

# Bridge Builders Newsletter

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*Join Us For Worship*  
*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 June**

6/1	2 Kings 21-22	Psalm 62	6/16	Micah 3-4	Psalm 73
6/2	2 Kings 23-24	Psalm 63	6/17	Micah 5-7	Psalm 74
6/3	2 Kings 25, Obadiah 1	Psalm 64	6/18	Isaiah 1-4	
6/4	Joel 1-3		6/19	Isaiah 5-8	
6/5	Jonah 1-4		6/20	Isaiah 9-10	Psalm 75
6/6	Amos 1-2	Psalm 65	6/21	Isaiah 11-12	Psalm 76
6/7	Amos 3-4	Psalm 66	6/22	Isaiah 13-14	Psalm 77
6/8	Amos 5-6	Psalm 67	6/23	Isaiah 15-16	Psalm 78
6/9	Amos 7-9	Psalm 68	6/24	Isaiah 17-18	Psalm 79
6/10	Hosea 1-2	Psalm 69	6/25	Isaiah 19-22	
6/11	Hosea 3-6		6/26	Isaiah 23-26	
6/12	Hosea 7-10		6/27	Isaiah 27-28	Psalm 80
6/13	Hosea 11-12	Psalm 70	6/28	Isaiah 29-30	Psalm 81
6/14	Hosea 13-14	Psalm 71	6/29	Isaiah 31-32	Psalm 82
6/15	Micah 1-2	Psalm 72	6/30	Isaiah 33-34	Psalm 83

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**We are compelled to Love God's Family**

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**1 John 4:11**

**Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other.** Why are we compelled to love God's family? Because God loves us. Life is about learning to love. Learning to love is life's most important lesson. Jesus called it the greatest commandment. Nothing comes close in importance. Why? Because God is love, and God wants you to become more like him. God loves you deeply and unconditionally. Now He wants you to learn to love him back, and to love others, especially believers in the family of God. However, it is unnatural for us to love others first. We naturally do what is in our own best interests, often without thinking of how it would affect someone else. Self-centeredness is the root of practically every problem – both personally and globally. Real love is placing the needs of others before your own. It is making your problem my problem. Much of the world that we live in doesn't understand what real love is. Real love focuses on how I can serve you, not how you can serve me. It's the opposite of our selfish tendencies. That is why we must learn to love. It's isn't easy. Real love takes knowledge, God's grace, and lots of practice. Of course, you can't learn to love by yourself. You must develop relationships with many different kinds of people in order to practice loving others. The Bible calls this being in "community," which is another word for fellowship. To practice the one-another commands that God has given us, it is absolutely essential that you get involved in the ministries of the church where God has gifted you. In his book, 40 Days of Community, (Better together), Rick Warren says that there are three foundations for living a life of love. They are as follows:

God's love for us gives us the reason to love others.

God's love in us gives us the ability to love others.

God's love for us gives us the way to love others.

Life is about learning to love. **1 John 4:19 says that we love each other as a result of his loving us first.** We are compelled to love God's family. Are you doing that?

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

Pastor Wally



## MISSIONS



One Great Hour Of Sharing, usually collected in June, will be collected in July this year.

Our Annual

Mother's Day dinner was held Thursday, May 17, in the Fellowship Hall with

49 attending the salad and dessert meal. Annette Carper, program chair, presided and read several poems. She introduced Ruth Parks and Roxie Fess who provided musical entertainment on the piano and cello. Veta Harper had 8 family members present. Each person present was presented a potted flower.

Mary McKamy & Kay Pollock were also on the program committee. Marilyn Bourn, Kathleen Barry, & Margaret Harn decorated the tables, Trissy Smith & Wendy Geltmacher served on the kitchen committee. Thank you to each who helped in any way.

The American Baptist Churches USA Biennial meeting will be held June 29-July 2 in Washington D.C. The 100th birthday of American Baptist Churches will also be celebrated. Pastor & Annetta will be attending.

On July 2, the people at the meeting will experience a Fasting Feat—A Hunger for Missions. The Conference theme is "Arise & Shine".

18 International Missionaries, who have been on home assignment, will return to their respective countries July 1. On the same day, 10 will be arriving to begin their home assignment.

The World Mission Offering during October 2006 included targeted giving and spe-

cific gifts and totaled \$5,304,375, a 7% increase over 2005. However, in 2006 giving to International Ministries from United Missions declined \$216,386 or 19%. That giving offsets increases in other giving categories. This affects the resources available for our International Missionaries.

In addition to our current ministries, the Lord is opening remarkable doors for expanded missionary service.

1. Doors of opportunity to rescue people in slavery & prostitution. 10% of your IM missionaries are already engaged in various aspects of anti-slavery work.

2. Doors to bring preventative awareness of HIV/AIDS and care for people infected or orphaned by AIDS. IM is working with AIDS orphans in China.

3. Doors through which we can bear effective, contextualized witness in Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, and Roma (Gypsy) communities. People in many such communities are more interested in knowing Jesus than people in normally Christian societies in the "West".

The preceding is from a letter from

Reid Trulson, Executive Director of International Ministries.

In 2006, more than 450 individuals under the age of 30 participated in more than 575 mission projects through International Ministries. Countless others participated in international mission through local and community organizations.

90% of Bacone College students receive financial aid. Last year students received over 2 million dollars in unfunded scholarship assistance. \$3,000 provides a student in the Native American Learning/Work Community with a full tuition scholarship for one academic year.

Over 850 young men & women enrolled in various degree programs under the direction of 34 faculty.

There will not be a week long World Mission Conference at Green Lake this August. Instead, 3 weekend conferences are scheduled in the following areas:

Sept. 14-15 FBC of Sioux Fall, S.D.

Oct. 12-14 United Church of Canandaigua, N.Y.

Nov. 16-18 Central Seminary in Shawnee, KS.

The newest church plant in GRR is the New Life Christian Community Church in St. Louis, MO. Henrietta Brown is the pastor.

The American Baptist Church Developers (ABCD) began in 1984 as a funding program for new churches in the Great Rivers Region. Individuals who are interested in the planting of new churches are invited to sign up as an ABCD donor. Donors are invited to send \$25 or more to the GRR office after being notified by mail of a new church plant. 95% goes to the new church to be used at the discretion

of their leaders. The other 5% is used to cover necessary costs of the ABCD program. Donors are asked to support 3 new churches each year.

Since its beginning, \$480,359 has been given to benefit 32 new churches within the region. 589 ABCD donors are providing about \$12,000 for each new church as start up funds. Our goal of 1000 donors would significantly increase our support of each new American Baptist Church.

Meryl Cook has an enrollment form, or you may check in the church office to join ABCD.

Another method of raising funds for this project is the Great American Bike Ride Across Missouri. The trip will be about 250 miles from Clinton, MO to St. Charles, MO. The ride is for anyone who enjoys biking and wants to support New Church Planting. The dates are June 18-23. 100% of money raised goes to the Church Planting Fund. Contact Max Klinkenborg at the region office (217-726-7366) for more information.

Bible Book for June—1 & 2 Thessalonians  
Birthdays:

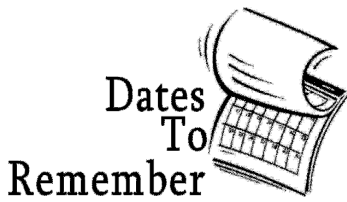
June 4-Dwight Davidson, IM Japan

June 20-Whitney Brown, Greece

June 21-Kristina Gutierrez, IM Nicaragua



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|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1 - Alan & Barbara Arvin (a)                | 18 - Eva Isabel Molina<br>Kea Runyan |
| 4 - Annetta Holt<br>Jerry & Mary McKamy (a) | 19 - Bennie & Alice Arvin (a)        |
| 6 - Robin Pittman                           | 24 - Cavitt & Ruth Hollis (a)        |
| 9 - Jonathan Harper                         | 25 - Russell & Gee Min Glaue (a)     |
| 10 - Homer Icenogle                         | 28 - Ted & Ginny Doxstader (a)       |
| 11 - Margaret Shaver                        | 29 - Claudia McCain                  |
| 12 - Sharon Brown<br>Tara Sewell            |                                      |



**Saturday, June 2, 5:00 p.m.** Our last Saturday Alternative Worship Service. Join us as we celebrate 4-years of Saturday worship.

**Saturday, May 26, 7:30 a.m.** Last Men's Ministry meeting before dismissing for the summer. Will resume Saturday, September 1.

**Sunday, May 27** Our last day of Sunday School before we dismiss for the summer. Sunday School will resume on September 2.

**Wednesday, May 30** Our last day of Wednesday Small Group Studies and Veggie Connections before we dismiss for the summer. Activities will resume on September 5.

# Teacher Recognition



Thank you teachers and leaders for your weekly commitment to Christian education at

**FBC**

**Veggie Connection Leaders**

- Andrea Molina
- Moises Molina
- Trissy Smith

**Veggie Connection Shepherds**

- Wendy Geltmacher
- Jean Oppel
- Marlise Rittenhouse

**Wednesday Prayer Leader**

- Karen Miller

**Sunday School Teachers**

- Wendy Geltmacher
- Gee Min Glaue
- Russell Glaue
- Annetta Holt
- Wally Holt
- Judy Hurt
- Dustin Lambert
- Claudia McCain
- Mary McKamy
- Karen Miller
- Moises Molina
- Richard Sample II
- Tara Sewell

**Youth Leaders**

- Janel Ensinger
- Justin Ensinger

**Small Group Leaders**

- Michael Foulk
- Annetta Holt
- Wally Holt
- Claudia McCain
- Mary McKamy
- Rob Wallace

**Required Training for  
Nursery Attendants**  
(and anyone else who has interest)

**National Safety Council**



CPR & First Aid  
Training & Certification

**CPR Training & Certification**

Adults, pediatrics & AED

(Good for 2 years)

Tuesday, July 10

6:00-10:00 p.m.

McDonough District Hospital

Auditorium

(basement level)

**First Aid Training &  
Certification**

(Good for 3 years)

Wednesday, September 5

6:00-10:00 p.m.

McDonough District

Hospital Auditorium

(basement level)

To register, sign-up on the bulletin board  
outside the church office

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Starting Sunday, June 3, Youth Group will  
be switching the time from 4:00 p.m. -  
6:00 p.m. to 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 3, 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.—  
Summer Youth Group Kick off Pizza  
Party! We invite all youth who will be  
entering grades 6 through 12 to join the  
fun.

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# *Growing Our Faith*

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## What is *Growing Our Faith*?

This is a wonderful time of celebration in our church as we give thanks for our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary and look toward our future. *Growing Our Faith* will encourage everyone in the church body to grow toward spiritual maturity, build relationships within our church family, celebrate all that we have to be thankful for and raise the funds to purchase the land on Candy Lane.

Above all, everyone is asked to commit to the 29-day *Growing Our Faith* prayer calendar as we seek God's will for the future of First Baptist Church. As for gifts, we ask that these be above and beyond one's tithes or offerings. We are asking for a one-time celebration gift plus an additional 12-month commitment. Any extra contributions above the land purchase amount will be designated to the new building fund.

The timeline is as follows:

**Sunday, May 27** – Prayer calendar begins and distribution of the congregation's *Growing Our Faith* packets

**Sunday, June 10** – Leader's Giving Cards are due

**Sunday, June 17** – Percentage of Leaders participating announced at morning worship service

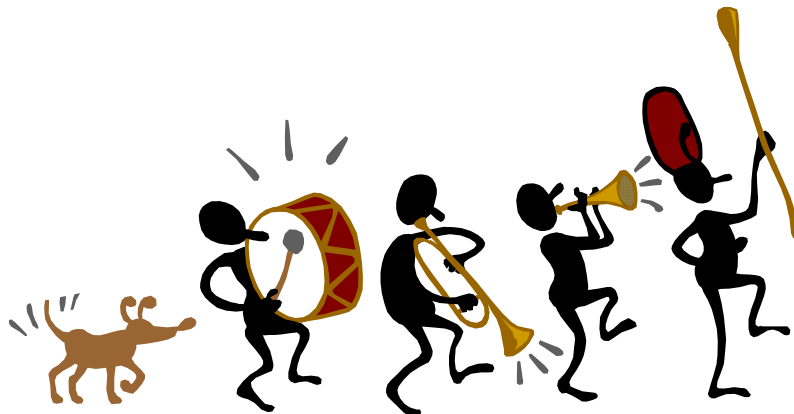
**Sunday, June 24** – *Growing Our Faith* Sunday and Celebration of FBC's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Congregation's Giving Cards Due

**Sunday, July 1**– *Growing Our Faith* results are announced



## FBC Celebrates 150 Years!

To commemorate our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, which will take place June 23-24, we will be participating in the Heritage Days Parade at 10 am on Saturday June 23. We are asking you, the congregation, to help build the float and walk in the parade. In order to make that a reality, **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** We are asking all interested members to contact Wendy Geltmacher, Tara Sewell, or AJ Bourn to find out when we will be constructing the float. We would like to thank Alan and Barb Arvin, who have graciously offered use of their property for construction. In addition, we would like to have 150 total people in the parade. So ask your friends and neighbors to join us! We will have vans in the parade for those who may not be able to walk the entire route.



# ★ Thank You! ★ THANK YOU! ★

To Our Church Family,

We don't know how to thank all of you for the many prayers, cards, visits, flowers, and food we have received since my surgery.

It is so nice to know people love & care about us. That is what our church does when someone needs it.

Thank you, Pastor Wally & Annetta for being there, praying for & with us before and after surgery, also Claudia for coming out & praying with us .

I am doing real well. Can't eat very good yet, but I am sure I will make up for that later. Ha!

Thanks again! We love all of you!

Jim & Zelma Harman

To FBC:

Thank you for the altar flowers of April 15 worship that was delivered to Cavitt in MDH by the Sanders. Appreciated the flowers and Pastor Wally coming to pray with us. It appears we have a "journey" ahead of us. We would appreciate your prayers.

Cavitt & Ruth Hollis

To Our Church Family,

We thank you for your many prayers and other acts of kindness and concern for Adron during his illness and recent surgery. We greatly appreciated Pastor Wally, Jim, and Kathy being with us the long, anxious day of surgery! Prayer is powerful!

God Bless you,  
Adron & Donna McMahon

# Is God calling you

to a ministry area where we need teachers and leaders?

## Sunday School Teachers

Especially Teachers for Adult Elective Classes  
and Substitutes for Children's Classes

## Wednesday Children's Ministry

Especially a second Veggie Connection Teacher  
and Helpers

## Adult Small Group Leader

Especially a leader for the traditional Bible study  
and Adult Elective Classes

## Want more information?

Contact Pastor Wally, Mary McKamy or Claudia McCain

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## **LAND VOTE**

During the special business meeting on Sunday, May 6, the members of the First Baptist Church voted to purchase the 15 acres of land on Candy Lane. The vote was 64 yes and 6 no. Thank you to each one of you who attended and voted.

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# Is God calling you to be a youth leader?

Do you feel a call to make a difference?

Do you feel a call to have an impact?

Do you feel a call to work with youth grades 6-12?

Perhaps God is calling you to be a

## Youth Leader!

Our Youth Leaders

Justin and Janel Ensinger have graduated  
and will be moving to Washington, Illinois  
and we need to replace them.

## Is God calling you?

## Need more information?

Contact Pastor Wally or Claudia McCain

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| 2 | Saturday | 5:00 p.m. | Saturday Night Alternative Worship<br><i>God's Antidote to Fearing the Future</i><br>Psalm 23:6; Romans 8:28 |
| 3 | Sunday   | 9:30 a.m. | <i>God's Antidote to Fearing the Future</i><br>Psalm 23:6; Romans 8:28                                       |

### THEME: BREAKING THROUGH TO GOD IN PRAYER

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| 10 | Sunday | 9:30 a.m. | <i>The Secret Blessings of Prayer</i><br>I Chronicles 4:10; Genesis 32:26 |
| 17 | Sunday | 9:30 a.m. | <i>The Promises of Prayer</i><br>Psalm 65:2; Psalm 66:18                  |
| 24 | Sunday | 9:30 a.m. | <i>Four Elements of Prayer</i><br>James 1:17; I Kings 3:7-13              |

On May 16th the Deacon Board and myself, along with other interested members of the church met to discuss the concerns of several about our Saturday Evening Worship. At this meeting, we, with mixed emotions, voted to discontinue our Saturday Evening Worship. On May 7-10 it was my privilege to attend a Church Health Assessment Workshop in Green Lake, Wisconsin. I came away from that workshop knowing that one of the most important things we must do is to assess where we are as a church, looking at different areas of ministry to improve or discontinue, if necessary. In the last five years, God has been growing this church in ways only HE can.



This is great, but with this rapid growth, we have not been able to stay ahead of the training of leaders. That brings me back to Saturday Evening Worship. We do not have enough leaders to take on the responsibility of another worship service. Many people worked hard and should be thanked. But it takes several people to put together a worship service. We are planning a wonderful closing worship on Saturday, June 2. We would like to invite everyone to share with us in that celebration.

Pastor Wally

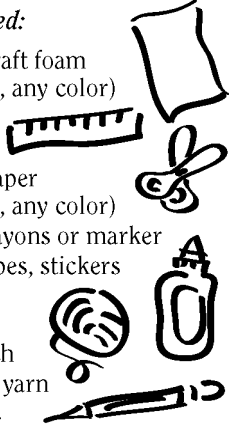
3, 10, 17, 24	Sunday	11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Youth Group Meets
4, 11, 25	Monday	7:00 a.m. Breakfast at the Old Dairy
7, 14, 21, 28	Thursday	6:30 p.m. Sunday Praise Team Practice
2	Saturday	9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. Creative Arts Ministry Team Meeting at the Old Dairy
5	Tuesday	1:30 p.m. ABW Ministries at Lafayette Square Hostess: Alice Bishop Please wear an apron 6:30 p.m. United in Prayer
12	Tuesday	6:30 p.m. Boards Meet
14	Thursday	Flag Day
15	Friday	Women of Faith Conference in St. Louis
16	Saturday	Women of Faith Conference in St. Louis
17	Sunday	Father's Day
18	Monday	7:00 a.m. Breakfast at Sunrise
21	Thursday	First Day of Summer
23	Saturday	150th Anniversary Celebration Growing Our Faith Weekend
24	Sunday	150th Anniversary Celebration Growing Our Faith Weekend

# A Verse Frame

Make this special gift for your dad, uncle, grandfather or father-figure. It is nice to be reminded of our heavenly Father's love for us.

## What you need:

- Piece of craft foam (8½" x 11", any color)
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Piece of paper (8½" x 11", any color)
- Pencil, crayons or marker
- Foam shapes, stickers (optional)
- Glue
- Hole punch
- Ribbon or yarn



## What you do:

1. Use your ruler to measure a rectangle inside the piece of craft foam. Draw the rectangle, and then cut it out. Your foam should now look like a frame.
2. Place the piece of paper under the foam frame, and trace the shape of the frame's window onto the paper.
3. Choose a verse to write inside the rectangle on your paper. (Your frame can go horizontally or vertically.) Suggested verses include 1 Corinthians 8:6, Philippians 4:20 and 1 John 3:1.
4. Turn the frame over (face down), and put glue around the edge. Lay the verse face down on the back of the frame, and let it dry.
5. Decorate the outside of the frame with foam shapes, stickers or drawings.
6. Use your hole punch to punch two holes at the top of the frame. Tie a piece of ribbon or yarn through the holes to hang the frame.



# Remember Our Heavenly Father

Father's Day is a time to thank our dads, who work hard to keep the family fed, safe and loved. Let us also remember God, our heavenly Father, who gives life to us all.

Use the grid to fill in the blanks below. To find the letter for each number, look down the column to the dot, and then go to the left to the letter. Write the letter on the appropriate blank.

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 11 6 14 14 17 7 11 1 13 14 7 5 17 18 15 8 10 15 7 !”  
 1 John 3:1, NIV

“HOW GREAT IS THE LOVE THE FATHER HAS LAVISHED ON US, THAT WE SHOULD BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD!”