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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 October

10/1	Isaiah 29-32		10/16	Jeremiah 1-2	Hebrews 2
10/2	Isaiah 33-34	1 Timothy 6	10/17	Jeremiah 3-4	Hebrews 3
10/3	Isaiah 35-36	2 Timothy 1	10/18	Jeremiah 5-6	Hebrews 4
10/4	Isaiah 37-38	2 Timothy 2	10/19	Jeremiah 7-8	Hebrews 5
10/5	Isaiah 39-40	2 Timothy 3	10/20	Jeremiah 9-10	Hebrews 6
10/6	Isaiah 41-42	2 Timothy 4	10/21	Jeremiah 11-14	
10/7	Isaiah 43-46		10/22	Jeremiah 15-18	
10/8	Isaiah 47-50		10/23	Jeremiah 19-20	Hebrews 7
10/9	Isaiah 51-52	Titus 1	10/24	Jeremiah 21-22	Hebrews 8
10/10	Isaiah 53-54	Titus 2	10/25	Jeremiah 23-24	Hebrews 9
10/11	Isaiah 55-56	Titus 3	10/26	Jeremiah 25-26	Hebrews 10
10/12	Isaiah 57-58	Philemon 1	10/27	Jeremiah 27-28	Hebrews 11
10/13	Isaiah 59-60	Hebrews 1	10/28	Jeremiah 29-32	
10/14	Isaiah 61-63		10/29	Jeremiah 33-36	
10/15	Isaiah 64-66		10/30	Jeremiah 37-38	Hebrews 12
			10/31	Jeremiah 39-40	Hebrews 13

The Apostle Paul writes in Philippians 4:10: **how grateful I am, and how I praise the Lord that you are concerned about me again. I know you have always been concerned for me, but for a while you didn't have the chance to help me.** As we have been involved this past year in ministry to proclaim Jesus Christ, we have prayed, we have given, and we have been amazed at what the Lord has done. Our church has sought renewal, growth, and impact as an instrument of the Holy Spirit. But as we reflect on the surprises of God in our lives this past year, it is not only what the Lord has done for us, but through us, which surprises us greatly. God wants us to partner with Him to proclaim the good news throughout the whole earth. And God does this as we support those who have been sent or who have called and asked for our help. Paul encounters many surprises after God called him to go to Macedonia. He was jailed, he was shipwrecked, he was attacked. In all, he never dismayed because God was always with him with support. And he used the church at Philippi to do so.

Now is our opportunity to pray about God's global mission and our chance to give abundantly to this cause. Along with the thousands of churches, we partner to support ministries and missionaries through International Ministries of the American Baptist Churches, USA. God continually surprises us in 28 countries where missionaries serve and the 71 countries where ministries partner with us through our support.

Our missionary ministry partners rejoice that we again have the opportunity to support them as they serve, and our Lord rejoices in our passionate prayers and sacrificial giving, as an opportunity to surprise us with His peace, power and provision. This year's goal is \$4000.

I pray we all will seek the Lord, sacrifice our resources and sense the surprises of God in our lives in this season committed to God's word and work in our world.

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

Pastor Wally



Musing on Missions
by Meryl Cook

Tan and Scott Coats arrived back in Chaing Rai, Thailand about the middle of August after their commissioning July 23 as American Baptist Missionaries. Services were held at Ridgeview Baptist Church in Danville, IL and at First Baptist Church of Champaign at Savoy. Scott is the founding director of the Mekong Minority Foundation, a ministry devoted to holistic leadership development among the minority people that inhabit the hills of Northern Thailand and neighboring countries.

John and Debbie Coats request prayer as they go through the government red tape in renewing their visa in Cambodia. They are supervised under the National Tuberculosis Center. The Ministry of Health is currently considering their project renewal for the next 5 years. A religious cult of fake teaching has caused a lot of problems. Some cult members are government officials.

International Missionary, Gustavo Parajon, received the Baptist World Alliance Human Rights Award at the General Council Annual Gathering July 3-8 in Mexico City. He and his wife, Joan, were commissioned by IM in January 1973 to serve in Nicaragua. Parajon was awarded the Dahlberg Peace Award for his work by American Baptist Churches USA in 1980.

This is the second American Baptist to receive the award in as many years. Global consultant, Rev. Luran Bethell received the award in 2005 for her years of work among women and children affected by sex trafficking and forced prostitution. Luran is based in Prague, Czech Republic.

Kim Brown has served 21 years of missionary service as a nurse in Northern Thailand. At present she oversees 5 church-like ministries for tribal people who are coping with problems caused by AIDS, disabilities, and migration from their traditional villages to urban slums.

In August she led a seminar in Burma that was attended by 60 pastors and leaders, and a second seminar attended by 110 students and faculty. She said there is good knowledge about AIDS, but the real hunger is to learn how to exhibit Christ's love to persons living with AIDS.

Kim and her team also traveled to four church centers in China, some in very remote areas, to promote AIDS education.

Mark and Sandy Jo Thompson, former IMs to Vanga in the Democratic Republic of Congo, have retired and are living in Elgin, IL. Mark is a medical doctor and is associated with a clinic for underprivileged children.

Red Ribbon Week is Oct. 21-28, 2006. This is an opportunity for churches to raise awareness of substance abuse, its impact on families, and to promote a drug free lifestyle.

The Federal Trade Commission should take a hard look at how alcohol marketers are using NASCAR to appeal to young people. According to NASCAR, 58% of 2-11 year olds, and 50% of 12-17 year olds are NASCAR fans, and NASCAR is the second most popular televised sport among 7-11 years olds behind NFL football. Anheuser-Busch and Crown Royal are each name sponsors of various racing events, and liquor brand sponsorship is expanding rapidly.

A new sports television network operated by the Big Ten Athletic Conference and Fox Cable Networks won't have ads for beer or other alcoholic beverages—a historic move praised by the Campaign for Alcohol Free Sports TV. "This landmark deal recognizes that the reputations of universities and the value of sports are fundamentally incompatible with alcohol marketing to young people. The Big Ten, its commissioners, Jim Delany and Fox deserve a great deal of credit for this pioneering move." says George A. Hacker, Director of CSPI's Alcohol Policies Project.

Gambling expansion is in the works. Slots at racetracks, Account Deposit Wagering, and privatization of the Lottery could come for a vote in the Veto Session Nov. 14-16 and Nov. 28-30. Gubernatorial Candidate Judy Baar Topinka proposed a land based casino for Chicago and more than doubling the size of existing casinos to help fund education. If the Lottery is sold, a private company will expand gambling to increase profits. The preceding was taken from the Illinois Church Action on Alcohol and Addiction Problems.

IM Marcia Binkley of Thailand began cancer treatment with chemotherapy the last of December and finished in time to return to Thailand for their son Sean's high school graduation in May. The whole family came to the States in June to begin their Home Assignment. Marcia then had 7 weeks of radiation ending Sept. 1. They are living in Hartville, OH where 2 younger children are enrolled in school. Sean is a freshman at Houghton College in New York State. Duane and Marcia work with the Thailand Baptist Missionary Fellowship sharing the ministry coordination duties of Fellowship Secretary. This group is composed of 7 mission agencies from 6 countries and works with 6 Christian groups within Thailand.

A celebration was held Sept. 17 at the Mount Calvary Church of God to break ground for the 10th Habitat for Humanity home. It is for the William and Jennifer Petty family with children Jacob, Brianna, and Billy.

Birthdays:

October 15—Hollis Clark IM, Founder Cap Haitian Eye Center, Haiti

October 16—Susan Harding, National Missionary, Cordova Alaska (Our Special)

October 29—Kathy Baillargeon National Missionary, Milwaukee Christian Center, WI (Our Special)

October Bible Book: Joshua



OCTOBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- | | | |
|----|---|---|
| 6 | - | Helen Bayless
Polly Pittman
Carolyn Tomlinson |
| 8 | - | Laura Fisher |
| 9 | - | Dick Pittman |
| 12 | - | Maxine Noper |
| 13 | - | Alan Arvin |
| 14 | - | Carol Blakely |
| 17 | - | Heather McKamy |
| 18 | - | Robert Babcock
Ruth Anne Ceder
Eddie & Angie Green (a) |
| 21 | - | Karen Miller |
| 23 | - | Mike Geltmacher |
| 27 | - | Kay Pollock |
| 29 | - | Mary Hoff |
| 31 | - | Ron Smith |



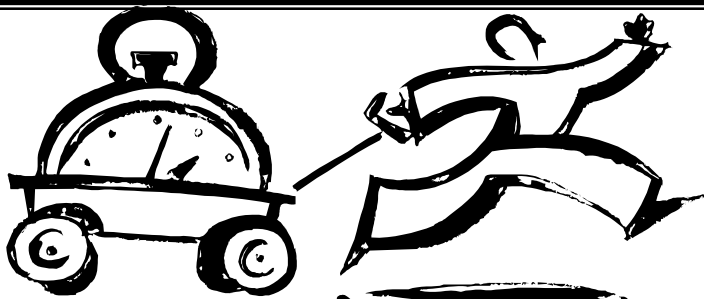
Teacher Training Workshop

**Saturday, October 21
9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

Teacher Training Workshop for all Small Group Leaders, Sunday School Teachers, and Board of Christian Education members. Denny Mumaw, Small Group Teacher and certified *Walk through the Bible* Instructor, will lead.

Registration and Continental Breakfast will be at 8:30 a.m.

Nursery will be provided.



Reminder:

Daylight Savings Time
ends on Sunday,
October 29 at
2:00 a.m.

Fall Back
Daylight Saving Time Ends



Receive the monthly newsletter via email

Starting with the January 2007 Newsletter we at FBC would like to start sending the newsletter electronically, via email. In order for you to participate you will need a computer, access to the Internet, and an email address.

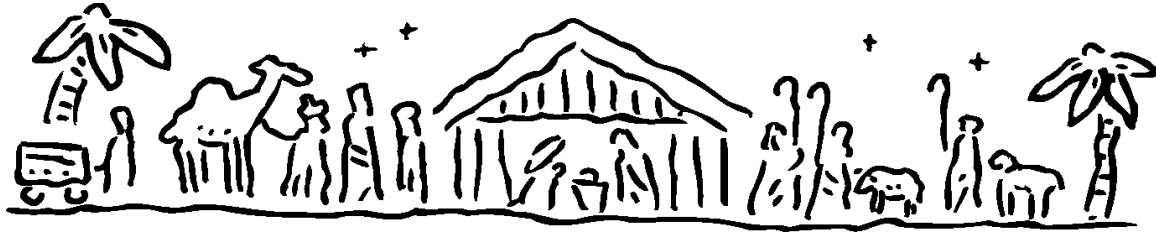
If you wish to start receiving the newsletter electronically, please complete the form below and return it to the church office no later than Friday, December 15, 2006.

Yes, I would like to receive the monthly newsletters via email

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EMAIL ADDRESS _____



Live Nativity Scene December 1—2

Please be thinking about how you can help us with this great event. Here are a few different ways you can help.

- Advertising Manager
- Set up and Tear Down Crew
 - Stage Director
 - Sign-up Director
 - Make Costumes
 - Costume Personnel
- Food and Hot Chocolate Crews

Each night we will also be needing

- 6 kings
- 2 Josephs
- 2 Marys
- 2 Angels
- 2-3 Jr. Shepherds
- 4 Adult Shepherds

There will be a meeting announced later to go over costuming and set up times for all of the above people.

Hope to see you there!

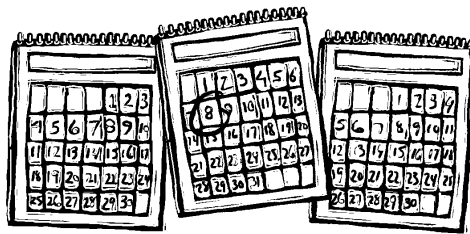
AJ and Marilyn Bourn and Don Garlick
Co-Chairs



Bible quiz

Forgiveness is necessary if we are to fully follow the teaching of Christ. But how many times should we forgive another who often offends us? Peter asked Jesus if we should forgive as many as “seven times?” (Matthew 18:21). Peter probably felt that forgiving seven times would be more than generous. But Jesus had another idea. According to Jesus, how many times should we forgive?

- A. Seventy
- B. Seventy times seven
- C. Seven hundred
- D. Seventy-seven



QUARTERLY *Meeting*

**Sunday,
October 15**

**5:00 p.m.
Potluck Supper**

**6:00 p.m.
Quarterly
Business Meeting**

**★ Thank You! ★
THANK YOU! ★**

To my Church Family -

I want to thank all of you for your prayers, calls, cards, and your loving concern for me before and after my wrist surgery. Sorry to be so slow in writing you a "Thank You" but had to wait until my wrist would work.

I am taking therapy now and it is doing very well.

Thank you all again.

Love you all,
Zelma Harman

Dear FBC Family,

Thank you for the cards and prayers. My shoulder is much better, and with a little more physical therapy I hope that it will be back to 100% soon. I feel very blessed to be a part of this family.

In Christian love,
Barb Arvin

Dear FBC Family,

We thank you for your prayers, and we thank God for answering the prayers. Thanks also for the beautiful flowers delivered by Dorothy McKee.

Jerry is improving daily. Keep up the prayers.

In the Love of Christ,
Jerry & Mary McKamy



Rummage Sale

Friday, October 27—8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 28—8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

All items for the sale can be brought to the church on the 23rd and 24th only. The church is open during the day starting at 8:00 a.m. and I'll be there from 6:00—8:00 p.m. both days.

Helpers are needed to sort and mark during the above hours and then again on Thursday to complete the setup. Call me if those 2 days don't work for you and I'll try to help. Help will also be needed the days of the sale and also at 12:00 p.m. to ? to clean the rooms up on Saturday.

Any questions please call me,
Marilyn Bourn
309-833-4859

**Saturday, October 21st; Immediately following Saturday Worship (6:30 p.m.)
Wiener Roast & Hay Rack Ride at Alan & Barb Arvin's Home
495 Champaign Rd; 309-776-4394**

**Hotdogs, buns, drinks, and table service will be provided
Please bring a dish to share
Maps will be available at the church**

Tuesday, October 17 - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

@ 220 N. Lafayette
Phone: 309.837.5506

Free Blood Pressure Screening

2006 Bravo Unit Appreciation Dinner
Sunday, October 15, 2006
1:30 p.m.

At the Macomb National Guard Armory

The 2010 team is currently organizing an appreciation dinner for the Macomb National Guard B Battery "Bravo" Unit. As you may well know, the unit was called up to serve in Iraq and returned home last fall. We truly feel that this is a wonderful opportunity for our church to say thanks to each member who risked their lives for our freedoms. A spaghetti dinner is planned with bread, drinks, and cookies. All church parishioners are encouraged to attend. If you are interested in helping or are willing to make cookies, please let co-chairs Wendy Geltmacher or Tara Sewell know.



The World Mission Offering is the single largest source of financial support for the global outreach God accomplishes through International Ministries. This offering will be received during the month of October. Our local goal is \$4000. American Baptist missionaries serve in over 30 countries but have mission partnership in more than 70.

The theme is "Be Surprised by God: Pray. Give. Be Amazed!". 100% of money given goes to world missions.

— Missions Committee

1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Sunday	10:45 a.m. Sunday School 3:00 p.m. Adult Small Group Studies 4:00 p.m. Youth Group Meets
2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Monday	7:00 a.m. Breakfast at The Old Dairy
4, 11, 18, 25	Wednesday	3:00 p.m. Adult Small Group Study 5:00 p.m. Light Meal 6:30 p.m. Adult Small Group Study <i>Veggie Connections</i>
5, 12, 19, 26	Thursday	6:30 p.m. Sunday Praise Team Practice
7, 14, 21, 28	Saturday	7:30 a.m. Men's Ministry
3	Tuesday	1:30 p.m. ABW Ministries Hostess: Zelma Harman Meet at FBC 6:30 p.m. United in Prayer
10	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Boards Meet
15	Sunday	1:30 p.m. Appreciation Dinner for Bravo Unit At Armory 5:00 p.m. Potluck Supper 6:00 p.m. Quarterly Business Meeting
17	Tuesday	9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Free Blood Pressure Screening at Mosaic
21	Saturday	9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Teachers Workshop For All Small Group Leaders, Sunday School Teachers, and Board of Christian Education members. Registration and continental breakfast starting at 8:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m. Wiener Roast at Alan & Barb Arvin's home
27	Friday	8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. FBC Fall Rummage Sale
28	Saturday	8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. FBC Fall Rummage Sale

THEME: The Journey: Going Through the Wall

9/30	5:00 p.m.	Contemporary Worship <i>The Journey Through the Desert, Vision</i> 1 Kings 17:1-6
1	9:30 a.m.	<i>The Journey Through the Desert, Vision</i> 1 Kings 17:1
7	5:00 p.m.	Contemporary Worship <i>The Journey Through the Wall</i> Peter, John 13:37-38; John 18:10-11
8	9:30 a.m.	<i>The Journey Through the Wall</i> Peter, John 13:37-38; John 18:10-11
14	5:00 p.m.	Contemporary Worship <i>The Journey & the Need for Companions</i> Luke 6:12-16
15	9:30 a.m.	<i>The Journey & the Need for Companions</i> Luke 6:12-16
21	5:00 p.m.	Contemporary Worship <i>The Journey & Detachment</i> 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Acts 4:32-37
22	9:30 a.m.	<i>The Journey & Detachment</i> 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Acts 4:32-37
28	5:00 p.m.	Contemporary Worship <i>The Journey & Building God's Church</i> Haggai 1-2
29	9:30 a.m.	<i>The Journey & Building God's Church</i> Haggai 1-2

Play Ecclesiastes Charades

Here is what you need:

- Sheet of paper
- Scissors
- Hat, bowl or basket
- Stopwatch, wristwatch or clock
- Friends or family members

Here is how to play:

1. Divide the players into two even groups.
2. Write the following words from Ecclesiastes 3 on your sheet of paper:

- | | |
|--------------|--------------|
| • everything | • scatter |
| • season | • gather |
| • heaven | • embrace |
| • born | • refrain |
| • die | • search |
| • plant | • give up |
| • uproot | • keep |
| • kill | • throw away |
| • heal | • mend |
| • tear | • silent |
| • build | • speak |
| • weep | • love |
| • laugh | • hate |
| • mourn | • war |
| • dance | • peace |

3. Cut the words into strips. Fold them in half and put them in a hat, bowl or basket.
4. Each team chooses one person at a time to pick a word and act it out without speaking. That team has to guess the word.
5. Decide on a time limit. If the word hasn't been guessed when the time is up, the other team gets to guess.
6. Keep score. The team with the most correct guesses wins.
7. When all the words have been guessed. Have someone read Ecclesiastes 3 out loud. Listen for the words you acted out. What do they mean in God's plan?



A Time for Everything

In the fall we move our clocks back an hour. The weather gets cooler and it gets dark earlier. As the seasons change, we have faith that God's planning and timing is perfect. In Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (NIV), God tells us there's a time for everything.

Fill in the blanks using the clock code below.

build	dance	die	everything	laugh	gather
⌚	⌚	⌚	⌚	⌚	⌚
give up	hate	heal	heaven		mend
⌚	⌚	⌚	⌚		⌚
peace	refrain	speak	throw away	uproot	
⌚	⌚	⌚	⌚	⌚	

There is a time for _____ ⌚
 and a season for every activity under _____ : ⌚
 a time to be born and a time to _____ ⌚
 a time to plant and a time to _____ ⌚
 a to kill and a time to _____ ⌚
 a time to tear down and a time to _____ ⌚
 a time to weep and a time to _____ ⌚
 a time to mourn and a time to _____ ⌚
 a time to scatter stones and a time to _____ ⌚
 a time to embrace and a time to _____ ⌚
 a time to search and a time to _____ ⌚
 a time to keep and a time to _____ ⌚
 a time to tear and a time to _____ ⌚
 a time to be silent and a time to _____ ⌚
 a time to love and a time to _____ ⌚
 a time for war and a time for _____ ⌚

Answers: everything, heaven, die, uproot, heal, build, laugh, dance, gather, refrain, give up, throw away, mend, speak, hate, peace.