

Just for KIDS

Mothers of the Bible

God wants us to love and honor our mothers – not just on Mother's Day, but every day. The Bible tells us about many mothers who loved God.

Use the code to discover each mother's name.

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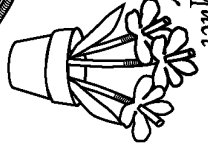
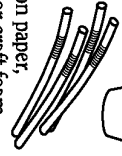
Answers: NAOMI, RUTH, EVE, SARAH, HAGAR, HANNAH, MARY, ELIZABETH, LEAH, RACHEL, REBEKAH.

A Cheerful Bouquet for Mother

Make a beautiful bouquet for your mom that will cheer her up for many days — and it doesn't need any water or sunshine!

What you need:

- 12 bendable straws
- colored construction paper,
- colored card stock or craft foam
- craft glue
- hole punch
- bud vase or terra cotta pot
- clay or play dough (optional)
- scissors
- pencil



What you will do:

1. Cut the colored paper, card stock or foam (or a combination) into 24 or more flower shapes and 24 or more leaf shapes (about 1-2 inches). Make them different sizes and colors.
2. Punch a hole in the center of each flower and one near the base of each leaf.
3. Bend each straw and push the flower shapes (2 or more layered on top of each other) onto the short end of the straw. Do not go past the bend.
4. Put a little glue behind the flower at the hole to hold it in place.
5. From the bottom of the straw, slide 1 or 2 leaf shapes onto the straw and glue them in place from underneath.
6. After the glue has dried, put your flowers in a bud vase or display them in a terra cotta pot.*
7. *If you use a terra cotta pot, place a fist-sized ball of clay or play dough in the bottom of the pot. Push the straw ends into the clay or play dough. When the clay or dough dries out, it keeps the flowers arranged without them falling over.



Your mother will appreciate the time and love you put into making this cheerful bouquet for her.

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Join Us For Worship
Sunday Morning Service
9:30 a.m.
Saturday Worship
7:00 p.m.

Vision and Purpose Statement:

To encourage and empower changes within ourselves,
to meet the needs of the congregation, community and the world.

Phil. 4:13, James 2:26

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2006 Daily Bible Reading Guide for May

5/1	2 Kings 1-2	John 18	5/16	1 Chronicles 15-16	Acts 8
5/2	2 Kings 3-4	John 19	5/17	1 Chronicles 17-18	Acts 9
5/3	2 Kings 5-6	John 20	5/18	1 Chronicles 19-20	Acts 10
5/4	2 Kings 7-8	John 21	5/19	1 Chronicles 21-22	Acts 11
5/5	2 Kings 9-10	Acts 1	5/20	1 Chronicles 23-25	
5/6	2 Kings 11-14		5/21	1 Chronicles 26-29	
5/7	2 Kings 15-19		5/22	2 Chronicles 1-2	Acts 12
5/8	2 Kings 20-21	Acts 2	5/23	2 Chronicles 3-4	Acts 13
5/9	2 Kings 22-23	Acts 3	5/24	2 Chronicles 5-6	Acts 14
5/10	2 Kings 24-25	Acts 4	5/25	2 Chronicles 7-8	Acts 15
5/11	1 Chronicles 1-2	Acts 5	5/26	2 Chronicles 9-10	Acts 16
5/12	1 Chronicles 3-4	Acts 6	5/27	2 Chronicles 11-14	
5/13	1 Chronicles 5-8		5/28	2 Chronicles 15-18	
5/14	1 Chronicles 9-12		5/29	2 Chronicles 19-20	Acts 17
5/15	1 Chronicles 13-14	Acts 7	5/30	2 Chronicles 21-22	Acts 18
			5/31	2 Chronicles 23-24	Acts 19

2	Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	ABW Ministries Hostess: Kathy Garlick Meet at FBC
		6:30 p.m.	United in Prayer
4	Thursday		National Day of Prayer 12:00 p.m. Macomb City Hall Front Lawn Music, Prayer, and Guest Speakers
6	Saturday	After Worship	Reception for 2006 Graduates in Fellowship Hall of FBC
7	Sunday	After Worship but before Sunday School	Reception for 2006 Graduates in Fellowship Hall of FBC
9	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Boards Meet
16	Tuesday	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Mosaic Free Blood Pressure Screening
19	Friday	6:30 p.m.	Mother's Day Banquet
3,10,17,24,31	Wednesday		Small Group Studies 3:00 p.m. <i>Experiencing God</i> 5:30 p.m. Light Supper 6:30 p.m. <i>The Gospel of John</i> <i>Experiencing God</i> <i>If You Want to Walk on Water</i> <i>Veggie Connection</i>
4,11,18,25	Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Sunday Praise Team Practice
6,13,20,27	Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Men's Ministry
		6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
		7:00 p.m.	Contemporary Worship
7,14,21,28	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Worship
		10:45 a.m.	Sunday School
		7:00 p.m.	Small Group Study <i>Book of Romans</i>

Theme: Getting to Know God

- 6** **7:00 p.m.** Contemporary Worship
Knowing God
Daniel 11:32

- 7** **9:30 a.m.** *Knowing God*
Daniel 11:32

- 13** **7:00 p.m.** Contemporary Worship
Like Mother, Like Child
Hebrews 11:23, Acts 12:12, 2 Timothy 1:5

- 14** **9:30 a.m.** *Like Mother, Like Child*
Hebrews 11:23, Acts 12:12, 2 Timothy 1:5

- 20** **7:00 p.m.** Contemporary Worship
He Knows Me
Psalm 139

- 21** **9:30 a.m.** *He Knows Me*
Psalm 139

- 27** **7:00 p.m.** Contemporary Worship
Worthy of Remembering
Philippians 4:4-9

- 28** **9:30 a.m.** *Worthy of Remembering*
Philippians 4:4-9

May 2006						
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In the fall of 2002, we, as a body of believers, cast a vision. Why do we need a vision in the church? Vision is not just a destination; it is a journey. Vision is not just the finish line; it is the whole race. The great Apostle Paul captured the essence of vision when he wrote these words: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him" (I Cor 2:9). Henry Blackaby's study, Experiencing God, is nothing short of life changing for those of us who have been through it. After taking this course recently, I think Blackaby's work can be summed up in one idea: see what God is doing and join Him. Rather than asking God to bless our plans and our vision, we must see what God is doing around us and join Him in His plan and His vision. In Proverbs 19:21, we find another powerful verse about vision: "Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails". What I am simply trying to say is that when vision is a picture of what God wants to do in His church, we need to get out of His way and turn Him loose to do it.

So the process of vision is the process of joining God in what He is doing and wants to do in His church. Our vision/ purpose statement says: "to encourage and empower changes within ourselves to meet the needs of the congregation, community, and the world". Over the past four years, God has been showing us who He is. I believe that leaders of this church and you, the congregation, have been faithful to this vision up to this point. My prayer for each of us is that we stay committed to this vision. In the next few months, we have very important decisions to make as a church body. We must remember to get out of the way and turn God loose to grow both us and His church.

I do look forward to working and worshipping with you this month.

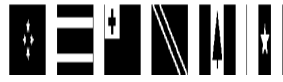
Pastor Wally





Our Annual Mother's Day Banquet will be Friday, May 19 in the FBC Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m. It will be a salad buffet with each family bringing a salad. Drinks, crackers, and table service will be furnished. A musical program will follow the meal. All women and girls are welcome and urged to attend.

MISSIONS



Musing on Missions
by Meryl Cook

The American Baptist Campus Ministry at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois has a ministry of a Student Food Pantry and Supply Closet. The Pantry is organized by student volunteers and is designed especially for students in need. It offers book vouchers, school supplies, food and hygiene items, and grocery cards. The Pantry is located at the FBC in Carbondale and is open while school is in session.

In November 2005 Bacone College and the American Indian Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony at the new Bacone College Kiva. The word Kiva means "a gathering place". The Kiva is the new home of the Bacone College Alumni Association, a practice and gathering space for the Native American Song/Dance Club, the Native Culture and Storytelling Club, as well as all Native club programs. In addition, Gamma Delta Pi, a sorority for Native American women, which was established this year, also meets in this location.

The Bacone College Kiva is located at the front of the campus. It offers three rooms, including a dining/meeting space. It was formerly used for faculty/staff housing. Roseanne Spinks is the manager.

The AB Women's Ministries Great Rivers Region Annual Conference is June 16-18, 2006 at Lake Williamson Conference Center at Carlinville, Illinois. The theme is "Expand Your Tents". We will be celebrating the 75th anniversary of Love Gift with the National Coordinator of Love Gift, Shirley Fair, as guest. Rev. Kihomi Nzunga, International Missionary to Haiti and recipient of part of the special project funds, will bring the Sunday morning message.

Articles for the three Baptist camps are requested and will be sorted during the White Cross workshop. Items needed include: kitchen towels, dish cloths, Band Aids, children's Tylenol, children's cough syrup, Pepto Bismal, cough drops, Kool-Aid, Tylenol, duct tape, ink pens, and copy paper.

Dr. Ruth Peterson will be installed as the new Regional President. The cost for 5 meals and 2 nights (June 16-18) is \$130, if postmarked before June 1. Late fee is \$5.

Tuesday, May 16 - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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Free Blood Pressure Screening



Saturday, May 6

Immediately following Worship
Reception for 2006 Graduates in
Fellowship Hall at FBC



Reception for 2006 Graduates

Sunday, May 7

Immediately after Worship and
before Sunday School
Reception for 2006 Graduates in
Fellowship Hall of FBC

2006 Graduates

Graduating from High School:

Bobbi Foulk

Graduating with a Bachelors Degree:

Beth Dietrich

Justin Ensinger

Leann E. England

Graduating with a Masters Degree:

Kirsten Boyd

Tara Sewell

Ross Provine

Our memory of the fallen

Your silent tents of green
We deck with fragrant flowers;
Yours has the suffering been,
The memory shall be ours.

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

An upside-down world

The saintly nun of Calcutta, Mother Teresa, thought she knew why the world is upside-down. She thought it had to do with families that were out of sync, lacking togetherness, harmony and the extension of real love for one another. She said, "It is easier to offer food to the hungry than to answer the lonely suffering of someone who lacks love right in one's own family."

She went on to say, "The world today is upside down because there is so very little love in the home and in family life. We have no time for each other. Everybody is in such a terrible rush, and so anxious ... and in the home begins the disruption of the peace of the world."



Friday, April 19

6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

Mother's Day Banquet

Please bring a salad

Meryl Cook has registration applications.

The GRR Women's Ministries Board voted to increase the Sally Peck Student Aid Scholarship for seminary students to \$800 from \$600. Other student scholarships are prorated according to need and money available.

In a recent Fact Sheet from the ILCAAAP (Illinois Church Action on Alcohol and Addiction Problems), the news is disturbing.

Alcohol is the drug most frequently used by young people, and the one that carries the most negative health consequences. An estimated 4,554 people under the age of 21 die each year due to excessive use. 7,000 under the age of 16 take up drinking every day!

Underage drinking cost the citizens of Illinois \$2.6 billion in 2001. These costs include medical care, youth violence, traffic crashes, youth property crime, alcohol poisoning, and Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. This translates to a cost of \$2,132 per year for each youth in the State. In 2002, 3049 youth 12-20 years old were admitted for alcohol treatment in Illinois, accounting for 11.2% of all treatment admissions for alcohol abuse in the State.

The brain isn't fully developed until a person reaches 25 and when teens and young adults consume alcohol, studies show it can lead to a myriad of brain related deficiencies, including concentration problems, poor memory retention and discipline issues.

The suicide rate among young people is increasing at an alarming rate. Alcohol use among adolescents has been associated with considering, planning, attempting, and completing suicide. Alcohol is a central factor in most college rapes. About one in twenty women reported being raped in college and 72% happened when the victims were so intoxicated that they were unable to consent or refuse.

Underage drinking is not just a harmless "rite of passage". Underage drinkers are more likely to get into fights, ride with someone who has been drinking, attempt suicide, become alcohol dependent, drop out of school, or become a victim of a violent crime.

ILCAAAP/Illinois Churches in Action

1132 W. Jefferson St, Springfield, IL

Friday, May 5 is Church Women United Friendship Day

Birthdays

May 2 Magda Aquirre IM El Salvador

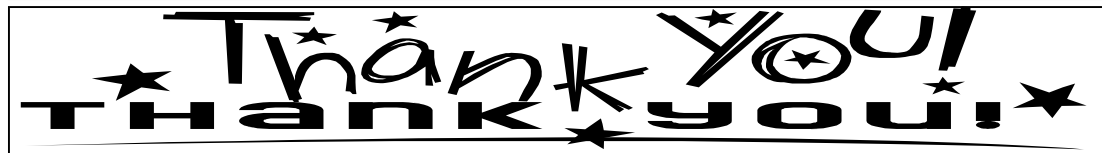
May 5 Tom Myers IM Bulgaria

May 21 Max Klinkenborg GRR Springfield, IL



May

- 5 - **Wilbert & Mary Hoff (a)**
- 7 - **Stephen & Lavon Smart (a)**
- 15 - Tyler Geltmacher
- 18 - Bill Sanders
- 21 - Mary Foulk
John & Betty Adair (a)
- 22 - **Don & Kathy Garlick (a)**
- 23 - Ashley Derry
Michael Haley
- 28 - Eileen Icenogle
David & Christina Harman (a)
- 29 - Zelma Harman



Dear First Baptist Church family,

Thank you so much for all the prayers, calls, hugs, flowers, cards, and words of encouragement before and after mom's passing. The meal prepared after her service was so "delicious". Thank you to all the folks who participated in making that happen. We are so blessed to have such a caring church family.

-- God bless all of you,
Lavon Smart & family



Thank you to Debby Derry and Veta Harper who helped with the newsletter and bulletins this month.



Thank you to everyone who helped make the First Responders Appreciation Dinner a great success.

WE COULDN'T
HAVE DONE IT
WITHOUT YOU



Bible quiz

After the Resurrection, the apostle Philip was on the road to Gaza when he came upon an Ethiopian official sitting in a chariot. The man, on a return trip from worshipping in Jerusalem, was reading aloud. As Philip approached, he recognized the words that the official was reading: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter ..." (Acts 8:32, NRSV).

Philip knew they were the words of what Jewish prophet?

- A. Amos
- B. Micah
- C. Hosea
- D. Isaiah

Answer: D

The answer is in Acts 8:30.

A Mother's Day hymn

Sing praise to our Creator God!
 Earth prospers from the way
 God "mothers" each new child into
 This world day after day.

God fabricates in motherhood
 A channel from above
 That longs to share with every child
 God's Comfort, Grace and Love!

Sing praise to our Creator God,
 Who "mothers" us from birth!
 Providing what we truly need
 Throughout our lives on earth.

—Peggy Ferrell



Vacation Bible School
Sunday, July 23 - Thursday July 27
Donations for T-Shirts at \$6.00 each
needed

Thoughts for Memorial Day

The anthropologist and naturalist, Loren Eiseley, who died in 1977, wanted this epitaph for his wife and himself: "We loved the earth, but could not stay."

No one can stay, of course. We all are moving inexorably toward that final day when "the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over, and our work is done" (Book of Common Prayer).

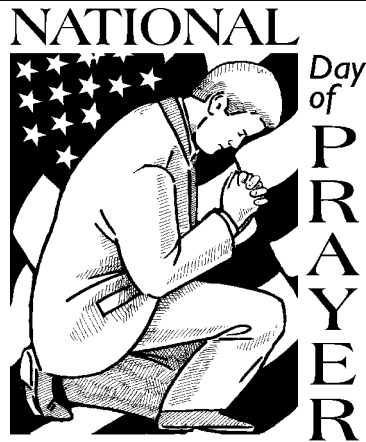
This Memorial Day we particularly remember the men and women who have perished in war, giving the ultimate sacrifice to make the world a better place. They too "loved the earth, but could not stay." May God hasten the day when we can solve our disputes peacefully.

We also remember all our loved ones whose stay on Earth is over. Christians believe that death does not end all. We trust that the God who made us will provide for us when our bodies can no longer sustain us.

A memorial stone on the campus of the College of Wooster in Ohio, placed there by a class many years ago, reads:

United in time
 Divided in time
 To be reunited
 When time shall be no more.

That is a hope we can have for ourselves, our loved ones and those who sacrificed all.



Thursday, May 4, 2006

12:00 p.m.

Macomb City Hall Front Lawn

There will be music, prayer, and guest speakers.

Hosted by M.A.C.M.A. (Macomb Area Christian Ministerial Alliance)

The first Thursday of May each year is designated as a day for the people of our country to pray. Yes, there is separation of state and church in America, but religious people in our nation would never vote for the separation of America from God. This country surely will always remain, "one nation under God." Therefore we are right to set aside a day for national prayer — a day when we can beseech God's guidance regarding our nation's policies and actions, and pray for the general welfare of all citizens, especially for the helpless and those suffering injustices.



Who's poor?

A wealthy man took his son to the country to teach the boy about poor people. They spent several days and nights on the farm of a poor family.

When they returned home, the father asked his son, "What do you think now that you've seen how poor people live?"

The son answered, "I saw that we have one dog and they have four. We have a pool that reaches to the middle of our garden, but they have a creek that has no end. We have imported lanterns in our garden, but they have the stars at night. Our patio reaches to the front yard and they have the whole horizon. We have a small piece of land to live on and they have fields that go beyond our sight. We have servants who serve us, but they serve others. We buy our food, but they grow theirs. We have walls around our property to protect us, but they have friends to protect them."

The boy's father was speechless.

Then his son added, "Thanks, Dad, for showing me how poor we are."

What's it all about

Van Marter, a journalist and minister, was named Distinguished Alumnus by the San Francisco Theological Seminary. As part of his acceptance speech he said, "Every morning I remind myself that it's not about me, it's about God. It's never about what I'm doing, but about what God in Christ is doing in me. It's not about my institution or any other, it's about God. It's on the very bad days and on the very good days that we're most tempted to believe that it's all about us. But it never is."NRSV

—Quote from SFTS Chimes

The nun who kidded God

The 16th century nun known as Teresa of Ávila (Spain) had a great sense of humor. Caught in a thunderstorm and getting soaked, she was heard to pray, "Lord, it's no wonder [you] have so many enemies, if this is the way you treat your friends."