



MARCH 2010

FBCM MESSENGER

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"A Family Helping Families Connect With Christ"

SERVICE HOURS

Sunday

9:30 AM - Sunday School
10:45 AM - Morning Worship
6:00 PM - Evening Discipleship

Wednesday

6:15 PM - AWANA (Sep-May)
Youth Escape

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

FEBRUARY 2010

3 of 4 weeks

Offering - \$14,368.36
Budget - \$16,803.30
Amount short - \$2,434.94



Mission of Growth -
\$109,945.61



Total
Commitments
\$4,923.00
Total Received
\$5,845.18

AVG. S.S. ATTENDANCE

FEBRUARY 2009

3 of 4 weeks

101

NEW MEMBERS

Kevin & Melissa Kunze
3704 Carlyle Ave.
Belleville IL 62221
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Miss Molly Connell
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Dear Church Family,

March. One-sixth of 2010 is already behind us! How is your year progressing? Now I can imagine some of you are thinking about your physical health, your financial well being, maybe even the state of our nation, but what about your spiritual vitality?

Consider Jesus' statement recorded in **Matthew 6:33** **But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.** This verse was spoken in the immediate context of worry. On a wider scale it is spoken in the context of the sermon on the mount where Jesus is teaching His disciples (us) how to live. We are not to worry about food, clothing, and housing. We are, instead, to be concentrating on God's kingdom. I believe, in principle, this could carry over to worrying about our physical health or our country as well. We are to pray, asking God to meet our needs but we are not to get wrapped around the axle with them, rather we are to focus on God's kingdom and His righteousness. How are we doing?

This month we have an opportunity to focus on the spiritual - the kingdom aspect of life. As each of you know Easter is the first Sunday in April (April 4th). In preparation for that great day we voted as a church to do a canvassing of our neighborhood with door hangers stuffed with a tract entitled "Find It Here" and an invitation to our services. We have planned to do this neighborhood prayer walk and distribution on March 13. We will begin by meeting here at the church at 10:00AM, get our route information and go out and hang the hangers on doors. We will have lunch provided at the church at 1:00PM and then head back out to finish the project. Here is the "kicker:" we need the church to be involved in this. The more people we have the less time it will take and the less mileage each individual will have to cover.

Let's join together and do this: make it a family endeavor, a class outing, or a personal commitment. Let's do our best to provide the opportunity for others to come in and hear the gospel. If one gets saved, so be it - if 60 get saved so be it! But we will do it all for the glory of God!

Your Pastor

VBS 2010 - July 12-16

It's that time of year again to start praying for VBS! This year we're "Roundin' Up Questions and Drivin' Home Answers" on the Saddle Ridge Ranch.

If you want to help,
please sign up on the bulletin board.
Questions? See Andrea Sisson



\$tewardship Tip\$

Romans 6:6-22, "(6) Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. (7) For he that is dead is freed from sin. ... (20) For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. (21) What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. (22) But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life."

The heart of the Christian faith is that Jesus died for our sins, without Christ's death there is no salvation. The joy of the Christian faith is that we have new life in Christ. The weight of sin is lifted. What we do with our new life becomes our message to those around us.

Jesus said, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness" (Matthew 5:6), meaning those who want to be like Jesus. In your daily life are you seeking to live like Jesus? As you are rejoicing in your new life in Christ, are you a servant to righteousness, or are you holding back in sin?

God expects us to serve. Look outward, instead of to self, as you focus on what you should be doing for those around you. Serve in obedience to God's commands. Ask yourself, "What would Jesus do?" in each situation. What does Jesus want you to do with what you have been blessed with?

Schedule for Easter Services & Activities

Sat., March 13 - 9:30 am, "Find It Here" Handout

Sun., March 28 - 6:00 pm, Easter Cantata

Sun., April 4

6:30 am - Sunrise Service

8:30 am - Breakfast

9:30 am - Sunday School (Bible Study)

10:45 am - Morning Worship



There will be no
Evening Discipleship.



From Norma Coates

Fifty-eight years ago when Charles & I came to town, we were happy to see a sign on this empty lot "Future Home of First Baptist Church". There was no Baptist Church in the town we were living in. We didn't know years later Charles would serve as the building chair for this building. This was our 2nd home.

With our children we had daily Bible readings, the S. S. & Training Union teachers and pastors all taught scriptures. We're thankful for everyone and give God all the Glory. There is much peace in knowing all four of our children still serve our Lord. We want to recommend this to everyone.

As with most marriages that last, everything isn't always a bed of roses; but, God teaches us to give and forgive. God is good.

Looking Back...

50 years ago, March 16, 1960: "The regular monthly business meeting of the First Baptist Church was called to order by the moderator, Rev. McCoy. The meeting opened with the singing of a hymn, a prayer, and a responsive reading."

25 years ago, March 13, 1985: "Bro. Ira Queener recommended that the Church hire Kevin Higginson as the Church Music Director. His starting pay will be \$50.00 weekly, retroactive back to March 3, 1985. The vote was secret ballot. It carried 26 Yes, 2 No."

10 years ago, March 19, 2000: "Bill Kenyon asked if any plans have been made for the World Day of Prayer. He also asked about the church purchasing tracts. A motion was made by Mike Mawhorr to affirm Bill's efforts and for the church to participate in World Day of Prayer. John Link 2nd the motion and it passed."



MISSION UPDATE
by Andrea Moeller
Missionary to Ecuador

We received the following note from Andrea.

FBCM family,

Thank you so much for your prayer and financial support of my ministry in Ecuador. You are a blessing to my ministry. God has provided abundantly.

At the end of January I had to suddenly return to the states when they would not let me renew my visa. We are working on the paperwork, and as soon as I can get a new visa I will return to Ecuador. Please pray this process goes quickly and smoothly and I can go back to Ecuador soon. Thank you!

Because God is Faithful,
Andrea Moeller



Your FBCM Media Center



Do you know that the Church has a media center? It is located in the room on the corner of the main hallway and the hallway entrance to the sanctuary.

There are hundreds of books in multiple categories sorted alphabetically by author last name within each category. There are also VCR tapes, DVDs, CDs and Bible study series.

To check out an item:

1. Open to front or back cover of the book or the outside of the media and locate card pocket
2. Take out card and ensure it matches the item that you are checking out
3. Write your name and due date on the card (nothing specific, but please try not to keep for extended time)
4. Put in card box on the desk

To return an item:

1. Set it on the desk, it will be re-shelved by library staff

We do not have an electronic or manual search capability, so you will have to be resourceful if you are seeking a specific book and don't know the author.

Donations are welcome, but please be aware that the shelves are almost full. Finally, there is a box of duplicate books under the table; please help yourself to any you want.

Thank you,
Your media center team,
Mike E. and Dana



BOOK REVIEWS by Michelle Connell



Ain't No River

by Sharon Ewell Foster

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Garvina Daniels is a high powered attorney in D.C. with roots down south. When her position in the office is under investigation, she finds herself lost and back home with her Meemaw. Problem is, there's someone else in Meemaw's life and he is one-third her age. Well, Garvina can take care of that. She won't let anyone take advantage of her grandmother, no sir. Finding this guy and giving him a piece of her mind though is trickier than she thought. And in the meantime, Garvina still has one case on her load which doesn't thrill her the least bit. Just another EEO case to her. But when she finally gets around to meeting her client, she realizes he just may have something and it reenergizes her. Will she get everything settled and find true peace?



Sunday, March 28
6:00 pm

Written in Red

Presented by FBCM Adult Choir