

Worship Conference 2023

For the
Praise
Of His
Glory

Saturday, February 25

9am-4pm

@ First Baptist, Ramsey

Enjoy inspiring messages, practical breakouts,
heartfelt worship & more led by local worship
leaders & pastors!

\$25 per person includes tshirt, lunch, all
conference materials & a light breakfast.

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TO KNOW CHRIST &
MAKE HIM KNOWN

**Join us for a day of worship and connection
designed to focus on worship: why we worship, how
we worship, and Who we worship. For worship
leaders, singers, instrumentalists, praise teams,
pastors, and church members.**

**Speakers: Joe Lawson, Ben Foxworth, and
Matt Philbrick.**

***"...whatever you do, do everything for the glory of
God."***

1 Corinthians 10:31

**February 2023
Newsletter**

FROM PASTOR JEFF

“15 but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, ready at any time to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you. 16 Yet do this with gentleness and reverence, keeping a clear conscience, so that when you are accused, those who disparage your good conduct in Christ will be put to shame.” 1 Peter 3:15-16

At our annual celebration, I shared with the church what God has been doing with me over the past year or two. This has led me to studying the scriptures in a different, more meaningful way. It has also caused me to look how I pray and how I live out my life in Christ.

So, when it came time to set the theme and verse for the year, I was at a loss. How do I describe what I am going through succinctly and memorably? How do I set the goal for us this year when I have trouble articulating it myself?

Then I began to look for examples of what I am desiring. I began to look at lives of great saints of the past who had such an intimacy with Christ that made me long for deeper, more meaningful time with Christ. And as I began to investigate it more, there were some things they did and went through which gave me pause.

I paused because a glaring question came into focus, are you willing to pay the cost for it? To go after the intimacy I long for, I would need to give up some things, which are in themselves not bad, just in the way. I would need to give up some time, goals, and desires in order to go after that which I wanted more.

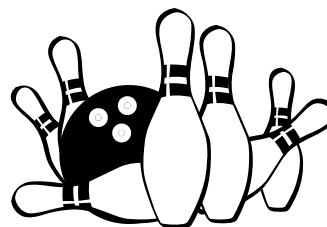
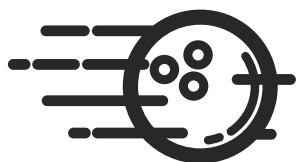
And then, it happened. That's the theme for the year. MORE. We want *more of God*. We want *more of His blessings*. We want *more of His mercy and grace*. We want *more of His love*. We want *more of His presence*. We want MORE. But are you ready to pay the cost to get more?

Following Him,

Jeff



MISSION KIDS & YOUTH enjoyed Bowling Sunday, Jan. 15th @ Vandalia



FROM PASTOR MATT

"On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets." In Matthew 22:40, Jesus says that in loving God with our heart, soul, and mind, and loving our neighbor as ourselves we can live in obedience to God. What an important foundational truth! Upon this foundation may we live out in obedience each day the truth of recognizing that God wants a fruitful relationship with us that overflows to others around us.

We had a great start to the year in Youth Group and Mission Kids. Both groups went bowling together in Vandalia. There were lots of laughs, good shots, gutter balls, food, and fun. Thanks to all the adults who helped transport kids and keep track of all the students. FCA started back up talking about the spiritual discipline of generosity(stewardship) and our Lighthouse event for the month of January went as planned. On Wednesday nights the Mission Kids learned more about the importance of the Bible and began discussing the importance of prayer whereas the Youth Group laid the foundation of living out the two greatest commandments.

Looking forward to continuing a great start to the year. In the month of February, we will have Bible study, times of worship, times of service, and times of fun. The Youth Group will be going to Winter Jam in St. Charles on February 5 to experience some great music, worship, and fellowship. FCA will meet both the 7th and the 21st to continue to discuss spiritual disciplines and Lighthouse will be on the calendar for the 24th from 6:30-9:00 PM. Mission Kids will have an opportunity on February 18th to go and serve some others at a local nursing home in Vandalia, so be in prayer for their impact. Both Mission Kids and the Youth Group will meet on Wednesday nights to open God's word with the purpose of applying it and have fun together while that happens. Lastly, I want to make mention of a Valentines Dinner, "Thanks for the Love", that the youth will be hosting to show our appreciation for our church family on February 12 at 5:00 PM. We will have food, fellowship, gifts, and a great time together. Thank you for the continued support and prayers, may God continue to use us for His glory.

Pastor Matt



SUNDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP



February 5 @ 6pm

Soup Supper!



Soups provided. The church will provide the crackers and drinks.

Please bring sandwiches, finger foods, and desserts.

Join us!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

We are collecting specific items each month of the year as we work towards completing boxes in October. Thank you for your support of this ongoing ministry.

February Items:

Kids Sunglasses Hair Accessories
Kids Jewelry



VALENTINE'S DINNER "Thanks For The Love"



Sunday, Feb. 12 @ 5pm

The Youth are hosting a dinner for the adults. This will be a time of fun, fellowship and good food! Make plans to attend.

FEBRUARY FOOD PANTRY

1 or 2 lbs. Dry Beans/Rice
Instant Potatoes (all kinds)
Gravy Mix
Cornbread Mix

Soda Crackers
Mustard & Ketchup
Canned Soups
Chili Beans

FEBRUARY Birthdays & Anniversaries

2 Jim Brewer	15 Pam McFarland
3 Grant Eddy	16 Jeff Shouse
3 John & Kim Greenwood	19 Zen Moreland
5 Dalton & Macey Deming	20 Kelvin Worker
6 Shannon Sapp	21 Johnnie Warner
7 Travis & Sharle Elliott	21 Mike & Janie Steele
9 Addilyn Friesland	21 Quentin Carter
13 Mathew Roberts	24 Becky Casey
13 Mike Steele	26 Clint & Laura Benhoff
14 Mike Hayes	29 Mistie Adermann

Senior Adult Ministry

Join us for lunch at China Buffet, Litchfield @ 11am on Friday, Feb. 24th.

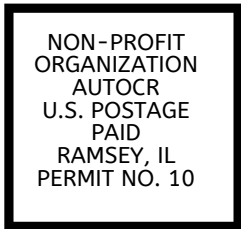
We will meet at church at 10 am if you need a ride or want to carpool.

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FEBRUARY 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 All Activities 6pm	2	3	4
5 Winter Jam 6pm Deacons Mtg 5pm SNF 6pm (soup)	6 Men's Bible Study 7:15am (Mondays)	7 FCA 7:30am	8 MK/Youth 6pm Business Mtg. 7pm	9	10	11
12 Valentine's Dinner 5pm	13	14 Valentine's Day	15 All Activities 6pm	16	17	18
19 Bible Study 6pm	20 Presidents' Day Office closed	21 FCA 7:30am	22 All Activities 6pm	23	24 Sr. Adults lunch 11am@China Buffet Litchfield Lighthouse 6:30-9:00pm	25 FBC Worship Conference 9-4
26 Bible Study 6pm	27	28				