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Sunday Worship
9:30 a.m.

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Vision and Purpose

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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2008 Daily Bible Reading Guide for June

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| 6/1 | Joshua 18; Isaiah 24; Hebrews 6-7 | 6/16 | Judges 17-18; Isaiah 40; 1 John 1-2 |
| 6/2 | Joshua 19; Isaiah 25; Hebrews 8-9 | 6/17 | Judges 19; Isaiah 41; 1 John 3-4 |
| 6/3 | Joshua 20-21; Isaiah 26-27; Hebrews 10 | 6/18 | Judges 20; Isaiah 42; 1 John 5 |
| 6/4 | Joshua 22; Isaiah 28; Hebrews 11 | 6/19 | Judges 21; Isaiah 43; 2 John -3JO |
| 6/5 | Joshua 23-24; Isaiah 29; Hebrews 12 | 6/20 | Ruth 1-2; Isaiah 44; Jude 1 |
| 6/6 | Judges 1; Isaiah 30; Hebrews 13 | 6/21 | Ruth 3-4; Isaiah 45; Revelation 1-2 |
| 6/7 | Judges 2-3; Isaiah 31; James 1 | 6/22 | 1 Samuel 1; Isaiah 46-47; Revelation 3-4 |
| 6/8 | Judges 4-5; Isaiah 32; James 2 | 6/23 | 1 Samuel 2; Isaiah 48; Revelation 5-6 |
| 6/9 | Judges 6; Isaiah 33; James 3-4 | 6/24 | 1 Samuel 3; Isaiah 49; Revelation 7-9 |
| 6/10 | Judges 7-8; Isaiah 34; James 5 | 6/25 | 1 Samuel 4; Isaiah 50; Revelation 10-11 |
| 6/11 | Judges 9; Isaiah 35; 1 Peter 1 | 6/26 | 1 Samuel 5-6; Isaiah 51; Revelation 12-13 |
| 6/12 | Judges 10-11; Isaiah 36; 1 Peter 2 | 6/27 | 1 Samuel 7-8; Isaiah 52; Revelation 14 |
| 6/13 | Judges 12-13; Isaiah 37; 1 Peter 3-5 | 6/28 | 1 Samuel 9; Isaiah 53; Revelation 15-16 |
| 6/14 | Judges 14-15; Isaiah 38; 2 Peter 1-2 | 6/29 | 1 Samuel 10; Isaiah 54; Revelation 17-18 |
| 6/15 | Judges 16; Isaiah 39; 2 Peter 3 | 6/30 | 1 Samuel 11-12; Isaiah 55; Revelation 19-20 |

Dear Friends:

The call to give comes regularly in church life: annual stewardship drives and capital campaigns, work trips to the Gulf Coast or another hurting place, special holiday events, youth mission trips and local projects. Each of the giving opportunities challenges us anew to comprehend the importance of our participation, and see past numbers and amounts to the practice of praise inherent in the act of giving. "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have", says the writer of Hebrews to the community of faith. The call was a personal reminder that our actions as Christians speak more loudly than our words and worship services. God desires our participation in the lives of others, an expectation made even more pointedly by Jesus when he tells his followers in, **Matthew 25:40 "And I will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.'** Of course, the "least of these don't just live in our community anymore. As our world grows smaller, our lives intersect with so many more lives than they once did-and God's call to share what we have encompasses more people. The people fleeing violence in Sudan, suffering from AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa, countries reeling from devastation in Indonesia, Burma, China-just to name a few-we are called to make a difference in these lives, too. The **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** makes that possible. Gifts to the **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** support programs that help families and villages around the world build lives and communities that are healthy, safe, and sustainable, changing the lives of millions of God's children. The **One Great of Sharing Offering** helps rebuild communities destroyed by natural disasters. The **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** creates sustainable sources of income for rural villages. The **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** teaches trades and job skills. The **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** offers children a chance to survive past the age of five and go to school, and much more. **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** gives each of us an opportunity to respond to God's call: to share what we have, showing the kindness, compassion and mercy of Jesus in every part of the globe. By participating in **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**, our congregation can experience the joy of sharing God's Love-offering a hand to the stranger in need, and making a difference in the lives of God's children around the world. Please pray and ask God what you should give to this year's **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**.

I do look forward in working, worshiping, and giving with you this month.

Pastor Wally



Musing on Missions
by Meryl Cook

The Great American Baptist Bike Ride across Illinois (GAB-BRAI) will be held June 16-21. It is for anyone who enjoys biking and wants to support New Church Development. Bikers will peddle about 250 miles across North and Central

Illinois beginning in Marseilles.

They will travel on the I+M Canal to Tiskilwa, 40 miles. Thursday, June 19 they bike on the Hennepin Canal to Sterling, 50 miles. Friday they follow the Hennepin Canal to Moline, 64 miles. Saturday they ride on the Great River Trail from Moline to Albany and back, 36 miles.

The registration fee is \$150 and covers meals, snacks, and insurance. Since the purpose of the ride is to raise money and awareness to aid in planting new churches, expected pledges should be \$250 or more. One day riders are also welcome. Contact Max Klinkenborg at 217-726-7366 for more information.

Max Klinkenborg is retiring July 1 and plans to move to Kansas City to be near their son, Erik. Max has served the Great River's Region for 20 years.

Regional Mission's Conference was held April 25 -26 at Cherry Hills Baptist Church in Springfield. About 6000 pounds of books were brought for the Book Depository in Ohio.

International Missionary speakers were Duane Binkley, Thailand; Gary Baits, Costa Rica; and Wendy Bernhard, Democratic Republic of Congo. National Missionaries attending were Joan Brown, Murrow Children's Home; Ben Sullivan, Christian Center of Anadarko; and Barbara Hartnett, Director, Peoria Friendship House. The latter three are our new National Special Interest Missionaries.

Duane Binkley and wife, Marcia, serve the Burmese ethnic Karen and Chin refugees both in the U.S. and Thailand. They work with tens of thousands of refugees coming to the U.S. while continuing to help those remaining in refugee camps along the Thai-Myanmar border.

Gary Baits is an important link between the GRR and the Baptist Federation of Costa Rica. Two ladies accompanied him and all three were going on to Baton Rouge, LA to help build 11 houses for families on the Gulf Coast. More than 200 volunteers have signed on to help in the Baptist Blitz Build, April 28-May 17.

Gary's wife, Mylinda, has been invited to speak at the GRR Convention in Moline, October 3-5, 2008.

Wendy Bernhard will return to the Democratic Republic of the Congo in July. While on home assignment, she taught at Judson University in Elgin, IL. She has served in the Congo since 1983 and teaches pastors.

Several other presenters told of their work but the schedule allowed us to attend only two of the presentations.

Volunteers to Baton Rouge were commissioned and an offering of \$2,600 was received for the work there. An offering of \$3,000 was received for Murrow Children's Home.

Pastor Wally and Meryl Cook visited with former pastor, Clyde Masten and wife, Shirley. They now live in Decatur. He plans to do more interim pastoring after taking a break during the summer.

Linda Ferriera Schneider of Springfield was involved with the display table of Kids Hope United, formerly Huddleson Home. Her parents, Joe and Mary Jo Ferriera, former pastor of Blandinsville Baptist Church, now live in Florida.

12 separate X-treme Teams are scheduled to visit as many countries during 2008. Tours began in February and will finish in November. Countries being visited are Ghana, Tunisia, Thailand in June and again in November, Poland, Jamaica, Slovakia, China, Brazil, Nicaragua, Burma, and the Middle East. Team ministry may include evangelistic outreach, construction, conversational English, building relationships, sports, and drama. Most groups are limited to 4-6 young people between the ages of 19-29. All are under the supervision of Baptist Missionaries.

June begins the camping season for our Baptist Camps at Lake Springfield and Blackhawk in Area I. Camps continue until August 10. The schedule is on the bulletin board by the office. Lake Springfield had open house Saturday, May 24 with hot dogs, chips and drinks. A tour of the facility was available. This was an opportunity to become familiar with the camp, meet some of the directors and see improvements to the chapel and cabins.

Camp director is Aaron Stanley.

American Baptist Women's Ministries GRR Annual Conference is June 6-8 at Lake Williamson Conference Center at Carlinville. Missionaries Scott and Tan Coats, who serve in Thailand, will be sharing about their ministry. Following the conference they are scheduled to speak every Sunday through Aug. 3. Scot is the son of Bob and Pat Coats, retired missionaries now living in Indiana and former interim pastor in Macomb.

Hopefully, they can come to Macomb this summer, possibly July 21. At this time the date and time are not confirmed.

Whitney Brown, missionary to Greece, is recovering from heart surgery, May 13. The family expects to return to the U.S. the last of June.

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received during June with a goal of \$2000. As in previous years, we will have the sharing table where surplus garden produce is brought. Any money donated will be added to the offering.

Bible Book for June: 1 Kings

Birthdays:

June 17—Flint Miller, IM Philippines

June 18—Jeff Dieselberg, IM Thailand

June 26—Rita Chapman, IM Congo



**BIRTHDAYS &
ANNIVERSARIES**

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| 1 - Alan & Barbara Arvin (a) | 18 - Eva Isabel Molina |
| 4 - Annetta Holt 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 | 29 - Whitney Brown Claudia McCain |
| 11 - Margaret Shaver | |
| 12 - Sharon Brown Tara Chenoweth | |

**JUNE 1, DURING
WORSHIP
TEACHER RECOGNITION**



**JUNE 10, 2008
6:00 P.M.
PASTORAL RELATIONS
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**JUNE 10, 2008
6:30 P.M.
BOARDS MEET**

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Church of Macomb

FBC will once again be participating in the Heritage Days parade on Saturday, June 28. Please plan now to take part in this outreach—walk, ride, or drive. Stay tuned for more information and see AJ Bourn, Kathleen Barry, Stephanie Foulk, or Steve Smart if you are interested in helping with our entry.

To the gracious fellowship of believers:

Thank you **ALL** for your prayers, letters, and many cards that helped sustain me, and the whole Nelson family during the illness and death of my wife, Myrtle Nelson. Myrtle died with no pain, while I and several of our children sang and prayed over her daily. We live with the surety of her Savior having called her home, having served faithfully, and loving as my wife, and in ministry for 65 years. It has been a blessed experience. Thanks be to God.

As I am not able to respond in writing because of my shaky hands, I want each of you to know how blessed it has been to be in touch. Please stay in touch through my email address, leonnelson@hotmail.com or my phone number, 913-764-5868, or my address: Cedar Lake Village, Apt 304, 15325 S. Lone Elm Rd., Olathe, KS 66061. I have a guest room that I would love to share with any of you, if you're ever in the area.

Thankfully, Rev. Leon Nelson

To our Church Family,

Thank you to everyone for all of your prayers for Tara.

God Bless Everyone,

The Geltmacher Family

Dear FBC,

Thank you for the gift certificate to Copperfields. Thanks a bunch!

Justin Derry

First Baptist Church Family:

Hello! Thank you so much for remembering me on my college graduation with the books store gift certificate. It is very much appreciated! I can hardly believe that I'm done with school forever! It has been a long stretch and I look forward to seeing what my future brings.

Thanks again!

Christa Lesko

Dear Friends,

From the Board of Directors and the people we serve, I offer our sincere expression of gratitude to you for the monetary gift. We are confident your reward will be greater than this "Thank You".

With your gifts and the gifts of others, we will continue to fulfill our mission.

—Robert Bowen, Secretary of Loaves and Fishes Etc.

Dear Church Family,

I have sincerely enjoyed the beautiful flowers. They are still so beautiful so they must be pleased to be with me! And we, Bill & Jo and I, had a good chat! Thank you all!

Love in Christ,
Mildred Bricker

Thank you for your kind donation. May kindness be returned to you in the same beautiful way it was given.

God Bless You!
The Christian Center of Anadarko, OK
Ben Sullivan, Director Staff

Pray for one another

Pray that they know God's will for their lives

Pray that they would do God's will in their lives

Pray for productivity in their lives

Pray for them to have a growing relationship with God

It's Here!

Listen to the weekly message on the FBC website

After several months (years) of planning and work, you can now log onto the FBC website and listen to Pastor Wally's weekly message. (Because of copyright and confidentiality issues only the message is available.)

You can listen, download or subscribe to the weekly messages.

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Claudia McCain or Stephanie Foulk.

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This Is My Prayer
that Your love may overflow...

Guided Reflection & Prayer

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to meet the needs of our church, community and the world.
Philippians 4:13, James 2:26*

Praise God

Our Church

- A God-centered Focus
- Development of a Seniors Ministry
- Development of Leaders
- Development of Plans for the New Building
- Formation of a Capital Fund Team
- Future Decisions
- Leader for Men's Sunday School Class
- Leader for Women's Sunday School Class
- Mid-week Children's Ministry Leaders
- Our Continued Spiritual Growth
- Outreach to Community
- Worship Leader for Contemporary Worship

Educational Programs

- Children's Ministries & Leaders
- Nursery: Children & Attendants
- Summer Camps:
 - Quest & Lake Springfield
- Small Groups: Classes & Teachers
- Sunday School: Classes & Teachers
- Youth Group & Leaders

Church Leaders

- Pastor Wally
- Claudia McCain
- Other Church Staff
- Board of Christian Education
- Board of Deacons
- Board of Trustees

Leadership Teams

- 2010 Team
- ABW Ministries
- Building Team
- Creative Arts Ministry Team
- Fellowship Team
- Men's Ministry
- Pastoral Relations Team
- Praise Team
- Stewardship Team

Missionaries

- Alan & Whitney Brown, Greece
- Rev. Dr. Magda Aguirre, El Salvador
- Rev. Gary & Rev. Mylinda Baits, Costa Rica
- Rev. Wendy Bernhard, Judson University, USA
- Mr. Scott & Mrs. Tan Coats, Thailand
- Rev. Debra & Rev. Dr. Flint Miller, Philippines
- Rev. Kihomi & Rev. Dr. Mabudiga Nzunga, Agape, USA
- Rev. Charles & Mrs. Ramona Shawver, USA
- Joan Brown, Indian Ministries, USA
- Ben Sullivan, Indian Ministries, USA
- Dr. Barbara Hartnett, Neighborhood Action/Christian Center, USA

Our Community & Community Needs

- Community Leaders
- Emergency Responders
- Habitat for Humanity
- Loaves & Fishes
- Our Youth
- Our Schools
- Salvation Army
- Wise Decisions by Our City Council

Our Nation

- Election Decisions
- Leaders
- Military Personnel

Other Needs as You Are Led

- Family & Friends
- Personal

WHY: Pray to God and He will answer

HOW: Pray and sing praises to God

WHEN: Be quick to pray and don't stop

FOR WHOM: Pray for one another

ACTS

- A** = Adoration
- C** = Confession
- T** = Thanksgiving
- S** = Supplication

For the next few weeks, I challenge you to attain a higher standard of living and thereby experience a closer relationship with God. It is important to notice that it is not enough to simply be religious. These messages call for a commitment to serving God with all of your heart. My prayer is that these messages will encourage you to grow in your experience with God. Will you accept the challenge?

- June 1** *The Way Out Is Up*
- June 8** *A Choice To Be Made*
- June 15** *A Good Picture of God (Father's Day)*
- June 22** *Confronting Casual Christianity*
- June 29** *The High Cost of Compromise*

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| 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 9:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m. | Worship FBC Youth Group |
| 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 7:00 a.m. | Breakfast at the Old Dairy |
| 5, 12, 19, 26 | 6:30 p.m. | FBC Praise Team Practice |
| 1 | 9:30 a.m. | Teacher Recognition during Worship |
| 3 | 1:30 p.m. | ABW Ministries at FBC Hostess: Barb Heaton |
| 10 | 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. | Pastoral Relations Committee Boards Meet |
| 14 | | Flag Day |
| 15 | | Father's Day |
| 20 | | First Day of Summer |
| 22-28 | | Quest Youth Camp at Green Lake |
| 22 | 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. | Line up for the Heritage Days Parade Heritage Days Parade begins |



