

CHOOSE NOT TO SUFFER

Someone said, "Pain is inevitable, but suffering is optional." By now you know that life is full of uncomfortable and unpleasant experiences. This is true for all of us. Jesus Himself underscores this fact when He says, "it cannot be but that offenses will come."

I know of no way to avoid difficulty and problems in life. The important thing is realizing that there is a profound difference in going through an offensive situation and being offended. This is the case whether the offense comes from a person or is just a product of life. It seems to me that people who are easily offended by other people are also usually grumbling at just about every aspect of life.

If it is true, and I believe it is, that pain is unavoidable, then it is imperative that I have a right attitude toward life and people. While it is a fact that I have disappointments in life, I refuse to let them dominate me. Sure, I have pain and unpleasantness along the way—even unpleasant people along the way, but the good far outweighs the bad. Perhaps it is true that pain is inevitable. I, however, choose not to suffer.



Pastor Jonathan & Krista Barley

MARCH 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 3—Day Fast	2	3 MIDWEEK EXPERIENCE, YOUTH & ZONE 7 PM	4	5 LADIES PRAYER
6 MORNING WORSHIP 10 AM	7	8 FAMILY PRAYER 7 PM	9	10 STATE OF CHURCH SERVICE 7 PM	11 EASTER PRODUCTION 7 PM	12
13 PALM SUNDAY EASTER PRODUCTION & KIDS PROGRAM 10 AM	14	15	16	17 MIDWEEK EXPERIENCE, YOUTH & ZONE 7 PM	18	19
20 EASTER SUNDAY 9 AM & 11 AM	21	22	23	24 MIDWEEK EXPERIENCE, YOUTH & ZONE 7 PM	25 ALL NIGHT PRAYER MIDNIGHT TO 6 AM	26
27 MORNING WORSHIP 10 AM	28	29	30			

Notes

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3/31—4/2 3 DAY Fast
- 4/1 Family Prayer 7-8 PM
- 4/4-5 Indiana Ladies Conference
- 4/13 Easter Production, & Kids Program 10 AM
- 4/20 Easter Sunday 9 & 11 AM
- 5/30-31 Hyphen Camp
- 6/9-13 15-18 Camp
- 6/16-20 12-14 Camp
- 6/25-27 Family Camp
- 7/7-11 8-9 Camp
- 7/14-18 10-11 Camp
- 8/1-4 Spanish Camp

Service Times

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Sunday
 Worship Service
 10:00 AM

Thursday
 Midweek Experience
 7:00 PM

Student Ministry

(in the loft)
 Wildlife - Ages: 12-18
 Thursday 7:00 PM

Children's Ministry

Ages: 2-11
Sunday
 Adventure Zone 10:00 AM

Thursday
 Discovery Zone 7:00 PM

Nursery

Ages: 9 months - 2 years
 Every Service - downstairs in
 the Sunday School wing

SERVICE opportunities

2025 Devotional Program

- **Bible Reading:**
- Read the Old and New Testament.
- **Prayer:**
- Family Prayer every first Tuesday of every month.
- **Fasting:**
- Quarterly 3-Day Fasting.

Bible Studies

Are you interested in learning more about what the Bible teaches? Fill out a Next Step card or ask a greeter at the information desk how you can join today.

All Night Prayer

Come pray at the church the fourth Friday of each month from midnight-6 AM.

C.L.A.S.S. System

Christian Life and Service Seminar is the class system to help you become connected and involved at First Church. Each step takes you into a more meaningful relationship with Christ. In these classes, you can expect to come to KNOW CHRIST, GROW IN CHRIST, learn how to LIVE LIKE CHRIST, and SERVE WITH CHRIST.

Serve Day

Excellence honors God and inspires people. The purpose of serve Day is to ensure the church grounds are maintained in excellent condition, inside and out. Volunteering for Serve Day can help you find purpose and fulfillment in the kingdom of God.

WILDLIFE

Wild Life is a dynamic, high energy, age-relevant youth ministry where young people ages 12–18 can worship freely, participate in leading service, develop talent, and grow spiritually. Get connected by emailing the youth ministry at youth@hobartfirstchurch.com, and receive emails about upcoming events and more.

INFORMATION

Get Connected

Text **FirstChurch** to **970-00** to receive notifications and updates about services and events from First Church.

💰 **Did you know that we offer online giving through Zelle or *P2P through Centier ?** Use hobartfirst@gmail.com as the recipient address. Please be sure to fill out a giving envelope for all donations made through Zelle or P2P through Centier so that your contributions can be accurately recorded.

**Email hobartfirst@gmail.com for instructions on how to get set up with Centier's P2P.*

Connect with us!

Mail: PO BOX 624
Hobart, IN 46342

Phone: (219) 942-3651

Online: www.hobartfirst.com

First Church CARES

The Care Ministry at First Church seeks to help out our family who are hurting or in need. If you would like to get involved, email: care@hobartfirstchurch.com.

How can we pray for you this week?

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." - Phil. 4:13

Text in your prayer request to **219-444-0805**

Sermon Recordings

Now offering Online file download!

You can purchase Sermon Recordings as an **Online File for download (\$4 ea).**

All orders must be pre-paid in the bookstore.

UPCOMING activities & announcements

REIMAGINE

We are nearing the 18 -month mark for our Reimagine Pledges
Time 75% (18/24 months)
Target giving at 75%
If you committed....

- \$1,000.... target giving: \$750
- \$5,000.... target giving: \$3,750
- \$10,000.. target giving: \$7,500
- \$20,000.. target giving: \$15,000
- \$50,000.. target giving: \$37,500



Spiritual Stickers

Stop in the bookstore to check out Lauren Marxer's original art work. ALL proceeds benefit reimagine.

Vinyl Waterproof Stickers:

\$3 per sticker

\$10 pack with all four



Singles- Join us Saturday, April 19th for Prayer and Breakfast. Prayer will start at 9am at First Church. We will transition to Breakfast just 10am at Maple and York in Hobart. Any questions see Norma or Terry Metheny.

Your Masterpiece...

Love Painted on a Cross

An Easter Production presented by First Church Music Department.

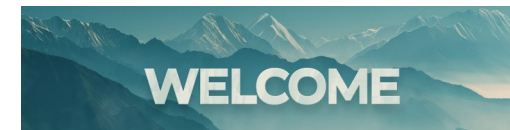
Friday, April 11th at 7 PM

Sunday, April 13th at 10 AM

Verse to Hide in Your Heart

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

John 14:6 (KJV)



You made the right choice when you decided to come to church today! Commit to being in the house of God every time the opportunity presents itself. We invite you to join us again Thursday at 7:00 PM.

✦ Easter Eggs Donations

The Zone will be hosting an Easter Egg hunt for children in the 9 AM & 11 AM services on Easter Sunday. Donations of individually pre-packaged candy and plastic eggs are appreciated.



Join us this Monday—Wednesday, March 31st—April 2nd for a 3 Day Fast and Tuesday, April 1st for Family Prayer at 7 PM.



Please join us for Ladies Prayer Saturday, April 5th @ 9 AM.

GROWTH steps

- Join us for a 3 Day Fast this Monday—Wednesday and Family Prayer this Tuesday at 7 PM.
- Donate individually pre-packaged candy and plastic eggs for the Zone Easter Egg Hunt.
- Memorize John 14:6 (KJV).