



# FBC Macomb Monthly Newsletter

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2019 AUGUST



Join us for  
this free  
movie

BREAKTHROUGH

Sunday, August 25, 3:00 p.m.

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#BreakthroughMovie

First Baptist Church of Macomb  
1515 S. Candy Lane  
Macomb, IL 61455  
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## Words from Pastor Jon

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When you read this article, I will have been honored to be your pastor for a month. I appreciate the way that you have endeavored to make my family feel welcome. This is valued since it is not as common as you might think.

The process of moving can be a very taxing change. Looking at my office, I see boxes still not unloaded. I see important items for ministry but not sure where to place them. Even though there is much to be excited about in terms of ministry with FBC Macomb, I do not know where everything fits yet. Also, I am sure my talented spouse would appreciate me finding a permanent spot for all my tennis and table tennis supplies besides the middle of our dining area.

Have you ever wondered where everything fits in your affiliation with God and humanity? Does it ever seem mystifying? Just as change is never easy, faith may be simple but it is never intended to be easy. As we effort together in this unexpected journey, we call faith, may we remember that change and faith are powerful but not always easy.

Jon Self  
@pastorjonself

## Sermon Series

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### *Obstacles to Your Spiritual Breakthrough*

<b>August 4</b>	<b><i>Believe Big</i></b>	Psalm 107:1-9
<b>August 11</b>	<b><i>Overcoming Impossibilities</i></b>	Hebrews 11:1-3; 8-12
<b>August 18</b>	<b><i>Be Persistent While Waiting</i></b>	Mark 5:21-43
<b>August 25</b>	<b><i>Bringing What's Dead Back to Life</i></b>	Luke 23:44-56

## Candle Lighters & Opening Prayer Leaders

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**August 4**  
Celena Mangalaraj & Richard Hurt

**August 11**  
Kyler Glaue & Lora Wallace

**August 18**  
Deena Mangalaraj & Rob Wallace

**August 25**  
Grace Chenoweth & Jim Richardson

## Church Board Update

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The Board met on July 7 at 6:30 pm. Pastor Jon opened the meeting with a devotional. After the group prayer the board worked on the following...

- Normal financial and church business. With your faithful giving we have slightly exceeded the budgeted 6-month goal for income. Also, our expenses have been below budget for the same time period. THANK YOU!
- We are still in need of members to help with the van ministry. A volunteer will pick up people starting around 8:45. Depending on how many need a ride, the church van can be used or personal vehicle. One person has answered the call. More who help with this ministry, the work can be reduced on 2 or 3 individuals.
- There has been a suggestion of a cross being placed somewhere outside to help identify the campus as a church. Some ideas were brainstormed but more research and prayer needs to be invested into this suggestion.
- If you order materials, supplies, food or such, and submit the purchase for reimbursement, be aware that the policy manual requires that invoices be turned in within 5 business days of the purchase.
- Pastor Claudia made the morning announcements while being the interim pastor. The Board decided that a rotation would be started again. A few individuals have stepped up to do them. If you would like to be part of the rotation, please let Leann know.

The board thanks each of you for your prayers as we conduct the business of the church.

Rich Sample  
FBC Board Chairperson

## 2018 Capital Campaign Update

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Volunteers are welcome and encouraged to come help complete the east end of the building and some outdoor chores. Check with Rich Sample to see how you can help or come on a Saturday morning to assist or cheer on workers! It would be great to have some more classroom areas ready before September.

The commitment total for our 2018 Vision 4 Tomorrow campaign is \$307,275.00. As of July 31, 2019, \$96,444.87 has been given toward this campaign. Every dollar given to the building fund goes to our monthly loan payment of \$6640.12 or to completion of Phase I. If you have not made a commitment but would like to be a part of this campaign, you can do so at any time. Simply contact Leann in the office for either a commitment card or tell her the total you would like to commit. All commitments are confidential. You are also welcome to give to the campaign without making an official commitment. Simply write your amount on the "Building Fund" line of a giving envelope or in the memo line of your check.

"They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share . . . "

1 Timothy 6:18

Judy Hurt

Capital Campaign Follow-up Director

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

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### August

- 5—Tara Geltmacher  
**Jim & Angela Richardson (a)**
- 7—Mabel Deener
- 8—LaDawna Royer
- 9—Debbie Derry
- 13—Lora Wallace
- 21—Stephanie Foulk
- 23—Mary Jo Gaskill
- 24—Tara Richardson
- 26—**Mike & Wendy Geltmacher (a)**
- 27—Adam Randall  
**Jim & Claudia McCain (a)**
- 29—AJ Bourn

### September

- 4—Lavon Smart
- 7—Gage Wheeler
- 16—Justin Derry
- 19—Tim Green
- 18—**Bronson & LaDawna Royer (a)**
- 20—Maureen Hamilton
- 22—Marilyn Smith
- 24—**Mike & Stephanie Foulk (a)**
- 25—Angela Richardson
- 28—Jim McCain  
**Nathan & Bethany Barr (a)**
- 29—Penny Rigg  
**Richard & Mary Hainline (a)**

## Thank You

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Thank you for all your prayers, cards, notes and hugs since the passing of my son on Father's Day. A special thanks to Pastor Claudia for her early visit and prayer on that Monday morning. The past 6 weeks have been very challenging—physically and emotionally.

Your care and kindness will not be forgotten. THANKS SO MUCH to those from my *home church* who made the trip to his services. You really warmed my heart.

Ruth Hollis

## Upcoming Events at a Glance

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**Sunday, August 25, 3:00 p.m.—***BREAKTHROUGH* movie in the Sanctuary



**Saturday, September 7, 5:30—7:30 p.m.—**Praise Fest 2019 in Chandler Park. Bring a lawn chair and join us as the music group *Kings and Queens* from Charleston, IL perform. Also, featuring artist Ross Osterday, who paints on canvas along with the music. Lastly adding with the group, a special solo by the amazing Annie Banton.



**Sunday, September 8, 10:45 a.m.—**Sunday School Kick-off Party. Compete for the title of Mac & Cheese Champ by bringing a batch of your favorite Mac & Cheese, All ages welcome to compete! The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the front entrance. Bring your cash to vote for your favorite! Build your own Sundae. Ice Cream and toppings will be provided



**Sunday, September 15—Sunday School Classes begin**

**8:00 a.m.—**Early Bird Sunday School class

**10:45 a.m.—**Sunday School classes for all ages



**Tuesday, September 17, 4:00 p.m.—** Small Group study in Room 11

## Volunteers Needed

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We are in need of van drivers. The driver picks up people on Sunday mornings and then also takes them home. If you are interested please call the church office at 309.833.2479.



Volunteer to stock shelves at Loaves & Fishes (located at the 1st Presbyterian Church) each weekday before the pantry opens in the afternoon. Stocking is done between 9:00 & 11:00 a.m., Monday through Friday for the entire month of August. If you can help out, please sign up on the bulletin board by the front entrance.



Saturday's at 8:00 a.m.—Work Day at FBC. Volunteers needed. There are a variety of tasks that need to be done to complete the east end of the building. Not sure how you can help? Come and find out how you can lend a hand.



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Please Join Us!

Worship—Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School—On Summer Break,  
Will return in the fall

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