

First Baptist Church of Macomb

Bridge Builders Newsletter

Issue 426

Building Update

March 2011

The Building Team has met three times since January. The Architect was in one of the meetings. The team feels strongly this is the time to be moving forward, and we are ready.

Senior Pastor
Wally Holt

We have an address for our property now.
1515 South Candy Lane

Associate Pastor
Claudia McCain

Our first project is to construct an access drive entrance onto the property. This is a project we should be able to complete on our own.

Director of Youth
Ministries
Mike Foulk

The team has also been working on:

1. Ways to make the building more affordable by
 - a. looking at ways to reduce the cost of the building with the Architect
 - b. finding volunteer labor that can assist us in construction
 - c. getting money from grants and other organizations
 - d. generating ideas to raise funds outside our FBC family
2. Looking at groups in the McDonough area we can work with
 - a. such as the Senior Citizens with Disabilities Group
 - b. and others that might be willing to help in some specific ways
3. Breaking ground as soon as we are able
 - a. We are getting the property annexed into the city
 - b. We will be looking into getting a building permit

Office Manager & Editor
Leann Walters

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God has been very good to First Baptist Church. He has blessed us with very good leaders. But the most blessed and important leaders are all of you. For though we have chosen the Building Team to lead us all in this endeavour, God has chosen you to be a part of this family at this very time for a purpose.

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Let there be no mistake, you are a leader through your own God-given gifts and abilities. Your continued individual commitments to this church encourages us all as we move forward together in our commitment to God, "Reaching People [for God], and Building Believers.

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God willing, we just might have everything in order to break ground this year.

This will be a very exciting year.



Senior Pastor's Article

Dear Friends in Christ:
 The Bible says in **Matthew 9:35 (BBE)** ³⁵
And Jesus went about all the towns and small places, teaching in their Synagogues and preaching the good news of the kingdom and making well all sorts of disease and pain. This year's theme for our *America for Christ Offering* is very exciting: **Touching Lives, Transforming People.** In order to do that, we must recognize that all people are made in God's image and are loved by God. We, as a church, must reach across cultural, social, economic and racial lines with practical acts of love within the church and our community. We, as a body of believers, must be characterized by believers who are committed to the reconciliation of relationships among all people. Loving relationships within our church will produce unity, accountability, and a powerful demonstration of God's presence within our community. Jesus touched, comforted,

prayed and blessed people. In Christ, we have both the model and the strength to "touch and transform" this church and the community. It is our personal walk with the Lord that transforms and enables us, through the power of Christ to live, not for ourselves, but to serve God by serving our neighbors. Christ's work of transformation happens when we step into the lives of the people around us. This year's theme encourages us to touch people with whom we come in contact with on a daily basis with the transformational love of Jesus Christ. This year's goal is \$1200. I ask you to join me in giving generously to the *America For Christ Offering* 2011 and in helping us to reach our goal in support of touching and transforming lives for the cause of Christ.

Pastor Wally

Opening Prayer

Leaders

March 13

Mike Foulk

March 20

Sharon Brown

March 27

Steve Smart

April 3

Gerald Jones

Candle Lighters

March 13

Brooks Wallace

March 20

Abigail Wallace

March 27

Leanne Jones

April 3

Tucker Clark

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

10—Dayja Crider
 Angie Green

18—Don Garlick
 Wilbert Hoff
 Sandra Riggins

19—Richard & Judy Hurt (a)

24—Kay Adair
 John Ceder
 Jaydn Glaue

26—Bill & Jo Sanders (a)

28—John Shaver

April

1—Richard Hurt Jr.

3—Dustin & Sarah Lambert (a)

4—Wendy Geltmacher

6—Jane Beck
 Deion Crider

Missions Corner by Meryl Cook

A total of \$1065 was collected in January & February for the Ministers and Missionaries Offering. Souper Bowl Sunday brought in the fantastic amount of 1137 cans of soup. These were taken to the Loaves and Fishes food pantry by Don Garlick. Debbie Derry, Tyler and Tim Green helped load and unload the truck. 1128 cans were given in 2010. Thanks to everyone who had a part in this endeavor.

Our new worship center now has an address which is 1515 S. Candy Lane. Work will begin on the access road as soon as weather permits.

Franklin Graham is president of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization. He writes of a visit to Haiti in January. "Over the past months, Samaritan's Purse has built sturdy shelters for more than 10,500 families, cared for 56,000 patients, and fed 345,000 people. Our teams have removed tons of rubble and provided clean water and sanitation for dozens of communities". Many buildings are still just piles of rubble and over a million people lack a decent place to live.

Operation Christmas Child in partnership with the local church, distributed 250,000 shoe box gifts to youngsters in Haiti. Macomb First Baptist contributed 202 boxes to Operation Christmas Child last November.

Last year nearly 700 medical volunteers from the US, Canada, and United Kingdom served alongside Samaritan's Purse workers in Haiti

with more than half of them at the cholera clinics. They also hired hundreds of Haitian doctors and nurses and provided them training they didn't receive in their local schools.

Samaritan's Purse is committed to building up to 5000 more temporary shelters while their crews begin reconstructing more permanent structures such as churches, schools, and orphanages. They are bringing in a machine to make blocks from local resources and use reinforcement materials to help withstand earthquakes.

One of the things the Haitians need most is employment. Samaritan's Purse has already hired nearly a thousand Haitians and will hire hundreds more in the year ahead. Through on-the-job training they will learn valuable job skills that they can use the rest of their lives.

Nancy and Dr. Steve James are commissioned American Baptist Medical Missionaries serving in Haiti. They came to Haiti after serving 14 years in the Good Samaritan Hospital in the Dominican Republic. They were working at the Ebenezer Community Center when overnight the clinic became a real hospital caring for up to 100 cholera patients at a time. The clinic is now an official Cholera Treatment Center, receiving staff, supplies, and logistical help from Doctors Without Borders. From November 2 to December 16 the CTC (Cholera Treatment Center) at Ebenezer admitted 1205 severely ill cholera patients with 30 deaths. There were 15-20 new admissions each day.

They estimate that at least 40% would have died had they not been able to receive treatment at the center.

At the Doctors Without Borders Treatment Center in Cape Haitian, a gymnasium has been transformed to intern over 400 patients. Cots are lined up in rows with people of all ages receiving IV therapy. The gymnasium was not large enough to hold all those stricken, so large tents were filled with more patients outside.

With only 2 doctors and 3 nurses working the first 2 weeks of the epidemic, the Ebenezer Health Center was involved from the beginning of the cholera outbreak in the northern part of the island and helped contain the loss of life in the local community.

Doctors Without Borders helped get more supplies and staff. There are many cholera treatment centers in Haiti but especially in the hard-hit north.

Cholera prevention and education efforts are definitely making a difference.

Bible Book for March—Daniel

Birthdays:

March 2—Annie Dieselberg, IM Thailand

March 10—Ramona Shawver, IM Mexico

March 19—Kristy Engle, IM Dominican Republic

General Income & Expense Summary

Month	Income*	Expenses
January	\$13,707.38	\$16,565.06
February	\$17,235.90	\$16,077.06

* Includes Tithes, Offerings, Gifts, & Interest



America for Christ Offering

Nursery Assistants

March 13

Samantha Clark

March 20

Cassie Jones

March 27

Annetta Holt

April 3

Angie Richardson

The America for Christ Offering will be received during March. This offering supports Christ-centered ministries that touch lives and transforms people across the US and Puerto Rico. Some ministries include Bible School Materials, Refugee Resettlement, Camping, Campus Ministries, Seminaries, Christian Centers, Baptist Related Colleges and many more.

29% of the offering is returned to support the region, while 59% supports Baptist Home Missions.

Our goal is \$1200. Touching Lives, Transforming People. Matthew 9:35

Missions Committee

Sermon Series

God's Resurrection Promises

Lenten & Easter Message Series

God's Resurrection Promises shed light on his good and generous heart. These promises come, not wrapped in paper, but in passion, not placed around a tree, but a cross, not covered with ribbons, but sprinkled with blood. As we celebrate the Lenten season together, may we realize the promises that surround this wonderful event. We will look at how God's resurrection promises changed the course of history as well as our own personal lives. Come join as we unpack *God's Resurrection Promises*.

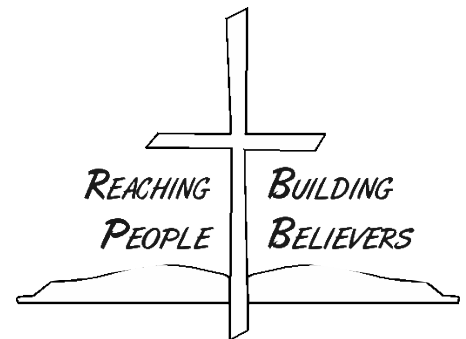
- Mar 13** ***God's Promise in the Soldier's Spit*** (I will bear your dark side)
Mar 20 ***God's Promise in the Crown of Thorns*** (I loved you enough to become one of you)
Mar 27 ***God's Promise in the Nails*** (I forgive you)
Apr 3 ***God's Promise through the Two Crosses*** (I will let you choose)
Apr 10 ***God's Promise through the Torn Flesh*** (I invite you into my presence)
Apr 17 *Palm Sunday Worship*
God's Promise in the Cross (I will love you forever)
Apr 21
7:00 p.m. *Maundy Thursday Worship*
The Lord's Table (Worship through Drama)
Apr 24
7:00 a.m. *Easter Sunrise Worship*
God's Promise in the Burial Clothes (I can turn your tragedy into triumph)
8:15 a.m. *Easter Breakfast*
9:30 a.m. *Easter Worship*
God's Promise in the Empty Tomb (I have won the victory)

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.



March Events



America for Christ
Offering will be
received this month

March 2011						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

- 5 7:30 a.m. Men's Ministry at FBC
9:30 a.m. Area III Meeting in Fairbury (concludes at 4:00 p.m.)
- 6 9:30 a.m. Worship (Commissioning of the Building Team)
10:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 8 6:00 p.m. Pastoral Relations Team
6:30 p.m. Board Meetings
- 9 Ash Wednesday
3:00 p.m. Small Group Study
6:30 p.m. Small Group Studies
- 10 6:30 p.m. FBC Praise Team Practice
6:30 p.m. Addicted (FBC Youth Ministry)
- 12 7:30 a.m. Men's Ministry at FBC
- 13 9:30 a.m. Worship
10:45 a.m. Sunday School
12:00 p.m. Potato Bar Addicted Fundraiser
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
10:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 23 3:00 p.m. Small Group Study
5:00 p.m. Taizè Prayer Service at St. Paul's church
6:30 p.m. Small Group Studies
- 24 6:30 p.m. FBC Praise Team Practice
6:30 p.m. Addicted (FBC Youth Ministry)
- 25-27 Addicted Un-Tour in St. Louis
- 26 7:30 a.m. Men's Ministry at FBC
- 27 9:30 a.m. Worship
10:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 30 3:00 p.m. Small Group Study
5:00 p.m. Taizè Prayer Service at St. Paul's church
6:30 p.m. Small Group Studies
- 31 6:30 p.m. FBC Praise Team Practice
6:30 p.m. Addicted (FBC Youth Ministry)

Thank You!

Dear church family & friends,

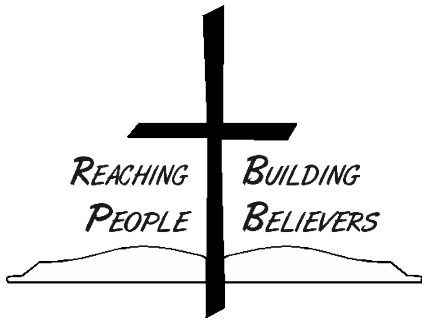
Thank you for each kind word, concern, the delicious food, and flowers delivered.

The cards, letters, phone calls, E-mails were so special.

Thanks to each of you for caring and your prayers.

In Christian Love,

Ted & Ginny Doxstader



Exciting News!

We sent a letter to all of the American Baptist Churches asking for a donation to our new worship center. We are trying to reach 200,000 people to donate \$10 each. If you have friends or relatives that might want to donate please let them know about our project.

Judy Hurt and Jim Richardson
Building Team/Financial Team Members



Coming this fall!
FBC Rummage Sale
More details as they become available

Potato Bar with Dessert & Drink



Addicted Fundraiser
FBC Youth Ministry
Sunday, March 13, 12:00 p.m.

Donations:
\$5 Adult
\$3 Children (5-12)
\$15 per family

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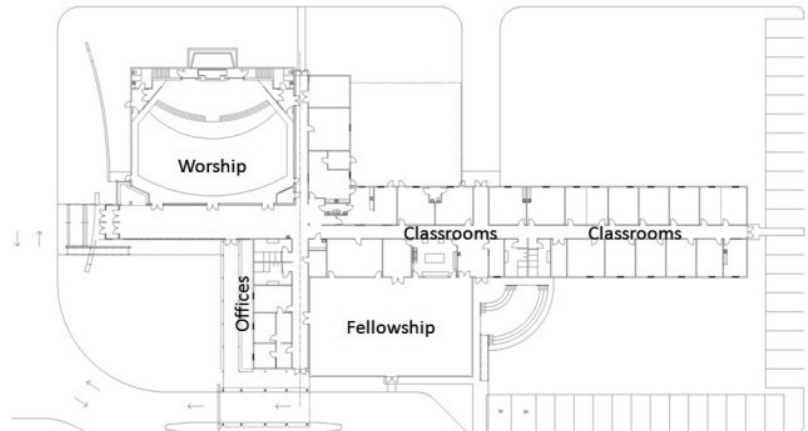
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Our New Worship Center

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*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**

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