

# Bridge Builders Newsletter

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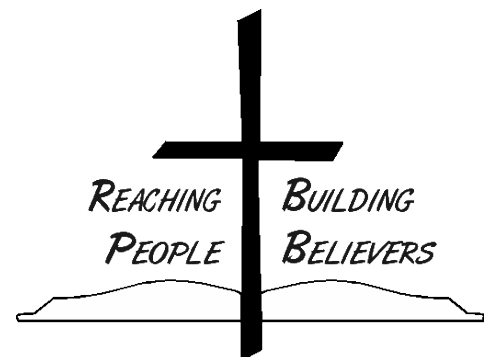
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## Building Update

This past month the building team met with the architect to discuss construction drawings for the new church building, discuss the process for bidding out work, and working with engineers and contractors to refine the requirements for a cost-efficient design.

The building team is still searching for a general contractor who can assist us by managing the on-site construction process. And we are still under consideration where the church building will hook into the city water and sewage, choosing a company that will do the initial dirt work on the property, installing a storage shed on the property before general construction begins, and choosing a company to install the steel frames of the building. We are also still working through the annexation process to formally connect our new property into the City's domain.

Please be in prayer with us over these matters we are considering. We pray that you God will guide us to make careful and wise decisions. Bring to us resources to meet our needs, resources to assist us in making wise decisions, and resources to help us walk a clear path in the direction you have set for us. Amen.





## Senior Pastor's Article

Dear Friends

As we think about our individual lives and even our church's life, we can easily forget that we are part of a larger community of faith, the Church of Jesus Christ around the world! On October 2, World Communion Sunday, we will be reminded of that fact. On that day, Christians worldwide will be celebrating the Lord's Supper, even as we will. That special Sunday will also be the day we appropriately begin focusing on our 2011 World Mission Offering (WMO), which supports the global work of American Baptist International Ministries (IM). Our gifts make possible the ministries of nearly 100 long-term IM missionaries and more than 1,500 short-term missionaries and volunteers. They work in more than 70 countries along with 220 partner organizations that include evangelistic associations, hospitals, schools, publishing companies and others responding to Christ's call. Reflecting that call, the WMO theme this year is based on Luke 10:1-9, 17a. It tells how Jesus sent 70 missionaries to *Live the Word* and *Proclaim the Word* so that others might *Be Transformed*.

In these coming weeks, we will have an opportunity to discover more fully what that means. I believe as a result of that discovery, God will lead us to provide more financial support to global missions this year than last. Our 2011 goal is \$2000.00. Please join me in embracing this challenge as together we **Live the Word** and **Proclaim the Word** so that others might **Be Transformed**.

May God bless you as you give to the 2011 World Mission offering. I do look forward to worshipping and working with you this month.

Pastor Wally

### Opening Prayer

#### Leaders

October 9

*Richard Hurt*

October 16

*Judy Hurt*

October 23

*Rob Wallace*

October 30

*Lora Wallace*

November 6

*David Harman*

### Candle Lighters

October 9

*Tara Geltmacher*

October 16

*Johnson Wu*

October 23

*Brooks Wallace*

October 30

*Abigail Wallace*

November 6

*Leanne Jones*

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## World Mission Offering

The World Mission Offering will be received during October. International Ministries is supported solely through the generosity of churches and individuals with the World Mission Offering with the World Mission Offering the primary source. 102 long term missionaries serve in 27 countries with 72 missionary kids. There are many more volunteers, special assistants and partner personnel.

The theme is Live the Word—Proclaim the Word—Be Transformed.

Our local goal is \$2000

Missions Committee

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## Missions Corner by Meryl Cook

According to the World Health Organization, the US has 26 physicians for every 10,000 people. Thailand has only 4 and the Congo has just 2. Each year an estimated 7 million children under the age of 5 die from simple diseases like diarrhea. The remedy for common ailments is easily accessible in the US but medicine and medical care can be scarce in many parts of the world. This same shortage also plays a significant part in the cause of the epidemic related to HIV/AIDS which destroys families and orphans their children. IM medical missionaries and health care workers combine their expertise and Christian values with national healthcare workers to make the hands of Christ, the Great Physician, a reality in the 21st century.

In Kim Brown's 1984 *International Ministries Application*, she wrote of her desire to become "a missionary nurse." That wish has led to more than 25 years of fruitful service in Thailand.

Kim's leadership along with Thai Christians has produced: "Health Project for Tribal People" which has reached approximately 215,000 people in Burma, Laos, China, India, and Japan as well as Thailand with HIV/AIDS education and care: The "House of Love", which ministers to women with AIDS, children affected by AIDS, and children at high risk for exploitation; the "House of Blessings Daycare Center" which has taught children from

7 different ethnic minority groups, and reached adults with education about health, hygiene, and children's rights; the "Christian Center for the Development of People with Disabilities", which has touched 2,500 people with services for those disabilities, their families and communities.

Kim carried out her ministry in relationship with the Thailand Karen Baptist Convention.

Dr. Wayne Niles addresses health issues from the ground up in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The health of rural Congolese families depends directly on the health of their soil. The malnutrition is related to the total depletion of the soil. New methods to increase soil fertility yields wholesome foods for entire villages.

Wayne has a PhD in Agronomy but is introducing ancient agricultural technologies. For example, he promoted planting lima beans with corn (a month later), which was used by Mayan Indians in Guatemala for 2000 years. The beans climb the corn stalks, suppress the weeds, and fertilize the soil. The beans provide high protein food.

Wayne also uses biochar, another Mayan technology to increase soil fertility. Biochar is similar to activated charcoal and acts like a sponge as it holds critical nutrients that would otherwise be washed away by the heavy rains or destroyed by the hot African climate.

As the grants manager for a portfolio of a dozen projects, Wayne oversees the use of \$30

million annually. The goal of these projects includes reducing malnutrition, increase family incomes and diminishing deaths from malaria and HIV. Over a 5 year period such projects could have an astounding impact on 8 million Congolese.

Alan Brown writes that in August he participated with the Chinese Evangelical Church in Athens in celebrating their 10th anniversary. They have over 150 churches in Athens and another 50+ in Thessaloniki. Chinese believers came from the US, Italy, England, Holland, Hungary, and Taiwan. Non-believing Chinese were invited and over 40 people were converted. They visited the Chinese Church in Corinth where 10 new believers were baptized.

Salem Association met Sept. 20 for their Annual Meeting at the Berwick Baptist Church. Gerald & Pat Jones, Alice Bishop and I attended from Macomb.

Jason and Chris Riley of Bethel showed pictures of their summer trip to Bacone and Muskogee, Oklahoma. This was a sightseeing trip to interest the participants in going next summer on a work mission.

Bible Book: Joshua

Birthdays:

Oct. 13

IM Kihomi Nzunga, Haiti

Oct 25

IM Charles Shawver, Mexico

Oct. 29

IM Glen Chapman, Congo

## General Income & Expense Summary

Month	Income*	Expenses
January	\$13,707.38	\$16,750.06
February	\$17,235.90	\$16,254.56
March	\$13,362.72	\$16,502.94
April	\$13,081.73	\$15,729.54
May	\$17,527.49	\$15,900.26
June	\$16,352.32	\$18,031.64
July	\$15,278.89	\$15,866.00
August	\$17,112.45	\$16,485.60
September	\$13,730.46	\$15,171.28

- Includes Tithes, Offerings, Gifts, & Interest

### Volunteer Nursery Assistants

October 9  
Annetta Holt  
October 16  
Angie Richardson  
October 23  
Tina Jones  
October 30  
Stephanie Foulk  
November 6  
Samantha Clark



**6**—Polly Pittman  
Carolyn Tomlinson

**8**—Laura Fisher  
Brandon Wheeler

**16**—Julie Bunch

**18**—Bob Babcock  
George Mangalaraj

**20**—Ruth Anne Ceder

**23**—Mike Geltmacher

**27**—Johnsy Mangalaraj  
Kay Pollock

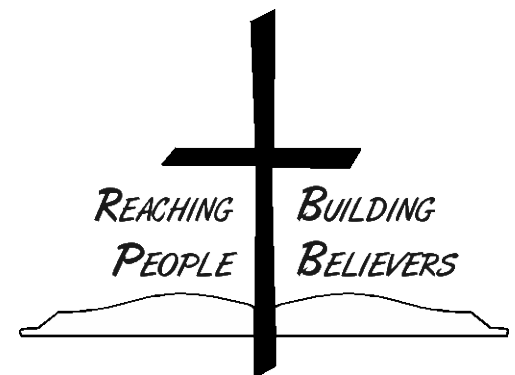
**29**—Mary Hoff

**30**—Gerald Jones

**31**—Ron Smith



**18**—Eddie & Angie Green (a)



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## Sermon Series

# *Twisted*

*Everybody, at some point, has looked at something, heard something, read something, and thought, "How could that happen? How could that happen? How could that happen?" So many of us have been protected because we live in a world, a culture that still acknowledges that there is one true living God, and that His Word is true. But most people in the world don't live in that kind of culture, in that world. Not to scare us, but to bring our thinking into a context where we see things as they are. We're going to look at some of the major twists for the next five weeks and pray that God, through his Word and through his grace, would help us see things a little bit differently, respond to things a little bit differently, because things are not always as they appear to be. We live in a world that's been twisted.*

**October 9**  
**Says Who!**

**October 23**  
**It's Only Physical**

**October 16**  
**Facing Forward**

**October 30**  
**It's No Mistake**

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## ***Thank You!***

I want to thank all of the people who donated to the Rummage Sale and especially those that helped Kathleen Barry, Allen & Paula Black, Marilyn & AJ Bourn, Mabel Deener, Lea DeMartelaere, Don Garlick, Gee Min Glaue, Eddie & Tim & Tyler Green, Richard & Judy Hurt, Jerry & Mary McKamy, Donna McMahon, Wayne & Lou Melvin, John & Margaret Shaver.

Thank you!

Angie Green

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## ***Thank You!***

Thank you for your rummage sale donation.

Macomb Project H.O.P.E

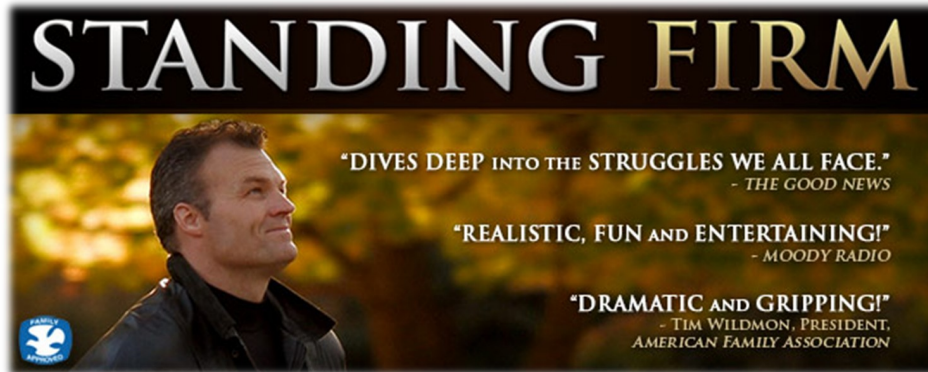
## Thank You!

Dear Church Family,

We sincerely appreciate the generous support of Zelma's Memorial Fund, the bountiful dinner, the cards of sympathy and caring. And all the prayers during illness and passing.

With Heartfelt Gratitude,

Jim, Kathy, Peggy & Families



## FBC Movie Night

(running time: 1 hr 20 min)

**Saturday, November 12, 6:30 p.m.**

### **First Baptist Church**

136 W. Carroll (Corner of Carroll & McArthur)

Nursery will be provided

The worse this planet becomes, the more people ask that same old question... "If God Really Loves Me...Then Why Do I Suffer?"

It's the basis for all kinds of attacks against the God of the Bible and His teachings. It's even used to attack the evidence of His existence and the legitimacy of the Christian faith.

The response typically given to "Do You Believe in God?" is almost always the same. If there is a God and he loves me then he wouldn't do that, he wouldn't cause this, he wouldn't allow this to happen, and on it goes. This film aims to answer those questions and counteract that kind of thinking.

Is there a purpose in my suffering?

Is God truly Sovereign?

Is there a purpose in all things, even my death or someone else's?

Why do these things happen to me!?

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## 12th Annual Live Nativity

The twelfth annual Live Nativity will be held on Friday, December 2 and Saturday, December 3 from 6:30—8:00 p.m. We will need volunteers to be in the scene and also to assemble and tear down. Watch the bulletin for details.

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# Fall Family Festival

Saturday, October 22

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church

of MaComb

136 W. Carroll

(corner of McArthur & Carroll)

309-833-2479

Join us for games, crafts,  
face-painting, story time  
and trunk or treat.



Bring a friend or two!

# October Events



October 2011						
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

- 8     7:30 a.m.    Men's Ministry  
1:00 p.m.     Creative Arts Ministry Meeting
- 9     9:30 a.m.     Worship  
10:45 a.m.    Sunday School  
2:00 p.m.     Worship at Grand Prairie
- 11    6:00 p.m.     Pastoral Relations Team Meeting  
6:30 p.m.     Board Meetings
- 12    3:00 p.m.     Small Group Study  
6:30 p.m.     Small Group Studies
- 13    6:30 p.m.     FBC Praise Team Practice  
6:30 p.m.     Addicted (FBC Youth Ministry) (concludes at 8:30 p.m.)
- 15    7:30 a.m.     Men's Ministry at the Old Dairy  
9:00 a.m.     Building Team Meeting
- 16    9:30 a.m.     Worship  
10:45 a.m.    Sunday School
- 19    3:00 p.m.     Small Group Study  
6:30 p.m.     Small Group Studies
- 20    6:30 p.m.     Addicted (FBC Youth Ministry) (concludes at 8:30 p.m.)
- 21    4:30 p.m.     First Baptist Seniors Outing. Meet at FBC to carpool to  
Maureen Hamilton's home for pizza. Just bring  
yourselves
- 22    7:30 a.m.     Men's Ministry  
2:00 p.m.     Fall Family Festival (concludes at 4:00 p.m.)
- 23    9:30 a.m.     Worship  
10:45 a.m.    Sunday School
- 25    6:00 p.m.     Budget Team Meeting (Jennifer Cooper, Mike  
Geltmacher, Gerald Jones, Annetta Holt, Leann Walters)
- 26    3:00 p.m.     Small Group Study  
6:30 p.m.     Small Group Studies
- 27    6:30 p.m.     FBC Praise Team Practice  
6:30 p.m.     Addicted (FBC Youth Ministry) (concludes at 8:30 p.m.)
- 29    7:30 a.m.     Men's Ministry  
TBA            Addicted (Halloween Party)
- 30    9:30 a.m.     Worship (Dedication of White Cross Quota)  
10:45 a.m.    Sunday School

# Operation Christmas Child



If you're looking for a way to help those in need this holiday season, consider participating in Operation Christmas Child.

## What is Operation Christmas Child?

Operation Christmas Child, a project sponsored by Samaritan's Purse, gives gift-filled shoeboxes and

gospel booklets to children in desperate situations around the world. Some of the children are refugees of civil war, while others are survivors of a natural disaster or victims of

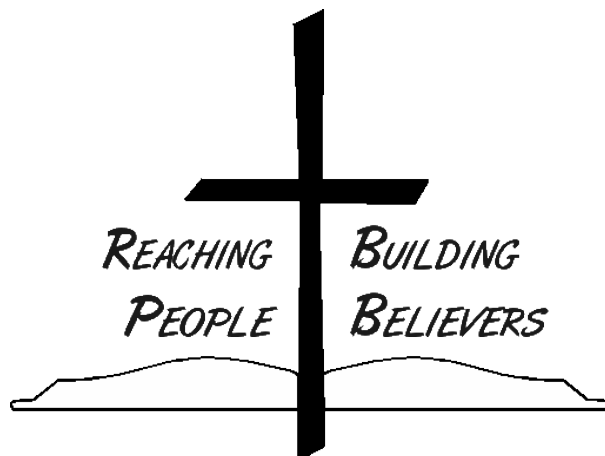
extreme poverty.

Operation Christmas Child is often described as a simple, hand-on mission outreach that aims to teach young people about the power of Jesus Christ. The project has volunteers from the United States as well as Australia, Canada, Finland, Germany, Ireland, the

Netherlands, and the United Kingdom.

Since each box is created by a volunteer, the contents are unique. However, the boxes often contain small toys, stuffed animals, school supplies, personal hygiene items, and hard candies. Children who prepare donations as part of their involvement in a church youth group frequently include personal notes to the recipient as well. Boxes are delivered to boys and girls ages 2-14.

Please watch the bulletin for more details as they become available.



## First Baptist Church

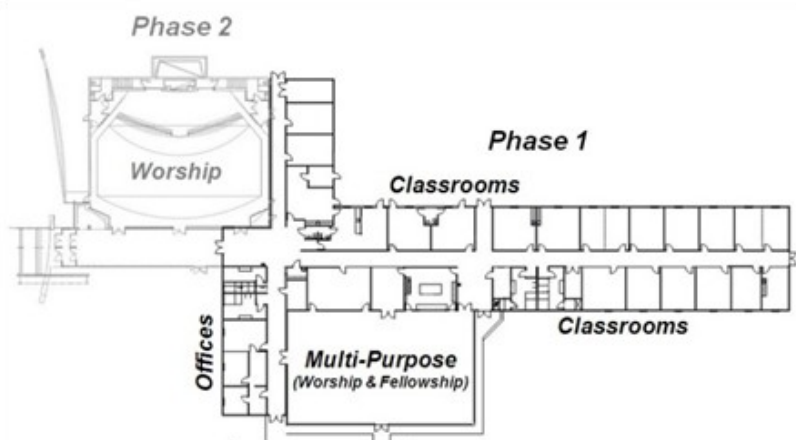
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## Our New Worship Center

1515 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**

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