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IN GOD WE TRUST

Welcome & Congratulations

to Silas Roman Borengasser, born on Thursday, December 21, 2017. The proud parents & grandparents are James & Christy, John & Diana Borengasser.

Church-wide Fellowship

There will be a church-wide fellowship for Bro. Russ & Karen celebrating 20 years of ministry at FSBC, this Sunday, January 7, 2018 in the FLC following the evening worship service. Everyone is invited.

Thank You!

Thanks for every thought, prayers, cards & visits during the illness and loss of Anita Gallick. (Grace Click's daughter)

Love, Grace Click & family

Sunday School		Worship Services	
Adult	71	AM	112
Youth	8	PM	
Children	10		
Preschool	9		
Total:	98		

Offering Information

Budget Needed: \$ 11,616.00
 Offering Received: \$ 16,897.07
 Designated Other: \$ 5,039.08
Total: \$ 21,936.15

Church Staff

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 serving...in the name of Jesus
 Christ and for His glory.*

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Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 7

Sunday School Worker's Meeting in FLC - 9:00 AM
 Lord's Supper - AM

Church-wide fellowship reception for Bro. Russ & Karen for 20 years of ministry at First Southern Baptist Church - everyone is welcome!

Sunday, January 14

Guest Missionary Speaker, Dave Wilson - AM Service
 Church-wide pitch-in following the AM service in the FLC
 Meat & drinks will be provided
 Deacon's Meeting - 7:20 PM

Sunday, January 21

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
 Voice of Praise Group - AM Service

Sunday, February 4

Sunday School Worker's Meeting in FLC - 9:00 AM

Saturday, February 17

XYZ Luncheon in FLC - 12:00 PM

Sunday, February 18

Business Meeting - 7:00 PM

Monday, February 19

President's Day - Office Closed

Pastor's Paragraphs

Welcome to 2018!! Can you believe it? Time flies when you are having fun! Not only this holiday season, but the entire 2017 has flown by. Where did the time go? James says, "Whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away" (James 4:14). John teaches us, "And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever." (1 Jn. 2:17). That's a pretty heavy thought to put on you this first newsletter of the year, but it is so very true. Until we have learned to live in the light of eternity with faith in the savior, Jesus Christ, and confidence in his victory over the grave and the lostness of sin, we have not yet begun to truly live life to the fullest. With Christ in our lives, we have joy, peace, and purpose, even in the face of life's brevity and frailty. "I give them eternal life," Jesus said of believers, "And they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand" (Jn. 10:28). Jesus makes the difference. Seek him with all your heart. Rest in him and trust your days to him. He never fails.

Here are some prayer requests. Please continue to pray for our Personnel Team and the search for a youth minister.

Also, please pray for our faithful youth leaders and teachers who are stepping up to the plate to equip, encourage, and love our students during this interim time.

And, of course, pray for our students. Remember, our hope is in God.

Also, please pray for our Leadership Team as we consider plans and strategies to move our church forward in following the Lord's plan for us.

Also, please let's pray for one another. "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints" (Eph. 6:18).

See you in Church, **Bro. Russ**

The Upcoming Week

Sunday, January 7

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| 9:00 AM | SS worker's mtg in FLC |
| | Men's Prayer Meeting |
| 9:30 AM | Sunday School |
| 10:45 AM | Worship Service |
| 6:15 PM | Worship Service |
| | Church-wide fellowship reception for Bro. Russ & Karen in the FLC |

Wednesday, January 10

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| 5:45 PM | Meal: Pizza, breadsticks, salad & dessert |
| 6:15 PM | "Ignite" Bible Study (Youth) TeamKid (Grades 1-6) |
| 6:30 PM | Adult Bible Study/Prayer |
| | Worship Choir Rehearsal |

Thursday, January 11

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| 8:30 AM | Men's Prayer Breakfast at Denny's |
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Sunday, January 14

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| 9:00 AM | Men's Prayer Meeting |
| 9:30 AM | Sunday School |
| 10:45 AM | Worship Service - Guest Speaker - Dave Wilson |
| 12:00 PM | Church-wide pitch-in luncheon in the FLC. Meat & drinks provided |
| 6:15 PM | Worship Service |
| 7:20 PM | Deacon's Meeting |

Wednesday, January 17

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| 5:45 PM | Meal: Sloppy Joes, french fries, baked beans, cookies & fruit cocktail |
| 6:15 PM | "Ignite" Bible Study (Youth) TeamKid (Grades 1-6) |
| 6:30 PM | Adult Bible Study/Prayer |
| | Worship Choir Rehearsal |

2018 Offering Envelopes

are now available in the Sunday school classrooms or by the Christmas card box. If you cannot find your box, please contact the church office.

Volunteers Needed - Opportunity to Serve

The Baptist Health Cancer Center is asking for volunteers to help transport patients to and from their cancer treatments. Would you be willing and able to help? If so you may contact Evelyn Hunter at 812-542-4996. More information is on the bulletin board by the church office. (If you participate in this program please notify Tina in the church office. We would like to know who is helping I from First Southern.)

Ladies Prayer Group

will be on Saturday, January 13, 2018 at 11:00 AM at the home of Rhoda Wolfe. We will be doing it based on the ACTS prayer method along with a focus on praying intentionally for our church. This will be on-going on a monthly basis. If you have any questions please contact Kelly Hartley@ kelhartley@gmail.com!

Church Staffing Prayer Need:

Please be in prayer for our Personnel Team as they begin the process of searching for a new youth minister. The team is prayerfully considering the church's needs, vision, and goals in determining the specific job responsibilities that would be required. Our Personnel Team are: Bobby Miller (Leader), Becky Burke, Bill Fellows, Alice Hartley, Matt Williams, and Bro. Russ.



Clark Rehab: Patty Rogier

Westminster: Daphne Ryan

Silvercrest: Juan Figueroa

Home: Annette Anderson, Millie Borengasser, Wanda Coleman, Mary Eddings, Brenda Gaunce, Dana Getz, Bobby & Dianne Hoback, Lois Hollingsworth, Donna Huff, Charlene Kaelin, Geanie Smith, Pauline Sullivan, Barb Swisher, Beulah Truesdell, Pat Yuncker

New Sunday School Class

New Sunday school class emphasizing study of the word. Starting January 7, 2018. Open to any desiring to know the Word of God better. Join Chuck Lee and Mark McCarty. Will meet in Room 268.

Choices Life Resource Center

There is still time to remember "Choices Life Resource Center" in your 2017 giving. "Choices" (formerly "Choices for Women") is our partner ministry, serving Southern Indiana families, saving babies from abortion, leading people to Christ, and equipping and empowering young parents and others with life skills for success. Connect online at info@cfw4life.org, phone 812-941-0872 or mailing address 2656 Charlestown Road, New Albany, IN 47150.

XYZ Group Update

The XYZ group will have their annual "Everybody's Birthday" luncheon on Tuesday, January 16, 2018, in the FLC at noon. More info to follow.