

# Bridge Builders Newsletter

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## ***Search Committee Update***

Your Pastoral Search Committee has been very busy! Pastor Claudia's last day as Interim Pastor of First Baptist Church of Macomb is Sunday, July 7, 2019. She has planned a very special season of worship during Communion Sunday. Immediately following worship, a surprise gathering has been planned. Please come and share this send off for Claudia for a job well done. She has been a faithful servant, indeed!

We will be welcoming Pastor Jon Self next week! His first official day with First Baptist Church of Macomb is July 8, 2019. He and his family arrived safely in Macomb July 1st and have been getting settled. Our church family has provided food during this transition and the Board has gathered food gift cards, as well.

Pastor Jon, the Creative Arts Ministry Team (CAM), others have been preparing for his first message Sunday, July 14th. The Pastoral Search Committee and Fellowship Team have been working on the Welcoming Reception, which will be held immediately following the worship service. Be sure to sign up for the potluck. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board by the front doors. Come and help us celebrate our new church family members, Jon, Maggie and Ryan Self.

Pastor Jon Self comes to us from Dekalb, IL. He holds a Masters in Divinity from Baptist Seminary of Kentucky (Georgetown, KY), a Masters of Arts from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (Fort Worth, TX) and a Bachelor of Arts from Williams Baptist College (Walnut Ridge, AR). He has also held Senior Pastor positions since 2009, spanning across two additional churches.

In his ministry career, he has had expanded roles in ministry on college campuses, through sports, on the radio, written literature, and other media. He has a history of assessing and applying disciplines to foster church growth and applying knowledge of meeting the spiritual needs of multi-generations.

Pastor Self's knowledge and abilities are deep. He easily relates to youth, as well as adults. He has written curriculum for youth and adults since 2013, has been an international missionary, a coach, an instructor, and a professional athlete. He is also tech savvy. In addition to preaching, teaching and pastoral care, this candidate has also grown followers in

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## ***Search Committee Update Continued***

### **Opening Prayer Leaders**

**July 7**

*Jane Coplan*

**July 14**

*Bob Babcock*

**July 21**

*Justin Derry*

**July 28**

*Judy Hurt*

**August 4**

*Richard Hurt*

**August 11**

*Lora Wallace*

**August 18**

*Rob Wallace*

**August 25**

*Jim Richardson*

Christ. He leads with love and is often sought out for mentoring and training other pastors.

Jon is an honest, hardworking, efficient and effective person and leader. He is on fire for Christ and tirelessly strives to assist others to find and develop their talents. He never stops learning. His wife, Maggie and their son, Ryan share these same qualities. We are excited for extraordinary addition to our church family!

Bio was originally compiled and shared by Russell Glaue and revised 7-3-19 for this newsletter.



### **Candle Lighters**

**July 7**

*Celena Mangalaraj*

**July 14**

*Grace Chenoweth*

**July 21**

*Jaydn Glaue*

**July 28**

*Mykel Glaue*

**August 4**

*Celena Mangalaraj*

**August 11**

*Kyler Glaue*

**August 18**

*Deena Mangalaraj*

**August 25**

*Celena Mangalaraj*

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.

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## ***Loaves and Fishes Volunteers Needed***

As most of you know, August is the month that the First Baptist Church of Macomb is responsible for stocking the shelves at Loaves & Fishes (located at the 1st Presbyterian Church) each weekday before the pantry opens in the afternoon. We are in need of volunteers to stock shelves. This is done in the morning usually between 9:00 & 11:00, 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.

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## **Sermon Series**

<b>July 7</b>	<i>The Last Message</i>	Pastor Claudia
<b>July 14</b>	<i>Mission from God</i>	Pastor Jon
<b>July 21</b>	<i>Make It Matter</i>	Pastor Jon
<b>July 28</b>	<i>Learning to Pray</i>	Pastor Jon

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## **Church Board Summary**

The Board met on June 11 at 6:30 pm. After an opening prayer, the following items were discussed/completed this month.

- Normal financial and church business.
- Continued to discuss possible people to help with the van ministry bringing people to church Sunday morning
- Discussed the date and time for the semi-annual business meeting.
- Brain stormed on how to help to welcome the Self family to our community.
- Approved to spend up to \$600.00 for ceiling tile materials. It was also discussed the need for a workday to help fill the potholes. Once that is accomplished, additional gravel will be spread from the road to the south parking.
- The Board approved that the Deacons can spend up to \$500.00 without the Boards approval. The old amount was \$250.00. This also makes all purchase limits the same.
- The Church will be obtaining a corporate credit card.

The board would like to thank you for your prayers as we conduct the business of your church. We would also like to thank you for your prayers for the Self family in this time of transition and for all that has been provided to make the early days in Macomb easier.

Rich Sample  
FBC Board Chairperson

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## **Thank You**

How do I begin to express my appreciation? Thank you First Baptist for the past 17 months. I am so thankful for the "call" to serve as your interim pastor and that I had sense enough to say "yes". Thank you for the kind words, well wishes, cards, gifts, and luncheon celebration this past Sunday. Praise Team, Steve Smart, Tammy Carson, and Rob, Lora, Brooks and Abby Wallace, thank you for your gift of music. Your ministry touches us all and especially speaks to me. Thank you to each of you who served behind the scenes with lunch planning, preparation, and serving and the set-up and tear-down crew. You are the best and I am so blessed to be a part of this congregation.

Claudia McCain

## General Income & Expense Summary

Month	Income*	Expenses
January	\$12,044.52	\$11,018.12
February	\$15,169.16	\$10,561.24
March	\$18,706.40	\$14,923.04
April	\$11,783.65	\$12,026.76
May	\$16,945.25	\$10,303.90
June	\$13,135.20	\$13,132.88

- Includes Tithes, Offerings, Gifts, & Interest



### July

**2—Pastor Wally & Annetta (a)**  
9—Russell Glaue  
10—Gee Min Glaue  
11—Jane Coplan  
15—Keith & Susan Rose (a)  
18—Toby Cale  
Mike Coplan  
Tayler Richardson  
21—Daisy Barr  
22—Mike & Jane Coplan (a)  
Justin & Kenzie Derry (a)  
23—Marilyn Bourn  
Pat Jones  
27—Emily Richardson

### 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 & Pastor Claudia McCain (a)  
29—AJ Bourn

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## ***Building Update***

Wanting to keep cool and looking for a volunteer opportunity? Come volunteer in our air conditioned building on Saturday mornings or check with Rich Sample to see what can be done through the week. Installing the grid for the ceiling tile, trim, caulking cracks outside, and cleaning are just a few of the tasks needing to be completed.

The commitment total for our 2018 *Vision 4 Tomorrow* campaign is \$307,275.00. As of June 30, 2019, \$89,441.87 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

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## ***Thank You***

A big thank you to Pastor Claudia, the Board of Deacons and everyone who sent cards, phone calls and prayers to me after my serious back injury due to a fall. It was much appreciated.

- Mary Hainline

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## ***Taku & Katie Longkumer Update***

### **FAMILY NEWS**

We have had a lot going on! Thank you all for your prayers, support and expressions of sympathy as we walked through the final days of life with Taku's youngest brother, Imkong, who passed into eternity the end of March. Your concern and care through the past three years of his battle with cancer have been a comfort and encouragement.

About that same time we received news from Katie's father, Jim Thomas, that her Mom, Barb, was

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## ***Taku & Katie Longkumer Update continued***

not doing well. We determined that we needed to see her and made plans to both accompany our son Lima and his wife Asen on their trip to meet family in July. Suddenly we learned that Meren was encountering a challenging situation that we felt required Katie's presence to assist with child-care and general support and encouragement. So immediately upon the conclusion of our ministry in a south Indian town of Narasaropeta over Easter, Katie made a trip to Illinois. Within an hour of her arrival in Springfield she began baby-sitting duty with wonderful 3 year old Liam! Katie was surprised and concerned seeing her mother's condition. While there her mother was hospitalized and diagnosed with pneumonia. But only while in the hospital it was discovered that her esophagus was nearly closed and she was aspirating as she attempted eating and drinking. This has been the cause of her dramatic weight loss and general ill health. Finally released after 9 days of hospitalization (6 with nothing by mouth) and a minor surgery, she returned home very weak and on oxygen. Now nearly two weeks later, she is daily improving, gaining strength and gradually resuming normal activities (though still on oxygen). We pray to see her in much more robust health in July! With all this going on, Katie extended her stay for an additional two weeks, returning now the end of May.

While Katie was occupied with all the family matters in the US Taku continued fulfilling our commitments in India. Due to the tragic events in Sri Lanka, the plans of our Area Director, Rev. Dr. Ben Chan were disrupted and he came to NEI and joined Taku in ministry with the Council of Baptist Churches in North East India (CBCNEI) and North East Christian University (NECU). The past two weeks Taku has been meeting with church and community leaders in Hyderabad working out details and planning for the India Baptist Summit October 3-6. This is a strategic event to bring together Baptists throughout the nation to share concerns and challenges of the Indian church and explore ways to coordinate and encourage one another in extending the love of Christ and good news of the Gospel with the multitudes of unreached in India and beyond.

### **Prayer Requests**

Please Pray for all the work preparing for the India Summit, that the local churches would come together and actively co-operate and assist in the provision for all the details involved in a gathering of this magnitude.

Please Pray for Katie's family: for full recovery for Katie's mother and for all our children.

Please Pray for the believers and churches in India, as the political situation in particular regions and general position of the governing powers present ever-increasing concerns and potential threat to believers and the church.

Please Pray for God's continued grace, strength and wisdom as we travel and work with so many varied members of the body of Christ.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS, YOUR GIFTS AND SUPPORT. WE ARE SO GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SACRIFICE THAT ENABLES US TO BE YOUR PARTNER IN SERVICE HERE.

God Bless you!  
Taku & Katie

July 2019							Aug 2019 ▶
◀ Jun 2019	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>		<b>2</b> 9:00 a.m. – Volunteer at the Salvation Army 11:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting	<b>3</b> 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. – Crown Reunion Group Women's Emmaus Bible Study in Room 11	<b>4</b> Independence Day Church Office Closed	<b>5</b> 12:00 p.m. – Office Closed	<b>6</b> 8:00 a.m. – Work Day at FBC
<b>7</b> 9:00 a.m. – Prayer in Room 11 9:30 a.m. – Worship 2:00 p.m. – Worship at Grand Prairie 6:00 p.m. – Semi-Annual Business Meeting at FBC (Sanctuary)	<b>8</b> Pastor Jon Start Date 6:00 p.m. – CAM Meeting in Room 11	<b>9</b> 6:30 p.m. – Meeting of the Church Board in Room 11	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 8:00 a.m. – Breakfast at McDonalds West 9:00 a.m. – Volunteer at the Salvation Army 6:00 p.m. – FBC Praise Team Practice	<b>12</b> 12:00 p.m. – Office Closed	<b>13</b> 8:00 a.m. – Work Day at FBC	
<b>14</b> 9:00 a.m. – Prayer in Room 11 9:30 a.m. – Worship 11:00 p.m. – Potluck to welcome Pastor Jon	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 11:30 a.m. – Lunch at Gelsosomo's 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. – Crown Reunion Group Women's Emmaus Bible Study in Room 11	<b>18</b> 8:00 a.m. – Breakfast at McDonalds West 9:00 a.m. – Volunteer at the Salvation Army 6:00 p.m. – FBC Praise Team Practice	<b>19</b> 12:00 p.m. – Office Closed	<b>20</b> 8:00 a.m. – Work Day at FBC	
<b>21</b> 9:00 a.m. – Prayer in Room 11 9:30 a.m. – Worship	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 8:00 a.m. – Breakfast at McDonalds West 9:00 a.m. – Volunteer at the Salvation Army 6:00 p.m. – FBC Praise Team Practice	<b>26</b> 12:00 p.m. – Office Closed	<b>27</b> 8:00 a.m. – Work Day at FBC	
<b>28</b> 9:00 a.m. – Prayer in Room 11 9:30 a.m. – Worship	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

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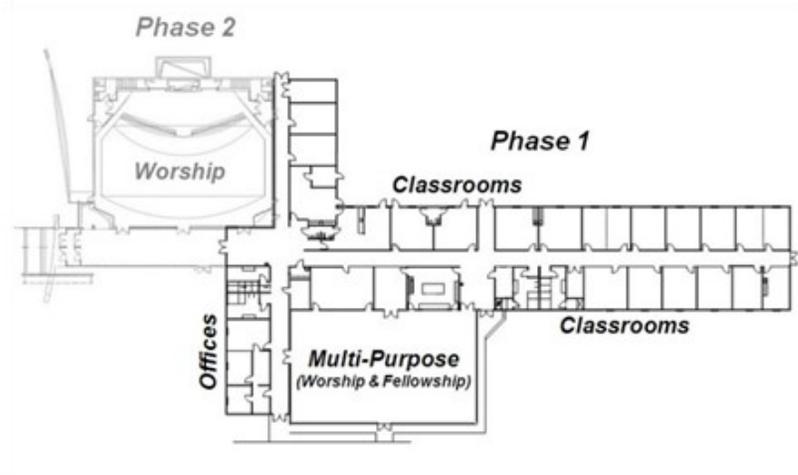
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## Our New Worship Center

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—On Summer Break, Will return in the fall**

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