

# Bridge Builders Newsletter

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*Join Us For Worship*  
*Saturday Worship*  
*5:00 p.m.*  
*Sunday Worship*  
*9:30 a.m.*

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### ***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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### **2007 Daily Bible Reading Guide for February**

2/1	Exodus 35-36	Job 21	2/15	Numbers 6-7	Job 30
2/2	Exodus 37-38	Job 22	2/16	Numbers 8-9	Job 31
2/3	Exodus 39-40	Job 23	2/17	Numbers 10-11	Job 32
2/4	Leviticus 1-2	Job 24	2/18	Numbers 12-13	Job 33
2/5	Leviticus 3-6		2/19	Numbers 14-17	
2/6	Leviticus 7-10		2/20	Numbers 18-21	
2/7	Leviticus 11-12	Job 25	2/21	Numbers 22-23	Job 34
2/8	Leviticus 13-14	Job 26	2/22	Numbers 24-25	Job 35
2/9	Leviticus 15-16	Job 27	2/23	Numbers 26-27	Job 36
2/10	Leviticus 17-18	Job 28	2/24	Numbers 28-29	Job 37
2/11	Leviticus 19-20	Job 29	2/25	Numbers 30-31	Job 38
2/12	Leviticus 21-24		2/26	Numbers 32-35	
2/13	Leviticus 25-27, Numbers 1		2/27	Numbers 36, Deuteronomy 1-3	
2/14	Numbers 2-5		2/28	Deuteronomy 4-5	Job 39

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## “Serving God”

God created us to know Him, to have fellowship with Him. When God forgives us of our sin, He also calls us to serve Him. Serving God requires at least four things from us:

1. An awareness of what the Bible teaches us about service.
2. An understanding of how God equips us for service.
3. A commitment to preparation for service.
4. A dedication to a life of service.

All four things, of course, must come out of prayer and a personal concern for the plan that God has for you. We must know Him. We must learn to communicate with Him in prayer and seek His wisdom for living. His provision for us includes providing spiritual gifts which, when dedicated to Him, make it possible for us to mature in a personal relationship with Christ. When we follow Christ, great things begin to happen to us. We discover that we have eternal worth in God’s sight and are gifted so that we can follow through with the plan that God has for our lives. We learn that He has created each of us with individual differences that uniquely equip us for service. We see how unique gifts fit perfectly alongside the gifts of others in the body of Christ, and that all gifts working together enable us to carry out His purpose for the church. **The Bible tell us in 1 Cor. 2:9-10**

**However, as it is written:**

**“No eye has seen,  
no ear has heard,  
no mind has conceived**

**what God has prepared for those who love him” —**

**<sup>10</sup>but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit.**

**The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.**

God has an eternal purpose for our lives. As you understand and discover the gifts through which God enables you to accomplish your purpose, you will be allowed to unleash your God-given potential. God created you with a purpose. This truth can open up a whole new perspective on the importance of your life and prepare you to join him in a life-fulfilling service.

I look forward to joining you and God, as we work together, to fulfill His purpose for First Baptist Church, Macomb.

— Pastor Wally



Musing on Missions  
by Meryl Cook

On the December 22 edition of NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams, a segment of the ministry to street children in Brazil by IM missionaries, Phil and Corene Smith, was featured. The

NBC crew filmed the graduation ceremony Saturday and the chapel service Sunday with interviews. Recently retired Paul Husby from 3M visited Hope for the weekend to provide a corporate investor perspective. One interview was with a 3rd year law student, Thayan, at his new workplace as intern in a prestigious law firm who said "They don't even know I was from the City of Youth".

The crew found some excitement while filming street kids at the central square. Some drug traffickers with their kingpin were there and threatened the crew and were going to break their cameras. Leo, returning from his own graduation, recognized a barber who had volunteered to cut hair at the City of Youth. The barber knew everyone in the square and was able to explain to the drug lords about the City of Youth and convinced them to let the crew alone.

Phil and Corene Smith minister to children through a residential program

called Hope Unlimited that rescues homeless street children ranging in age from 8-18. It provides guidance, education, and training for future employment.

IM Missionary, Magda Aquirre of El Salvador, writes that they held the first Corn Husk Festival at the Peace Park November 18. With the presence of delegates from 11 churches and village friends, they shared a fun day of Christian music and sales of craft items made by the Baptist women. The women sold corn husk dolls, others sold food, and the Malvinas Baptist Church brought coffee from their farms. They also celebrated a baptism in the river. Most of those present were youth.

Ann and Bruce Borquist are IM Missionaries in Brazil. They equip Brazilian missionaries at the missionary training JAMI, the mission society of the National Baptist Convention. They help prepare new missionaries in the areas of missiology, theology, cross cultural ministry skills and community and economic development.

In November, Ann traveled with a pastor colleague and wife to Europe and North Africa. These young mission agencies from Spanish and Portuguese speaking countries represent a new thing in God's mission in the world. Former receivers are now senders!

The trip started in Granada, Spain.

They then spent 5 days visiting JAMI workers in North Africa. Ann said it was an eye opener to visit a country closed to the Gospel and see what God is doing quietly through very courageous national and foreign believers.

Their next stop was Portugal to visit a JAMI family who recently moved there. Portugal is culturally closed to the Gospel, too, even if there aren't any legal restrictions that make it obvious. So today God is sending believers from former colonies (like Brazil) back to Europe to re-awaken the churches and be a Christian witness among the people.

After this they flew to England to visit another Portuguese family who began a ministry two months ago with Portuguese speaking immigrants. There are 200,000 native speaking Portuguese in the agricultural region north of London, and up till now no Evangelical outreach or witness to them. The British Baptist Churches in the area have set up a three way partnership with JAMI, the Baptist Union, and our International Ministries ABCUSA. After 4 months the ministry is booming. Ann provided pastoral counseling and advice to the JAMI Missionaries. A lot has happened in Brazil, too, as the training course has ended: One nurse is serving in health ministry in N. Africa, one graduate arrived in a Middle Eastern country to minister to Moslem women, a couple was sent to Guinea Bissau, W. Africa to open a school. As soon as visas arrive, another

couple will leave for India to work with a tribal group in children's ministries. Four more missionaries are preparing to leave for Senegal, East Timor, and the Amazon. Ann and Bruce end their letter with "what a privilege to help train, send and provide pastoral care for these sisters and brothers in Christ".

David and Betsy Perkins, IM, serve in the Kodiakanal International School in South India. David is in administration and Betsy as school nurse. In November it was necessary for Betsy to travel 14 hours to the Christian Medical College and Hospital at Vellore for medical tests.

CMCH has over 2000 inpatient beds that are consistently full. More than 5000 out patients are seen each day.

Betsy learned how White Cross gifts from American Baptist Women's Ministries were used at CMCH. A visitor from public relations brought pictures and lists of sheets, gowns, towels, curtains and baby layettes needed each year and how White Cross support helps make this possible.

Our local ABWM sent \$350.00 to India in January as part of the White Cross quota for the present year.

**SOUPER BOWL IS COMING!**

Bible Book for February—Philemon  
Birthdays:

Feb 8—Gary Baits IM Costa Rico

Feb 18—Charles Sydnor IM Nepal

Feb 23—Mario Morales IM Bolivia



# Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 - Majorie Alexander  
**George & Maxine Noper (a)**
- 6 - Adron McMahon
- 8 - Lucille Terry
- 9 - Jean Oppel
- 10 - **AJ & Marilyn Bourn (a)**
- 12 - Eldon Derry
- 14 - Eddie Green
- 17 - Jean Simmons  
**Matt & Kea Runyan (a)**
- 18 - Janel Ensinger  
Judy Hurt  
Dorothy McKee
- 19 - Justin Ensinger
- 20 - Mildred Bricker
- 23 - Robert (Rob) Wallace
- 24 - JoAnn Sanders
- 25 - Mark Pichla
- 28 - JD Runyan



### Bible quiz

In Mark 9 Jesus took three disciples to a high mountain. While there, the men witnessed amazing things. Jesus' clothes became dazzling white, and then Elijah and Moses appeared to them. The disciples then heard a voice from a cloud that said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" (Mark 9:7, nrsv). Suddenly, Elijah and Moses vanished and the disciples were alone with Jesus.

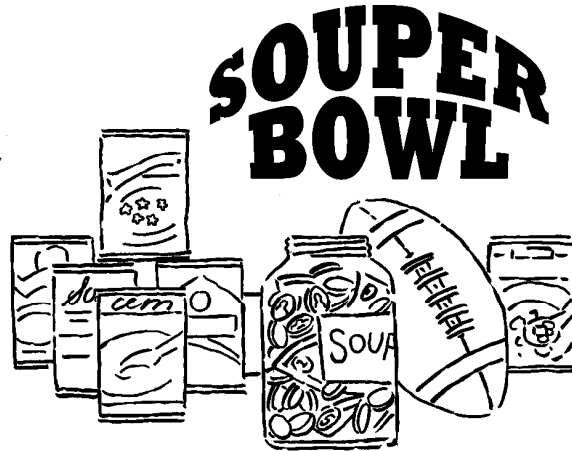
Who were the three disciples who witnessed the Transfiguration?

- A. Peter, Andrew and John
- B. Peter, James and John
- C. Peter, James and Andrew
- D. James, Matthew and John

Answer: B

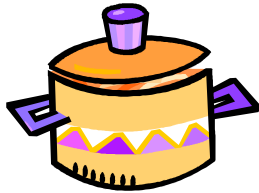
### SOUPER BOWL

February 4th is the Super Bowl but we will celebrate *Souper Bowl and Souper Bowl Plus* the following Sunday, February 11. It's time to bring cans of soup to the front of the sanctuary. Last year, we collected 913 cans. Our goal this year is to collect 1000 cans to be donated to Loaves & Fishes.



Start bringing your soup now and score the winning touchdown for your team!

# **Ham & Bean Dinner With Cornbread, Fruit Pie, and Drink**



**Friday, February 9, 2007  
11:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.**

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**Suggested Donation—\$5.00**

**Home Deliveries in Macomb**



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## Why Lincoln stood

When it came time for the pastoral prayer at the church Abraham Lincoln attended, the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, in Washington, D.C., the president stood up. Because most of the worshipers remained seated, someone asked the president why he stood. The president responded, "When my generals come into the Oval Office, they stand for their commander-in-chief. Isn't it proper then, that I stand for my commander-in-chief?"

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## Providence at work

In 1722, St. Thomas Lutheran Church in Leipzig, Germany, was searching for an organist/choir director. Composer Georg Philipp Telemann was offered the job. He accepted but soon decided he would remain in Hamburg. Another composer, Christoph Graupner, was then offered the job, but his powerful employer would not release him to take the position.

Finally, a man named Johann Sebastian Bach was chosen for the job.

Bach was extremely productive, often writing an anthem a week. He played the organ, directed the choir and taught music to students. He wrote monumental works such as St. Matthew's Passion, which is still sung by choirs today.

Bach composed more than 300 cantatas, dozens of chorales, preludes, organ compositions and other musical works. More than 250 years after his death, Bach's music still brings inspiration to many.

Bach died at 65, while still composing and serving the church. Bach's legendary service at St. Thomas Church reflects God's providential care at work in him and through him.



# **Leadership Summit at First Baptist Church of Macomb**

**Saturday, February 3, 2007**

**8:30 am – 3:00 pm**

**Registration is free**

## **Featuring Bill Allison**

*Author of **Grow, Minister, and Lead: Ten Lifelines for Volunteer Leaders in the Church** and **Time Management for Painfully Pooped Out People: Ten Biblical Principles for Taking Control of Your Life and Time.***

**FBC Board Members**

**Committee Members**

**Teachers & Small Group Leaders**

**Anyone who serves FBC in any capacity, large or small**

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**Tuesday, February 13  
6:30 p.m.  
Boards Meet  
At FBC**



# ★ Thank You! ★ THANK YOU! ★

Everyone at FBC,

Thank you for all of your prayers. I am feeling much better now. I miss going to church very much. I hope to see everyone really soon.

Love,  
Doris E. McClure

First Baptist Church Family,

Thank you for the beautiful bouquets of flowers from the altar—we got to enjoy their beauty for one full week.

A special “thank you” to Mr. David Harman for the box of Christmas groceries you sent us. Because of you we had a nice Christmas dinner.

“God Bless You All” in Jesus’ name.

—Dorothy and Dick Parry

**FBC Presents**  
**The Lamplighters Quartet**  
**Saturday Night Worship**  
**March 3 at 5:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday Morning Worship**  
**March 4 at 9:30 a.m.**

**Join us as we worship**  
**Southern Gospel Style!**



A free will offering will be collected for the quartet



## **ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY**

### **CALLING ALL STRONG MEN (and/or women)**

Our Baptist Men's Ministry is attempting to reach out into the community and provide a much needed service. We would like to adopt, and then be responsible for, cleaning up a portion of some highway near Macomb just 4 times a year. In order to accomplish such a worthy project, we are asking for your assistance. If we can depend on you to become a member of our team, would you please sign your name with a phone number and drop it by the church office.

Thanks for your willingness to be a part of this community service effort.

**Baptist Men's Ministry**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_



Courtney Smith is a third grader at Lincoln Elementary School. She enjoys reading, drawing and playing with friends. Courtney is the daughter of Damion and Trissy Smith. She has one brother, Dalton. Courtney was born in and resides in Macomb

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## Bible facts

Did you know that:

- There are 66 books in the Bible?
- Micah and Nahum are the middle books of the Bible?
- 3 John is the book with the fewest words?
- Psalms has the most chapters?
- There are 1,189 chapters in the Bible?
- Psalm 117 is the middle chapter of the entire Bible?
- Psalm 117 is also the shortest chapter in the Bible?
- Psalm 119 is the longest chapter in the Bible?
- There are 31,101 verses in the Bible?
- Psalm 118:8 is the middle verse of the entire Bible? "It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man" (NIV).
- John 11:35 is the shortest verse in the Bible? It has two words: "Jesus wept."
- Esther 8:9 is the longest verse in the Bible? It has 78 words.



**BIBLE  
FACTS**

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**UNFORGETTABLE LESSON**  
**“The Sermon on the Mount”****February Theme: Life in the Spotlight**

<b>3</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	Alternative Worship Guest Speaker: Bill Allison
<b>4</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	Guest Speaker: Bill Allison
<b>10</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	Alternative Worship <i>Light Taste</i> Matthew 5:13-16
<b>11</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<i>Light Taste</i> Matthew 5:13-16
<b>17</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	Alternative Worship <i>Murder without a Body</i> Matthew 5:21-26
<b>18</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<i>Murder without a Body</i> Matthew 5:21-26
<b>24</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	Alternative Worship Guest Speaker: Mike Foulk
<b>25</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	Guest Speaker



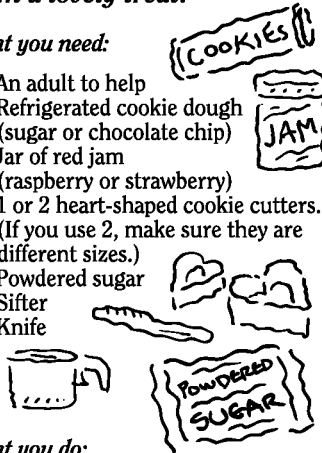
<b>1, 8, 15, 22</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Sunday Praise Team Practice
<b>3, 10, 17, 24</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Men's Ministry
<b>4, 11, 18, 25</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	Sunday School
		<b>3:00 p.m.</b>	Small Group Studies
		<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	Youth Group
<b>5, 12, 19, 26</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	Breakfast at the Old Dairy
<b>7, 14, 21, 28</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>3:00 p.m.</b>	Adult Small Group Study
		<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Light Meal
		<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Adult Small Group Studies <i>Veggie Connections</i>
<b>3</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.—3:00 p.m.</b>	Leadership Summit with Bill Allison
<b>6</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>1:30 p.m.</b>	ABW Ministries Hostess: Carolyn Tomlinson Meet at Carolyn's Home
		<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	United in Prayer
<b>9</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.</b>	Ham and Bean Supper at FBC
<b>13</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Boards Meet
<b>16</b>	<b>Friday</b>		EQUIP 2007 Christian Worker's Conference in Peoria, IL
<b>17</b>	<b>Saturday</b>		EQUIP 2007 Christian Worker's Conference in Peoria, IL

# LOVE TREATS

Show others love by baking them a lovely treat!

What you need:

- ♥ An adult to help
- ♥ Refrigerated cookie dough (sugar or chocolate chip)
- ♥ Jar of red jam (raspberry or strawberry)
- ♥ 1 or 2 heart-shaped cookie cutters. (If you use 2, make sure they are different sizes.)
- ♥ Powdered sugar
- ♥ Sifter
- ♥ Knife



What you do:

1. Follow the cookie dough directions for rolling out the dough.
2. If you are using one cookie cutter, cut out the heart-shaped cookies and transfer to a baking sheet. Try to have an even number of hearts when finished.
3. If you are using two cookie cutters, cut out the large hearts. Take half of the hearts, and cut out a small heart window in the center with the smaller cookie cutter. Now you have a heart inside another heart.
4. Have an adult help you bake the cookies according to the dough directions.
5. After baking, place the cookies on a cooling rack.
6. When the cookies are cooled, make cookie sandwiches by spreading jam onto the flat side of half the cookies, and then placing another cookie on top of each one. (If you made cookie windows, use those for the tops.)
7. Sprinkle powdered sugar over your heart sandwiches with a sifter.
8. Share the cookies with the people you love.



## But the Greatest of These Is LOVE!

God shows love to us every day and in many ways. Fill in the blanks below with the missing letters to see how God loves us perfectly!

“For God so lo \_ \_ ed the world,

that he g \_ \_ ve

his on \_ \_ y

begott \_ \_ n

So \_ \_ ,

\_ \_ hat whosoever

believeth \_ \_ n Him

should \_ \_ ot perish,

but have \_ \_ verlasting life.

—John 3:16, KJV

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Answer: valentine