



It is not too late to register! There are three ways to sign up.

1. Select your class using the Connection Card on this week's bulletin.
2. Visit the church website (www.secondbaptistmarion.com) and use the link to the registration form.
3. Follow the link available on the church's facebook page.

Available classes...

Wednesday Evening Class - Read the Bible for Life
Leader: Pastor Ashby

Wednesday Evening Class - Where Do Baptists Come From?
Leader - Pastor Mark

Wednesday Evening Ladies Class - Mom Set Free
Leader - Shawna Mohler. Class begins on February 7 at 6:30pm

Sunday Evening Class - From Creation to Christ
Leader - Pat Pulley

Tuesday Evening Ladies Class - The Quest
Leader: Deanna Stonecipher. Class begins on February 20 at 6:30pm.

Music Notes

Long, long ago, I went to my first day of school in Sullivan, Indiana. Miss Mary Straight was my teacher. I only attended that school for two grade periods before moving back to Illinois, but I have the report card from those days and here are my grades:

Reading: Normal

Workbook: Normal

Handwriting: Improving

Art: Normal

Music: Strong

I always find it amazing that Miss Straight saw the music in that little five year old boy. I didn't even realize the gift of music was in me for another five years when I began to play coronet because of another role model that had come into my life. Jack Rhyne played trumpet in church. He loaned me this hideous, beat up old coronet that his grandfather had bought for him to learn on. After just a few weeks I could tell I played the horn pretty well. In fifth grade I used to play all the theme songs of TV shows for the kids on the bus on the way home from school. No one ever told me to shut-up. LOL

In sixth grade I thought I was a pretty good singer. The choir director always made sure that she placed me right in the center of our fifth and sixth grade choir pointing right at her. She put her hands on my shoulders and had me stand right there; dead center then she built the rest of the choir from there. She did this every time but she never told me Danny, you are a very good singer so the next year when I was picking some classes I was offered "Chorus" and I kind of wanted to do it but, I thought well I thought I was a good singer but I guess I'm not really so I decided, no. My singing was sidetracked and I never sang again for six years and when I started singing again somehow I had lost everything I had and I was awful. That is when my friend Bob Henderson said hey, ya wanna be in a band?

By the time I was thirty-one I had sang in most of the states in the US, had recorded two albums, had won awards, had become the lead singer for one of history's most known gospel groups and still did not "identify" as a musician. It was some time after this that I finally became comfortable with that I am a musician. Turns out the name Ward comes from Bard; singer/actor/story teller.

So, what is the point of all this? We are all trying to find out who and what we are. Along the way people influence us. They encourage, they discourage. Be careful especially with the little ones that you be the voice that God wants them to hear. It may be some little thing that you say or do not say that can change the course of a child's life.

Follow up: I went to Jack Rhyne's house in Herrin about 12 years ago. I had not seen him in many years. I told him how God had used him in my life and thanked him. He told me that he had followed my life and musical adventures from afar. He said he had always been proud of me as if I was his son. A couple years later Jack called me on Christmas Eve and asked if I could do something for him. I said yes. He said can you come over to my house. I went over and he presented me with that hideous beat up old coronet that his grandfather had bought for him. I had not seen it since 1966. It is a prized possession to me. It was the key that opened the door to music in my life.

Also, about ten years ago I went to Sullivan, Indiana and found Mary Straight. She was an old lady and doing fine. Her house was full of music. She and I sat at the piano and I told her how God had used music in my life. I told her about her role in it all. We played Christian songs together at the piano and I sang for her. We had that one great visit.

I still remember both Mary and Jack often. The choir director, seriously I cannot quite come up with her name, Mrs. something or the other.

Danny

LITTLE EGYPT CHURCH LEAGUE BASKETBALL
ASSOCIATION REGULAR SEASON SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

AT GRANGE HALL

7:15 pm

HS 2nd Baptist vs 3rd Baptist

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

AT GRANGE HALL

7:15 pm

HS 2nd Baptist Orange vs Redemptions

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

AT THIRD BAPTIST

6:15 pm

JH 2nd Baptist Purple vs JH Grange Hall

7:15 pm

JH 2nd Baptist Orange vs JH 3rd Baptist

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH PRESENTS

**CHILI
COOK-OFF**

February 11, 2018

Following the Evening Service



**ON THE MENU
CHILI, SIDES,
DRINKS &
DESSERTS**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Then Jesus took the children in his arms. He put his hands on them and blessed them."

Mark 10:16



Every Sunday when I watch the little children go to children's church, I remember how much Jesus loved the little children. I pray for my grandchildren and great grandchildren every day. I pray for the schools I pass by on my way to my workplace, including all the other schools of our community. I remember then all the little children trafficking being done around the world, including America. I pray for them too, that God will rescue them from such a horrible life. I think of Jesus and His tenderness and kindness towards the little children and how valuable they are to Him. One time Jesus' disciples thought the children in the crowd were getting in the way. They tried to make them leave Jesus alone, but Jesus said "stop" let the little children come to Him and He took them in His arms and blessed them. There were children in the Bible that their lives made a difference, such as Samuel, as a boy he heard God's voice and obeyed. David was a very young shepherd boy, who killed the giant and became King when he grew up. Josiah was crowned king at the age of eight and led the people of Israel to follow God. Naaman's servant girl told Naaman about a prophet who could heal and change his life. Jesus listened and taught in the temple when He was only twelve years old. The boy with five loaves and two fish shared his lunch and helped Jesus feed more and 5000 people. Rhoda, the servant girl who opened the door for Peter when he was freed from prison. There was Timothy raised by a godly Mom and Grandmother, grew up to love and serve God.

Remember to pray for the children of our homes, church community, our nation, and the world. Pray for revival in our nation and spiritual awakening

Bettie Dugger

Kids Ministry on January 21, 2018

Nursery (ages 0-3)

10:00am

Shari La Chiana, Mitzi Lathrop, PS1

Gayla Johns, PS2/3

Marah Stewart, Miki Stewart, PS2/3

Myona Moore, PS4

5:45pm

Cathy Anderson, Anne Craig

Kids Church

4yrs - K

Angie Marler, Tanya Tackett

1st - 3rd

Shawna Mohler, Hillary Johnson, Anna Trout

FOOD PANTRY WORKERS **January 25, 2018**

Frances Van Horn,
John McCurdy,
Dick Musgrave

Budget Report for January 14, 2018

Total Receipts	\$	7,542.97
Budget Received	\$	6,738.97
Budget Required	\$	15,759.00

Total for the Year

Total Received	\$	21,738.88
Total Required	\$	31,518.00

United We Build

Current Loan Balance	\$	106,908.43
UWB Received This Week	\$	420.00
Additional Interest	\$	74.87
New Balance	\$	106,488.43

Sunday School Small Group Attendance **251**

Morning Worship Attendance **240**



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