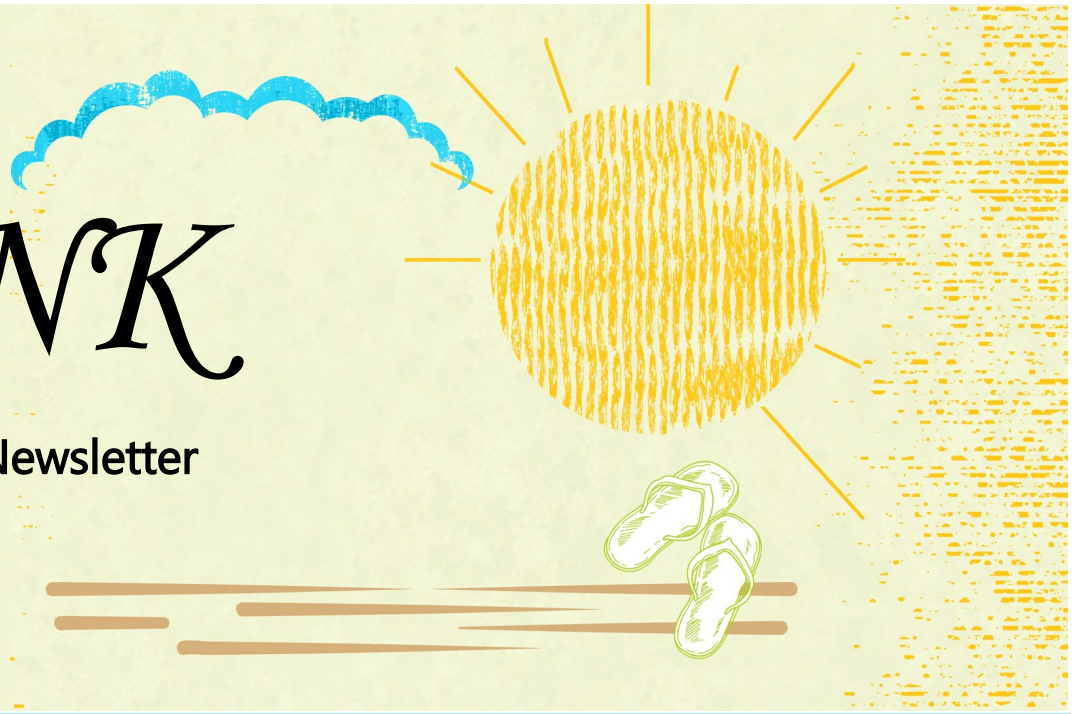


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First Baptist Church Newsletter



## Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

Brian, Loren, and I have begun an interesting study at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays entitled: "More Than A Sidekick: Serving Alongside Others." Batman had Robin. The Lone Ranger had Tonto. Even Paul had Barnabas and several other missionary comrades. While the spotlight was always on the main guy, the "sidekick" played a vital role.

Who's your sidekick? Who helps you balance the load of life? Who supports you when things aren't going well? Who celebrates with you in your successes? Have you every had to be the sidekick for someone else? Are you always in the second chair, the faithful bridesmaid, or the third vice-president of the organization?

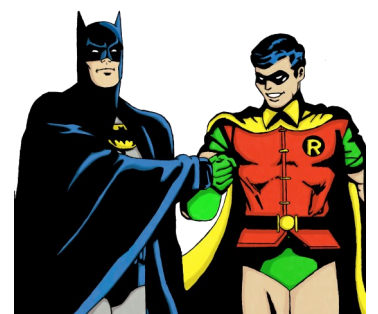
From the sidekicks of the Old and New Testament, we can learn the value of teamwork, the virtues we must possess, the vices we must avoid, and the victories we will enjoy when we are part of the winning team.

What a timely reminder - especially when cultural norms and pandemic woes have only heightened isolation and individualism - that God created us to be team players, connected to one another, providing support to one another, and operating in excellence, regardless of our position or title. Whether in the spotlight, limelight, or backlight, an important ingredient to being a faithful Christian is to shine our light.

Everyone is welcome to join this study in the Fellowship Hall.

Together with you,

Les





## THIS SUNDAY!! JULY 28

The Board of Christian Education  
is sponsoring an All-Church Picnic

- ♦ **Location:** Ouabache Lodge Recreation Building at the Ouabache State Park. See map in last weeks link. Use Google Maps and put in "Ouabache Lodge Recreation Building." (Note: imaps does not have it.)
- ♦ **Date:** Sunday, July 28
- ♦ **Time:** 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- ♦ **Provided:** Hotdogs, hamburgers, drinks, condiments, and table service.
- ♦ **You Bring:** Food to share like a salad or chips or dessert or anything else that you would like at a picnic.
- ♦ **Rides:** If you need a ride, let us know Sunday morning and we will help you. Several have extra room in their vehicle and have offered to help.

### Moving Day

Barbara Charles is moving this week to Heritage Pointe. We celebrate with her and pray for her in this new adventure. She wanted to share her new contact information, so please update your church directory.

Barbara Charles  
Heritage Pointe Room 320  
801 Huntington Ave.  
Warren, IN 46792  
Phone: 260-375-2499

**BEST  
WISHES**  
*as you move!*



Why didn't the sun go to college? It already had a million degrees.

### Kids' Time Teacher for Sunday

July 28 - Deb Klopfenstein  
& Hunter Zoll



## PRAYER ITEMS

Herb Heyerly - healing from ongoing severe back pain.

Dave Clouser - continue to pray for full recovery from back surgery.

Don Reeves - continued peace, strength, and healing from cancer.

Denise Downs - continue to pray for her peace and healing.

Pat - (sister of Marty Tschannen) God's mercy for good days and pain management.

Derameau and Guirlene - to find good jobs soon.



*Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.*

*Colossians 4:2*



## Christian Education Sunday

Each new school year, the Christian Education Board sponsors a Sunday to celebrate the importance of education and give spiritual support. This year they have set August 4 as Christian Education Sunday. During the service, we give Bibles to students going into the third grade, pass out prayer magnets that represent each student, and pray over the new school year. Also, the Deacons will distribute the McFarren Scholarships to post-high school recipients. Please plan to attend this special Sunday.

**Sign-up:** In order for us to make accurate prayer magnets, we need student information including the school and grade. Please sign up your students, pre-school through college, on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Ossian Healthcare  
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Homebound Friends*

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Bob Hiester

River Terrace  
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## **Sunday**

**Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.**

**Worship Service 10:15 a.m.**

**Kids' Time 10:10 a.m.**

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