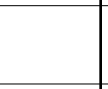
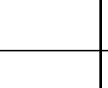
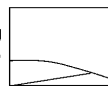
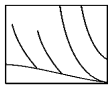
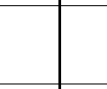
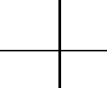
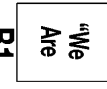
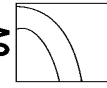
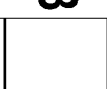
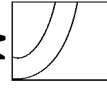
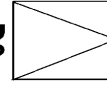
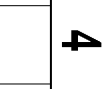
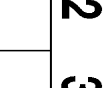
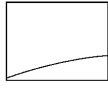
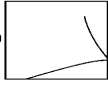
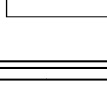
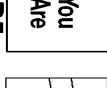
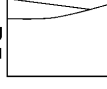
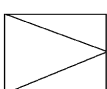
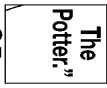
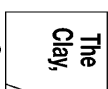
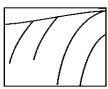
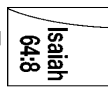


Back to School

It is back to school time! You will continue to learn, grow and change. The Bible tells us that we are like clay and that God is forming us everyday.

Directions: Copy these squares onto the square grid below.



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	1	2	3	4	5
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B					
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D					
E					

Make Your Own "Clay"

Make one or more of these different types of homemade play dough. (Ask an adult to help.) Think about God and how He loves us, shapes us and molds us. Squeeze, roll and shape the clay into many different and unique shapes.



Salt Dough

- 3 cups of flour
- 1-1/2 cups salt
- 6 teaspoons cream of tartar
- 3 cups of water
- 3-4 tablespoons oil
- food coloring
- glitter (optional)



Mix the dry ingredients together in a big pan. Add water, oil and food coloring. Whisk until the lumps and food coloring are well mixed. With an adult's help, cook the mixture over medium heat, stirring constantly until the dough thickens and forms into a ball. When the dough cools, knead in the glitter. The dough will keep several weeks in plastic containers or bags.



Rubbery Play Dough

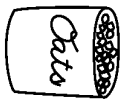
- 2 cups baking soda
- 1-1/2 cups water
- 1 cup cornstarch



In a pan, mix the ingredients with a fork until smooth. With an adult's help, boil the mixture over medium heat until thick. Spoon onto a plate or wax paper, and let cool.

Oatmeal Clay

- 1 cup rolled oats
- 2/3 cup flour
- 1/2 cup water
- food coloring



Mix all the ingredients in a large bowl. Add more flour if necessary for the dough to form a lump. Knead the dough on a floured surface until it is smooth. Add food coloring to the water before mixing the dough, or divide into balls and add coloring after mixed and kneaded.

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Join Us For Worship
Sunday Morning Service
9:30 a.m.
Saturday Worship
5:00 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 September

9/1 Proverbs 1-2	Philippians 1	9/16 Ecclesiastes 9-12	
9/2 Proverbs 3-6		9/17 Song of Solomon 1-4	
9/3 Proverbs 7-10		9/18 Song of Solomon 5-6	1 Thessalonians 4
9/4 Proverbs 11-12	Philippians 2	9/19 Song of Solomon 7-8	1 Thessalonians 5
9/5 Proverbs 13-14	Philippians 3	9/20 Isaiah 1-2	2 Thessalonians 1
9/6 Proverbs 15-16	Philippians 4	9/21 Isaiah 3-4	2 Thessalonians 2
9/7 Proverbs 17-18	Colossians 1	9/22 Isaiah 5-6	2 Thessalonians 3
9/8 Proverbs 19-20	Colossians 2	9/23 Isaiah 7-10	
9/9 Proverbs 21-24		9/24 Isaiah 11-14	
9/10 Proverbs 25-29		9/25 Isaiah 15-16	1 Timothy 1
9/11 Proverbs 30-31	Colossians 3	9/26 Isaiah 17-18	1 Timothy 2
9/12 Ecclesiastes 1-2	Colossians 4	9/27 Isaiah 19-20	1 Timothy 3
9/13 Ecclesiastes 3-4	1 Thessalonians 1	9/28 Isaiah 21-22	1 Timothy 4
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9/15 Ecclesiastes 7-8	1 Thessalonians 3	9/30 Isaiah 25/28	

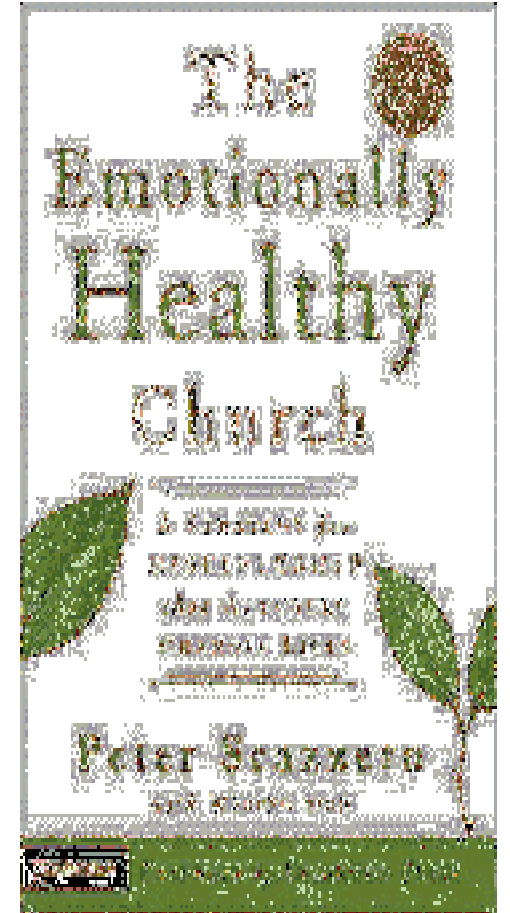
2	Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Men's Ministry
3	Sunday	10:45 a.m.	Sunday School begins
4	Monday		Labor Day—Office Closed
5	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	United in Prayer ABW Ministries, Hostess: Alice Bishop, Meet at Lafayette Square
6	Wednesday	3:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Small Group Study Light Dinner Small Group Studies
7	Thursday	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Sunday Praise Team Practice Stewardship Ministry Team Meeting
9	Saturday		Consecration Weekend
10	Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Men's Ministry
			Consecration Weekend
		10:45 a.m.	Sunday School
		12:30 p.m.	Consecration Dinner
		3:00 p.m.	Small Group Study
11	Monday	7:00 a.m.	Breakfast at the Old Dairy
12	Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Boards Meet
13	Wednesday	3:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Small Group Study Light Dinner Small Group Studies
14	Thursday	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Sunday Praise Team Practice Stewardship Ministry Team Meeting
16	Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Men's Ministry (meet at Macomb Family Restaurant)
17	Sunday	10:45 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	Sunday School Small Group Study
18	Monday	7:00 a.m.	Breakfast at the Old Dairy
19	Tuesday	9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.	Free Blood Pressure Screening at Mosaic
20	Wednesday	3:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Small Group Study Light Dinner Small Group Studies
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30	Saturday	7:30 a.m.	Men's Ministry

**THEME: Choose an Attitude of ...
(Ten Choices for Success in Life)**

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| 2 | 5:00 p.m. | Contemporary Worship
<i>Choose an Attitude of Humility and Generosity</i>
Philippians 2:3-4; Philippians 2:5;
Matthew 11:29; Philippians 2:5-8;
2 Corinthians 9:7; 1 Timothy 6:18-19 |
| 3 | 9:30 a.m. | <i>Choose an Attitude of Humility and Generosity</i>
Philippians 2:3-4; Philippians 2:5;
Matthew 11:29; Philippians 2:5-8;
2 Corinthians 9:7; 1 Timothy 6:18-19 |
| 9 | 5:00 p.m. | Contemporary Worship
Consecration Weekend
Dr. John Grisham, Guest Speaker |
| 10 | 9:30 a.m. | Consecration Weekend
Dr. John Grisham, Guest Speaker |
| 16 | 5:00 p.m. | Contemporary Worship
<i>Choose an Attitude of Integrity and Enthusiasm</i>
Proverbs 2:7; Romans 5:20; Philippians 2:13;
Philippians 4:13; 1 Peter 2:9 |
| 17 | 9:30 a.m. | <i>Choose an Attitude of Integrity and Enthusiasm</i>
Proverbs 2:7; Romans 5:20; Philippians 2:13;
Philippians 4:13; 1 Peter 2:9 |
| 23 | 5:00 p.m. | Contemporary Worship
<i>Choose an Attitude of Cordiality & Perseverance</i>
Isaiah 43:16; Hebrews 11:27; Proverbs 10:29-30
Romans 8:25 |
| 24 | 9:30 a.m. | <i>Choose an Attitude of Cordiality & Perseverance</i>
Isaiah 43:16; Hebrews 11:27; Proverbs 10:29-30
Romans 8:25 |

It will be my privilege this fall to teach a small group that is called The Emotionally Healthy Church.

As part of my Center for Excellence in Congregational Leadership (CECL) training in August of this year, Annetta and I attended a workshop by the author of this book, Peter Scazzero and his wife Geri. What Annetta and I were taught we will be sharing in our ministry for the rest of our lives. The goal of this study is to enable you to apply the biblical truths and principles found in the book called The Emotionally Healthy Church to your personal life. The revolutionary assertion of the book is that: Emotional health and spiritual maturity are inseparable. It is not possible to be spiritually mature while remaining emotionally immature. When Jesus trained his 12 disciples he intentionally created experiences for them to follow him.



He sent them out two by two to preach (Matthew 10). He gave them words to pray (Luke 11). He led them to places normally they would avoid; e.g., Matthew's house with his friends. I am very excited to share in this journey with you.

My prayer for us as we journey together is that we all will mature in our walk with Christ, both emotionally and spiritually. See you in class on Sept. 6 at 6:30 p.m. or Sept 10 at 3:00 p.m.

Pastor Wally



Musing on Missions
by Meryl Cook

In a journal from Daniel and Sarah Chetti dated July 26, they stated they chose to remain in Beirut during the Mid East crisis. He is one of two elders at the All Saints International Church in Beirut. The Pastor from Britain had gone back to the UK for his annual vacation, and the Associate Pastor, a missionary from the Swedish Baptist Mission, had gone to Stockholm for deputation. There are about 26 nationalities in the church, including several Lebanese. Without a Pastor or an Associate Pastor, Daniel and two other Ministry Leadership Team members are providing spiritual care to members still in Lebanon.

International Ministries has sent \$15,000 emergency relief to the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary from the American Baptist World Relief Office. Many people are finding refuge in the seminary, including the ABTS staff. Beirut Baptist High School is sheltering 400 Shia Muslim refugees in its premises. This serves as a wonderful witness. Other schools are also being used as shelters. A prayer vigil is held at the seminary daily.

The Chetti's daughter, Rachel, has gone with Daniel's sister and family from

Oregon to Greece for a side trip after visiting in Beirut. When war broke out, they were unable to return to Lebanon. Rachel is with them in Oregon and expects to attend high school there this fall.

Kathy Baillargeon is Executive Director of the Milwaukee Christian Center in Milwaukee, WI. She is one of our National Special Interest Missionaries. Kathy joined the Christian Center in January of 2003. Her birthday is October 29. She has degrees from the University of Texas at Austin and Western Michigan University at Kalamazoo.

The Milwaukee Christian Center primarily serves low income families and individuals living in the ethnically diverse "near the south side" of Milwaukee. "We are a large organization with both social service and neighborhood revitalization programs," Kathy explains. "As Executive Director, my roll is overall manager, fundraiser, organizer, troubleshooter, and planner. Love your neighbor as yourself is the root of all we do". Kathy is married to Jim Schherer.

During Homecoming Weekend Oct. 6-8 at Champaign-Urbana, the new Stratford House at 310 East Daniel will be dedicated Friday night at the Holiday Inn, with tours of the new house on Saturday. It was built at a cost of \$3.2 million and will house 38 women students. It will assume the name of Stratford House while the old

Tuesday, September 19 - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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Free Blood Pressure Screening

Consecration Weekend

September 9-10

Will you grow one step this year?

Join us for worship on Saturday, September 9, at 5:00 pm or Sunday, September 10, at 9:30 am. Then join us as we celebrate what God has done for us as a church family during our Consecration Dinner at the Macomb Country Club on Sunday, September 10, at 12:30 pm. Dinner reservations are required and can be made by calling the church office by Friday, September 1.

As we prepare for Consecration Weekend, please ponder the question "What is God asking me to give?"



Sundays
4:00 —6: 00 p.m.

9/3— Pizza Kick Off Party

9/10— Movie Night

Paintball Trip TBA

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

10:45 – 11:00 A.M.—BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPT. 3

Especially for

3, 4 and 5 year olds

**Gee Min & Russell Glaue
Leaders**

Children will explore stories of the Bible with picture story telling, music, activities and games. The lesson materials provided to the children can be used at home with the parents to further the children's learning.

FOLLOWING JESUS

For Grades 1-3

Tara Sewell, Leader

Grades 1-3 will be working on the Jesus Film Project's *Following Jesus* curriculum. Starting with the video "The Story of Jesus for Children", this workbook driven series walks the children through an evangelism and discipleship course. There are six weeks of studies, however, due to the excessive material, each study will be broken down into three-week lessons.

The purpose of this study is to teach children about Jesus Christ and begin walking them toward accepting Jesus as their personal Savior. In addition, the children will continue learning the books of both Testaments and the 10 Commandments.

BIBLEMAN

VIDEO SERIES

For Grades 4-6

**Pastor Wally, Leader
Richard Sample III, Assistant**

Miles Petersen was a man who had it all: wealth, status, and success. Still, something was lacking. Then, in his darkest hour, the words of a single Book gave Miles Petersen the burning desire to know God. Now, transformed by the Word of the Lord and empowered by His strength, Miles Petersen lives out a pledge to fight evil in the name of God as BIBLEMAN.

House will be called 312 House. Mature undergraduate and graduate female students will room at the 312 House.

The Baptist Student Foundation (BSF), an American Baptist Mission, is located on the campus of the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana to transform lives in the name of Jesus Christ. The ministry began in 1912 through the University Baptist Church, and since 1949 through a cooperative housing ministry. This housing ministry now includes Stratford House, Koinonia, Sutton Place, and 312 House.

Three UBC groups of students did volunteer work for Habitat for Humanity during spring break.

Judson Baptist Fellowship students from Normal went to Mexico during their spring break and built a house for the Vasquez family who try to survive on \$5.00 a week. 10 students also went to Slidell, Louisiana in May to help hurricane victims rebuild. Three graduate students went down during Christmas break and said it was an awesome experience to meet and work along side several families, hear their stories, and pray with them.

The lodge at Serenity Lake, south of Macomb, is now called Higher Ground Retreat Center. Work continues on the inside of the building as well as landscaping. Youth groups and advisors from St. Louis camped during the summer.

Macomb First Baptist provided food

for two meals for workers in July.

GRR welcomes a new Church Plant in Kansas City, MO. It is the "Living Hope Brazilian Church". Living Hope is a church whose ministry serves primarily Portuguese speaking immigrants from Brazil. Three ministers, all ordained by the American Baptist Churches, USA, of Massachusetts and the Convention of Brazilian Churches in America, make up the pastoral team. At present their congregation averages 25-30 people for worship.

One of the dreams of Living Hope is to have English as a Second Language classes. This ministry would allow the church to build relationships in the community and create a family as most have only families in Brazil.

The fall meeting for Western Area III ABWM will be at Colchester Bethel, Saturday, Sept. 23. It is a morning meeting ending at noon—no meal provided. Coffee will be served at registration, which probably will start at 9AM. Watch for further program announcements!

Birthdays:

Sept 8 - Sierra Brown, Greece,
Alan and Whitney's daughter
Sept 11 - Bruce Borquist IM, Brazil
Sept 11 - Miriam Noyes IM, Brazil

Bible Book for September is Amos

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

September

- 4 - Lavon Smart
- 8 - Lola Kelly
- 9 - Andrea Molina
- 12 - Carroll Arvin
- 13 - **Bill & Kathy Brooks (a)**
Craig Burns
- 16 - Justin Derry
- 18 - Matt Garlick
- 19 - Timothy Green
- 20 - Maureen Hamilton
- 22 - **Homer & Eileen Icenogle (a)**
Marilyn R. Smith
- 23 - Erin Brown
- 25 - David Harman
- 29 - **Richard & Mary Hainline (a)**

Thank You! THANK YOU!

Dear Church families and friends,

This is a note to tell you—"Thanks so very much for the very pretty carnations, from Sunday morning pulpit. Sorry I missed the flower person—always is so good to have a visit.

Thank you and God bless,
Mildred Bricker

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the flowers, visits, phone calls, food, and most of all, your prayers. I am feeling better every day but a long way from being myself so continue to pray as I do for you. With God's help I will be well again soon.

God Bless you all,
Kay Pollock

FBC Family,

Thank you so much for your thoughts, prayers, and expressions of sympathy when Grandpa passed away. You all have no idea how much I thank God for you. I'm so honored and thankful to have such a caring, loving Christian family. May God continue to bless each and everyone of you.

Tara Sewell & Family

SMALL GROUP STUDIES

Wednesday Small Groups are starting on Sept. 6. We will again be preparing a light meal to be served at 5:30 p.m. This meal is a self-supporting function of the church and as such receives no monies from the budget. Each Wednesday night a donation basket is available and a \$3 per adult donation is suggested.

Volunteers prepare the meals each week. If you are interested in using your gifts in this way, sign the sheet near the basket on Wednesday evening.

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Please enroll in one of our Wednesday studies—grow. Please join us for the meal—fellowship.



September 11, 2001—WE WILL NEVER FORGET



FBC Rummage Sale Start Saving Your Things

FBC Rummage Sale will be Friday, October 27, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 28, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



It's not too early to begin planning to join together and go to the Women of Faith Conference in St. Louis next summer. The dates are June 15 and 16. The cost of registration for the pre-conference workshop and the conference itself is \$129. A box lunch is included for both days. The cost next summer will include 2 nights stay, transportation, and meals. Registration checks are due to Annetta Holt by October 15. This is an opportunity for the women of FBC to build friendships with each other as well as strengthen our relationship with God. Please consider registering for this great conference.



Rev. Dr. Robert J. Duncan, Jr., President and Associate Professor of Religion at Bacone College would like to thank FBC for our recent monetary gift to the college. It will help make the dreams of students who need financial assistance become reality.

Patricia Griffith, Executive Director for Kids Hope United wishes to thank FBC for our generous monetary gift. Because of our support Kids Hope United is making a difference in the lives of vulnerable children and families.

Aidsand F. Wright-Riggins III, D. Min, Executive Director of National Ministries wishes to thank FBC for our ongoing support of American Baptist mission and National Ministries.



The Board of Christian Education recognizes children who are entering 2nd grade by giving them Bibles. Receiving Bibles this year are: Jared Burns, Caleb Carper, and Tim Green.

VeggieTales

VeggieConnections

Connecting to a Powerful Relationship with God.

Pre-K through Grade 5

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 pm, begins Sept 6

Moises & Andrea Molina, Leaders



Come join the fun with Bob, Larry and friends as we develop connections to God. This year we will visit Dodgeball City, Madame Blueberry's Treehouse (with an occasional trip to Stuffmart), Veggie Lagoon and Mr. Nezzar's Chocolate Factory. While at these locations we will learn about Trust, Joy, Faith and Time by looking at the lives of Joseph, David, Moses and the disciple John. Every Veggie evening begins with a video clip and experience based on the word for the week. Following this is a time for prayer, Bible story, games, crafts and closing. This experience is open to children ages Pre-K through Grade 5.