant youth ministry where young people ages 12-18 can worship freely, participate in leading service, develop talent, and grow spiritually. Get connected by emailing the youth ministry at youth@hobartfirstchurch.com, and receive emails about upcoming events and more.

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

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, email: care@hobartfirstchurch.com.

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)**.
All orders must be pre-paid in the bookstore.

UPCOMING activities & announcements

REIMAGINE

We are nearing the 19 -month mark for our Reimagine Pledges
Time 79% (19/24 months)
Target giving at 79%
If you committed....

- \$1,000.... target giving: \$790
- \$5,000.... target giving: \$3,950
- \$10,000.. target giving: \$7,900
- \$20,000.. target giving: \$15,800
- \$50,000.. target giving: \$39,500



Spiritual Stickers

Stop in the bookstore to check out Lauren Marxer's original art work. ALL proceeds benefit reimagine. Vinyl Waterproof Stickers:

- \$3 per sticker
- \$10 pack with all four



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!

WELCOME

You made the right choice when you decided to come to church today! Commit to being in the house of God every time the opportunity presents itself. We invite you to join us again Thursday at 7:00 PM for our Midweek Experience.

THE HOPE FUND

Helping Other People Everywhere

The Hope Fund is an offering that will be given to advance the Kingdom of God outside the four walls of First Church. Part of your contributions to the Hope Fund helps support missionaries around the world. The following highlight is one of the my many missionaries we support.

Verse to Hide in Your Heart

knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. **1 Peter 1:18-19 (KJV)**

GROWTH steps

- Memorize 1 Peter 1:18-19 (KJV).
- Read three chapters of the Bible each day this week.
- Make an extra effort to be Christ like.