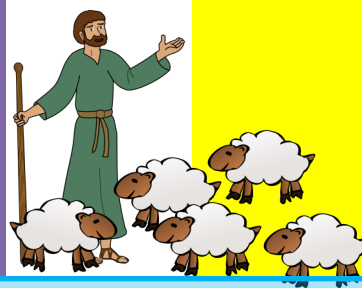


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# FLOCK TALK



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## Pastor's Ponderings



### Are You a Fighter?

Sometimes fighting has a very positive meaning, battling against a disease or standing up against injustice around us. That is the kind of fighting we admire and need to do more of in our own lives. But did you know that we can fight against God? You may say, no way would I do that, I believe in God. But if we're not fully surrendered to Him, then in some ways, we are fighting against Him. Like in a military battle, until there is full surrender, the battle is raging on. We all have to admit that in our nature we are fighting against God. We all need to surrender to Him. The very first word of preaching from Jesus that is recorded in the New Testament (Matthew 4:17) is a word of surrender, a word of admitting our failure, a word of acknowledging God's high and worthy position, the word is "Repent."

You see, if we don't think we're ever wrong, if we don't think we need help in our lives, then we're saying that we really don't need God. And, if we don't really need a Savior, if we think ultimately this is up to me being a "good enough" person or doing more good things than bad things, then there is no need to repent. There is no need to surrender to God. But there is also no relationship with God. The very nature of the Christian life is one of surrender. We must surrender to Him because there is no other hope. We cannot accomplish the saving of our soul or any other soul by means of our own working and striving. In God's Kingdom, life, true life, begins when we wave the white flag of surrender and bow our knee to the God of all creation.



### Church Directories Are In

If your picture is in the church directory you get one directory per family. Additional directories are \$5.

### Matthew 4:17 (NIV)

<sup>17</sup> From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

Tippecanoe Camp and Retreat Center

www.camptippy.org

Camp Tippy is hidden among the land of the lakes of northeastern Indiana. Nestled in the woods and bordered by Little Lake Tippy, the camp offers a beautiful view of God's creation in a setting that everyone can enjoy. Camp Tippy is a place where you can enjoy the peacefulness and beauty of God's creation. While you are at Camp Tippy you will feel the love of Christ and hear about the mighty power of God our creator.

Go on-line to look at the camp schedule

**May Calendar**

**Bible Study:** Wednesdays May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 6:30 pm

**National Day of Prayer:** Thur May 3 see insert

**BINGO:** Wednesday May 9 @ 2:30 pm  
Monticello Health Care

**Mother's Day Carry-in:** Sunday May 13

**ABW:** Wednesday May 16 @ 1:00 pm

**War Room (a movie):** Sunday May 20 at 3:00

**Ministry Council:** Monday May 21 at 6:00

**ABC:** Thursday May 31 at 6:30

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

**Thursday May 3, 2018**



Activities for the Day

**Prayer Breakfast:** 6:30-7:30 First Baptist Church  
409 S. Beach Dr.

**Prayer at the Pole:** 12:15-12:45  
White County Courthouse Gazebo  
(Inclement weather? We will meet at the Presbyterian Church)

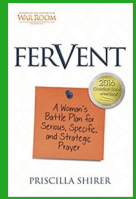
**Evening Service:** 7:00-8:00 Monticello Christian Church  
1002 Airport Road



Sunday May 20 at 3:00

The movie **War Room** will be shown at the church. The book **Fervent** was inspired by this movie.

ABC's next book is **Fervent**. It is a hands-on, knees-down, don't-give-up action guide to practical, purposeful praying.



100 Verses Every Christian Needs To Know

Verse 7 of 100

But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:31

Verse 8 of 100

"Be still, and know that I am God... Psalm 46:10



**March Financials**



<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Net Income</u>
\$10,320.50	\$8,600.68	\$1,719.82

**May Birthdays**

- 1st Betty Koch
- 3rd Harry Bartlett
- 5th Carol Ostheimer
- 5th William Risinger
- 19th Deana Strantz



**May Anniversaries**

20th Dick & Carol Ostheimer