

A Joyful Word

April 2024

A WORD FROM PASTOR JON...

The new church in Jerusalem was being blessed by God in many ways. Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe (Acts 2:43). This sense of awe and gratefulness was all because of the hand of God. People were concerned about loving the Lord and loving each other. This is what a church family does.

And this is what we do at FBC Macomb.

There are two upcoming opportunities that I would like to share with you.

First-

We are going to have a church family garden here at the church. You hired a gardener- so I am thankful to being able to plant my tomatoes. This will be for anyone in the church who would like to plant some vegetables. We can each take a section and grow our stuff. Then- when we have plenty for our family- we can share the rest with the church family.

Second-

I have taken a mission team to many locations in the past 17 years. This year-there is an opportunity to work on houses in North St. Louis. The dates are July 14-20. We will be doing floors- dry wall- and painting- and other remodeling.

We will be joined by the mission team from FBC in Cambridge, OH.

If you would like to go- please talk to me and ask any questions that you have. The age limit is 16 and older.

ODDS AND ENDS

We had a great Easter celebration and I want to thank everyone who participated and helped in any way.

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Judy Hurt & Sharon Sample

AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING 2024 GRACE upon GRACE

Your March gifts to America For Christ Offering support the Great Rivers Region, churches, and community organizations across the US and Puerto Rico. It also provides grants and training for Chaplains, aid for children in poverty, helps create innovative ministries to develop church leaders, and promotes discipleship. FBC raised \$1,545 to support this important work. Thank you for your faithfulness!

2024 GREAT LAKES LEADERSHIP RETREAT



A Word From Pastor Jon...(cont. from page 1)

Here are some open positions that could be filled- maybe by you.

1. We can use 2 more van drivers to lighten the load of our present drivers.
2. We still have 2 positions open on the church board. If you feel led by God to be a part of the leadership of FBC- please talk to Judy Hurt or myself.

God bless you and your family during this month of April.

Pastor Jon

2022 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Our 3-year “Do Not Grow Weary” Capital Campaign began November 6, 2022.

Committed	\$192,099.94
Monthly Payment	\$ 6,366.88
Current Debt	\$541,647.88
Amount Given as of 03/31/24	\$105,590.00

Interested in volunteer work to help complete the Fire Department requirements? Some items that need completion include ceiling grid and tiles in a couple of rooms, baseboard trim, mounting a fire extinguisher in the kitchen (we have it, it just needs to be mounted), finishing the showers, and some plumbing work (this requires a licensed plumber). If you are willing to help with some of these, let me or Pastor Jon know.

If you are led to contribute financially, simply mark “Building Fund” on the memo line of your check or put it in a giving envelope and write the amount next to “Building Fund.”

Judy Hurt
Capital Campaign Director



MARCH BOARD REPORT

The Board met in March to discuss the following items:

- Completed policies for the new PTO (paid time off) state law.
- Accepted the completed Staff Policy Handbook
- Update on lawn equipment servicing and repairs (needed 2 tires repaired and a new seatbelt)
- Accepted a bid from Team Green for lawn treatment
- Parking lot gravel completed at nearly \$1000 under bid
- Seeding the bare patches in the lawn has been completed
- Researching options for printer problems
- Discussed advertising
- Planning for staff evaluations

Pastor Jon reported that he is making plans for outings with the youth. Visitation with shut-ins and the monthly service at Grand Prairie are going well. He is making plans for a mission trip to North St. Louis July 14-19 in coordination with Catholic Charities. The Salvation Army will provide housing for the week. It will involve remodeling work. He also expressed the need for another volunteer van driver for Sunday mornings.

We still have two open positions on the Board. One is to finish out a one-year term and the other is to finish a two-year term. Let Pastor Jon or Sharon Sample know if you have interest in serving in this capacity.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9.
Judy Hurt
Chair

COMMUNITY & CONGREGATIONAL TEAM UPDATE

The Community & Congregational Outreach Team met on March 17th. We are going forward with the Taco Bar and Cinco de Mayo celebration during the Sunday School hour on May 5th. There will be Bible and Music Trivia; fun, food, and fellowship.

We will be conducting a Diaper (and wipes) Drive the entire month of May. Items collected will either go to Western Illinois Regional Council (WIRC) Victims Services or to the Western Illinois University Food Pantry.

Watch for fliers. They will be coming out this week!

Abby, Alle, Celena, Sharon, and Sharon



FBC IN PICTURES

FBC Youth Recognition Sunday

Deena Mangalaraj, Celena Mangalaraj, Abigail Wallace, Jadyne Glaue, Kyler Glaue



Palm Sunday



FBC IN PICTURES (CONT.)

Maundy Thursday
Lest We Forget Drama Presentation



Easter Sunday Celebration



PRAYER LIST

Military

Garrett Beck (Marines)
Jacob Coutre` (Navy)
TraVon Jeffrey (Army)
Logan Lobos (USAF)
Bryson Reeves (Army)

College

Thalia Adkins-Covert
Darya Ellickson
Brooks Wallace

Cancer

Avery Hawkins
Janet Moore
Ron Scott
Amy Sullivan
Gail Townsend

Health

Kay Adair
Kathleen Barry
Marilyn Bourn
Kathy Brooks
Beverly Clause
Lola Coplan
Don Foulk
Zech Foulk
Wendy Geltmacher
Mary Hainline
Ramona Henderson
Jim McCain
Tayler Richardson
Richard Sample
Janice Scott
Carolyn Trout

Home Bound

Ginny Doxstader
Peggy Foulk
Barb Heaton



BIBLE READINGS FOR 2024



April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 II Samuel Chap. 4-6	2 Chap. 7-9	3 Chap. 10-12	4 Chap. 13-15	5 Chap. 16-18	6 Chap. 19-21
7 Chap. 22-24	8 I Kings Chap. 1-3	9 Chap. 4-6	10 Chap.7-9	11 Chap. 10-12	12 Chap. 13-15	13 Chap. 16-18
14 Chap. 19-21	15 Chap. 22 II Kings Chap. 1-2	16 Chap. 3-5	17 Chap. 6-8	18 Chap. 9-11	19 Chap. 12-14	20 Chap. 15-17
21 Chap. 18-20	22 Chap. 21-23	23 Chap. 24-25 I Chronicles Chap. 1	24 Chap. 2-4	25 Chap. 5-7	26 Chap.8-10	27 Chap. 11-13
28 Chap. 14-16	29 Chap.17-19	30 Chap. 20-22				

“My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and it’s horsemen! And he saw Elijah no more.”

II Kings 2:12

**FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH
OF MACOMB**

OUR MISSION

Reaching People ~
Building Believers

VISION & PURPOSE

To encourage and empower
changes within ourselves to
meet the needs of the con-
gregation, community and
the world.



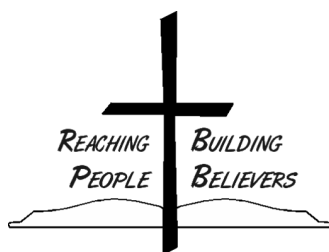
APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1—Richard Hurt
- 4—Wendy Geltmacher
- 11—Bonnie Mellenthin
- 16—Abigail Wallace
- 25—Ryan Sample
- 26—Leann Walters
- 27—Sharon Sample



APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 4—Sharon & Richard Sample
- 17—Tina & Eddie Green



APRIL WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

April	Opening Prayer Leader	Candle Lighter	Greeters
7	Jane Coplan	Corda Adkins-Covert	Marilyn & Ronnie Smith
14	Lora Wallace	Deena Mangalaraj	
21	Rob Wallace	Kai Adkins-Covert	
28	Jim Richardson	Malaki Richardson	

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Scan QR code to send prayer requests, ask questions or update your information.

SEE YOU ON SUNDAYS!

9:10 – 9:25 a.m. – Prayer in Room 11. Join us as we blanket our Worship Service, speakers & musicians with prayer.

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. – Worship

10:45 – 11:45 a.m. – Sunday School

Grades K-6 will meet in Rooms 21 & 18

Grades 7-12 will meet in Room 20

Adult Sunday Study Class will meet in Room 11



Office Hours: M–F, 9am-12n