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

Vision and Purpose Statement:

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

Philippians 4:13, James 2:26

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2007 Daily Bible Reading Guide for May

5/1	1 Chronicles 26-29		5/17	2 Chronicles 17-18	Psalm 52
5/2	1 Kings 1-2	Psalm 41	5/18	2 Chronicles 19-20	Psalm 53
5/3	1 Kings 3-4	Psalm 42	5/19	2 Chronicles 21-22	Psalm 54
5/4	1 Kings 5-6	Psalm 43	5/20	2 Chronicles 23-24	Psalm 55
5/5	1 Kings 7-8	Psalm 44	5/21	2 Chronicles 25-28	
5/6	1 Kings 9-10	Psalm 45	5/22	2 Chronicles 29-32	
5/7	1 Kings 11-14		5/23	2 Chronicles 33-34	Psalm 56
5/8	1 Kings 15-18		5/24	2 Chronicles 35-36	Psalm 57
5/9	1 Kings 19-20	Psalm 46	5/25	2 Kings 1-2	Psalm 58
5/10	1 Kings 21-22	Psalm 47	5/26	2 Kings 3-4	Psalm 59
5/11	2 Chronicles 1-2	Psalm 48	5/27	2 Kings 5-6	Psalm 60
5/12	2 Chronicles 3-4	Psalm 49	5/28	2 Kings 7-10	
5/13	2 Chronicles 5-6	Psalm 50	5/29	2 Kings 11-14	
5/14	2 Chronicles 7-10		5/30	2 Kings 15-18	
5/15	2 Chronicles 11-14		5/31	2 Kings 19-20	Psalm 61
5/16	2 Chronicles 15-16	Psalm 51			

John 14:6

Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you are walking daily with the Lord, you will not have to find God's will, because you will already be in it. If you are walking with him in obedience day by day, you will always be in the will of God. The Holy Spirit's role is to guide you step by step to do God's will. I believe that is the same way that God works with the body of Christ (the church). We have prayed for God to show us, as leaders of the church, the next steps we should take as we continue to build the kingdom of God. God has been blessing our church in many ways. We have seen people accept Christ for the first time and travel through the waters of baptism. We have seen people's lives changed as they have been listening to the leadership of the Holy Spirit for their lives. Now it time for this fellowship of believers to take the next step in following the will of God. What have we been doing over the past few years to ready ourselves for an important discussion like this? First, we formed a Prayer Team who has been a part of the entire process. We have covered the entire process with prayer. We then formed a Land Search Committee who has searched the area for property that would be a suitable space for us to build a new building. They researched several properties before deciding on the property we will be voting on. We then formed a Capital Funding Team that has been working diligently on a plan to be unveiled at the meeting to raise the money to purchase the land (if the vote is positive). All three of these teams have worked hard and have been asking the Lord to lead them in their decision-making. As the Pastor of this church, I want to thank each team and committee member for a job well done. I think we can really thank them by attending and casting a vote on Sunday May 6th, at 6:00 o'clock. The Bible instructs us to "step out in faith boldly". Our small group study "Experiencing God in Your Church Together" learned that when God asks the church to do something, you must obey and trust Him. That is what I intend to do on May 6 by casting a yes vote to purchase the land that our committee has recommended.

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

— Pastor Wally



MISSIONS



The amount received for the America For Christ Offering during February was \$2134.60.

Although the goal was not reached, your contribution is much appreciated. One third remains in the Region for operating expense.

Saturday, April 14, the Area III ABWM Spring Rally was held at Peoria FBC. Alice Bishop and Meryl Cook represented Macomb. 42 women from 12 churches attended. Dr. Jan Hazekamp, Pastor, University Baptist Foundation at Illinois State University, showed slides of their student work mission trip during Spring Break to Metamoros, Mexico. A house was built for a family living in the "dump".

The following announcements were made:

1. The people in Burma need our prayers as political problems continue. Duane and Marcia Binkley will now serve in Burma as International Missionaries. They have been in Thailand for several years.
2. Roller bandages are needed in the Congo. They should be 3 inches by 5 yards. Strips sewed and measured will be rolled during workshops at the Regional Conference at Carlinville, June 8-10. Dr.

Bill Clemmer and wife, Ann, will be missionary speakers at the conference. The Regional project for the past 2 years has been to build a Health Center where the Clemmers serve and also a conference center in Haiti. A total of \$38,089 was raised for these projects.

3. Prescription bottles, minus the label, may also be brought to Conference, as they are needed in Haiti.

4. Kodiak, Alaska is desperately in need of volunteers for a variety of work projects this summer.

5. The Vital Woman, a magazine published three times a year by American Baptist Women's Ministries, will be discontinued with the summer issue. Lack of funds on the National and Regional level was the reason given.

6. Paper products, bath supplies, bedding, sports ball, baby layettes, story books, and NIV Student Bibles may be brought for Murrow Children's Home.

7. For the Congo, bring the following: pencils, ball point pens, gum erasers, embroidery floss, yarn, thread, pins and needles, crochet hooks, knitting needles, patterns for crocheting, knitting, or counted cross-stitch plus \$2.00 per pound for shipping.

8. Registration for the Women's Conference is \$135.00 and begins with

The evening program at 6:45 p.m., June 8. (Evening meal is not provided). American Baptist Girls (grades 6-12) meet at the same time. Registration for the girls is \$105.00. Meryl Cook plans to go and will take any of the above and she also has registration forms.

The ABWM Fall Rally West will be at Galesburg FBC, September 29, 2007.

Aaron & Callie Stanley have agreed to become the new co-managers at Lake Springfield Baptist Camp. Both have had hands on experience as camping staff at Lake Springfield. Callie is certified in First Aid, CPR, and as a life-guard. Aaron will complete his state food handler's certificate this spring. They attend Cherry Hills Baptist Church in Springfield.

The Stanleys replace the former director, Kathy Hutchins.

Several churches in GRR are sending volunteers to the Gulf Coast during April & May. They will cooperate with Habitat for Humanity in building houses for those displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

David & Christina Harman of Macomb First Baptist will join one of the groups April 28-May 5. Dick & Polly Pittman have returned from a week helping a group from the United Brethren Church.

FBC of Macomb served the meal Saturday, April 21, for our local Habitat for Humanity workers at Mount Calvary Church of God. A.J. & Marilyn Bourn were in charge.

Do you know there are over 70 Bap-

tist churches and preaching points throughout Ethiopia with over 13,000 baptized believers. The Addis Kidan Churches officially became a denomination in 1989. Many programs confront HIV/AIDS, poverty, and lack of clean water and sanitation, among other forms of bondage. The four Global Consultants of International Ministries gathered for the third time in just over three years. The consultants are Lauren Bethell in ministry to at risk women and children; Dan Buttrey in peace, justice and conflict transformation; Mike Mann in rural economic development; and Walter White in cross cultural evangelism. Jeff Sharp was a consultant in theological education. He now pastors in Canada.

The Southern Baptists have been strong in this country for decades. Ray & Lauralee Lindholm, former SBC missionaries who left in the 1970s when the communists took over, returned after 25 years to find a "thriving Baptist community".

There is an Evangelical Theological College in Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia.

Bible Book for May: Judges

Birthdays

May 5: Tom Myers IM Bulgaria

May 7: Ed Noyes IM Congo

May 15: Mabudiga Nzunga IM Haiti



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| 4 - Mike Carper | 22 - Don & Kathy Garlick (a)
James Rule |
| 5 - Wilbert & Mary Hoff (a) | 23 - Ashley Derry |
| 7 - Stephen & Lavon Smart (a) | 24 - Norma Blake
Mike Foulk
Kathy Garlick |
| 9 - Damion & Trissy Smith (a) | 28 - Michael Haley
David & Christina Harman (a)
Eileen Icenogle
Phyllis Rule |
| 15 - Tyler Geltmacher | 29 - Zelma Harman |
| 18 - Bill Sanders | |
| 20 - Peggy Foulk | |
| 21 - John & Betty Adair (a) | |

Nursery
News



Nursery Shower

The CE Board is sponsoring a Shower for the church Nursery for the purpose of updating the children's toys. We are registered at Wal-Mart as *Nursery-First Baptist Church*. Bring your gifts of age appropriate toys for newborn through age 3 to the front of the sanctuary by Sunday, May 6.

Attention Campers!

Information on summer camps for grades K-12 at Lake Springfield Baptist Camp is available in the church office and will be distributed during Sunday school. The church will pay 1/2 of the registration fee for each camper.



**CAMP
NEWS**

Offer to Purchase Land

NORTH



- † From East Jackson, go south on Candy Lane. First farm south of Hidden Hills on the east side of Candy Lane
- † 15 Acres for \$121,000 (average of \$8,067 per acre) 10 acres of frontage land (\$9,000 per acre) 5 acres of farm land (\$6,200 per acre)
- † Owner has given us until March 1, 2008 to pay for the land
- † **Special Business Meeting, Sunday, May 6, 6:00 p.m.**
 - Vote to purchase land
 - If appropriate, vote to reactivate Building Committee
 - If appropriate, vote to get preliminary building plans with intent of bringing them to the church for approval
 - Capital Fund Team will present Giving Campaign plans
- † Please pray on the site—use the south entrance of the property marked “X park here and pray” as seen on page 6
- † **Open Prayer Meeting for all church attenders to pray on the land**
 - Thursday, May 3, 5:30 p.m.
 - Meet at the church at 5:20 p.m. to car pool to the land together to pray
 - It will last 20 minutes
 - Questions—contact Russell Glaue, 309-833-3159
- † Questions? Contact members of the Land Search Committee (Barb Arvin, Alan Arvin, Donnie Garlick, Mike Geltmacher, Betty Ingledue, and Jim Richardson)



**Saturday, May 5
10:00 a.m.—noon
At FBC**

Workshop for all Sunday school teachers, small group leaders, *Veggie Connection* leaders, children's church leaders, and anyone interested in teaching in the future.

Rocking Chair Ministry

Do you have a passion for babies? If you do, we may have the ministry for you!

Because of the influx of newborns, we need volunteers to rock babies during worship, both Saturdays at 5:00 pm and Sundays at 9:30 am. (You can volunteer for the dates and times that fit your schedule.)

All Rocking Chair Ministers will need to be certified in Community First Aid and Safety by the American Red Cross. We will offer that training here at FBC once we know who is called to this ministry.

If you have interest please call the church office. We will then schedule a Rocking Chair Ministry Interest Meeting to answer questions and finalize details. Contact Claudia McCain if you have questions.



★ Thank You! ★ THANK YOU! ★

The family of Everett Cobb acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. Thank you very much for the lovely lunch that was provided for our family after Everett's funeral.

Kathryn, Gary and Elaine

Thank you First Baptist Church family for all your prayers for my mom, Mary Carper during her recent surgery and hospital stay. She is recuperating in a nursing care facility and has a positive prognosis – thanks to the power of prayer! May God Bless each one of you!

Sincerely,
Mike Carper and family

Dear Friends,

Hello! Sending a "big" Thank You. I am enjoying the Easter flowers so much, and also the beautiful red and white roses that was received in Feb. I came home March 19th from Heartland.

Thanking all for the blessings. Wish you all a glorious springtime and God's richest blessings daily. Thanks for the prayers.

In Christian Love,
Mildred Bricker

Pastor Wally, Annetta, and My Church Family,

Thank you so much for all the cards, phone calls, and prayers for me and Bill during his long illness and death. I miss him so much and I am lost without him, but I know he is now pain free and in a better place.

Thank You again,
Me & "Buddy"
Kathy Brooks



**Saturday, May 12 in the FBC
Fellowship Hall
1:00—4:00 p.m.**

FOR ASHLEY DERRY

Come celebrate with Ashley as she commemorates her graduation with a Bachelor's Degree in Archaeology and Ancient Near Eastern Studies from Wheaton College

**Thursday, May 17 at
6:30 p.m.
Mother's Day Banquet
At FBC**



*Mother's Day
Banquet*

**National Day of Prayer
Thursday, May 3, 2007
12:00 noon
City Hall Front Lawn**

**Music
Prayer
Guest Speakers**

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



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Immanuel Lutheran Preschool Open Enrollment

Immanuel Lutheran Preschool is now accepting applications for the fall 2007 school year.

The mission of Immanuel Lutheran Preschool is to touch the hearts of young children and their families with the love of Jesus. In order to develop and nurture the whole child, a caring and loving environment will be provided.

Opportunities for creative play, learning activities, Bible stories, music, art, snack, and worship will be implemented into the curriculum which is designed to be child-focused, age-appropriate, and most importantly, Christ-centered.

Their goal is to provide children with a variety of experiences that will maximize the development of their spiritual, intellectual, emotional, social, creative, and physical growth.

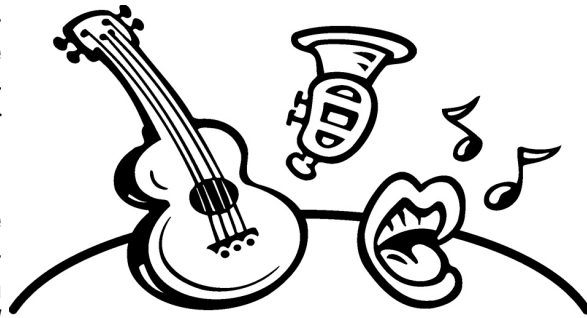
For more information, contact Cindy (Riggins) Lueck, at 833-1100.

We are called the Western Illinois Traditional Music Association (WITMA), and we have six founding members who make up the core group. We (Dennis Morrow is one of these members) meet the second Friday of each month at 7:00 PM in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church (our new venue, thanks to the generosity of this Church's Board). We play for three to five hours (depending upon how the jam session is going) with a break around 9:00 PM for refreshments and socializing.

The purpose of our organization is to promote acoustic bluegrass, gospel, folk and vintage country music. In addition, we want to provide a forum (jam session) for acoustic string musicians/vocalists of all levels of proficiency to display their talents at playing this music. Typical instruments used are banjo, guitar, acoustic bass, resonaphonic guitar (Dobro), mandolin, fiddle, and sometimes cello. This is an "open jam session", so we welcome all who want to participate. We also welcome all who wish to just come and listen (however, group singing has been know to erupt on such standards as I'll Fly Away).

We have been holding these monthly jam sessions for over ten years now, and we are excited about starting the next chapter of these events here at First Baptist.

Our next session is Friday, May 11. We hope to see you there!



WITMA

THEME: God's Antidote for Stress Free Living
(Antidote means anything that tends to counteract an evil)

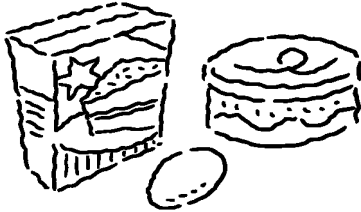
5	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Alternative Worship <i>God's Antidote for Indecision</i> Psalm 23:3b; Psalm 25:9
6	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	<i>God's Antidote for Indecision</i> Psalm 23:3b; Psalm 25:9
12	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Alternative Worship Mother's Day Message
13	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Mother's Day Message
19	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Alternative Worship <i>God's Antidote for Dark Valleys</i> John 16:33; Psalm 23:4; Hosea 2:15
20	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	<i>God's Antidote for Dark Valleys</i> John 16:33; Psalm 23:4; Hosea 2:15
26	Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Alternative Worship <i>God's Antidote for Hurt</i> Psalm 23:5; Psalm 39:2-3
27	Sunday	9:30 a.m.	<i>God's Antidote for Hurt</i> Psalm 23:5; Psalm 39:2-3

2, 9, 16, 23, 30	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>
3, 10, 17, 24, 31	Thursday	6:30 p.m. Sunday Praise Team Practice
5, 12, 19, 26	Saturday	7:30 a.m. Men's Ministry
6, 13, 20, 27	Sunday	10:45 a.m. Sunday School 3:00 p.m. Small Group Studies 4:00 p.m. Youth Group
7, 14, 21, 28	Monday	7:00 a.m. Breakfast at Sunrise
1	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. ABW Ministries at FBC Hostess: Barbara Heaton United in Prayer
3	Thursday	National Day of Prayer
5	Saturday	10:00 a.m. - noon Sunday School Teachers & Small Group Leaders Meeting at FBC
6	Sunday	6:00 p.m. Business Meeting Agenda: vote on land purchase
8	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Boards Meet
12	Saturday	1:00—4:00 p.m. Graduation Party for Ashley Derry in the FBC Fellowship Hall
13	Sunday	Mother's Day
17	Thursday	6:30 p.m. Mother's Day Banquet at FBC
28	Monday	Memorial Day—Office Closed

Cloud Cookies

Jesus was "lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight" (Acts 1:9, NRSV).

When you make these cloud cookies, remember what the angels said to his apostles: "This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven" (verse 11).



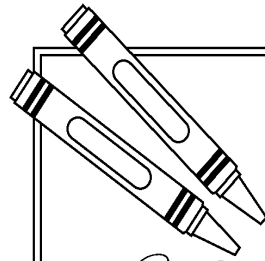
What you need:

- An adult to help
- 1 white cake mix
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 container (6 oz.) of frozen whipped topping, thawed
- 3 cups powdered sugar



What you do:

1. Combine cake mix and egg.
2. Fold in whipped topping.
3. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto powdered sugar and coat well.
4. Place on ungreased cookie sheet.
5. Bake at 350 degrees for 8-10 minutes or until tops are firm.

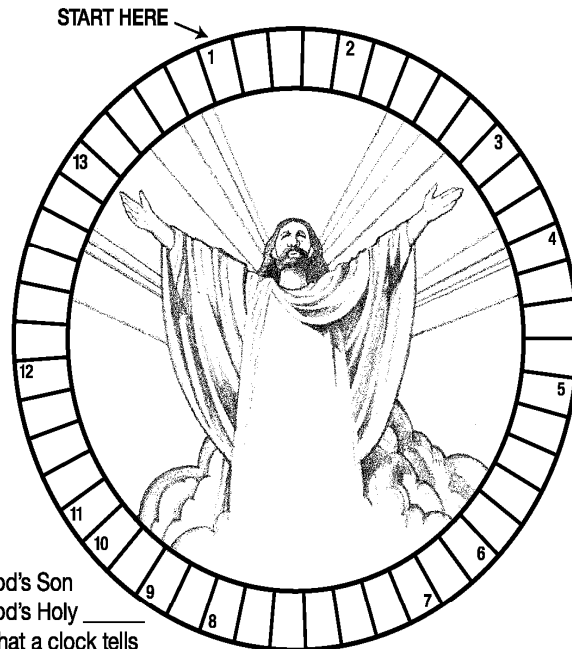


Just for KIDS

Ascension of the Lord

On the day Jesus left his disciples and went up in a cloud to heaven, he said to them, "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you." (John 14:18, KJV).

Read the clues below. The last letter of each word is the beginning of the next word.



1. God's Son
2. God's Holy _____
3. What a clock tells
4. Our planet
5. Where Jesus is now
6. Opposite of Old Testament
7. An onlooker
8. Place to see clouds
9. Modern word for thee
10. Opposite of down
11. Authority or strength
12. Comes back
13. Searches for

Answers: (1) Jesus; (2) Spirit; (3) time; (4) Earth; (5) heaven; (6) new; (7) witness; (8) sky; (9) you; (10) up; (11) power; (12) returns; (13) seeks

Answers: