

# Bridge Builders Newsletter

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## Building Update

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During the month of December, the building team selected the winning bidder to our Church's request for the site dirt work. After the contractor's consideration about weather and time lines, they have chosen to begin the dirt work this Spring.

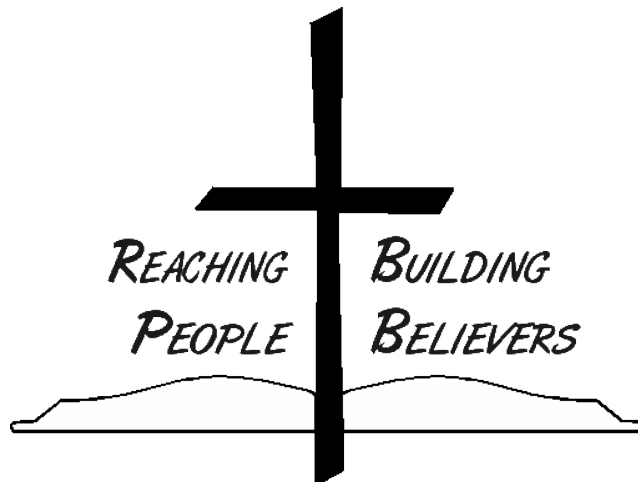
We are still moving forward in seeking grants, requesting quotes, surveying contractors for other work, and more. If you have any questions about the process thus far, please talk to Jim Richardson, Pastor Wally Holt, or any other member of the Building Team. This January the team is continuing to meet to work on progressing our building project.

May God be with us in an empowering and visible way this new year 2012.



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## Senior Pastor's Article

### Live a God-Pleasing Life!

As Christians, we are stewards or managers of all the gifts God has given us. This is quite a task, a task, frankly, that we, on our own, are incapable of carrying out. Yet we don't have a choice; all Christians are called to be stewards. We are not left on our own, though. The God who calls us equips us as well. *"May the God of peace . . . equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to who be glory for ever and ever. Amen"*

(Hebrews 13:20-21)

**Faith is the foundation** of our stewardship. It is only through faith that we can please God, and it is only by faith in Christ's mighty power within us that we are able to do the works God has prepared for us to do. If we are to be stewards **living a God-pleasing life**, we must follow the **path of discipleship** that Jesus lays out before us. We are called to serve, even as Jesus himself *"did*

*not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many"* (Matthew 20:28).

God-pleasing stewards give generously, even as their Master, Jesus, gave all he had, his very life.

**Generosity was the hallmark** of the early Christians who *"shared everything they had . . . There were no needy persons among them"* (Acts 4:32, 34). Out of thankfulness to our giving God, who gives so generously, we, along with our spiritual forefathers, respond to the needs of others, giving to them as unto the Lord (Matthew 25:40).

During the month of February we will spend three Sundays learning and growing and becoming stewards **living a God-pleasing life**. It is my hope and prayer that you will attend the worship services for this very important, educational, and enriching program.

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

### Opening Prayer Leaders

January 8

Steve Smart

January 15

Gerald Jones

January 22

Brittany Jones

January 29

Justin Derry

February 5

Bob Babcock

### Candle Lighters

January 8

Lillian Lambert

January 15

Langdon & Leighton Lambert

January 22

Johnson Wu

January 29

The Wheeler Family

February 5

Brooks Wallace

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## Retired Minister's and Missionaries Offering

The Retired Minister's and Missionaries Offering will be received in January. This offering is a tangible way the American Baptist congregation honor the retired ministers and missionaries and their widowed spouses. It provides emergency and other financial assistance to over 3,000 recipients with 20 or more years of ABC service.

The theme is Remember With Love: Give With Gratitude. In 2011 \$1030.00 was received. The present goal for 2012 is \$1,500.00.

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## Missions Corner by Meryl Cook

Dr. Bill and Ann Clemer have been missionaries in the Congo nearly 20 years. A series of civil wars began and in the late 1990's were marked by rebel invasion, pillaging, destruction and the flight of many health care workers. He and Ann were separated for nearly a year when the hospital fell behind rebel lines. Thankfully the mission board had the foresight to evacuate all women and children. Bill said "those months were the lowest of my career. I had done my job; let another take the mantle." He thought as he returned to the US in 2000.

Yet God brought them back less than a year later. Within a few days he was approached by a Christian Medical Organization, IMA World Health and was asked to head up a nationwide relief effort to help rebuild, replace, and retrain not just what was lost in the American Baptist hospitals but hundreds of others.

Dr. Clemmer wrote in response to receiving White Cross items and roller bandages, "Please thank the American Baptist Congregations for their faithfulness in rolling bandages and supporting White Cross. I don't think there is any place in the world where White Cross bandages are used or appreciated more than in the Congo. We say this after working here over 10 years, visiting dozens of hospitals and hundreds of health clinics where White Cross is used for a myriad of needs. White Cross bandages are practical: Used for thousands of post-operative dressings and umbilical cord wrappings.

Hygienic: They keep flies

and dirt on the outside and allow healing of burns, scrapes, and wounds on the inside.

Supportive: When dipped in plaster they make a handy cast, and when slung around the shoulder, a sling to hold fast.

Life-Saving: two White Cross bands tied side by side and fastened with a stick—make a tourniquet that will hold, and almost always do the trick. And about some non-conventional uses?

Aesthetic: colored strips, hanging from a screen-less door or window, will let a cool breeze in and surprisingly—keep flying insects away.

Versatile: when attached to a nail on a wall—will hold up a liter of IV fluid and suspended from the ceiling rafters—the four corners of a mosquito net.

Beautiful: can you imagine a better way to wrap the stems of an African floral bouquet or hem the band of a wedding dress?

But most important is the gift of love from your house to theirs as you reach out and share your energy, your possessions, your compassion, and love may overflow!"

The quota for the 2011-2012 request is 60 bandages, 4 inches by 10 yards. These are made from old sheets, preferable cotton. They will be mailed in January.

All women are invited to attend our ABW meetings. They are held monthly on the 1st Tuesday at 1:30 in the afternoon. Alice Bishop is president.

Souper Bowl Sunday is February 5. Bring canned soup for Loaves and Fishes.

Great Rivers Region Mission Conference is April 27—28 at Cherry

Hills Church in Springfield.

May 18-25 Missions Conference will be held at Green Lake, WI. The sailing of Ann and Adoniram Judson in 1812 to Burma will be celebrated. One of the speakers is Dr. Tony Canpola. Vaccines are a vital tool in the global campaign against infectious diseases. Polio has been eliminated as a public health threat in large parts of the world, thanks to vaccination programs. Smallpox has been eradicated from the entire globe. Researchers are pursuing vaccines aimed at other diseases such as HIV/AIDS. In India, vaccination for common childhood diseases reaches a high percentage of children in the southern states, but in the rest of the country coverage is uneven. Thanks to a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to the Vellore Christian Medical College (CMC), and several other agencies, Dr. Bose and a team of colleagues have been able to launch a 10 day Vaccinology training event. Prospective participants include public health officials, health professionals, and representatives of pharmaceutical companies. The first session had 40 trainees and included people from Nepal, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka.

Bible Book: Hosea

Birthdays:

Jan. 9—Judith Southerlin, IM China

Jan. 11—Ann Borquiest, IM Brazil

Jan 27—John Armagost, IM Japan

## 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
October	\$14,607.54	\$17,666.22
November	\$19,938.70	\$16,723.14
December	\$16,026.15	\$17,303.88

- Includes Tithes, Offerings, Gifts, & Interest

### Volunteer Nursery

#### Assistants

January 8

*Jennifer Cooper*

January 15

*Stephanie Foulk*

January 22

*Angie Green*

January 29

*Brittany Jones*

February 5

*Paula Black*



**7**—Caleb Carper

**10**—Roger Riggins

**14**—Christina Harman

**15**—Tyler Green

**16**—Kyler Glaue

**17**—Kathleen Barry

**19**—Sarah Lambert

**21**—Damion Smith

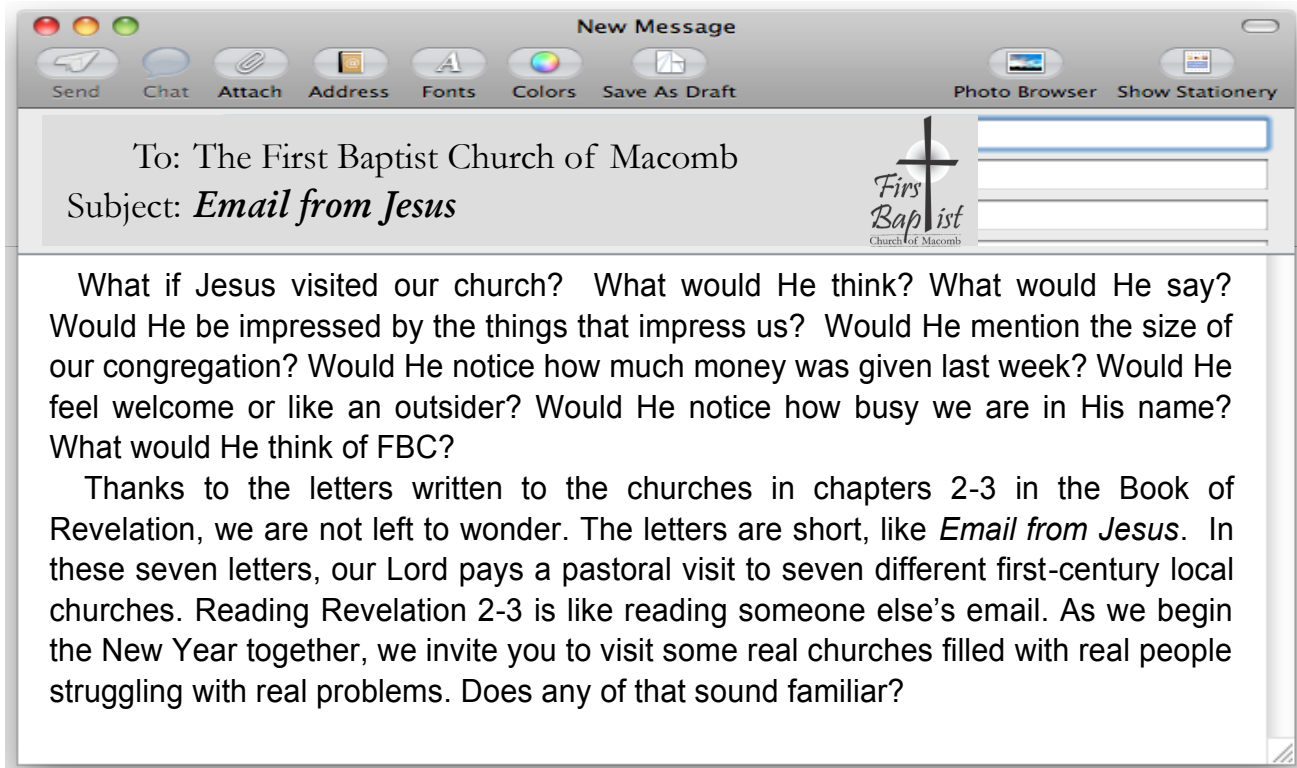
**22**—Steve Smart

**23**—Bryce Carper  
Rob Wallace

**26**—Margaret Ellis

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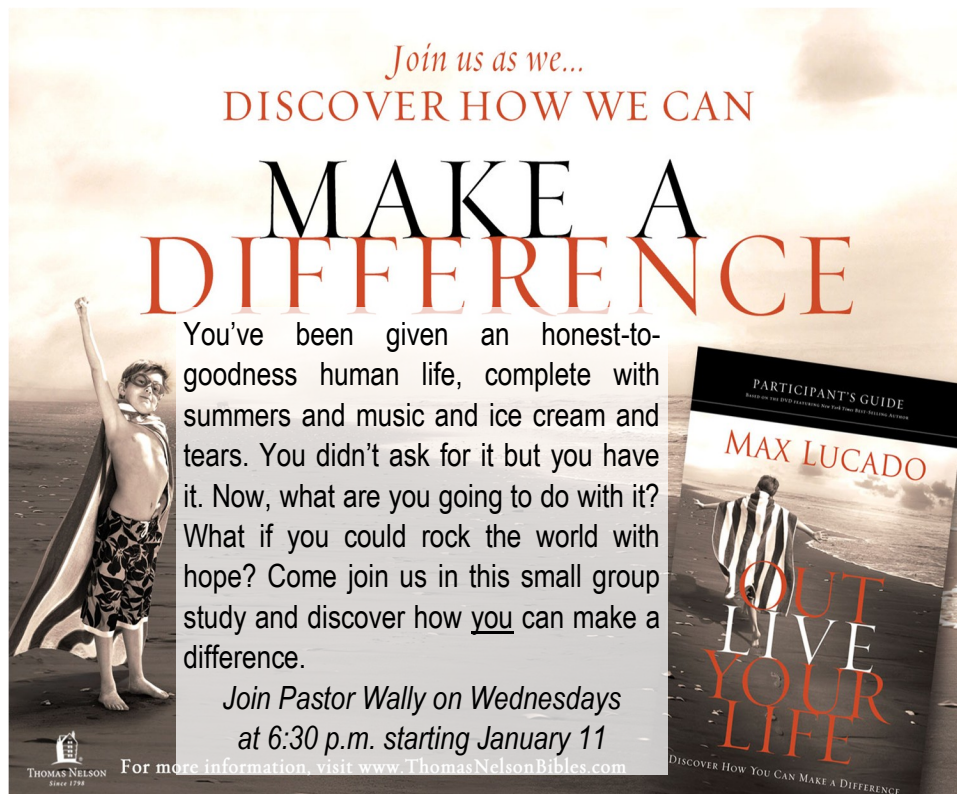
## Sermon Series



- January 1**     ***When Jesus Comes to Church***  
Revelation 2:1-7, *The Message to the Church in Ephesus*
- January 8**     ***When Life Goes Bad***  
Revelation 2:8-11, *The Message to the Church in Smyrna*
- January 15**     ***The Tragedy of Open-Minded Christianity***  
Revelation 2:12-17, *The Message to the Church in Pergamum*
- January 22**     ***Sleeping With the Enemy***  
Revelation 2:18-29, *The Message to the Church in Thyatira*
- January 29**     ***Church of the Living Dead***  
Revelation 3:1-6, *The Message to the Church in Sardis*

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**New Small Group Study starting Wednesday, January 11**  
To register please call the church office at 309-833-2479



*Join us as we...*  
**DISCOVER HOW WE CAN**  
**MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

You've been given an honest-to-goodness human life, complete with summers and music and ice cream and tears. You didn't ask for it but you have it. Now, what are you going to do with it? What if you could rock the world with hope? Come join us in this small group study and discover how you can make a difference.

*Join Pastor Wally on Wednesdays  
at 6:30 p.m. starting January 11*

For more information, visit [www.ThomasNelsonBibles.com](http://www.ThomasNelsonBibles.com)

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## **Equip 2012 Christian Workers Conference**

**Peoria Christian School**  
3506 North California  
**Friday and Saturday**  
**February 24-25**

Something for everyone who ministers in  
the body of Christ

**Friday & Saturday Workshop Topics**  
**Registration \$35 (\$50 after February 1)**  
*Children – Youth – Adult*

*Women's Ministry – Men's Ministry – Administration*  
*Marriage & Family – Small Town Churches - Electives*  
Numerous choices on each topic

**Scholarships available for church  
leaders & teachers**  
**Must register by January 22**

**Special Seminars**  
*Pastor's Seminar (Friday)*  
*Visionary Parenting: Inspiring the Hearts  
of Parents to Disciple  
Their Children (Saturday)*

**For a complete schedule contact  
Pastor Claudia,**  
**visit [www.equipconvention.org](http://www.equipconvention.org),**  
**or see brochure on the church office  
bulletin board**

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## Thank You

To our FBC Family,  
Thank you for your prayers, gifts, words of encouragement and the love gift you gave Jim and I for Christmas. Words do not adequately express our gratitude. We feel so blessed to be a part of this church family.  
Pastor Claudia

## Thank You

Thank you so much for the nice fruit basket. We appreciated it and the nice delivery man—Steve Smart.  
Evelyn Cook

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## Thank You

A sincere thank you for the thoughtfulness of your well chosen food gift delivered to us. Not expected, but appreciated. Thanks again.  
Yours in Christ, Rev Ray and Eva Fortune

## Thank You

Church Family,  
Thank you for the box of goodies. We are so thankful for all the stuff we received. You have no idea how grateful we are to have received the food and gift card. It was so helpful. Thank you again to all.  
Love, Tina Lankford and family

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## Thank You

Thank you for all the ways you gifted us this Christmas - with your kind words, your presence and your presents. We appreciate all of you and are humbled to be able to serve you in capacity as pastor and wife. Many of you gave of your time and talents during the Advent Season during our worship services. You gave outside of worship with practice and participation in activities. The Christmas Eve and Christmas morning worship was a crowning of the Season - a wonderful time together to celebrate what the coming of the Messiah means to each of us! We are grateful to serve along side of you at FBC, Macomb, and look forward to a year of God's blessing on our congregation in 2012.  
Pastor Wally and Annetta

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## Annual Business Meeting

**Sunday, January 15**  
6:00 p.m.—Annual Business Meeting

## January Board Meetings

**Tuesday, January 17**  
(note the change of date)  
6:00 p.m.—Pastoral Relations Team Meeting  
6:30 p.m.—Board Meetings

# January Events



January 2012						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	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				

- 7 No Men's Ministry
- 8 9:30 a.m. Worship  
10:45 a.m. Sunday School  
2:00 p.m. Worship at Grand Prairie
- 11 3:00 p.m. Small Group Study  
6:30 p.m. Small Group Studies
- 12 6:30 p.m. FBC Praise Team Practice  
6:30 p.m. Addicted (FBC Youth Ministry) (concludes at 8:30 p.m.)
- 14 7:30 a.m. Men's Ministry  
1:00 p.m. Creative Arts Ministry Team Meeting
- 15 9:30 a.m. Worship  
10:45 a.m. Sunday School  
6:00 p.m. Annual Business Meeting
- 17 6:00 p.m. Pastoral Relations Team Meeting (Note change of date)  
6:30 p.m. Board Meetings (Note change of date)
- 18 3:00 p.m. Small Group Study  
6:30 p.m. Small Group Studies
- 19 6:30 p.m. FBC Praise Team Practice  
6:30 p.m. Addicted (FBC Youth Ministry) (concludes at 8:30 p.m.)
- 21 7:30 a.m. Men's Ministry at the Old Dairy
- 22 Deadline to register for EQUIP  
9:30 a.m. Worship  
10:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 25 Deadline to register for FBC Leadership Summit VI  
3:00 p.m. Small Group Study  
6:30 p.m. Small Group Studies
- 26 6:30 p.m. FBC Praise Team Practice  
6:30 p.m. Addicted (FBC Youth Ministry) (concludes at 8:30 p.m.)
- 28 7:30 a.m. Men's Ministry
- 29 9:30 a.m. Worship (Commissioning of Board of Deacons, Board of Trustees, Board of Christian Education)  
10:45 a.m. Sunday School  
3:00 p.m. American Guild of Organists meeting at FBC

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## FBC Leadership Summit VI

Saturday, February 4

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

*Continental Breakfast & Lunch Provided*

*Breakfast at 8:30 a.m.*

**Rev. Dr. Dwight Stinnett GRR Executive Minister will be our Clinician**

*For all who regularly attend FBC and especially for all FBC Board Members, Committee Members, Team Members, Sunday School Teachers & Participants, Small Group Leaders & Participants, Children & Youth Teachers & Leaders*

*Please register by **Wednesday, January 25** so that adequate materials and refreshments can be ordered*

*To register, please call the church office at 833-2479*

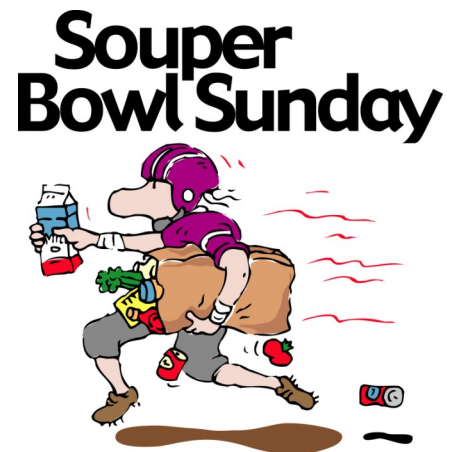
*Registration is free*

Nursery will be provided

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## Souper Bowl Sunday, February 5

It's time to bring cans of soup to the front of the Sanctuary. Last year we collected 1137 cans of soup. Our goal this year is to deliver 1140 cans of soup to Loaves and Fishes. Start bringing your soup now and score the winning touchdown for your team.



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## Ham & Bean Dinner at FBC

Friday, February 10

11:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m.

Suggested Donation is \$5.00

Home Deliveries in Macomb

## First Baptist Church

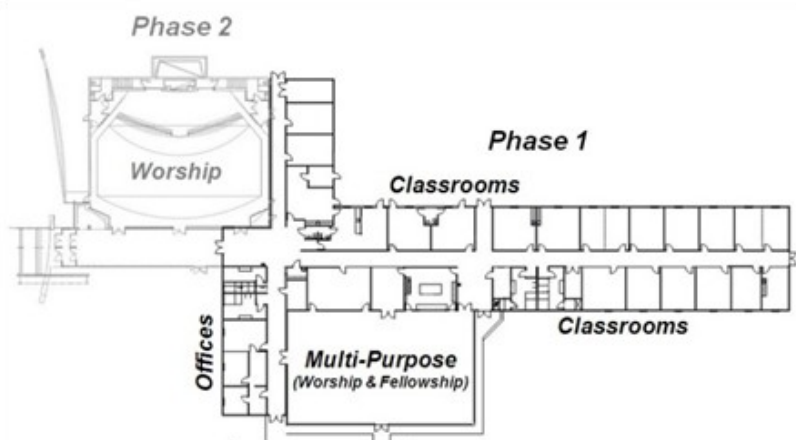
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## Our New Worship Center

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**

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

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downloaded from [podcasts.fbcmacomb.com](http://podcasts.fbcmacomb.com)**