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Building Update

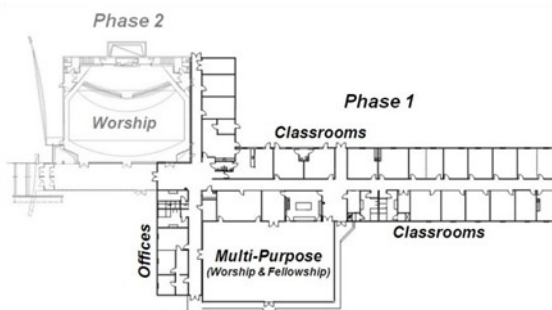
The congregation of First Baptist Church approved the proposal to build the new worship center in two phases at a special business meeting held May 22. The building team is now proceeding with the architect to obtain the necessary construction drawings and documents that we will need to begin the bid process. Our intent is to break ground later this summer or early fall.

This is a very important step for First Baptist Church. All of our planning revolves around this step being completed. The grants that we have already obtained, and others that we hope to obtain require a time line which could not be set until after the construction drawings are completed. We have spoken with many organizations and contractors who have expressed a desire to work with us, but also require the construction drawings to begin their planning and assistance on our project.

The two-phase plan for building the new church affords FBC a 1.5 million dollar phase-one goal which has been projected as ideal by FBC's consultants and business advisers. We pray God is leading us wisely, having surrounded us with many experienced individuals who care about our church and have been independently concurring on this goal - it has been an answer to prayer. Trusting in God, we pray he will not only lead us to successfully complete phase-one, but also lead us into phase-two. We put the future of this Church, and all our needs for serving Him in this community, into His hands.

We are excited with anticipation at being able to reach out to the community and worship together in a place God is truly working through us to provide for us.

Our New Worship Center





Senior Pastor's Article

Learning to share is tough for children whose early understanding can be summed up as "It's mine!" We begin by taking turns with things in limited supply like crayons or skateboards, experience the immediate satisfaction of playing with someone else, and start to understand that sharing strengthens friendships. Teenagers experience the fun of shared jokes and healing comfort of sharing broken hearts. As adults, we seek organizations that share our vision and perhaps a special someone who can share the rest of our lives. We come to know that sharing is bedrock to being fully human, and it brings incredible joy.

Soon, we will be invited to help people in aching need through **The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**. By sharing our resources, combined with offerings from thousands of congregations in eight other denominations across the United States, we build homes, schools, medical clinics, and clean water and sewage facilities in villages devastated by earthquakes, floods, tornados, and poverty. We are blessed that God is able to

provide when and where help is needed, through us. Sharing God's love aligns our lives with God's own life and work in the world. By sharing we are renewed and transformed. The apostle John says in **1 John 4:16 (NLT)** ¹⁶ **We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them.** In other words, "Those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Sharing our love for God through **One Great Hour of Sharing**, we offer ourselves to others as they need us. In turn, we receive him more deeply into our hearts, bringing indescribable joy. Giving changes so many things-for the receiver and for the giver. Please give generously through the **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering**.

It is all about sharing resources and changing lives. This year's goal of \$2000 will help us change lives all over the world.

Pastor Wally

Opening Prayer

Leaders

June 12

Sharon Brown

June 19

Steve Smart

June 26

Gerald Jones

July 3

Bob Babcock

Candle Lighters

June 12

Tucker Clark

June 19

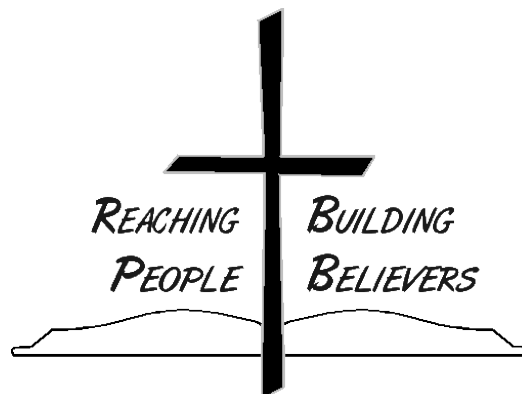
The Wheeler Family

June 26

Zack Lankford

July 3

Tyler Green



Missions Corner by Meryl Cook

There are 23 million Christians in China! Official Chinese surveys show that nearly one in three citizens in the People's Republic of China, generally perceived as an atheist country, describe themselves as 'religious'. This is in contrast to the 'Cultural Revolution' that began in 1966 under Mao Zedong and ended in his death 10 years later. During that time all churches and church run organizations were forced to close and Worship services and Bible reading were forbidden.

However, attempts to eliminate religion actually became a means for purifying the church and dispersing thousands of committed Christians. Faith and hope were being shared in every corner of China.

Since the late 1970's the government changed its ultra-conservative position and for the past three decades there has been an explosion of religious beliefs. Now, China's government officially recognizes five religions: Protestantism, Catholicism, Buddhism, Islam, and Daoism. The largest growth has been in Christianity.

The first Protestant Church opened in 1979 and the China Christian Council (CCC) was formed in 1980. Since then the number of churches and

meeting points of the CCC has grown to more than 55,000 with over 23 million members. The congregations are served by 3,700 pastors, 27,000 evangelists, and more than 150,000 lay leaders and lay pastors. Among the Christian workers, 40% are women including 1,000 who are ordained clergy.

To provide more pastors and theological education, 21 CCC related Bible schools and theological seminaries now offer degree programs to 1,800 students every year with 9000 already graduated. International Ministries has provided student scholarships and recently helped with the construction of the women's dormitory of the Nu Shin County Bible Training Center in Yunnan Province.

Another important factor reflecting Christian influence in China was the establishment of two organizations in the 1980's — Amity Foundation and the Amity Printing Company. The Foundation has become the largest and most recognized Chinese non-government religious organization. The Bible began to be printed after the leader of the People's Republic of China, Deng Xiaoping accepted the request to do so by former US President Jimmy Carter. The Amity Printing Company has published 85 million Bibles with 10 million

printed annually in recent years.

Judy Setter has served nearly 20 years as an International Ministries Missionary in China and has worked closely with the Amity Foundation most of that time.

Since 2009 the Protestant Church has been allowed to expand theological education with the goal of nurturing Christian leaders and pastors, and in extending its witness through caring for the needs of others. As the 21st century begins, we can celebrate that the Church in China is thriving!

David & Christina Harman joined other volunteers in the Great Rivers Region to go to Biloxi, Mississippi to help build Habitat for Humanity houses. In June, they will work at Judson College in Elgin, IL for a week.

Our church sincerely thanks them for their services.

Bible Book for June — Numbers

Birthdays:

June 15—Vital Pierre IM Nicaragua

June 18—Jeff Dieselberg IM Thailand

June 27—Roberta Stephens IM Japan

General Income & Expense Summary

Month	Income*	Expenses
January	\$13,707.38	\$16,690.06
February	\$17,235.90	\$16,077.06
March	\$16,362.72	\$16,412.94
April	\$13,081.73	\$15,649.54
May	\$17,527.49	\$15,890.26

- Includes Tithes, Offerings, Gifts, & Interest

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Sharing Brings Joy to Us, to Others, to God

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering began more than 60 years ago in response to the devastation of World War II. Today OGHS serves people in over 80 countries. It is sponsored by 9 Christian Denominations and Church World Service. This offering makes sure we can respond to needs as soon as they happen.

In 2010, gifts from OGHS aided earthquake victims in Chili, China, Haiti, and Mexico and those with storm damage in Bosnia, India, and Jamaica. In the US aid for flood and storm relief was sent to Iowa, Massachusetts, Nebraska, New Jersey, Rhode Island, and Wisconsin. The National total received in 2010 was \$4,546,408.

Our local goal to be received in June is \$2,000.00.

Nursery Assistants

June 12

Stephanie Foulk

June 19

Tina Jones

June 26

Angie Green

July 3

Jennifer Cooper

Fall Rummage Sale

September 23 & 24, 2011

At the 4-H building

Times to be announced

Sermon Series

Character under Construction

In our society today, the search for character has been deserted for the search for personal accomplishment and satisfaction. This series reminds us that God is in the process of developing character in His children and He wants us to be a part of that strategy. When we choose to renew our mind, it will result in not just a changed life but, a transformed life. Come and allow God to transform your life.

July 10th	<i>Laying a Foundation</i>	Proverbs 11:1-3 (NLT)
July 17th	<i>Built to Scale</i>	John 15:1-5 (NLT)
July 24th	<i>Clocking In</i>	Romans 12:1-2 (NLT)
July 31st	<i>Demolition</i>	Colossians 3:8-10 (NLT) (Pastor Claudia)
August 7th	<i>Reconstruction</i>	Matthew 4:1-11 (NLT)
August 14th	<i>The Punch List</i>	John 8:31-32 (NLT)

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

4—Jerry & Mary McKamy (a) Annetta Holt	24—Cavitt & Ruth Hollis (a) Gerald & Pat Jones (a)
6—Robin Pittman	25—Russell & Gee Min Glaue (a)
7—Kyle & Bobbie Morris (a)	29—Pastor Claudia McCain
9—Jonathon Harper	30—Jack & Lori Clark (a) Jack & Margaret Harn (a)
11—Margaret Shaver	
12—Sharon Brown	July
14—Allen Walters	2—Pastor Wally & Annetta Holt (a)
17—Rob & Lora Wallace (a)	8—Veta Harper
19—Bennie & Alice Arvin (a)	

June Events



Sunday School & Men's Ministry are on summer break. They will resume in the fall.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be collected. Goal is \$2,000

June 2011						
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Coming in July

4—Independence Day—
Church Office is Closed
10—6:00 p.m.—
Semiannual Business Meeting at FBC
23—9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.—Vacation Bible School Day Camp at FBC

- 4** **1:00 p.m.** Creative Arts Ministry Team Meeting
 3:00 p.m. Baby Shower for Samantha Clark at FBC (concludes at 5)
- 5** **9:30 a.m.** Worship
 11:00 a.m. Addicted (FBC Youth Ministry) Car Wash & Bake Sale at FBC
- 7** **1:30 p.m.** American Baptist Women's Meeting at FBC
- 9** **6:30 p.m.** FBC Praise Team Practice
- 12** **9:30 a.m.** Worship
 11:00 a.m. Addicted (FBC Youth Ministry) Car Wash & Bake Sale at FBC (Raindate)
 2:00 p.m. Worship at Grand Prairie
- 14** **6:00 p.m.** Pastoral Relations Team Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Board Meetings
- 16** **6:30 p.m.** FBC Praise Team Practice
- 17** **4:00 p.m.** Addicted (FBC Youth Ministry) at Horn Lodge
 6:30 p.m. First Baptist Seniors going to Pastor Wally & Annetta's home for ice cream
- 18** Addicted (FBC Youth Ministry) at Horn Lodge
 6:30 p.m. WITMA will play at FBC (concludes at 8:00 p.m.)
- 19** Father's Day
 Addicted (FBC Youth Ministry) at Horn Lodge (Concludes at 12:00 p.m.)
 9:30 a.m. Worship
- 23** **6:30 p.m.** FBC Praise Team Practice
- 23—25** Macomb Heritage Days
- 26** **9:30 a.m.** Worship
 Addicted (FBC Youth Ministry) 2nd Annual Great Noodle Explosion
- 27** Addicted (FBC Youth Ministry) 2nd Annual Great Noodle Explosion
- 28** Addicted (FBC Youth Ministry) 2nd Annual Great Noodle Explosion
- 29** Addicted (FBC Youth Ministry) 2nd Annual Great Noodle Explosion
- 30** **6:30 p.m.** FBC Praise Team Practice
 Addicted (FBC Youth Ministry) 2nd Annual Great Noodle Explosion

The Second Annual Great Noodle Explosion June 26 – July 2

Each evening beginning June 26 – July 2 the noodles will be placed in bunches in the front yards of the *noodle-ees*. In addition to the noodles a sign will be placed in the yard informing the homeowner that he/she has been *noodled* with instructions on having the noodles removed. Each homeowner will have the opportunity to make a donation to the FBC Addicted Youth Ministry in order to have the noodles removed by the following evening.

Suggested Donation Amounts:

\$15 to send the noodles to a specific homeowner

\$10 to have the noodles removed from your yard

\$20 to have the noodles removed and have control over where they go next

\$25 to have the noodles placed in the yard of one of our ministry team (Pastor Wally, Pastor Claudia, Mike & Stephanie Foulk)

Noodle Insurance

Of course, not everyone appreciates stylish additions of noodles to their yard. If that's you, purchase *noodle insurance* that guarantees that the noodles do not visit your yard at anytime during the fundraiser. The suggested donation for noodle insurance is \$35. Noodle insurance must be purchased by Wednesday, June 22.

Respect for Private Property

While we want to have fun and encourage some good-natured ribbing and competition between FBC regulars, families, and friends; we will respect the rights of homeowners to control what happens on their property. Therefore, we will not place the noodles in the yard of anyone who asks us to refrain from doing so ahead of time, whether or not they have purchased *noodle insurance*.

In addition, if we have placed noodles in the yard of someone who does not want them there, we will promptly remove them upon request at no charge.

While placing noodles, we will confine our movement to the area nearest the curb and will not disturb any landscaping.

Enjoy the Noodles

Begin thinking of who you can noodle! It's a great way to have fun and let others know about FBC at the same time! In addition to other FBC regulars, noodle your neighbors, co-workers, and friends (who have a sense of humor!)

Use the information below to participate in the 2nd Annual Great Noodle Explosion.

How to Participate

Please fill out the form found at the back of the Sanctuary and turn into the church office. You may also call the church office. If you do not wish to participate in the 2nd Annual Great Noodle Explosion (at no charge) please check the box on the form and turn it into the church office or call the church office. If you would prefer to just make a donation to the FBC Addicted Youth Ministry please call the church office.



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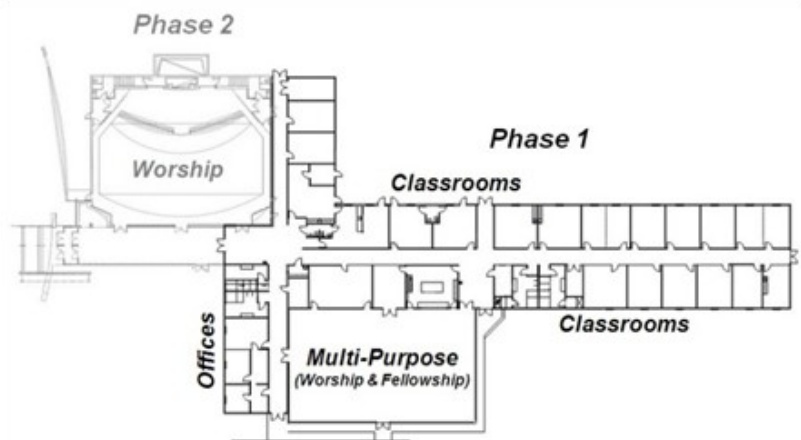
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Our New Worship Center

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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 on Summer Break will return this fall

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

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