

Bridge Builders Newsletter

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Search Committee Update

After Pastor Wally announced his January 2017 retirement, the search committee was chosen by the congregation to represent it in the search for our congregation's next pastor. This is a highly confidential, highly focused, and time intensive process that has been taken very seriously by the search committee. We respect the trust invested in us to represent the entire church's interest in this selection process. In this past month of April, the committee has found a candidate we believe God has specially chosen to shepherd our congregation as our next pastor.

This past month, the Search Committee had a Neutral Pulpit with this pastoral candidate, and discerned God's choice of this candidate for our church. With the candidate's mutual discernment, we began the process of preparing a recommendation to the congregation to call this candidate. The committee has scheduled the candidate to visit the congregation for the weekend of May 4th and 5th. There is a candidate introduction meeting on Saturday May 4th at 1:00pm that is open to church members and regular-attending-non-members. On Sunday May 5th, the candidate will lead our regular worship service. Following the service there will be a special business meeting for the church members to vote to accept or reject the search committee's recommendation to call this pastoral candidate. If the membership votes to accept the search committee's recommendation, the candidate will then have the opportunity to accept or reject the congregation's call.

The search committee has distributed a Prayer Journey for your use every day leading up to the May 4th and 5th weekend. No matter our best intentions, the principalities of this world wish to thwart them. We must lean on Christ the entire way, and He will guide our footsteps. Please be in prayer over the church, the candidate and his family, and the search committee as we come together for an event that will prove to be an important historical moment. And also pray for God's direction in moving us forward as we grow faithfully in body, mind, and spirit (Col 3:1-4; 1 Thes 5:23).

Russell Glaue, Search Committee Chair

Opening Prayer Leaders

May 5

Christina Harman

May 12

Bob Babcock

May 19

Justin Derry

May 26

Judy Hurt

June 2

Richard Hurt

June 9

Lora Wallace

June 16 (Father's Day)

Rob Wallace

June 23

Jim Richardson

June 30

Christina Harman

Interim Pastor's Article



Worship

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.*

Psalm 100:4 NIV

For the past several years, I've attended the Federation of American Baptist Musicians' annual conference held each July at our denomination's conference center in Green Lake, Wisconsin. If you've been up there, you know it is Holy Ground. It probably comes as no surprise that we begin each

day of the conference with worship. As I arrived for worship one morning, there was a table in the entrance filled with colorful construction paper, pens and the following instructions:

Please take a piece of construction paper. Write on it a name, word, or phrase that describes God. Here are some possibilities: Holy, Love, Mother, Father, Creator, Ground of All Being, Ultimate Concern, Source, Emmanuel, Surprising, Wonderful Counselor, Almighty, Everlasting, Caring, Forgiving, Good, Unpredictable, Light, Redeemer, Just, Life, Great, Living, God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob, I AM, (your own word or phrase)

On the back of the paper is a stanza number for the hymn "Bring Many Names." As we sing that stanza, please bring your paper forward and lay it on the table at the front of the room, then return to your seats.

Candle Lighters

May 5

Celena Mangalaraj

May 12 (Mother's Day)

Mykel Glaue

May 19

Grace Chenoweth

May 26

Abigail Wallace

June 2

Deena Mangalaraj

June 9

Celena Mangalaraj

June 16 (Father's Day)

Abigail Chenoweth

June 23

Grace Chenoweth

June 30

Deena Mangalaraj

As I finished writing my phrase a woman came up behind me and said in a rather loud voice: "What is this? I don't go for this monkey business" I was stunned. I grieved for God and I hurt for the woman.

Then I wondered, is this ever my attitude when I come to worship? Is this my attitude when something unexpectedly changes? Or when something new is introduced? Or when the worship order changes? Or when traditions are discontinued? When have I also said: "What is this monkey business?" And how about you? Have you been there? Can you relate?

The Psalmist wrote "enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name." During the upcoming Sundays, may we do just that. May we come with attitudes of thanksgiving and praise. May we come with hearts and minds wide open to receive all the wonders God has in store for us. May we eagerly pick up the pen and write a phrase describing God with an anticipation of what is to follow. May we come ready to worship the one worthy of our worship.

To God be the Glory!

Claudia McCain

Interim Pastor

Sermon Series

May 12

Mother's Day Flour

1 Kings 17:8-24

A Life of Many Colors

Message Series

When you think of the clothing described in the Bible, what comes to mind? The dress of the priests and high priests? John the Baptist's camel-skin outfit? Joseph's amazing technicolored dream coat? When it comes to Joseph's coat, the Bible describes it as a coat of many colors, an ornate robe, or a long coat with sleeves. We do not know how colorful it actually was, but we do know that Joseph's life was colorful and that will be the focus of this series of message. Joseph lived a life sprinkled with green for envy, red for passion, blue for despair and hope, and white for forgiveness. Join us during this next few weeks as we explore Joseph's life and in so doing, perhaps see a colorful reflection of ourselves.

May 19

Green (Envy)

Genesis 37:1-36

May 26

Red (Passion)

Genesis 39:1-20

June 2

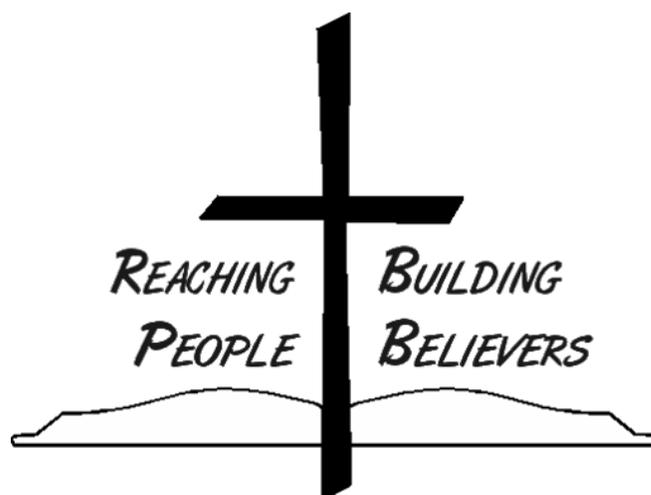
Blue (Despair & Hope)

Genesis 39:19-41:19

June 9

White (Forgiveness)

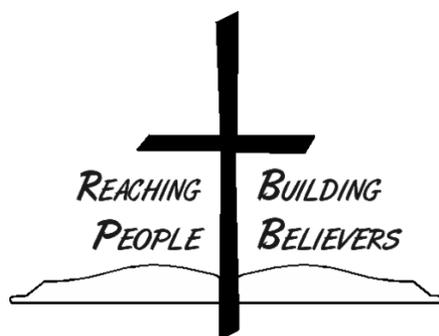
Genesis 45:1-50:1



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

- Includes Tithes, Offerings, Gifts, & Interest



Birthdays & Anniversaries

May

- 2—Cavitt Hollis
- 7—**Steve & Lavon Smart (a)**
- 22—**Don & Kathy Garlick (a)**
- 24—Norma Blake
Mike Foulk
Kathy Garlick
- 30—Mykel Glaue

June

- 4—Annetta Holt
- 12—Sharon Brown
- 14—Allen Walters
- 16—Deena Mangalaraj
- 17—**George & Pam Sewell (a)**
Rob & Lora Wallace (a)
- 18—Isa Molina
- 19—**Bennie & Alice Arvin (a)**
Cavitt & Ruth Hollis (a)
Gerald & Pat Jones (a)
- 25—**Russell & Gee Min Glaue (a)**
- 29—Pastor Claudia McCain
Joseph & Cassandra Shoemaker (a)

Building Update

If you haven't visited the east end of the building in a while, walk down and see what has been accomplished. Or better yet, come volunteer 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 April 30, 2019, \$72,855.87 has been given toward this campaign. This is nearly 24% of our commitment given in six months of our three year campaign. 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

Church Board Summary

The Board met on April 9th at 6:30 pm. After a devotional and opening prayer, the following items were discussed/completed this month.

- Normal financial and church business.
- Discussed the need for updating job descriptions and doing evaluations.
- A sexual harassment policy was finalized and will be added to the policy manual.
- Initial contractual information for the candidate being presented by the search committee was discussed. The information was presented to the candidate for consideration.
- A member of the board was not able to continue their term. The nominating committee will be asked to find a replacement for the vacancy on the board.

The board would like to thank you for your prayers as we conduct the business of your church. Please continue to pray for the board, the church and the calling for a new pastor for our church.

Rich Sample
FBC Board Chairperson

Transportation Ministry



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.

Candidating Weekend, May 4-5

Schedule of Events for Saturday May 4th

12:00noon – 1:00pm—Lunch at the church

1:00pm – 2:00pm—Candidate Introduction Session

The purpose of the Candidate Introduction Session is for the Search Committee to introduce the candidate to the church. Only members and non-member regular attenders of our church services are invited.

Schedule of Events for Sunday May 5th

9:30am – 10:30am—Candidate Leads Worship

Following Worship—Special Business Meeting

The purpose of the special business meeting is to vote on the question of whether to accept or reject the committee's recommendation to call this candidate as our new pastor.

10:45am – 11:45am—Sunday School

11:45am—All Church Potluck

If you would like to meet the candidate, it is important that you attend the introduction session on Saturday May 4th. The candidate will be revealed during this session.

Due to strict confidentiality, the candidate's name cannot be released prior to Saturday May 4th. The candidate is currently a full-time pastor at another church. Should our congregation vote to accept the committee's recommendation to call this candidate, and the candidate accepts, the candidate will need to exit their contract with their current church. Therefore, even after the candidate signs a contract with First Baptist Church of Macomb, everyone must hold the candidate's information in the strictest confidence until the candidate's starting date.

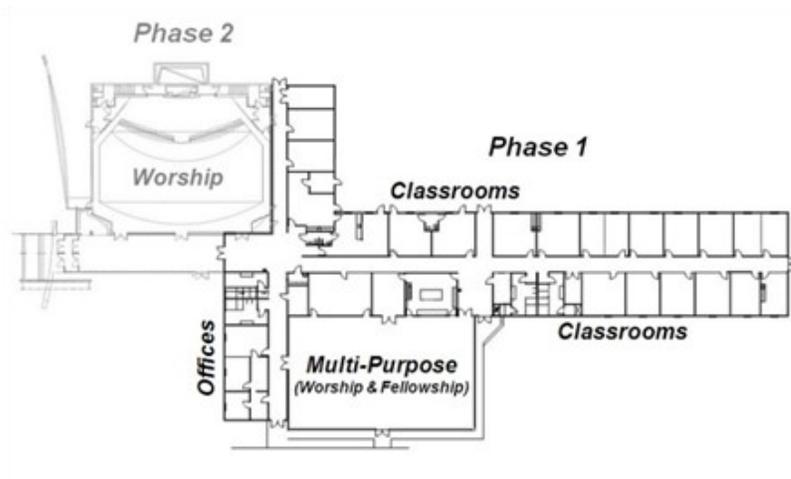
May 2019							Jun 2019 ▶	
◀ Apr 2019	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
				1 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. – Crown Reunion Group Women's Emmaus Bible Study in Room 11	2 8:00 a.m. – Breakfast at El Jarochito 6:00 p.m. – FBC Praise Team Practice	3	4 Candidate Weekend 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. – Core Leadership Meeting with Candidate 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. – Lunch 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. – Candidate Introduction Session	
			7 4:00 p.m. – Small Group Study in Room 11	8 6:30 p.m. – Small Group Study in Room 11	9 GRR Resource Leadership Conference, Bloomington, IL 8:00 a.m. – Breakfast at El Jarochito 6:00 p.m. – FBC Praise Team Practice	10 GRR Resource Leadership Conference, Bloomington, IL	11 GRR Resource Leadership Conference, Bloomington, IL 8:00 a.m. – Work Day at FBC	
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			21 4:00 p.m. – Small Group Study in Room 11	22 6:30 p.m. – Small Group Study in Room 11	23 8:00 a.m. – Breakfast at El Jarochito 6:00 p.m. – FBC Praise Team Practice	24	25 8:00 a.m. – Work Day at FBC	
			28	29	30 8:00 a.m. – Breakfast at El Jarochito 6:00 p.m. – FBC Praise Team Practice	31 ABW Annual Conference, Bloomington		
	5 Candidate Weekend 8:00 a.m. – Early Bird SS 9:00 a.m. – Prayer in Room 11 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:45 a.m. – Special Business Meeting to vote on Pastoral Candidate 10:45 a.m. – Sunday School 11:45 a.m. – All Church Potluck 2:00 p.m. – Worship at Grand Prairie	6	13 12 Mother's Day 8:00 a.m. – Early Bird Sunday School 9:00 a.m. – Prayer in Room 11 9:30 a.m. – Worship (Graduate, Teacher, Children/Youth Volunteer Recognition) 10:30 a.m. – Special Business Meeting 10:45 a.m. – Sunday School	19 8:00 a.m. – Early Bird Sunday School 9:00 a.m. – Prayer in Room 11 9:30 a.m. – Worship 10:45 a.m. – Sunday School	20	26 9:00 a.m. – Prayer in Room 11 9:30 a.m. – Worship		

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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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