

Bridge Builders Newsletter

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Search Committee Update

In the month of March, the Search Committee registered for and is preparing to attend an American Baptist Churches (ABC) Event titled "Face To Face". The event is described as an opportunity for initial contact between church search committees and clergy available for relocation, seminary seniors or graduates in the ordination process. This event is held annually in Indiana. The Search Committee has also worked with Dr. Rex Rogers, our Area 3 minister, to conduct our third round of searching in the ABC minister profile database. The Committee received candidate profiles from this search at the end of March.

The "Face To Face" event does not guarantee a successful match with prospective candidates. However, it is a time to improve our interviewing material, and receive feedback on the resources we share with candidates, as well as many other benefits. We look upon this event as an opportunity to refine and prepare for reaching out to candidates we will review from our recent third round of searching in the ABC minister profile database. This two-night two-day event does have a cost to attend. We appreciate those who are willing to give towards this opportunity. We believe this event will be of great benefit to our search.

In February, our second round of searching ended with no viable candidates. In March, we reached out to a candidate from our first round of searching who was not available at the time, and is now considering our opportunity. As we look towards April, we will be reviewing many profiles from the ABC minister profile database, and are looking forward to attending the ABC "Face To Face" event.

Please continue to pray over your search committee. Pray over your church. And pray over your community. We are going through challenging times as a church and community. But I know God has a purpose for all things to work for good. And it will work out if we put our trust in Him. In the mean time, let us come together. Recognize our mutual passion for ministry. We look to Him in all matters, and are not absent of God's leadership and guidance in this Church.

Russell Glaue
Pastoral Search Committee Chair

Interim Pastor's Article

Opening Prayer

Leaders

April 8

Rob Wallace

April 15

Lora Wallace

April 22

Christina Harman

April 29

Richard Hurt

May 6

Judy Hurt

May 13

Gerald Jones

Candle Lighters

April 8

Celena Mangalaraj

April 15

Deena Mangalaraj

April 22

Abigail Wallace

April 29

Taylor Richardson

May 6

Jaydn Glaue

May 13

Mykel Glaue



Are you a Barnabas?

As most of you know, I am a runner. Well, I used to be. After my bout with an irregular heartbeat this past spring, I am now a walker. I walk as many miles a week as I used to run, it just takes longer.

During my running years, one of my favorite races was the "We Care" Twin Cities Half Marathon in Bloomington-Normal. As a part of their "We Care" philosophy, they provided Barnabas Runners who served as encouragers toward the end of the race. The idea of Barnabas Runners came from the Barnabas found in the book of Acts (...there was Joseph, the one the apostles nicknamed Barnabas which means "Son of Encouragement". Acts 4:36)

The first time I participated in this race I forgot to carry my inhaler. (I have exercise induced asthma.) I knew I was in trouble by mile five when my breathing became labored. I thought it would pass. It did not. By mile eight I had to switch to walking. I assumed when I stopped running it would improve. It did not. As I continued, my pace became slower and slower. Stopping was not an option. After all my car was at the finish line. At mile eleven I was met by a Barnabas Runner. She was a life saver, staying with me until I crossed the finish line. As soon as I stopped walking, I had a full-blown asthma attack and could barely breathe. As the medics tended to me, my Barnabas Runner ran to my car and got my inhaler. I could breathe again!

At some time or another, we all need a Barnabas. Someone to come along side us and encourage us when we feel we can't keep going; someone to help us get to the finish line. I am blessed to have had many who have served me as a Barnabas during my life time. How about you?

And sometimes, God calls us to be the Barnabas. Who is God calling you to come along side and encourage? Will you hesitate, or will you run and get their inhaler? My prayer is that we all respond quickly!

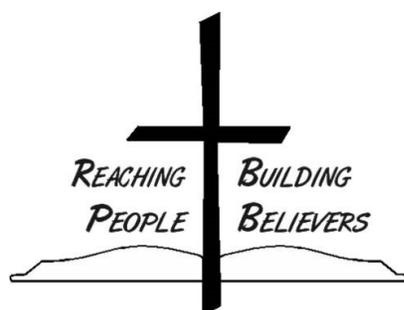
Claudia McCain
Interim Pastor

Sermon Series

Dealing with the Tough Stuff April-June Message Series

Despite our deep-seated and very natural desires for a trouble-free, happy and secure existence, people everywhere face family struggles, financial crises, debilitating diseases, and crushing disappointments. It is always something! Because we're human, we're all going to struggle with the tough stuff. Yet as Christians, we've been given all we need in order to face even the most frightening, unexpected, and overwhelming obstacles. During this series of messages, we will explore some of the fears that are holding so many of us back and ways we can better deal with the tough stuff.

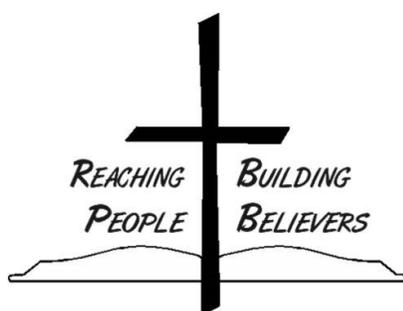
- April 15** Dealing with Discouragement, Pastor Claudia
- April 22** Dealing with Confrontation, Jane Coplan
- April 29** Dealing with Temptation, Pastor Claudia
- May 6** Dealing with Misunderstanding, Pastor Claudia
- May 13** Mother's Day, Pastor Claudia
- May 20** Dealing with Doubt, Russell Glaue
- May 27** Memorial Day, Pastor Claudia
- June 3** Dealing with Hypocrisy, Jim Richardson
- June 10** Dealing with Pain, Pastor Claudia
- June 17** Father's Day, Pastor Claudia
- June 24** Dealing with Anxiety, Pastor Claudia



General Income & Expense Summary

Month	Income*	Expenses
January	\$12,914.66	\$15,841.83
February	\$14,441.77	\$18,646.26
March	\$16,747.44	\$12,713.81

- Includes Tithes, Offerings, Gifts, & Interest



Birthdays & Anniversaries

April

1—Richard Hurt
4—Wendy Geltmacher
 Richard & Sharon Sample (a)
11—Pat Allison
12—Keith Rose
16—Pastor Wally Holt
 Betty Ingledue
 Abigail Wallace
20—Johnson Wu
26—Leann Walters
28—Linda Braun
 Eldon & Debbie Derry (a)

May

2—Cavitt Hollis
7—**Steve & Lavon Smart (a)**
15—Tyler Geltmacher
20—Peggy Foulk
22—**Don & Kathy Garlick (a)**
23—Ashley Derry
24—Norma Blake
 Mike Foulk
 Kathy Garlick
30—Mykel Glaue

Building Update

Our *2015 New Beginnings* Capital Campaign pledge total was \$317,350.00. As of March 31, 2018, \$ 261,328.99 has been donated. You can contribute to the building fund by putting the amount of your donation on the line "Building Fund" on an offering envelope. Money designated there will go to our monthly loan payment of \$6640.12 and toward completing Phase I of the project.

Looking for volunteer opportunities? Come join us on Saturday mornings to help complete the east end of the building. Even if you can only spare a couple of hours, your help and encouragement are appreciated. Drywall mudding, sanding, cleaning and painting are some of the current tasks. We will also be needing help moving material from some of the rooms to the storage areas when they are ready.

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."--2 Corinthians 9:7.

Judy Hurt
Capital Campaign Follow-up Director

Church Board Summary

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

- Normal financial and Staff business was conducted.
- The website for the church was discussed. Justin Derry presented information on a possible solution to update the website.
- It was agreed that Lauren Surprenant can collect a love offering to help defray the costs of taking teens to the CIY Believe.
- Starting a new capital campaign was discussed. The board agreed to proceed with a new 3 year campaign.
- Cost for the search committee to attend the Face to Face meeting in Indiana was discussed. Donations are needed to offset the \$900 for this event.

We would appreciate your prayers as the board conducts the business of the church.

Rich Sample
FBC Board Chairperson

Thank you

Thank you so much for the money you gave us to help cover all of the extra expenses we've had with Ramona. Thank you for continuing to pray for her and the rest of our family, too. You've helped lighten our load, and we appreciate you!

Sincerely,
Nathan, Bethany, Daisy, & Ramona Barr

Thank you

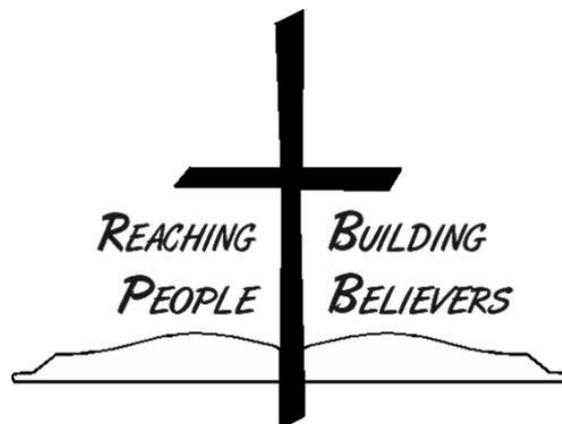
Thank you all for your help on Saturday, March 10. It was kind of you to take the extra time to help out!

Lisa Barker
Custodian

Vacation Bible School Informational Meeting

Sunday, April 22, Immediately following Worship

There will be a short informational meeting in front of the stage regarding Vacation Bible School. This year's theme is Polar Blast and we want it to be the most fun awesome experience that we can make it. Please come and see what we have planned and how you can use your personal talents to enhance the experience of our kids! It's gonna be a Blast, so you don't want to miss it!



April 2018					May 2018	
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 EASTER SUNDAY 6:30 a.m. – Guided reflection & prayer 7:00 a.m. – Easter Sunrise Worship 8:15 a.m. – Easter Breakfast 9:00 a.m. – Prayer in Room 11 9:30 a.m. – Easter Worship NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	2 Church Office Closed	3 1:00 p.m. – Staff Meeting 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. – Crown Reunion Group Women's Emmaus Bible Study in Room 16	4	5 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Weight Watchers in Room 21 1:30 p.m. – American Baptist Women's Ministries Meeting at FBC in Room 11 6:00 p.m. – FBC Praise Team Practice (Sanctuary)	6 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Musikgarten in Room 6	7 8:00 a.m. – Work Day at FBC 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. – Musikgarten in Room 6
8 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 2:00 p.m. – Worship at Grand Prairie	9	10 6:30 p.m. – Meeting of the Church Board in Room 11	11	12 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Weight Watchers in Room 21 6:00 p.m. – FBC Praise Team Practice (Sanctuary)	13 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Musikgarten in Room 6	14 8:00 a.m. – Work Day at FBC 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Area III Annual Meeting at FBC Peoria 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. – Musikgarten in Room 6
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	16	17 1:00 p.m. – Staff Meeting 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. – Crown Reunion Group Women's Emmaus Bible Study in Room 16	18 11:30 a.m. – Lunch at Gelsosomo's	19 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Weight Watchers in Room 21 6:00 p.m. – FBC Praise Team Practice (Sanctuary)	20 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Musikgarten in Room 6	21 8:00 a.m. – Work Day at FBC 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. – Musikgarten in Room 6
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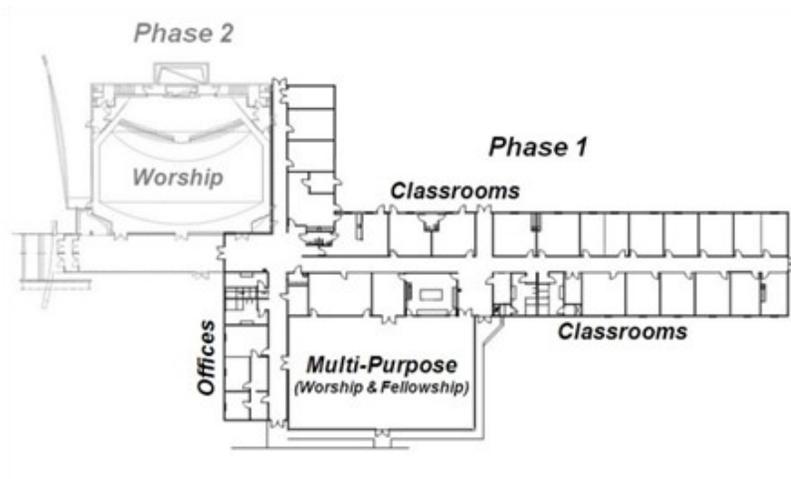
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Our New Worship Center

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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—Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m.

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