

First Baptist Church of Macomb

# Bridge Builders Newsletter

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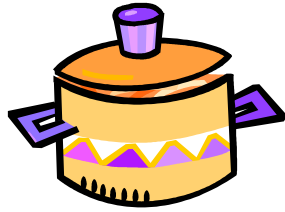
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## Ham & Bean Dinner With cornbread, fruit pie, and drink



Friday, February 11, 2011  
11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church  
136 W. Carroll  
Macomb, IL  
309-833-2479

Suggested donation \$5.00

Home Deliveries in Macomb

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## Souper Bowl Sunday

We donated 1137 cans of soup to the Loaves and Fishes food pantry.  
Thank you!



# SOUPER BOWL



## Senior Pastor's Article

### God Is My Rock Around the Clock

If you've ever played hide-and-seek around big rocks, you know how great they are for hiding. Not only are they too thick to see through, but they can keep you safe from the sun, wind, or rain. And big rocks won't move.

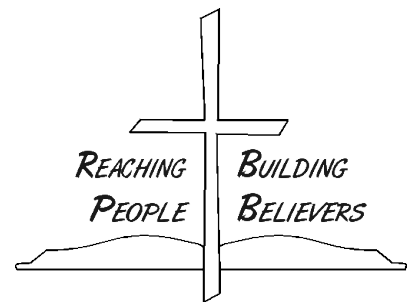
David, the writer of the Psalm 62, had learned over the years that God was like a rock that was too big to shake. God was David's hide-and-seek partner who would always keep him safe. Many times David ran to God, who protected him day and night.

God wants to be our hide-and-seek partner too. He wants to be our Rock! **Psalm 62:6-7 (NLT):** <sup>6</sup> *He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress where I will not be shaken.* <sup>7</sup> *My victory and honor come*

*from God alone.*

**He is my refuge, a rock where no enemy can reach me.** When you're afraid, or not sure about what to do next, run to God. Talk to him and trust him. Allow him to be your rock, and he will keep you safe around the clock.

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



### Opening Prayer

#### Leaders

**February 13**

*Lora Wallace*

**February 20**

*Brittany Jones*

**February 27**

*David Harman*

**March 6**

*Mike Foulk*

### Candle Lighters

**February 13**

*Leanne Jones*

**February 20**

*Tyler Green*

**February 27**

*The Wheeler Family*

**March 6**

*Johnson Wu*

## February Birthdays & Anniversaries

### February

**1—Marjory Alexander**

**10—AJ & Marilyn  
Bourn (a)**

**12—Eldon Derry**

**14—Eddie Green**

**17—Jean Simmons**

**18—Janel Ensinger  
Judy Hurt  
Dorothy McKee**

**19—Jusin Ensinger**

**24—Jo Sanders**

**25—Mark Pichla  
Celena Mangalaraj**

**28/29—Vy Lucas**

### March

**1—Kathy Brooks**

**3—Zachary Lankford**

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## Missions Corner by Meryl Cook

Allen and Paula Black are now taking CDs and visiting shut-ins. Anyone who misses a church service because of illness, vacation, etc may contact them.

The special Christmas Offering sent to Alan and Whitney Brown was \$761.75. The decision was made this year to include the Christmas Eve offerings as well as individual gifts. They moved the first of September to near Athens from Thessaloniki. Whitney had decided to help New Life part time, a ministry that reaches out to women in prostitution as well as trafficking.

GRR Missions Conference is April 8 and 9 at Cherry Hills Baptist Church in Springfield. Dr. Stan Slade, global consultant for theological education, is one of the speakers. Dr. Slade has served as a missionary and is now a visiting professor providing leadership training around the world.

In January 2008, leaders from 110 Baptist Churches in Vietnam met in the new office of Baptist Churches in Saigon. Baptist witness was brought by Southern Baptists in 1959. Missionaries left and pastors had to relocate when the war ended in 1975. The government enacted its liberalizing policy in 1986. For 20 years Baptists had to meet in secret as they were not a recognized group. They had no permission to hold public meetings, let alone build worship facilities. One of the pastors was Thong Nguyen who persevered. In October 2007, the Baptist Churches of Vietnam were granted

preliminary recognition by the National Government. The movement had grown to 20,000 baptized believers in more than 400 congregations. In December, the BCV held a worship service in Ho Chi Minh city (Siagon) attended by 12,000 people — 1500 gave their lives to Christ that night.

Dr. Slade had the privilege of teaching at the BCV's first public pastoral training event.

GRR Women's Retreat will be at Lake Williamson Christian Center near Carlinville, June 10, 11, 12. Full time registration is \$160. 1 night and 3 meals is \$100.

Imagine a school constructed of plastic bags and then picture more than 60 pupils trying to learn with just one teacher. That is what Charles and Sarah West found in Lusaka, the capitol of Zambia soon after they began work with International Ministries.

The Wellspring of Faith and Hope Center is both a community school and an orphanage, aiming to educate 67 children this year. Sarah says "a wellspring is an abundant source, a fountain of life. Our prayer is that the center will be the source of abundant life in Christ that might not otherwise exist for these children".

Education in Zambia is not compulsory, resulting in 40% of females and 20% of males being illiterate. Colonialism remains evident with adult women who serve as maids still being called "house girls" and grown men who are truck drivers as "lorry boys" and "garden boys". One of the center's goals is to provide expanded

opportunities for a new generation, opening the eyes of the children to possibilities other than a life of poverty.

Zambia borders the Congo on the north and Zimbabwe to the south in Africa.

Phusion Projects, a Chicago based manufacturer of a popular caffeinated alcohol drink, Four Loko, was started 5 years ago by 3 friends who graduated from Ohio State University. Phusion Projects generate \$200 million sales a year. Sometimes called "blackout in a can", Four Loko contains as much as 12% alcohol in one 23.5 can (comparable to 4 beers) and sells for \$2.50. The cheap price, high alcohol content and stimulants in these drinks attract underage drinkers and college students.

According to the Illinois Liquor Control Board, legislative action is needed to change the law to ban the product in our state. On November 17, the FDA sent warning letters to four companies including Phusion Projects, that caffeine added to their malt alcoholic beverages is an "unsafe food additive" and that seizure of their product is possible under federal law. A ban on Alcohol Energy Drinks will get the products off the store shelves before more youth are harmed.

Bible Book: Jonah

Birthdays:

Feb 8—Gary Baits, IM Costa Rica

Feb 16—Tan Coats, IM Thailand

Feb 17—Nancy James, IM Haiti

## General Income & Expense Summary

Month	Income*	Expenses
January	\$13,707.38	\$16,565.06

**\* Includes Tithes, Offerings, Gifts, & Interest**

### Nursery Assistants

**February 13**

*Brittany Jones*

**February 20**

*Johnsy Mangalaraj*

**February 27**

*Stephanie Foulk*

**March 6**

*Paula Black*

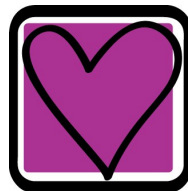


### Updated Church Directories

Updated directories are now available. Please pick up yours on the table at the back of the Sanctuary.

### “Haiku for the Heart”

Listen to your heart  
For within there is an “ear”  
Attuned to God’s voice.  
—Peggy Ferrell



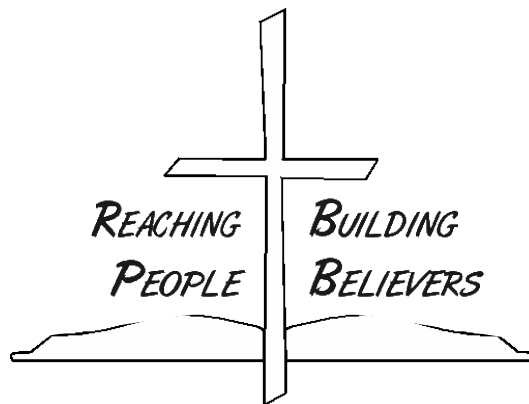
## Sermon Series

### **GOD IS...**

God is \_\_\_\_\_. How would you fill in the blank? The apostle John wrote about the most vital aspects of faith so that his readers would know Christian truth from error. He emphasizes the basics of faith so that we can be confident in our faith. In our dark world, God brings us light. In our cold world, God brings to us the warmth of His love. In our dying world, God gives us life. When we lack confidence these truths bring us certainty. Come join us as we look carefully at the basics of our faith.

Feb. 6	<b><i>God Is Light</i></b>	Pastor Wally
Feb. 13	<b><i>God Is the "I AM"</i></b>	Pastor Claudia
Feb. 20	<b><i>Why We Believe?</i></b> Youth Sunday	Mike Foulk
Feb. 27	<b><i>God Is Love</i></b>	Pastor Wally
Mar. 6	<b><i>God Is Life</i></b>	Pastor Wally

### Our Mission



### Our Vision & Purpose

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



## February Events

February 2011						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

- 8    **6:00 p.m.** Pastoral Relations Committee  
       **6:30 p.m.** Board Meetings
- 9    **3:00 p.m.** Small Group Study  
       **6:30 p.m.** Small Group Studies  
       **6:30 p.m.** Addicted (FBC Youth Ministry)
- 10   **6:30 p.m.** FBC Praise Team Practice
- 11   **11:00a.m.** Ham & Bean Dinner (11:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.)
- 12   **7:30 a.m.** Men's Ministry at FBC
- 13   **9:30 a.m.** Worship  
       **10:45 a.m.** Sunday School  
       **2:00 p.m.** Worship at Grand Prairie
- 16   **3:00 p.m.** Small Group Study  
       **6:30 p.m.** Small Group Studies
- 17   **6:30 p.m.** FBC Praise Team Practice  
       **6:30 p.m.** Addicted (FBC Youth Ministry)
- 19   **7:30 a.m.** Men's Ministry at the Old Dairy
- 20   **9:30 a.m.** Worship (Youth Sunday)  
       **10:45 a.m.** Sunday School
- 22   **6:30 p.m.** CECL Team Meeting
- 23   **3:00 p.m.** Small Group Study  
       **6:30 p.m.** Small Group Studies  
       **6:30 p.m.** Addicted (FBC Youth Ministry)
- 24   **6:30 p.m.** FBC Praise Team Practice
- 25                   EQUIP Christian Worker's Conference in Peoria
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       **7:30 a.m.** Men's Ministry at FBC
- 27   **9:30 a.m.** Worship  
       **10:45 a.m.** Sunday School

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## Thank You!

To our wonderful church family, thanks so much for prayers, food, memorials, and cards you send to all of us these past few weeks. It is so nice to have such a caring church family.

Tina, Cassie, Leanne, Brittany, Gerald & Pat Jones

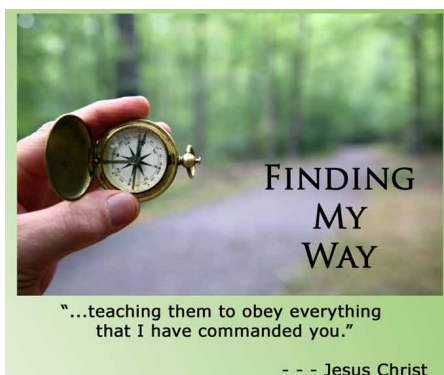
Pastor Wally & the congregation of First Baptist Church, Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers during my recent back surgery and continued recovery. I also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Pastor Wally for coming to the hospital in Springfield. The prayer and the time spent with my family really meant a lot!

Love in Christ, Tressa Wheeler

THANK YOU!  
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## Area III Discipleship Summit Saturday, March 5, 2011



Area III Discipleship Summit 2011 Presents:  
***Growing from Believer to Disciple: Finding My Way***  
with Jim Walter, ABC – IN/KY

**First Baptist Church, Fairbury, IL**  
**\$12 per person**  
**includes materials, food, & fun**

There is a way!

- To find and live out the meaningful life God has for you
- To discover and embrace God's purpose for your life
- To help others find and follow this path, too
- To practice healthy community with others
- To make a difference in your neighborhood and community

To register bring your check (payable to Area III) to the church office no later than Wednesday, February 23.

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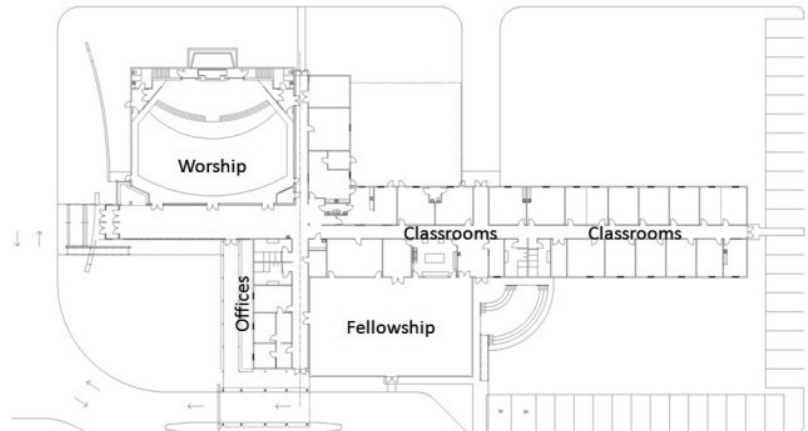
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**Our New Worship Center**

1515 South Candy Lane, Macomb, IL



**Our Mission**

*Reaching People—Building Believers*

**Our 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*

**Please Join Us!**

**Worship—Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.**

**Sunday School at 10:45 a.m.**

***Up With the Son*—Weekday mornings at 6:20 a.m. on K100—100.1**

**Find us on the web at [www.fbcmacomb.com](http://www.fbcmacomb.com)**

**Podcasts of the weekly message and *Up With the Son* can be heard or  
downloaded from [podcasts.fbcmacomb.com](http://podcasts.fbcmacomb.com)**