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First Southern Baptist Church  
215 E. Ettels Lane  
Clarksville IN 47129

IN GOD WE TRUST

**Welcome & Congratulations to**  
Hunter Owen Ruiz, who was born on Friday, Sep-  
tember 12, 2014. The proud parents are Kyle &  
Chrisi (Kaelin). Proud grandmother & great-  
grandparents are Charlene Kaelin & John & Susan  
Massengale.

**Ladies Bible Study**  
Daniel Bible Study (part 2) will begin on Tuesday,  
September 23rd from 9:00-11:30 AM. It will con-  
tinue on Tuesdays for the following five weeks.

**Christian Love & Sympathy**  
is expressed to Daniel Harbin & family in the loss  
of his cousin.

**Church-wide Bridal Shower**  
for Stephanie Burke, will be held in the FLC on  
Saturday, September 27, 2014 at 2:00 PM. The  
couple is registered at Target & Kohls.

Sunday School		Worship Services	
Adult	98	AM	144
Youth	15	PM	63
Children	20		
Preschool	13	Discipleship Training	31
<b>Total:</b>	<b>146</b>	Children's Choirs	23
		<b>Total:</b>	<b>13</b>

**Offering Information**  
Budget Needed: \$ 10,663.00  
Offering Received: \$ 7,851.00  
Designated Other: \$ 25.00  
**Total: \$ 7,876.00**

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*Worshiping, witnessing, growing,  
serving...in the name of Jesus  
Christ and for His glory.*

# The Communicator

of

## First Southern Baptist Church

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### Calendar of Events

#### Thursday, September 18

Ordination Counsel for Nate Fellows - 7:00 PM

#### Saturday, September 20

Ruth Class Meeting/Luncheon in FLC - 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM

#### Sunday, September 21

Deacon Ordination Service for Nate Fellows - 6:15 PM

#### Tuesday, September 23

Ladies Bible Study of Daniel (Part 2) - 9:00-11:30 AM

#### Saturday, September 27

Bridal Shower for Stephanie Burke in FLC - 2:00 PM  
Youth Paintball

#### Tuesday, September 30

Ladies Bible Study of Daniel (Part 2) - 9:00-11:30 AM

#### Friday, October 3

HSM in FLC - 12:00-4:00 PM

#### Sunday, October 5

Sunday School Worker's Meeting in FLC - 9:00 AM  
Lord's Supper - AM Service  
Deacon's Meeting - 7:25 PM

#### Monday-Friday, October 6-10 & 13-17

Indiana Schools Fall Break

#### Tuesday, October 7

Ladies Bible Study of Daniel (Part 2) - 9:00-11:30 AM

# Pastor's Paragraphs

Our church family is saddened by the loss of our faithful servant of Christ, deacon, and charter member of FSBC, John Stith. It's hard to measure the impact on our church of the lives of John and Mattie Stith. It's hard to imagine life and ministry here without John. Pray for Mrs. Mattie and all the family during this time of loss. John's passing reminds us that the baton is passed to us who remain. He was a man of vision and energy and labor toward advancing the church and its mission and in living out the gospel in life. John set a good example for all of us who follow. We will sorely miss him, but we will not forget him.

Last Sunday, we remembered the founding of our church on September 12, 1948. God has blessed our church and ministry for 66 years. Often during the history of the Old Testament saints, the people of God were encouraged by remembering what God had done for them in the defining event of their history, the Exodus. God was the wonderful God who delivered them with a "mighty hand and an outstretched arm." This encouraged them for what they were facing themselves at their current time. So it is with the ministry of our church. We can be encouraged and inspired by those who have gone before us and by what God did through them. We have new challenges to face, however. Each new day and the challenges of each new generation call for people of faith, vision, prayer, and energy to rise up and be the church today. We can't just celebrate the past; we must be actively seeking to make a difference in the present. So we celebrate the victories of the past and let them inspire us and encourage us to face the challenges of today with faith. With God's help and blessing, the future of our church is as bright as the past.

See you Sunday, *Bro. Russ*

# The Upcoming Week

<b><u>Sunday, September 21</u></b>	
9:00 AM	Men's Prayer Meeting
9:30 AM	Sunday School
10:45 AM	Worship Service
5:00 PM	Preschool & Children's Choirs
	Discipleship Training
6:15 PM	Worship Service
<b><u>Tuesday, September 23</u></b>	
9:00-11:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study
<b><u>Wednesday, September 24</u></b>	
5:00 PM	Youth Choir
5:45 PM	Meal: Mexican Food
6:15 PM	Youth Bible Study
6:30 PM	Mission Friends, GA's, RA's
	Adult Prayer/Bible Study
	Worship Choir Rehearsal
7:40 PM	Praise Ringers
<b><u>Thursday, September 25</u></b>	
8:30 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denny's
<b><u>Saturday, September 27</u></b>	
8:00 AM	Men's Intercessory Prayer mtg
2:00 PM	Burke Bridal Shower in FLC
	Youth Paintball
<b><u>Sunday, September 28</u></b>	
9:00 AM	Men's Prayer Meeting
9:30 AM	Sunday School
10:45 AM	Worship Service
5:00 PM	Preschool & Children's Choirs
	Discipleship Training
6:15 PM	Worship Service
<b><u>Tuesday, September 30</u></b>	
9:00-11:30 AM	Ladies Bible Study
<b><u>Wednesday, October 1</u></b>	
5:00 PM	Youth Choir
5:45 PM	Meal: Pork Chops, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, cakes
6:15 PM	Youth Bible Study
6:30 PM	Mission Friends, GA's, RA's
	Adult Prayer/Bible Study
	Worship Choir Rehearsal
7:40 PM	Praise Ringers

# A Word from Nick

Greetings,

"For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment." James 2:13


They say first impressions are everything. The way that someone sees you the first time you meet them tells them everything they need to know about that who you are. While there should be a priority on making a good first impression, this method of sizing up people based on their appearance and initial interaction alone is lazy and selfish. I say this because I was once the biggest culprit.

It's much easier to generalize about people and put them into stereotypical boxes that label who that person is instead of actually getting to know a person the way Jesus did. Jesus rocked the social boat when he walked this earth as he dined with known sinners, tax collectors, and other notorious people of his day. Instead of operating out of an attitude of judgment towards these people based on their reputations, he met them in mercy. The ones he judged were surprisingly the religious people of his day.

Jesus modeled for us what it looks like to not show partiality towards our fellow man. We should operate out of the mercy that we have ultimately been shown through the Cross of Christ. If Jesus simply went off first impressions, we would be the ones hanging on the cross because that's what we rightfully deserve. Because we have been shown incredible mercy, we are to demonstrate this same mercy to those we interact with each day. Our spouse, our kids, our co-workers, our friends, even complete strangers. Do you believe the best about people first (1 Cor. 13:7) or do they have to prove themselves to you to escape your judgment? I hope and pray that the mercy of God overwhelms the interactions of your life.

In Christ,  
Nick Scott

# Remembering in Prayer

 **Children's Hospital:** Hunter Ruiz  
**Wedgewood:** Katie Cawthorn, Juanita Zuberer  
**Riverbend:** Dorothy Gibson,  
**Westminster:** Bob & Carolyn Miller, Daphne Ryan, Calvin Wiseman  
**Village Rehab:** Esther Figueroa  
**Home:** Annette Anderson, Millie Borengasser, Mary Eddings, John & Wanda Fleming, Brenda Gaunce, Donna Huff, Chrisi Kaelin, Ruth Leffler, Sally Oyler, Bro. Jim Pinkley, Beulah Truesdell  
**Shut-Ins:** Mattie Stith, Bettyruth Wilson

**No Communicator next week**  
The Ministry Assistant will be on vacation next week, September 22-26.

**FSBC Missions ...**  
Did you know that our church has a Missions Fund? This fund has helped finance the mission trips we have been taking and provides for other needs on the mission field. You can contribute by noting "Missions Fund" on your offering. The Missions Team oversees this fund and reports at our bi-monthly business meeting.

**Come Walk With Us!**  
Choices for Women is hosting their annual Walk for Life on Saturday, October 4th at 10:00 AM at the Christian Academy of Indiana Campus. Walkers and sponsors are needed. Go to [www.cfw4life.org](http://www.cfw4life.org) to create your own Walk for Life page.

**XYZ Update**  
The XYZ group will have a pitch-in luncheon in the FLC on Tuesday, October 21 at 12:00 PM.