

# Bridge Builders Newsletter

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## ***Building Update***

As you reflect on the past year, you have been a big part in moving forward with our vision of a new worship center. Whether it was through volunteer work, financial contributions, or prayer support, a lot has been accomplished. You have seen more classrooms completed and in use, plumbing in the east end restrooms, installation of a roll-top door in the kitchen, several doors added, dirt work and seeding, mowing, data wires run, trim work, planting arborvitae trees and blue rug junipers, and adding snow guards to the roof. The parking lot now has lighting and a new sign identifies who we are.

When you embarked on this journey, you identified several areas of concern with our former building. You pointed out the need for adequate parking, accessibility, a larger fellowship area, and more functional classrooms. You can praise God that we now have all of those things and can share them with the community. Weight Watchers, Emmaus, area and missions meetings, and the Outlet for youth are a few of the events that have been held here over the past year.

You have also been faithful in your financial giving to complete Phase I of the building and reduce our debt. Our 2015 *New Beginnings* Capital Campaign pledge total is \$317,350.00. As of December 31, 2016, \$165,804.41 has been donated. Much work still needs to be done and your dollars help to fulfill your vision for now and the future of this church.



## Senior Pastor's Article



### Opening Prayer Leaders

**January 1**

*Justin Derry*

**January 8**

*Jane Coplan*

**January 15**

*Gerald Jones*

**January 22**

*Allen Black*

**January 29**

*Paula Black*

**February 5**

*Jim Richardson*

As I sit here at my desk writing my last newsletter article, I want to express to all of you how grateful Annetta and I are to have shared in ministry with you over the last 14 plus years. There have been sad times and joyful times. There have been victories and defeats. We have come to know some of these times as pepto-bismal moments. I have married some of you and, yes, buried some very close friends. I have baptized some of you and have dedicated your children. God has answered so many prayers, too numerous to list. I believe we have grown both numerically and spirituality together. God has been good! God has been with us through it all.

We are, in many ways, very sad to leave this church and this community which we have come to love deeply. As we, the church and us too, enter into a new phase of life, I am sure that God is leading each of us in the direction He has planned. All of us need to trust Him! Please know that we will always keep all of you in our prayers and will be anxious to hear about the growth and success of the Macomb church as we travel around the Region.

Thank you for all your support and encouragement during our time here. God bless each of you!

Pastor Wally

### Candle Lighters

**January 1**

*Jaydn Glaue*

**January 8**

*Johnson Wu*

**January 15**

*Abigail Wallace*

**January 22**

*Taylor Richardson*

**January 29**

*Jaydn Glaue*

**February 5**

*Mykel Glaue*



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## ***Church Board Meeting Summary***

This past month the Church Board met on December 13th. Items discussed/completed this month were.

- ◆ Discussed letting a group from the community use the building. This group will be using the building in June. It is a blessing to be able to help within the community in a way we couldn't before
- ◆ We discussed information to be given out at the Annual Church Meeting
- ◆ We also discussed decommissioning the Building Team.
- ◆ We approved allowing the Outlet to use the building for another painting party

We continue to have very productive and spirit lead business meetings. I think this process is continuing to run smoothly. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask one of the board members or Pastors.

Jim Richardson  
FBC Church Board Chairperson

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## ***Souper Bowl Plus***

**Sunday, February 5, 9:30 a.m.**

It's time to bring cans of soup to the front of the Sanctuary. Last year we collected 1,110 cans of soup. Can we beat the number of cans collected last year? Start bringing your soup now and score the winning touchdown for your team!

## General Income & Expense Summary

Month	Income*	Expenses
January	\$18,356.54	\$20,747.00
February	\$20,820.36	\$19,261.43
March	\$15,824.08	\$20,138.86
April	\$15,143.65	\$17,688.22
May	\$20,197.14	\$17,288.91
June	\$15,138.84	\$18,199.58
July	\$18,488.27	\$17,536.69
August	\$18,420.10	\$17,017.26
September	\$14,754.81	\$19,143.45
October	\$17,242.33	\$17,899.18
November	\$26,166.53	\$16,645.60
December	\$14,419.93	\$16,150.95

**Volunteer Nursery Assistants**

**January 1**

*Angie Green*

**January 8**

*Wendy Geltmacher*

**January 15**

*Angela Richardson*

**January 22**

*Paula Black*

**January 29**

*Tina Wooddell*

- **Includes Tithes, Offerings, Gifts, & Interest**



- 1—Jerry McKamy**
- 10—Richard Sample**
- 12—CT Tarrant**
- 15—Tyler Green**
- 14—Larry & Anita Duvall (a)**
- 16—Kyler Glaue**
- 17—Kathleen Barry**  
George Sewell
- 21—Damion Smith**
- 22—Steve Smart**
- 23—Rob Wallace**
- 26—Margaret Ellis**
- 27—Fred & Kay Adair (a)**

**February**

**1—Marjory Alexander**

**8—Lauren Surprenant**

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## **Sermon Series**

### **January Message Series**

**January 8** *Reasons for Not Attending Church* (Pastor Wally)

**January 15** Pastor Wally will bring his last message as Senior Pastor of FBC

### **Seasons of Change**

We must often be stripped of one season before we can enter another. Putting the past behind us and/or comparing your season to someone else's can lead to great disappointment - don't do it! As we enter a new season, may God grant us wisdom and guidance.

**January 22** *Fear of Change* (Jim Richardson)

**January 29** *Resisting Change* (Jane Coplan)

**February 5** *Rewards of Change* (Pastor Claudia)



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## ***Thank You***

Thank you to our church family for our Christmas gift. We are so grateful that during this busy season you have taken time to remember us! Each Christmas of our tenure here, you have been generous to us and we appreciate it so much.

Pastor Wally and Annetta

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## ***Thank You***

Jim and I want to express our deepest thanks to each of you who sent cards, gifts, and contributed to the love gift given to us this Christmas season. We so appreciate our FBC family. God bless each of you!

Jim and Claudia McCain

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## ***Thank You***

Thanks to the little elf for the love gift on the tree and to Richard & Judy Hurt for delivering the gift card on such a icy day and I also want to thank the Deacon board.

Alice Bishop

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## ***Thank You***

Thank you for the gift card for Hy-Vee. Have a Merry Christmas.

Jean Simmons

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## ***Thank You***

Thank you very much for the food basket and gift card.

Heather McKamy

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## Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering

The roots of RMMO go back to the mid-1930s, when American Baptist congregations received a Communion Fellowship Offering on the first Sunday of each month to support retired ministers, missionaries, their widowed spouses and elderly clergy within their churches. In 1977, American Baptist Churches USA launched the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO) to continue this appreciation of God's service.

This year our theme is Faith through Gratitude. Through our faith in God, and our gratitude for the salvific actions of Jesus Christ we are called to be faithful servants of the gospel and to live out the ministry of Jesus in word and deed. The gratitude that we have for Jesus' gift to us is the seed from which springs the gratitude that manifests toward the people of God.

The RMMO offering supports those who have dedicated their lives to God's service by providing emergency assistance in times of need and with a thank you check at the end of each year. We hope you will join us in honoring God's committed servants. This year's FBC goal is \$800. We ask that you pray about contributing to this offering.

Pastor Wally

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### Retirement Celebration Pastor Wally Holt

Sunday, January 15

#### 9:30 a.m. – Worship

Pastor Wally will preach his last message

#### 10:45 a.m. – *7 Days in the Holy Land* (video tour of Israel)

Combined Adult Sunday School class, room 11  
Those who are able, please assist in transforming  
the worship space into fellowship space.

#### 10:45 a.m. – Children's Sunday School Classes

Will be as regularly scheduled

#### 12:00 p.m. – Retirement Celebration Potluck

Meat and dessert will be provided. Bring a dish to share.

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## ***Search Committee Update***

The Pastoral Search Committee members are Russell Glaue (Chair), Sharon Sample (Secretary), Sharon Brown, Justin Derry, and Jim Richardson. We are actively at work.

Our process begins with prayer. Your prayer as a congregation leads the committee in this process. Our prayers as search committee members is to discern the needs of the church, so to find the person God has already been called to lead our church. This process will take a minimum of 12 months, we are planning for 18 months, but realize the possibility of this taking up to 24 months.

This month of January we are focusing on saying goodbye to Pastor Wally. We are having an exit interview with him. And we are working on gathering information needed in future months as we move forward. We are working on a church survey that will be given to every church attender to complete. After compiling the survey results, we will present our data to the church. This information will be part of a profile on the church that will be used to find candidates. The search committee will also use this information in discerning candidates that best meet the needs of the church.

Myself and the other committee members openly welcome the contact of anyone in our congregation about this process. There are no bad questions that can be asked. With every question asked, the committee can learn more about the concerns of our church congregation, and can work to address those concerns to everyone as needed. It is our intention to keep the congregation regularly updated on our status.

Thank you.

Russell Glaue, Chair, FBC Pastoral Search Committee

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## ***Ham & Bean Dinner at FBC***

**Friday, February 10, 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

Fruit pies & help are needed. If you will donate a pie or two and/or time, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board.

# January Events



Retired Ministers &  
Missionaries Offering

January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <small>New Year's Day</small>	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 <small>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</small>	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 <small>Observe New Year</small>
29	30	31				

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

- 6     7:00 p.m.    The Outlet Event at the FBC (concludes at 10:00 p.m.)
- 7     8:00 a.m.     Workday at FBC
- 8     8:00 a.m.     Early Bird Sunday School Class  
       9:00 a.m.     Prayer in Room 11  
       9:30 a.m.     Worship (Decommissioning the Building Team)  
       10:45 a.m.    Sunday School Classes  
       2:00 p.m.     Worship at Grand Prairie
- 10    6:00 p.m.     Creative Arts Ministry Team Meeting
- 11    6:30 p.m.     Small Group Study, Room 11  
       6:30 p.m.     *Real Talk Church* (youth), Room 18
- 12    9:00 a.m.     Weight Watchers in Room 21 (concludes at 7:00 p.m.)  
       6:00 p.m.     FBC Praise Team Practice
- 14    8:00 a.m.     Workday at FBC
- 15    8:00 a.m.     Early Bird Sunday School Class  
       9:00 a.m.     Prayer in Room 11  
       9:30 a.m.     Worship  
       10:45 a.m.    Sunday School Classes  
       12:00 p.m.    Retirement Celebration (Potluck)  
       6:00 p.m.     Annual Business Meeting at FBC
- 17    6:30 p.m.     Meeting of the Church Board
- 18    6:30 p.m.     Small Group Study, Room 11
- 19    9:00 a.m.     Weight Watchers in Room 21 (concludes at 7:00 p.m.)  
       6:00 p.m.     FBC Praise Team Practice
- 21    8:00 a.m.     Workday at FBC
- 22    8:00 a.m.     Early Bird Sunday School Class  
       9:00 a.m.     Prayer in Room 11  
       9:30 a.m.     Worship  
       10:45 a.m.    Sunday School Classes
- 25    6:30 p.m.     Small Group Study, Room 11
- 26    9:00 a.m.     Weight Watchers in Room 21 (concludes at 7:00 p.m.)  
       6:00 p.m.     FBC Praise Team Practice
- 28    8:00 a.m.     Workday at FBC
- 29    8:00 a.m.     Early Bird Sunday School Class  
       9:00 a.m.     Prayer in Room 11  
       9:30 a.m.     Worship  
       10:45 a.m.    Sunday School Classes

## First Baptist Church

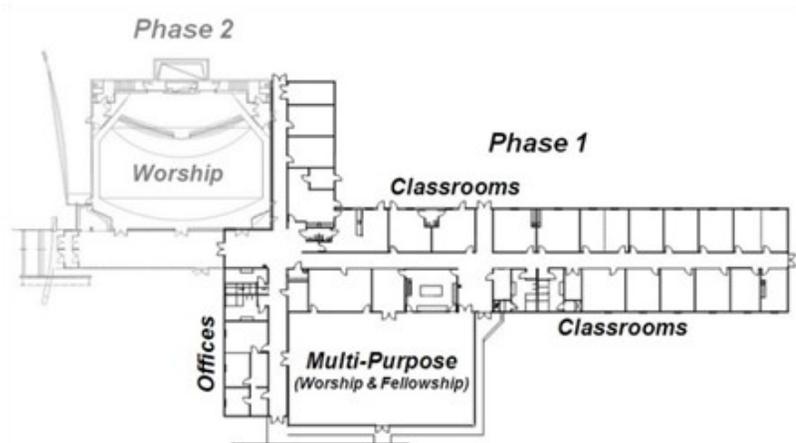
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## Our New Worship Center

1515 S. 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—10:45 a.m.**

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

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