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Building Update

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This past month, the Building Team has begun considering how FBC will prepare for construction. And we are still working with FBC's Lawyer for the property annexation. We are investigating how we will store building supplies onsite during the construction of the church.

Currently we are considering renting a semi trailer or building a storage shed. We have decided to begin looking for a general contractor, perhaps who is retired, who can take charge of overseeing the onsite work ensuring we are on task throughout the construction project. The building team welcomes any suggestions from the church body on how we can prepare in these matters.

On Saturday July 30th, the building team installed a ninety foot culvert to provide an access drive onto the new church property. I woke up early that morning to prepare for my involvement. Over my breakfast, I thanked God for everything He has provided. I asked Him to work through us that day that He would be glorified. And I asked God to provide a good day with no rain and no sun.

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I got onsite to meet with the rest of the volunteer team just after 7:00am. The morning sky was filled with dark clouds, but there was no rain. We had no problems getting the culvert installed that morning, with big help from Hank Richardson and his backhoe. The Lambert family, whose home is adjacent to the property, was a wonderful blessing providing refreshments all day, and lunch just before noon. I stayed until the very end that day. And just after 1:00pm we had completed our day's work. I parted with joy in my heart, having had the peace of God all day. And as I drove away down Candy Lane, for the first time that day, the dark clouds were pushed away and the very hot sun came out. Praise God! I knew God had been with us that day. His answer to our prayers is His reassurance to us He is with us in our building project. Amen.

We are still on schedule for breaking ground for construction this year.

God bless us.



Senior Pastor's Article

Submarining into the Word

Some of the first submarines were used in the Civil War. These amazing machines are used not only by our navy, but by scientists who explore deep water. Small robot-controlled submarines with cameras were used to explore the wrecked Titanic. Others found fish thought to no longer exist. Just like explorers in an ocean, we can "submarine" into God's Word and find answers to things we wonder about. Exploring God's Word is an adventure you can

start now and enjoy throughout your life. The deeper you "submarine" for the meaning in God's Word, the more you'll discover there is to be found. During this extremely hot summer, let's dive into God's Word for a cool time of learning.

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

Pastor Wally

Opening Prayer Leaders

August 7

Lora Wallace

August 14

Dustin Lambert

August 21

Mike Foulk

August 28

Sharon Brown

September 4

Steve Smart

Candle Lighters

August 7

Brooks Wallace

August 14

Abigail Wallace

August 21

Leanne Jones

August 28

Tucker Clark

September 4

The Wheeler Family

August Birthdays & Anniversaries

1—Sterling Davis

5—Tara Geltmacher
Jim & Angie Richardson (a)

9—Debbie Derry

11—Wayne Melvin

12—Alice Arvin
Karen Aunko

13—Lora Wallace

21—Stephanie Foulk

23—Stephen Smart

24—Tara Richardson
Wayne & Lou Melvin (a)

26—Mike & Wendy Geltmacher (a)

27—Pastor Claudia & Jim McCain (a)
Roger & Sandra Riggins (a)

29—AJ Bourn

30—Carolyn Raymond

Missions Corner by Meryl Cook

Our goal of \$2000 for the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering was surpassed by \$16. Thank you!

Habitat for Humanity has been able to build 11 houses in McDonough County: one in Prairie City, two in Industry, one in Bushnell, and seven in Macomb. Currently Habitat's 12th home is under construction on S. Clay in Macomb. A mother with two children will occupy the new home.

In 1948, IM assigned the Rev. Lewis Brown, who began serving in the Congo in 1924, to organize the Kikongo Pastoral Training Institute. In 1956, one of his sons, Arley, served a short time at the institute during his 38 year ministry in the Congo. From 1961-1963 another son of Lewis Brown, Wes, taught there as well.

Today the granddaughter of Lewis, Rita Brown Chapman, serves at the Institute with her husband, Glen. Rita and Glen began their work at the Kikongo Pastoral Training Institute as IM in 1993. Both Rita and Glen grew up in the Congo as his parents, Orville and Virginia Chapman, taught at the Institute on two different occasions 1967-1975 and 1984-1993.

Rita and Glen got acquainted when they lived at the hostel for missionary children. Rita was in the 5th grade and Glen was in the 7th.

They were special friends in high school but attended different colleges. They were married while he was serving in the army, and were commissioned in 1987 after graduating from seminary.

The Kikongo Pastoral Training Institute is about 100 miles from the capitol of Kinsasha. Although church membership is growing faster than anywhere else in the world (currently 300 million), it is suffering a critical shortage of trained pastors.

The Institute has living space for 40 families. Training for the pastors (husbands) includes such courses taught by Glen as *Introduction to the Bible*, *Homiletics* and *Baptist History*. Rita's teaching at the Kikongo Women's School focuses on reading and writing for the wives as well as classes on the Bible, home economics, and health related issues. Rita describes the school's approach, "*We train student pastor's wives to become full partners with their husband in shared rural pastoral ministry.*"

Classes and Chapel begin at 7AM. In the afternoon the students literally do "field work" to provide food, maintain the grounds, or work in the lumber mill that helps support the school. On weekends, they serve churches in nearby villages.

Glen's ministry includes responding to invitations from graduates who want their villages to understand more

clearly the story of Christ, using the *Jesus* film. In the past, Glen has transported the necessary audiovisual equipment by riverboat or bicycle. A one way trip to a village might take him five hours. He has begun using a powered parachute and the journey to the same village recently took him 25 minutes. He says of that trip "*It would have been 20 minutes but I had a headwind. It is an unusual solution for me since I'm a real weakling when it comes to motion sickness on the ocean. But I usually do fine in the air, since flying is so fascinating.*"

The Chapmans are parents of 3 children.

AB Men of Illinois and Missouri have helped with the tornado cleanup at Joplin, MO since June 14 with 5 separate teams. David Harman directed the last group that also included Christina Harman, Allen and Paula Black and Eddie and Tyler Green of Macomb First Baptist. The group stayed at the First Christian Church in Carthage, MO about 20 miles east of Joplin.

Birthdays:

August 1—Pat Brown, IM Thailand

August 15—Reid Trulson, Executive Director International Ministries

August 22—Scott Coats, IM Thailand

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	\$17,612.94
April	\$13,081.73	\$15,649.54
May	\$17,527.49	\$15,890.26
June	\$18,852.32	\$21,195.86
July	\$17,512.18	\$18,599.29

- Includes Tithes, Offerings, Gifts, & Interest

Thank You

Please accept the family's great appreciation to the family of God at First Baptist Church for their outpouring of Christian love through their prayers, visits, cards, and flowers over the years to Aunt Dorothy.

In Christian Love,
Verjone Hey (Dorothy Riney's niece)

Thank You

A big thanks out to Jim & Angela Richardson and Kathleen Barry for allowing Addicted to use their minivans for the Springfield trip July 16th! We really appreciate your generosity!

Addicted

Fall Rummage Sale

September 23 & 24, 2011
At the 4-H building
Times to be announced

Nursery Assistants

August 7
Angie Richardson
August 14
Annetta Holt
August 21
Tina Jones
August 28
Stephanie Foulk

Sermon Series

Every Day Deserves a Chance

Doesn't everyday deserve a chance, a shot, a tryout, a swing at the plate...an opportunity- to be a good day? But we all know that into every day come situations that are difficult to understand. Days full of deadlines, long lines, wrinkle lines, Walmart and Kmart lines and those ever-elusive bottom lines. And let's not forget divorce days, final exam days, surgery days, tax days, and days when the cemetery dirt is still fresh. Any honest person has to ask. "What about those days?" Isn't it better to just get them over with and move on?" We want to encourage you to trust more. Stress less. Amplify gratitude. Mute complaints. In such a fashion good lives are built, one good day at a time. In this message series, we intend to help you have a good day every day. After all, doesn't every day deserve a chance to be a good one?

August 21	<i>Let Jesus Take It</i>
August 28	<i>Graced and Grateful</i>
September 4	<i>When the Forgiven Don't Forgive</i>
September 11	Special Worship ~ 10 year anniversary of 9/11
September 18	<i>More Faith ~ Less Fret</i>
September 25	<i>Don't Be Afraid ~ Just Believe (Pastor Claudia)</i>

Addicted

(Youth Ministry)

BASIC ~ Who Is God?

Grades 7-12

Thursdays, Beginning September 1

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Mike & Stephanie Foulk, Leaders

The youth will join Francis Chan as he explores the weighty topic of the Trinity, distilling the reality of the nature of God into foundational truths. These unique sessions will engage the youth in challenging, innovative, and accessible discussions on the nature of God and what that knowledge means for those who believe in Him.

Children's Church
Every Sunday
Kid's Own Worship
Grades K-3

Young children begin worship with the whole congregation and receive a special Children's Message during worship. At the start of the pastor's message, children ages K-3 are dismissed to attend Children's church where they enjoy arts and crafts, music, games, puppet shows or stories to help them meet God, praise God and know that God loves them. Children younger than Kindergarten may go to the nursery.

Children's Sunday School
Sundays beginning September 11
10:45 a.m.

Children ages 3 through 6th grade enjoy a Bible based curriculum in age-appropriate classes. They are involved in lots of creative activities that challenge them to grow in their understanding and walk with God.

Ages 3-K—Lora Wallace, Leader
Grades 1-3—Angie Green, Leader
Grades 4-6—Rob Wallace, Leader

Youth Sunday School
Sundays beginning September 11
10:45 a.m.

YLO
Grades 7-12—Mike & Stephanie Foulk, Leaders

YLO is a music-based bible study that uses music and music videos to enable our youth to learn more about God. During this study, they will explore the music of a wide range of artists from Toby Mac to Skillet to Jeremy Camp.

Sunday School
Sundays at 10:45 a.m.
Beginning September 11

Bible-In-Life
(The Gleaners)
Mary McKamy, leader

When the Bible is in your life, God's word transforms your heart and mind.

Bible-in-Life (David C. Cook's most widely used curriculum) focuses on four basic goals: connect, teach, apply, motivate. No matter where you are in your walk with Jesus, Bible-in-Life communicates the gospel with life-changing clarity and motivates you toward life application.

Fearless
(The Friendly Class)
Judy Hurt, leader

Every season seems to bring fresh reasons for fear and it feels dreadful. Fear sucks the life out of the soul and drains us dry of contentment. Wouldn't it be great to escape it? What if faith, not fear, was your default reaction to threats?

According to Jesus, this is possible. The one statement he made more than any other was this: "Don't be afraid." In this series of lessons, Max Lucado invites you to consider Jesus' invitation to courage.

Fear will always knock on your door. Just don't invite it in for dinner. And for heaven's sake, don't offer it a bed for the night.

Tough Questions
Pastor Claudia, leader

What makes you so sure that God really exists? Where did the universe come from? Can we really trust what the Bible says? Would a loving God really send people to hell? How can a loving God allow so much evil and suffering?

Tough questions! The type of questions we hope we're never asked and if we're honest, the type of questions we've each wrestled with and perhaps are still wrestling with today. Join us as we explore these and other *Tough Questions!*

The Gospel of John
(The Young Adults)
Russell & Gee Min Glaue, leaders

John MacArthur takes readers on a journey through the Gospel of John to discover what lies beneath its surface by focusing on its meaning and content, and then reflecting on the explored passage or concept. Together we will examine the role of servant-leadership in the life of John, Jesus' beloved disciple, and the modern believer.

Small Group Studies

Wednesdays

Beginning September 14

Breaking the Worry Habit

Mary McKamy, leader
Wednesdays, 3:00-4:15 p.m.

Do you worry? Over big things? Over little things? Is worry robbing you of peace and joy? Join bestselling author and popular Bible teacher Elizabeth George as she addresses the problem head-on, drawing on God's Word and personal experience to reveal the keys to overcoming worry once and for all.

Elizabeth acknowledges how hard it can be to "let go and let God," and she offers practical, step-by-step advice to help.
(Optional \$7.00 materials fee)

When Life's Not Working

Annetta Holt, leader
Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

We all know that life is hard. Not always, but often! It seems that when we get one area of our life working, something is "not working" in another area! We complicate our lives by ignoring basic principles which are described in this study. We don't want to hear it, but we must be disciplined. When we

need to rely on a discipline that we have nurtured and developed in our lives, it will serve us well.

In this study, Bob Merritt describes a set of universal principles that work for everyone in any stage of life, emphasizing that what you do today determines who you become tomorrow. The seven simple principles introduced here may lead you to ease in navigating through life's daily challenges. Not easy, but with ease!

It's never too late to try life God's way, so why not start now?

(Optional \$13.00 materials fee, maximum enrollment of 12)

The Me I Want to Be

Pastor Wally, leader
Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

God wants you to become a new creation. But new doesn't mean completely different: instead it's like an old motorcycle that gets restored to its intended magnificence. The good news is that as God redeems you and restores you, you become more you. You become more that person God had in mind when he first thought you up. God is not

interested in mass-producing you, but rather handcrafting you to be the best version of you. You'll find that God has a plan to use and restore every part of our life, and he has been working on it all along. Come join us as we work on becoming God's best version of us.

(Optional \$12.00 materials fee)

The Gospel of Mark (Bible Study)

Pastor Claudia, leader
Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Jesus, the greatest, God incarnate, our Messiah, entered history as a servant. This is the message of Mark written to encourage Roman Christians and to prove beyond a doubt that Jesus is the Messiah. Mark presents a rapid succession of vivid pictures of Jesus in action—his true identity revealed by what he does, not necessarily by what he says.

As we study the Gospel of Mark, be ready for action, be open for God's move in your life, and be challenged to move into your world to serve.

August Events



Sunday School, Men's Ministry & Small Group Studies are on summer break they will resume in the fall

August 2011						
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

- 2** **1:30 p.m.** American Baptist Women's Ministries at Lafayette Sq.
- 4** **6:30 p.m.** FBC Praise Team Practice
- 6** **1:00 p.m.** Creative Arts Ministry Meeting (concludes at 3:00 p.m.)
- 6:00 p.m.** All Church Ice Cream Social/Pool Party at Glenwood Pool (concludes at 8:00 p.m.)
- 7** **9:30 a.m.** Worship
- 9** **6:00 p.m.** Pastoral Relations Team Meeting
- 6:30 p.m.** Board Meetings
- 11** **6:30 p.m.** FBC Praise Team Practice
- 13** **TBA** Addicted (FBC Youth Ministry) Paintball in Carthage
- 14** **9:30 a.m.** Worship
- 2:00 p.m.** Worship at Grand Prairie
- 18** **9:00 a.m.** Area III Senior Adult Day at Lake Springfield Baptist Camp (concludes at 3:00 p.m.)
- 6:30 p.m.** FBC Praise Team Practice
- 20** **6:00 p.m.** Addicted (FBC Youth Ministry) End of Summer Party at the Mike & Stephanie's home (concludes at 9:00 p.m.)
- 21** **9:30 a.m.** Worship
- 25** **6:30 p.m.** FBC Praise Team Practice
- 28** **9:30 a.m.** Worship

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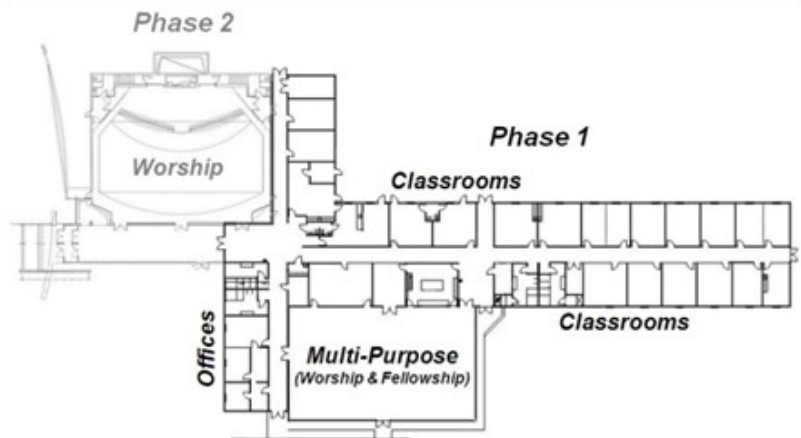
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Our Mission

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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