

Bridge Builders Newsletter

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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 November

11/1	Jeremiah 41-42	James 1	11/16	Ezekiel 21-22	2 Peter 2
11/2	Jeremiah 43-44	James 2	11/17	Ezekiel 23-24	2 Peter 3
11/3	Jeremiah 45-46	James 3	11/18	Ezekiel 25-28	
11/4	Jeremiah 47-49		11/19	Ezekiel 29-32	
11/5	Jeremiah 50-52		11/20	Ezekiel 33-34	1 John 1
11/6	Lamentations 1-3	James 4	11/21	Ezekiel 35-36	1 John 2
11/7	Lamentations 4-5	James 5	11/22	Ezekiel 37-38	1 John 3
11/8	Ezekiel 1-2	1 Peter 1	11/23	Ezekiel 39-40	1 John 4
11/9	Ezekiel 3-4	1 Peter 2	11/24	Ezekiel 41-42	1 John 5
11/10	Ezekiel 5-6	1 Peter 3	11/25	Ezekiel 43-45	
11/11	Ezekiel 7-10		11/26	Ezekiel 46-48	
11/12	Ezekiel 11-14		11/27	Daniel 1-2	2 John 1
11/13	Ezekiel 15-16	1 Peter 4	11/28	Daniel 3-4	3 John 1
11/14	Ezekiel 17-18	1 Peter 5	11/29	Daniel 5-6	Jude 1
11/15	Ezekiel 19-20	2 Peter 1	11/30	Daniel 7-8	Revelation 1

In the Beginning.....God

A well-lived life, like a well-built building must have an adequate foundation. The human structure is one of the most intricate and delicate in the world. This condition demands solid support (I certainly understand that thought!). The origin of some mental and emotional problems is the lack of confident support for life. Rather than raising questions, we need answers: Where are we going to receive our foundational strength? Every foundation must have a cornerstone from which the entire structure stands on. That cornerstone is, of course, God. Let's start by setting the Bible aside for a moment. We are not setting God aside, but the Bible, because we cannot establish something by beginning with something else that came as a result of its existence. The Bible is true because God is – rather than God exists because the Bible says so. Everything must have a beginning! If it was not God in the beginning, what was it? The chance of our world coming into existence without divine intervention is beyond our comprehension. Everything becomes simple once our eyes have been opened to our world. Look at the beauty of nature around us – flowers, trees, buds, etc. The miracle of life itself staggers our minds without a Creator. The human brain surpasses any computer. This did not just happen. The existence of a creator, God, gives substance to everything else we do. Once we acknowledge His existence, everything else becomes possible, meaning the foundation for our faith determines the usefulness and size of our spiritual life that is built upon it. The stronger the foundation, the stronger the life will be. How strong is your foundation?

I do look forward to working and worshiping with you this month. I also want to wish everyone a Happy and Bountiful Thanksgiving.





Musing on Missions
by Meryl Cook

First Baptist Church has been asked to help with the canteen for the Red Cross Blood-mobile November 30 at WIU Union. Hours are 11AM—5PM. Needed are 3 workers per shift. They also ask for 6 dozen cupcakes. If you can work either 11-2 or 2-5, Let me (Meryl) know. Parking permits will be given.

We have just completed the World Mission Offering in October. Glen and Rita Chapman are teachers at the Kikongo Pastor’s Institute in the Congo, but are on home assignment in California. Glen spoke in several churches in Kansas during September. Sunday, September 17 was ABW Ministries Sunday and he writes “I had the privilege of speaking about the “unsung heroes” of missions. The missionaries get all the glory, but it is the women who are the champions in promoting and providing the prayer support for missions—and do they ever know how to cook!”

Most of our churches have a small group of women that make up our

American Baptist Women’s Ministries. It is good to be reminded how important we are. Missionaries could not serve without the support of the local churches.

Ed Noyes is an agricultural missionary in the Congo. His wife, Miriam, promotes church based literacy programs and writes training materials for rural pastors. They ask that we pray for a good peanut crop. Peanuts are a major source of protein for Congolese families. Last year a blight caused problems. The crop, planted in September, will be harvested in December.

Miram Noyes and Rita Chapman are sisters, the daughters of Arley and Ruth Brown. Our church helped support Arley and Ruth during the 1980s. In the journal received September 21 from the Noyes, it was announced that Arley had passed away. The Browns lived in California since their retirement.

Annie Dieselburg, IM in Thailand, writes on September 27 that there has been a military coup in order to oust Prime Minister Thaskin Shinawatra and his government. The Prime Minister was in New York attending the United Nations session at the time of

the coup. Government institutions and schools were closed and there was a military presence to keep things calm. She writes "Please pray for a peaceful resolution to the crisis." International Missions work began in Thailand, then known as Siam, in 1833 when Missionaries John Taylor Jones and wife, Sarah, arrived in Bangkok. Annie also writes that 5 new women came to Nightlight seeking work, and 5 more have inquired. One of them was brought by the streetwalker "Ying". 5 women have made decisions to follow Christ and 5 others are preparing to be baptized. There are about 40 women in the jewelry making business now.

Two women came from the district government office to evaluate them as a business. They were kind and supportive. One had experience in jewelry making and was very understanding of the complexity of details they deal with. "We are thankful to God that we passed the evaluation. New women come by referrals to apply for work each week. It is getting more difficult to squeeze them in and pay their salaries". Annie asks that we pray for funding and space to continue to bring women out of prostitution into a new life before it is too late. Two streetwalkers have been killed by clients in the past 3 months.

Jewelry can be viewed and ordered online at the Nightlight website which is www.nightlightbangkok.com.

In a journal of October 13, we learn IM Iris Morales of Bolivia is undergoing treatment for thyroid cancer in West Virginia. The good news is that thyroid is the most treatable kind of cancer and the possibilities of cure are very high. Mario stayed in Bolivia with their two sons.

Both Mario and Iris teach at the Baptist Seminary of Cochabamba, Bolivia. About 84% of the people are Roman Catholic and only 9% are Protestant.

November 3 is Church Women United Community Day

November 6 is Baptist Women's Day of Prayer

Birthdays:

11/4—Angelica Gutierrez, daughter of Kristina Gutierrez IM, Nicaragua (our specials)

11/28—Rachel Chetti, daughter of Daniel and Sarah Chetti IM, Lebanon

11/29—Leann Mann, daughter of Matt and Lori Mann IM, Laos (our specials)

Bible Book for November: John 1, 2, 3



November



Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 4 | - | Bennie Arvin
Donna McMahon
Richard Sample II |
| 5 | - | Alice Bishop |
| 8 | - | Richard Hainline |
| 11 | - | Donna Marlowe |
| 13 | - | Ginny Doxstader |
| 20 | - | Jim & Zelma Harman (a)
Ian Molina |
| 24 | - | Julia Burns |
| 30 | - | Isa Molina
Dorothy Riney |

Happy Thanksgiving



**Thursday,
November 23**

Call the pastor!

She was not really an elderly woman, although she had arthritis, diabetes, aching feet and other physical problems. If you asked her how she was, she told you — in detail. One morning, when she awoke, her husband asked her how she was. “I’m dead!” she responded.

“Well, you don’t look dead to me,” he said.

“Nevertheless,” she went on, “I am dead and I want you to call the pastor.”

“Now, just one minute!” said the husband. “Why would you say you’re dead when you look quite alive and chipper to me?”

“Well,” she answered, “I woke up a while ago and I don’t have one ache — not one pain. That means I must be dead for sure. Call the pastor!”

**THE SMITHS**

Damion grew up in Colmar, Illinois and attended Plymouth High School. Trissy grew up in Marietta, Illinois and attended Cuba High School. They met at Kmart in Macomb in 1992, where both were working part time. They were married on May 9, 1997. Their daughter Courtney was born on January 8, 1998. Their son Dalton was born August 18, 2000. They reside here in Macomb. Trissy works at Kmart, part-time in the footwear department and Damion works for NTN-Bower. Both children attend Lincoln Elementary.

ANNETTE CARPER

Annette was baptized at Central Baptist Church in Quincy, IL at the age of 11 before moving to Macomb. She was referred to FBC and became a member. She attended Western Illinois University majoring in Food & Lodging Management. She has been employed with the Housing Authority of McDonough County since 1992, currently as the Deputy Director. Her husband Mike owns the Jackson Street Pub. She joined Wesley United Methodist Church briefly before returning to FBC in 2006. She cherishes time with her family and enjoys time with friends. She looking forward to being a part of the FBC family.

PHYLLIS RULE

Phyllis was born and raised in Burlington, IA. As a child was baptized at the age of 10. She was brought up in a Christian home, attended Sunday school and church on Sunday mornings and youth fellowship on Sunday evenings and Wednesday night prayer meetings. She was married at Woodlawn Baptist Church to her husband ,Jim, 47 years ago. She has a son Jeff, 2 grandchildren who live in O'Fallon, MO, and a daughter, Nancy who lives here in Macomb. She worked for Obstetric and Gynecological Associates for 22 years and McDonough Service Organization for 2 years before retiring in December 2005. She is so glad the Lord wrapped his arms around me and directed me to the First Baptist Church. From the first time she came through the door she felt so welcomed. Thank you, God Bless each one of you.

STEVE SMART

Steve was born and raised in Macomb. He is a plumber and works for Carson Plumbing and Heating in Colchester, IL. He is a hunter and sometimes a fisherman. He likes to sing and listen to country and gospel music. He has been married (happily) for 29 years and is the father of 2 children.

JEAN & MIKAYLA OPPEL

Jean Oppel and her daughter, Mikayla, moved here from Stillwater, Oklahoma in early June 2006. They attended Countryside Baptist Church while they lived in Stillwater and became members of First Baptist Church on October 1, 2006. Jean feels that God has truly led her to First Baptist Church and hopes to become involved in Children's Bible Studies next year. Jean worked as an Academic Counselor at Oklahoma State University, and in hopes of returning to her home state of Illinois, prayed for God's will to find a good university at which to work. God came through and brought her to work at WIU. She currently works as an Academic Advisor in the College of Business and Technology, advising undergraduate majors in Computer Science and Business. Mikayla currently attends the YMCA Community Child Care Center of Macomb. Jean enjoys cooking, baking, sewing, and home renovation/repairs. Mikayla enjoys reading, playing with toys, finger painting, visiting friends and telling stories.

BLESS
 THE LORD,
 O MY
 SOUL
 PSALM 103

Bible quiz

Psalm 103 (NRSV) begins:

“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his _____”

What should we “not for-

- A. goodness
- B. kindness
- C. gifts
- D. benefits

The answer is in Psalm 103:2, NRSV.
 Answer: D. “not for- get”?



C H R I S T M A S
 Meal Boxes

The Deacon Board is starting a non-perishable and paper products drive for Christmas meal boxes soon. We want to make some fun competitions with this. We want to be able to put together some wonderful meals for the holidays. More information on the competitions to follow.

Any questions please contact Judy Hurt or Jan Cook.

★ Thank You! ★ THANK YOU! ★

Dear Church Family,

Words can not express how much the actions of people from FBC meant to Donnie and I during our ordeal.

We want to thank God and each of you for your prayers!!! Donnie would not be alive today if it wasn't for all the prayers!! And I would never have made it if you hadn't prayed for me also!

Thank you for being there for us at MDH, Springfield, and later at Heartland, for going without sleep, sleeping in chairs, for flowers, phone calls, cards, etc.

I had wondered how we would make it financially in such a situation, God showed me! You all gathered around and took over Donnie's jobs at church, collected money for Angie, Eddie, Donnie, and I (others mailed money). Many of you paid for my meals, mowed our yard, and gave us fruit and transported Angie and us. (Debbie was a very special Angel!!) We appreciate everything!

Pastor Wally and Annetta were there when needed most, even though he was in pain and sometimes they came as far away as Wisconsin.

It was an awesome experience to see and feel God working through all of you!

May God bless each and every one of you!!

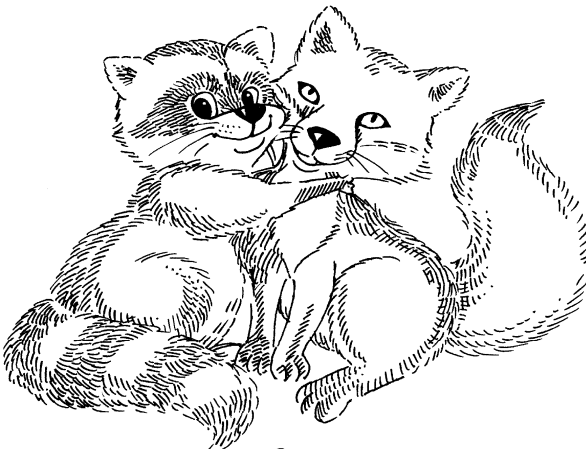
We love you!!!

Donnie and Kathy Garlick

Pastor Wally & Church Family,

I want to thank you for all the love and friendship you have showed me during my time up at school. I have recently bought a house and will be moving out of my parents home. I have enjoyed keeping up with everyone and everything.

Take Care,
Becky Cooley



Heartfelt Thanks

Dear Pastor Wally and the congregation of the First Baptist Church -

Our sincere thanks for the use of your tables for our yard sale after the passing of George's father. We appreciate all the concern and wishes, prayers from Pastor Wally and members of the congregation as well as the visits and support during our time of grief. Many thanks and God bless you all.

Sincerely,
George, Pam and Tara Sewell

Thank you to everyone who helped with the
Bravo Unit Appreciation Dinner that was held on Sunday, October 15. A special thank you to Tara Sewell & Wendy Geltmacher—Co-Chairs for the 2010 Committee. All 2010 members. Cooks—Margaret Shaver & Trissy Smith. Everyone who baked cookies. People who helped serve. This event could not have happened without your help and support.

THANK YOU!!!



With Gratitude

Thank you to everyone who helped with the FBC Fall Rummage Sale. Without your help it would not have been the success that it was.

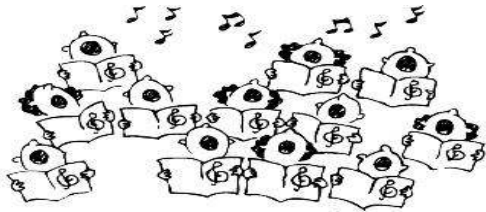
Thank you to everyone!!!

Tuesday, November 21 - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

 **MOSAIC**® @ 220 N. Lafayette
Phone: 309.837.5506



Free Blood Pressure Screening



**Prairieline
Chorus**

The Prairieline Chorus
will provide music for our Saturday
Contemporary Worship on November
4 at 5:00 p.m.

**Imagine
Heaven**

All Music Weekend
Saturday, November 11,
5:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 12,
9:30 a.m.



Participants will include Sharon Brown, Stephanie Foulk, Keith & Lindsay Luecht, Jean Oppel, Steve Smart, Bill Sanders, Tara Sewell, Pastor Wally, and the FBC Sunday Praise Team.

4	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Contemporary Worship PrairieLine Chorus (music) Guest Speaker: John Simmons
5	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Guest Speaker: Lee Unger

THEME: An Attitude of Thanksgiving

11	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Contemporary Worship All Music Worship
12	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	All Music Worship
18	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Contemporary Worship <i>Giving Thanks</i> Psalm 92
19	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	<i>Giving Thanks</i> Psalm 92
25	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Contemporary Worship Drama: Return to Sender <i>What Is In It For Me?</i> 1 Kings 19:1-18
26	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Drama: Return to Sender <i>What Is In It For Me?</i> 1 Kings 19:1-18

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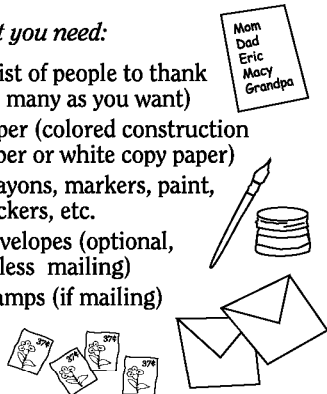
1, 8, 15, 29	Wednesday	3:00 p.m. Adult Small Group Study 5:30 p.m. Light Meal 6:30 p.m. Adult Small Group Studies <i>Veggie Connections</i>
2, 9, 16, 30	Thursday	6:30 p.m. Sunday Praise Team Practice
4, 11, 18, 25	Saturday	7:30 a.m. Men's Ministry
5, 12, 19, 26	Sunday	10:45 a.m. Sunday School 3:00 p.m. Adult Small Group Study 4:00 p.m. Youth Group Meets
6, 13, 20, 27	Monday	7:00 a.m. Breakfast at Sunrise Restaurant
3	Friday	8:30 a.m.—5:15 p.m. Lifeline Screening
7	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. ABW Ministries Hostess: Carolyn Tomlinson Meet at her home 6:30 p.m. United in Prayer
11	Saturday	8:00 a.m. Put together shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child
14	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Boards Meet
21	Tuesday	9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. Free Blood Pressure Screening at Mosaic
22	Wednesday	No Wednesday Bible Studies
23	Thursday	Thanksgiving Day—Office Closed
24	Friday	Office Closed

Say "Thank You!"

Have you ever sent a thank-you card to someone for a gift you received? You can send thank-you cards for things besides presents. There are many people around you who do very thoughtful things for you every day. Celebrate this Thanksgiving by sending homemade thank-you cards to the people you are thankful for.

What you need:

- A list of people to thank (as many as you want)
- Paper (colored construction paper or white copy paper)
- Crayons, markers, paint, stickers, etc.
- Envelopes (optional, unless mailing)
- Stamps (if mailing)

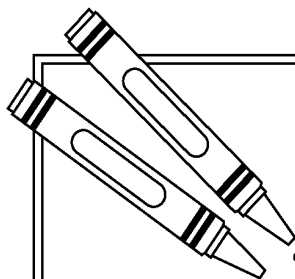


What to do:

1. Next to each name on your list, write something that person has said or done that was helpful or kind.
2. Fold each sheet of paper in half like a card. (If you're using an envelope, make sure it fits inside.)
3. Decorate the card's front with drawings, stickers, etc.
4. Write a short note on the inside, thanking the person for the thing he or she did or said.
5. Deliver the cards in person or by mail.

Some people you may want to thank:

- Family members
- Sunday school teachers
- School teachers
- Friends
- Neighbors
- People at church



Just for KIDS

"Thank You, God"

Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful for all the good things in our lives. God is pleased when we are thankful because He knows that we remember the wonderful things He does for us every day.

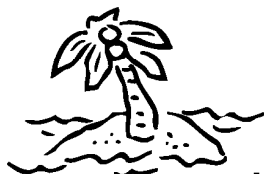
Directions: Use the picture clues below to figure out the verse about being thankful. The minus (-) sign means take out the letter(s). The plus sign (+) means to add the letter(s).



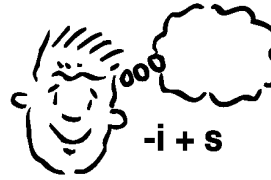
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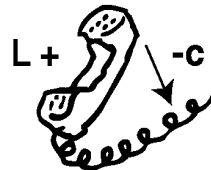
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Psalm 107:1

Answer: "Give thanks to the LORD for he is good."