September 2026

BFCC Newsletter

Hello, I hope this finds you well!

You may have seen in the news how badly some parts of northern and central Indiana have been hit with flooding. If you want to help, please consider giving to Week of Compassion, a link is included below, designate it is for "US Storms and Fires". https://www.weekofcompassion.org/give.html

On September 6 at 3:00 pm, I would like to invite anyone who is interested to come on a field trip with me to Paoli. I would like to invite us to go and see what Dr. Brandy Terrell is doing there, she has done amazing work collaborating local resources to serve her community in a downtown building she and her husband have restored and reimagined. While what she is doing is very different than anything we might do, I do want us to wonder imaginatively about how we might continue to grow in doing similar kind of work in our own community. Also, I have arranged that she will be bringing us a message on October 4, while I am away on my study trip to Ghana, so this will be a great opportunity to see what she will be talking about. We will be meeting in Bedford and leaving at 3:00 pm via carpooling or however, and meeting with her a little before 4:00 pm in Paoli. Please contact me if you have interest or questions!

On September 13 in worship, we will be celebrating National Grandparent Day! We will be having a pitch in this Sunday (please note this is a move from the usual third Sunday), and worship in the fellowship hall. Be sure to invite your grandkids (or grandparents!) for a special worship service! And if you have neither, we hope you can just be there for a grand time. We're tentatively planning on having games following the pitch-in dinner, stay tuned for more details!

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The church will be having a Homecoming Celebration October 24-25. This will consist of an ice cream social on Saturday, October 24 at the church, followed by campfire Saturday evening at camp. On Sunday, October 25 there will be a special worship service, with a pitch-in dinner following. Plans are in motion to prepare some of our archived information from the church's history for viewing and sharing on the weekend. Sacred Places asks you share the news, and invite people, friends, former members, and anyone else!!! If you can, please share contacts with Lincoln Merchant or Jamie Blackwell. Stay tuned for more details!

Adult Sunday School is meeting Sundays at 9:15 am in the church library. Feel free join anytime! They are reading a book titled Story of a Soul by St. Therese of Lisieux. It can be found in online stores, or contact me if you would like help finding a copy.

Finally, being aware of our congregation's health, I would like to take a moment to encourage you to consider taking time to take care of yourself. While I am sure no one is a fan of going to the doctor, extra appointments, screenings, or getting assistive devices, that extra effort can add so much quality to life. Listening to our own body's needs can allow any of us to continue to serve, spend amazing time with beloveds, and make memories worth holding onto. And, I also want to encourage any of us to pray for one another, and send support for our friends who are in the hospital, whether it is a message, cards, visits, or anything else, you are never wrong for being a supportive friend.

Peace and grace along your way,
Pastor Will Brown

HELP US STOCK OUR FOSTER CLOSET

FOSTER FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY NEED SUPPORT!

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Donate new or gently used clothing items
- Donate NEW socks and underwear for kids
- Bring new or gently used books, toys, and kid items

Personal Hygiene Products
Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Body Wash, Baby Lotion, Baby Powder

MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

- Coats & winter items
- Diapers
- Shelf-stable milk & baby formula
- Clothing for babies, kids of all ages, and young adults!
- Kids' shoes

For information contact
Warren Jackson
(812) 279-9949

First Christian Church
1101 15th Street
Bedford, Indiana 47421
812-275-4497

Place the items in the tubs located in the foyer.

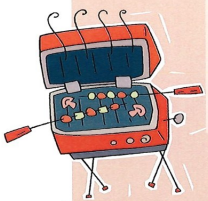
Thank you for your support of this ministry.

Men's Warming Shelter Kick-off Party

Join us for our barbecue party to celebrate and prepare for another season of fellowship in the community hosted by the McGriffs!

September 5, 2026 with food at 5:30 pm. Main dish will be provided, please bring a side! Come early for fishing, corn hole and stay for a fire (please bring a chair too!)

Address: 547 Arthur Rd
Springville, IN



"Cooking for the Men's Warming Shelter will be kicking off again in October! To celebrate and plan, the McGriffs have offered to host a kick off party on their property! If you are interested in getting involved with your community, this is a great place for you! Don't know how to cook or don't want to? We need servers or people willing to help with clean up after cooking the meal at the church. Come join us **September 5, 2026 at 547 Arthur Rd, Springville, IN** for good fellowship. The main dish will be provided, please bring a side dish and a chair if you come! **Dinner will be at 5:30 pm, but come a couple hours early for fishing, corn hole, a small bonfire and good company! Hope to see you there!"**

Disciples Women's Gathering
Monday, September 14, 6:00 pm

Ladies, mark your calendar for our next meeting.

Your Hostess Committee:
Amy Holbrook, Marsha Ochs, Amanda Ochs

Dream Weavers

Invites you to a Christian space to craft, chat, and connect with fellow adult creatives. No experience necessary. Bring your own materials or use ours. Message us for details, Liz McKenzie or Susan Maxwell Lewis.

Each Wednesday, 1:30-3:30 pm in the Church Library
First Christian Church Library

Homebound Communion
is on the 1st Sunday of the month.

If you know of someone that would like a visit and receive communion, please contact Linda Smith, Jack Maxwell or Rev. Will.

Elder's Meetings

The Elder's meet the third Sunday of each month. **The next meeting will be on Sunday, September 20 in the Parlor.** Make plans to attend as your presence is very important.

Board of Directors Meetings

The Board of Directors Meetings are the third Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be on **September 15** at **5:30 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. The Board Meeting is open to anyone in the congregation.

August 2026

Coffee Hour
Sunday
9:30 am.

We are collecting Diapers and Baby Food for L.I.F.E. Pantry. Any food or items you wish to donate are welcome. Place your items in the baskets located in the foyer. Thank you!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship	3 6-8 pm Scout Mtg Downstairs	4	5 1:30-3:30 pm Dream Weavers Library	6 Office Closed	7	8
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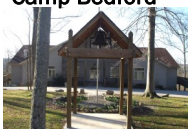
16 10:30 am Picnic/Worship Camp Bedford 	17 6-8 pm Scout Mtg Downstairs	18 5:30 pm Board Meeting	19 12:30-2:30 pm Dream Weavers Library 5:15–8:30 pm Champion Force Athletics F/H	20	21	22
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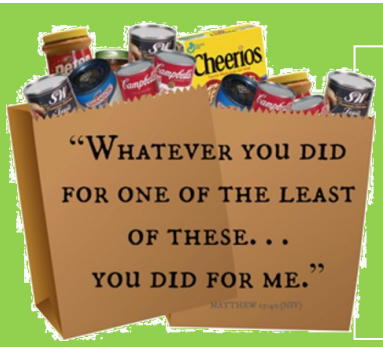
Will out of Town

September 2026



We are collecting DESSERTS: Cake Mixes, Pudding, Jello, etc. for L.I.F.E. Pantry. Any food or items you wish to donate are welcome. Place your items in the baskets located in the foyer. Thank you!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Coffee Hour Sunday 9:30 am		*1*	*2* 1:30-3:30 pm Dream Weavers Library 5:15–8:30 pm Champion Force Athletics F/H	*3*	*4*	*5* Men's Shelter Kick-Off Party McGriff's 5:30 pm Dinner
6 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship HB Communion 2:00 PM StoneBridge	*7* Office Closed	*8* 7-8 pm Scout Mtg Downstairs	*9* 1:30-3:30 pm Dream Weavers Library 5:15–8:30 pm Champion Force Athletics F/H	*10*	*11*	*12*
13 Grandparents Day 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship - F/H 12 pm Luncheon	*14* 6:00 pm Disciples Women's Mtg F/H 6-8 pm Scout Mtg Downstairs	*15* 5:30 pm Board Meeting	*16* 1:30-3:30 pm Dream Weavers Library 5:15–8:30 pm Champion Force Athletics F/H	*17*	*18*	*19* Treva Olson Private Event Fellowship Hall
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday
to you,
Happy Birthday
to you,
Happy Birthday
dear friends,
Happy Birthday
to you.

August

8/1	Marsha Ochs
8/4	Sue Pentzer
8/11	Ginny Jones
8/11	Bev McFadden
8/13	Mitzi Flynn
8/14	Matt Parker
8/14	Ellie Reynolds
8/18	Mariah Mills
8/18	Camron Stewart
8/25	Stacy Ochs

Please let our office know if we don't have your birthday.

Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday dear friends, Happy Birthday to you.

September

09/01	Bonnie Duncan
09/04	Francena Beasley
09/05	Cameron Holbrook
09/06	Mike Dixon
09/13	Alex Jones
09/22	Rev. Will Brown
09/26	Brian Blackwell
09/27	Beth Joyner
09/28	Karen Billberry
09/28	Vasco Billberry

Please let our office know if we don't have your birthday.

The following folks are listed on our Homebound Communion List. They are visited by Pastor Will and at least once a month by the Elders and Deacons, who serve them communion. There have been a few that have requested visits more often. If anyone has a few minutes to visit these folks and make their day brighter, please do. A nursing home can be a lonely place and by taking a few minutes out of your day, for a short visit, will bring a smile to these folks and their families. They want to know they have not been forgotten. If you would like to call the nursing home before you visit, the phone numbers are listed below:

Autumn Trace 2910 Evergreen Dr, Bedford 812-329-6225
LaVerne Speer Room 109
Al & Barbra Marshall/Foust Room 401

Stonebridge Health Campus 3100 Shawnee Dr. South, Bedford 812-278-8195
Bonnie Duncan Room 211
Sharon Mayo Room 502
Jimmie Waggoner Room 208

Cedar Creek 297 S. 100 E. Washington, IN 47501
Jo Ann George Room 114

In Your Mercy, Lord, Hear Our Prayers

Our Friends and Family: Cathy Allman, Sandy Arthur, Michelle Asbury, Diane Ashley, Janice Baker, Dennis Bergman, Kyania Boone, Cole Byington, Levi Chrisholm, Tammy Cooper, Tina Corum, John & Jackie Dodd, Nina Doane, Suzanne Koch Doering, Henry Durbin, Mike Eagan, Pat East, Marsha Fisher Embree, Chantell Everton, Al Foust, John Flynn, Nancy Flynn, Trish Flynn, Becky & Jerry Francis, Ariene Gilbert, Joanna Hackney, Karen Hackney, Liam Harting, Stanley Icenogle, Ainsley Jefferies, Judy Juranek, Chris Kesper, Brandt Kimmel, Kory Knott, JLynn Lanier, Defne Leonard, Danny Lyons, Barbra Marshall, Daleen Mast, Brad May, Wanda McPike, William Metz, Cannon Mills, Chris Mills, Sheila Miskuf, Patricia Morris, Marsha O'Brian, Heather Onley, Shelly Perrson, Kay Ranjbar, Jamie Ratkovich, Betty Robbins, Colleen Robbins, Tonja Shipman, Ed & Steve Stringer, Shirley Stroud, Amy Stubbs, Candy Sykes, Jason Terrell, Parker Thatcher, Lisa Tincher, Tim Tincher, Kaitlyn Tippette, Steve Walters, Kathy Wilson, Brian Wolfe, Lary and Bev Wray, Roger Wykoff

Those away from home serving the church, in military, civil service, education and work.

Those unable to be with us in Worship: Karen Anderson, Bonnie Duncan, Janet Cooper, Vivian Fishel, Jo Ann George, Guy & Susie Rumsey, Laverne Speer, Jimmy Waggoner.

SERVING SCHEDULE:
August
Elder:
Kay McGriff

August Greeters/Deacons
15th St Amy Holbrook
K St Rob McGriff
Canopy Ginny Jones

Steward:
Sandy Butler

SERVING SCHEDULE:
September
Elder:
Wanda Jones

September Greeters/Deacons
15th St Jackie Robbins
K St Rob McGriff (6 & 13)
J.K. Robbins (20 & 27)
Canopy Pat Merchant

Steward:
TBA

SERVING SCHEDULE:
October
Elder:
Jamie Blackwell (4 & 25)
Kay McGriff (11 & 18)

October Greeters/Deacons
15th St Jackie Robbins
K St TBA
Canopy Linda Smith

Steward:
Ginny Jones

If you cannot serve your scheduled Service, please contact another Elder or Deacon or Steward or Greeter and arrange to trade dates.

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A movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.

Save The Date

Oct. 24 & 25 2026

180 YEARS!

Bedford First Christian Church Homecoming

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Organist: Mary Ruth Yates

A/V Technician: A.J. Holbrook

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E-mail: firstccbedford@gmail.com

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