

Creekside News



November and December

2025



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The Pastoral Search Committee would like to announce that we have made an offer to a candidate to fill the opening of Pastor at Lewis Creek Baptist Church. We have been searching on behalf of the church since August of 2024. We thank you for all your prayers for the process. Our prayers now should be directed toward the church that we prepare our hearts and minds to receive the Pastor that God has sent to us. Pray also that we have willing hearts and hands to come together to do the work of this church.

The next step in this process is to bring the candidate to the church for a weekend to introduce ourselves and the candidate to each other, hear the candidate preach, then take a congregational vote on the candidate. That weekend will be December 27 & 28, 2025. The 27th will be the meet-and-greet in the morning with church officers. Then, we will gather for lunch so the congregation can meet the candidate. The 28th we will hear the candidate preach at our worship service, then take a vote following the service. More details will be provided later.

We won't be divulging the name of the candidate until the meet-and-greet weekend. If you have any questions, please ask one of the committee members – Myra Crosby, Stewart Douglas, Larry Mohr or Kathy Cord.

Tribute to Dad

100—Wow. Can you imagine life back 100 years ago. Think of just how your every day morning starts? We get up, turn the coffee maker on, flip on the TV or Max checks his Facebook account. Now don't say you don't do some of these things, but I asked my Dad what as a child his typical day might look like. I know he had to help his Uncle Jim

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My grandmother once said to me that she thought the saddest verse in the Bible was John 1:11 (KJV) "He came unto his own, and his own received him not." Why did "his own" refuse to receive Him? Because He wasn't what they expected. He wasn't what they were comfortable with. Isn't it funny how we complain about reruns on TV because we don't want to watch the same old thing

But if God wants to do a new thing, we complain that things aren't the way they used to be! God doesn't want to repeat yesterday, He wants to give new expressions of Himself today. And if we are not open to them, we will miss him.

Jesus told his disciples that if they went into a town and the people wouldn't listen to their message, that they were to "shake the dust off their feet" and go somewhere else. I don't know about you, but I don't want God's messengers to have to shake the dust off their feet and leave Lewis Creek.

In order to guarantee that doesn't happen, we must cultivate a culture of openness to whatever new thing God would do. And, we all know, "There's a new thing coming!" We need to look for Him in the unexpected. And follow Him into uncharted territory. We have to be willing to let God break through our rituals and our comfort zones to do a new thing.

How many of you want that? Think about it before you answer! Being willing to let God break through and move freely among us is like writing a blank check, saying to God, "Ok, I'll sign it and you fill in the numbers, Lord" That's faith. And it's the only way this church will be transformed & renewed. It's the only way we can receive what God has for us. Some of you really want that; others probably don't. You may be totally comfortable where you are.

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Remember Through Prayer

Pastoral Search Committee

Baylor King (grandson of Kathy & Andy Cord) is home, still needs prayers for the vocal cord paresis to correct itself, but he's physically strong enough to grow at home

Jeff Scott (per Evan Krebs) Brain cancer

Paul Haag—blood circulation problem

Susie Gardner—asking for complete healing and a speedy recovery after her recent surgery

Danielle Good (Donna Bentz friend & co-worker) recuperating at home from cancer surgery

Judie Passwater (recuperating from fractured pelvis)

Peggy Elliott—recuperating at home

Evan Krebs—recuperating at home

Daniel Hayes, Marvin's nephew, lost right foot, motorcycle accident.

Bob Wendelboe—AFib (Jay Hilderbrand's friend)

Pastor Rick Leonard (brain cancer) House of Prayer, Hope, IN

Jenny Parsley—MS & now has cancer also (friend of Jan Courtney)

Margie Mesidor—Thyroid cancer that has spread

Tom (Cancer) & **Jan Jenkins** {Alzheimer's} (Friends of Evan Krebs)

Tom Hall (secretary's brother-in-law —prostate cancer has returned) has begun treatments

Joanne Hutton (secretary's sister-in-law) ovarian cancer treatments stopped

Several unspoken prayer requests

Remember our Shut-ins at home

Martha Burns—1043 Lorraine Ct. Shelbyville

Jay Hilderbrand—3565 S 250 E, Shelbyville

Steve Richardson—2128 Poncianni Ave, Shelbyville

Harold Fix—Ashford Place

And in nursing facilities

Pat Montgomery—Ashford Place

Geri Heuer—Walker House, Shelbyville

Karen Marshall—Ashford Place, Shelbyville

Judy Douglas—Room 508, Ashford Place, Shelbyville

Wanda Newton—Room 111, Ashford Place, Shelbyville

Judy Seright—2136 Ashford Place, Shelbyville

Barbara Tucker—Timber Creek, Shelbyville

Richard Stewart (Cindy Verseman's father) Timber Creek

Remember Those in the Military and their Families

Andrew Newkirk & family,

David Gardner & family,

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I want you to be willing to write a blank check to God today, a blank check with no expectations, a blank check that takes you who knows where. But you can be sure that when you write it and intend to honor it, God will cash it. Whether you are serving in the temple like Zechariah, minding your own business in your home like Mary or worshipping at Lewis Creek with no or too small expectations, God will rock your world. How will you respond? Expect the unexpected!

Pastor Jeff Stratton

Remember Through Prayer Continued

Joel Bass & family

Justin Holliday & family (active duty Navy, secretary's grandson)

Our Military & Civilian personnel, & Indiana Air National Guard 122nd Security Squadron

Please notify the secretary of changes in your prayer requests. Call the office 765-525-6833, leave a message or send an email to: lewiscreek6833@gmail.com.

2025 Annual Reports

2025 is coming to a close very quickly. Annual reports need to be submitted to the secretary by January 4, 2026, so she can have the booklets completed by January 9, 2026.

Mark your calendar, the Annual Meeting will be held after worship January 11th.

plow fields with horses, help my Grandma Braden fire up the big fiery monster of a coal stove in the basement, and travel to a one room school house in Geneva (before being one of Noble's first students) to learn his ABC's.

I'm sure he probably pulled his sister, my Aunt Virginia's braids and teased the girls in school—not too different than my grandson Caleb seems to have an interest in as well. He tells us of a time when he and his sister, Virginia were small. Virginia was having a tea party and when finished she said rather than clean up "let's just kick the table over." And so that is just what Dad did. On Sunday after lunch, we often use that same line.

But just think of the changes Dad has seen. Milking Betsy with cold hands, putting those newfangled milking machines on a kicking Holstein and if he were milking today perhaps he might even have a computer that monitors how the cow's feeling today. I'm sure he might have picked some corn by hand, then had a two row corn picker that mounted on the tractor and I remember the Gleaner that shelled 4 rows at a time. And today, "farmers?" how big is that combine in your shed?

No one wants to take cash anymore. I tried to pay Dad's Direct TV bill last month. They wouldn't take a check and soon informed me they would not be taking cash in the future. When we were growing up if Dad didn't have the cash, we didn't need whatever we thought we did. Things haven't changed much there. Dad still likes his cash and still doesn't have a credit or debit card.

Remember your first box of crayons, it might have 5 basic colors or ten if you were lucky. My friend just got a new 50 piece box with colors like Mango (I thought that was a tropical fruit and not just sky blue but Cerulean.

So where is this going? Dad grew up in a loving Christian home, attended a one room church where he continued to attend after he was married, and later

moved our family to Lewis Creek. He was and still is soft-hearted for his 3 daughters and 7 granddaughters. He and Mother were married pretty soon after their high school graduation. Their devotion to each other for almost 73 years was a love story out of a storybook, much better than the Young and Restless. When Mom passed, we were not sure he could bear the loss, but here he is still kicking 8 years later (he says not too high). But if you were to ask, he would tell you how much he still misses her terribly. And today he said to me that on this Wednesday September 17th he and Mom would have been married 81 years. Can't remember how many times that Dad was really angry at us girls. (Side note—my two sisters were always perfect angels, so you know who the trouble maker was)... He could give you that "look" which meant straighten up and fly right or else. Dad tries that with Sierra and Caleb but it doesn't seem to have the same effect.

He still lets God help with his decisions — a good man with a great heart and a loving soul. I know I've told you this before. After an exam, his heart doctor told me he had a perfect heart and I replied you are not telling me anything I don't already know. And just this week Dad's eye doctor me that if the dictionary had pictures, George's picture would be next to the to the word "Gentleman".

He's been living and loving, caring and sharing for 100 years. His dedication to his family and God has been constant. Yours? The Braden family would like to thank you for sharing with us his 100th birthday, by your visit to his party, your cards and calls and your beautiful tribute of one word descriptions.

Loving daughter,
Jan and the family

Didn't ask the family if I could speak for all - say a prayer...



God hears our voice whenever we cry out to Him. I believe that. However, listening to us and responding immediately are two different things. God's timetable is not always ours, but our eternal God is never late.

When I was eighteen years old, I clearly experienced a call of God to ministry. It didn't come audibly, but what I would describe as a divine impression on my heart. This led me to prepare for ministry at a Christian college and seminary, and I was always engaged in the ministry, starting as an associate pastor in Chicago at age 25, then as pastor of my own church in rural Ohio at age 27. Thirty-six years later, I retired from a large Church in Cleveland, Ohio, and immediately relocated to be near my family in Greenwood, Indiana.

Having served ten years in Indiana, I made myself available for interim work back in Indiana. The Lewis Creek Baptist Church soon contacted me about an interim position in the Spring of 2024. I firmly believe that God opened the door for me to come, and both Ann and I have loved Lewis Creek and felt at home with the church. Knowing that the task before the Search Committee is very difficult and that the number of candidates is much lower today than in years gone by, I knew the position could take years to fill. Therefore, I initiated a conversation with the church to set a service window of eighteen months (a year and a half). I spent some time this summer praying about whether to extend my time if a candidate was not selected before the end of my contract.

Shortly after I took the position as Interim Pastor at Lewis Creek, my parents came for a visit to see our new home and to worship at Lewis Creek. We had a wonderful time together. Little did I know this would be the last time that my parents would hear me preach. Just three months later, my father would pass away, and my mother passed away almost exactly a year following my father's death. It was during the week attending my mother's passing under hospice care that I decided to fulfill the obligation to the

church to serve until November 9th, 2025.

While I would love to be there right up to the call of your next pastor, God has placed it on my heart to move on. God is working at Lewis Creek, and this is part of His plan in preparation for your next pastor. The church has contacted Pastor Jeff Statton to pick up where I left off.

Jeff is an experienced Senior Pastor, native Hoosier, and godly Christian man who is willing to come and serve. God will use him, as He has used me, to equip and prepare the church for the next stage of ministry. I called him last week, and he believes that God has directed him to Lewis Creek at a perfectly timed moment. I will let him tell the story.

Although my official role as Interim pastor will cease after November 9th, I would love to remain in touch and available if needed in the future for pulpit supply or a friendly call, as we have made many good friendships while at Lewis Creek.

Keep faithful and trust the Lord, as God is at work. Galatians 6:9 reminds us, *"Let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."*

In sincere love to every one at Lewis Creek Baptist,
Rev. Dr. Kregg and Ann Burris

Laundry Love

We will be collecting donations for Laundry Love, which is a mission project of Zion Evangelical Church. Zion members sponsor free laundry service once a month for those who need it. We have a basket in the Narthex for Laundry Pods, Dryer fabric softener sheets. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Just write Laundry Love in the memo slot and put in the collection plate. It costs \$400 to \$600 each month to sponsor this much needed service.



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the wonderful meal you provided after the funeral, for opening the Sanctuary to host the service and for all the kind cards, words of encouragements, visits and prayers. Your love and support have meant more to than words can express.

In one of the hardest seasons of our life, your compassion faith reminds us of God's comfort and the blessing of belonging to such a caring church family. We are truly grateful for each of you and the way, you've surrounded us with love and strength.

With much love,

Ben, Jenny, Addy & Luke Wamsley

Thank You, Thinking of You, Thankful for You

Thank you for letting us use your facilities to Celebrate the Life of my brother Michael Morrow. May God bless this church.

In Christ,

Linda Navare

To the Lewis Creek Baptist Church

For good people like you who fill life with so many reasons to be thankful.

Thank you for your generous donations to Laundry Love! We are grateful for your kindness and help.

Zion Evangelical Church Laundry Love ,
Patty Higgins, Linda Kuhn, Linda Z, Deborah, Lee, and others who are also thankful for your kindness.



Date	Years	
4	Anna Morrow	
5	Ashlei Ford	
8	Dana Chandler	
8	Lola LeMasters	
12	Ann Burris	
16	Alexander Chandler	
17	Parker Douglas	
18	Todd & Becky Kuntz	44
19	Martha Burns	
21	Mary Lou Hilderbrand	
23	Max Kelley	
24	Katelyn Morrow	
26	Linzey Farley	
26	Molly Pruitt	
27	Vickie Isley	
30	Kurt Jones	
30	Judie Passwater	
30	Doug & Susie Gardner	42
30	Larry & Nancy Mohr	54

Our Daily Bread devotional
for December, January and February
are on the table in the Narthex.
pick up a one for yourself and a copy
for a family member, a shut-in or a friend.

Christmas Events - You are invited to join us!!



Christmas Coffee House

Join Us at Lewis Creek
Baptist Church on Sunday,
December 7 at 2:30 to
Enjoy sweet music and sweet treats
to start your Christmas season
Off on the right note



Cookie Walk & Breakfast

December 13th
9am - 11am

Breakfast Menu:
Sausage Gravy & Biscuits,
Donuts,
Milk, Juice & Coffee

Adults: \$10,
Children 12 & under \$4

Let us do your Christmas
baking for you!

Large Box of Cookies \$12

Santa will be here for
the children!



Join us for
Christmas
Worship



Christmas Eve
Service will be on
Wednesday,
December 24th.
Time will be
announced.