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Sunday Morning Services	8:15 am
Chatterbox Cafe	8:00 am
Worship (Karen Language)	8:45 am
Sunday School	10:00 am
Worship (English Language)	

### ATTENDANCE

September 22  
94

September 29  
161

October 6  
94

October 13  
69



Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes. These churches consistently ask the question, "What percentage of your income do you feel God is calling you to give?"

This spiritually focused stewardship focuses on the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, the church treats people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. Spiritually focused stewardship encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving as a tangible expression of our heart's commitment to God.

Why ask the question, "What percentage of your income do you feel God is calling you to give?" Percentage giving **increases our awareness** of how much we are actually giving to God. For example, the poor widow who gave 2 pennies gave 100% - all that she had - while the rich around her gave a much smaller percentage out of their abundance. The biblical standard for giving is the tithe or 10% of income. We can all **grow** in giving - some can grow in percentage towards the tithe - some are able to grow beyond it. In percentage giving churches, persons then translate that percentage into a dollar amount, write it on a card, and turn it in.

Why does spiritually focused stewardship work better than fund-raising methods? To quote Herb Miller, "Fund-raising for non-profit organizations is as different from Christian stewardship as a bicycle is from an eight-teen wheeler. Both are valid forms of transportation but they are not interchangeable. They accomplish two different purposes. The goal of secular fund-raising: dollars for a worthy cause. The goal of Christian stewardship: faithful management of all that God gives so that God can use our gifts to transform us spiritually and to extend Christ's transforming love to others.

How is God calling you to give?

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in our stewardship campaign this year.

Your Pastors,  
Flint and Deb Miller



## NOTES FROM YOUR PARISH NURSES SANDY CLAERHOUT & BARB MILLER



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## 5 fixes for colonoscopy concerns

**C**olonoscopy is highly effective at preventing colorectal cancer, the second deadliest type of cancer, because it allows a doctor to detect precancerous growths in the colon and remove them on the spot.

Yet only about half of Americans age 50 and older get any kind of screening for colorectal cancer, colonoscopy or otherwise, according to Otis Brawley, M.D., chief medical officer of the American Cancer Society. He estimates that an additional 15,000 to 20,000 lives could be saved each year if that rate rose to 90 or 95 percent. Here's how to overcome five common barriers to this important test.

**1 The concern:** You'll get bad news.  
**The fix:** Colorectal cancer grows slowly, typically taking 10 to 15 years to develop. Getting screened at recommended intervals increases the likelihood of catching it early, when you have the best chance of being successfully treated. A study of 1,071 colon-cancer patients published in June 2013 in *JAMA Surgery* found that those whose disease was detected by a screening colonoscopy tended to be diagnosed earlier and have longer survival rates than people whose tumors were detected in other ways.

**2 The concern:** Preparation for the test is a nightmare.

**The fix:** You're limited to a clear-liquid diet for about 24 hours before the procedure, and may also have to drink up to a gallon of a laxative solution. To improve the solution's taste, chill it first, or ask your doctor whether it's OK to add lemon, lime, ginger, or a flavor enhancer like Crystal Light. Other steps that might help (bravely shared by readers who responded to a query on the Consumer Reports' Facebook page) include eating lighter than usual a day or two before your prep, using a straw to



Fifty candles on the cake? It's time for your first colonoscopy.

drink the solution, staying near a bathroom, and using flushable wipes and diaper ointment to prevent irritation.

**3 The concern:** Complications.  
**The fix:** It's true that both colonoscopy and the less invasive flexible sigmoidoscopy (in which only the lower colon is checked), pose a small risk of bowel perforation or infection. And the sedating drugs under which colonoscopy is typically performed—such as propofol (*Diprivan* and generic) or midazolam (*Versed* and generic)—have rare but potentially serious risks, such as difficulty breathing. But the benefits of the procedure far outweigh the dangers for

people age 50 to 75, says Carla H. Ginsburg, M.D., M.P.H., a gastroenterologist in Newton, Mass.

If even the small risk of complications is intolerable, you can do an annual stool test instead (see box below), though you'll need to follow up with a colonoscopy if the result is positive.

**4 The concern:** You can't afford it.  
**The fix:** Under the health reform law passed in 2010, Medicare and private insurers are required to cover most types of colorectal-cancer screening, including colonoscopy. (They might not fully cover removal of polyps during the procedure.) The requirement is already in effect for Medicare; group and individual plans must comply by 2014. But you'll probably be billed separately for the procedure and the anesthesia, so find out ahead of time whether the anesthesiologist is in your insurance plan's network.

**5 The concern:** You feel generally squeamish about the whole thing.  
**The fix:** Meet with the gastroenterologist who will do the procedure ahead of time to talk about the test. (For example, you can ask who else will be in the room.) Also keep in mind that the average procedure takes only 10 to 15 minutes, and you won't be cognizant enough to feel bashful. By the time you're lucid, it will all be over. ■

### Options for colon-cancer screening

Our medical consultants recommend that healthy adults age 50 to 75 get screened regularly for colorectal cancer using one of these three options:

- An annual test for blood in the stool (known as a fecal occult blood test).
- Sigmoidoscopy every five years beginning at age 50, plus a stool test every three years.
- Colonoscopy every 10 years beginning at age 50.

People at increased risk for colorectal cancer due to family history or other reasons often need more frequent screening and to start screening at a younger age. Otherwise, there's no benefit to getting screened more often than recommended, and it can actually expose you to unnecessary risks. And screening isn't advised for people older than 75 because the benefits diminish after that age and the risks increase.

# NOTES

## OCTOBER & NOVEMBER SUNDAYS WELCOME CENTER DATES

8:30-9:30am

9:30-10:00am/20 minutes after worship

October 20 Melba Moody  
 October 27 JoAnn Parmley  
 November 3 Mulu Zerihoun  
 November 10 Shirley & Wally Lofgren  
 November 17 JoAnn Parmley  
 November 24 Mulu Zerihoun

Donna O'Neill  
 Jane & Tom Olmsted  
 Ann Watkins  
 Marge Mirr & Vera Mathis  
 Donna O'Neill  
 Ann Watkins

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED TO CHANGE THE TIME OR DATE,  
 PLEASE CALL DONNA O'NEILL AT 762-9572

### GREETERS FOR SUNDAY

October 20 Paula, Emma & Martin Newell  
 October 27 Mary Zahnley, Kathryn Yocom, &  
 Glenda Bunton  
 November 3 Paula, Emma & Martin Newell  
 November 10 Lucy Anderson & JoAnn Parmley

WEEKLY BUDGET NEEDS FOR 2013: \$4,946.39  
 WEEKLY BUDGET INCOME FOR 2013

September 22	\$1,005.00
September 29	1,117.00
October 6	5,912.00
October 13	2,503.00

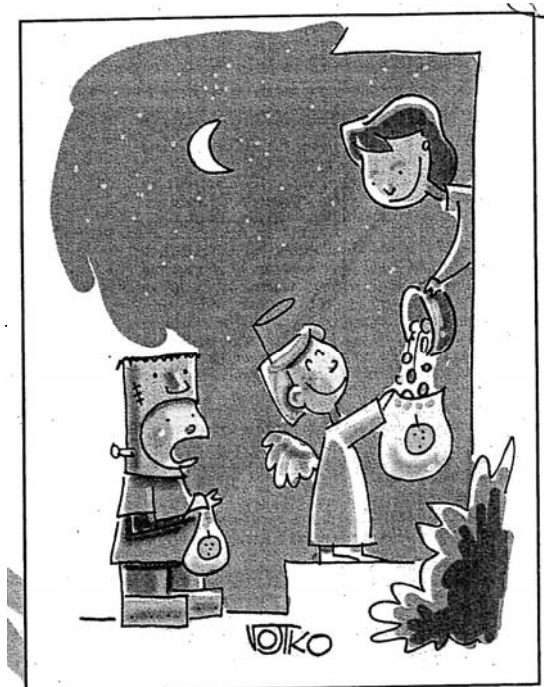


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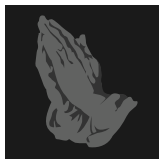
Bob Moody for being always keeping our church vans filled with gasoline, for any event that is planned. He never lets the gas tank go dry. Thanks so much Bob.

And a big thanks to Melba Moody for taking and sharing beautiful pictures of all the events and happenings of our church. Our bulletin boards look great!

Thank you to all the different teams that is helping to fix our Wednesday night meals. There is always something delicious to eat and we appreciate the faithful efforts of all involved. Also, to everyone that provides dessert, Thank you, because dessert is very important (and delicious!). THANKS AGAIN TO ALL!



I'M WEARING THAT COSTUME NEXT YEAR! EVERYONE'S GIVING YOU EXTRA CANDY!



*Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.*

*James 5:16 (NIV)*



### PRAYER REQUESTS

Shane McWade  
 Willie Newenham  
 Gary Claerhout  
 Barb Miller (Our Parish Nurse) TW  
 Bob Lofgren  
 Jan & Dean Harmon  
 Roy Harrington  
 Mu Kya  
 Lar Ma Htoo  
 Bonnie Gradel  
 Glen Hanfron  
 Sharon Angelo  
 Russ Reynolds  
 Brad Dykeman  
 Cathy McGill  
 David Miller  
 Michelle Strader  
 Grandfather of Erin Arnold  
 Jamie Boucher  
 Darlene Teijito  
 Jack Thorman  
 Carrie Staniger Hauzenradar  
 Gene Burrows  
 Fred Leroy Scott (Scotty)  
 Jim Cutler  
 John Barrett  
 Kathy Linqvist  
 Chastity Lentz  
 Jacqueline Lake  
 Dana Smith  
 Don Reed  
 George Rogan  
 Tim White  
 Patty Stephenson  
 Violet Treat  
 Jim Doty

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

Betty McBride (Park Vista)  
 Dorothy Foster (Park Vista)  
 Pearl Cruser (Rosewood)  
 Kaye Duncan (Friendship Manor)  
 Myrta George (Texas)  
 Virginia Anderson (Lighthouse)  
 Dee Bertelsen (Hope Creek)  
 Gladys Reamy (Hope Creek)  
 Norma Strandlund (Hope Creek)  
 Cathy McGill (Home)  
 Esther Fields (Home)  
 Grace Orton (Home)  
 Bob Lofgren (Home)  
 Wanda Mitchell (Home)  
 Elaine Kruckenberg (Home)  
 Karl Pearson (Heartland Park)

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Anthony Mathis	D.J. Gladfelter
Tyler Mathis	Lauren Hugel
Galen Ryan	Nick Uzelac
Wm. Robert Crouch (home from Afghanistan)	

### REMEMBER ALL OUR MISSIONARIES IN PRAYER, ESPECIALLY THESE WITH WHOM WE HAVE A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP

#### HAITI

Kihomi & Mabudiga Nzunga - Partner Missionaries

#### COSTA RICA

Lillian Solt - Partner Missionaries

#### OKLAHOMA

MURROW INDIAN CHILDREN'S HOME,  
 Betty Martin

#### USA & THAILAND

Duane & Marsha Binkley

### Special Interest Missionaries

Taku and Katie Longkumer  
 Kristy Engel  
 Scott and Tan Coats



**The Annual Pre-School Pumpkin Field Trip and Picnic that took place on Thursday, October 10th, was a great success. There were 20 some children along with their moms, and adult leaders, Nancy & Bill Lee, Cathy Jarvis, Mary Bash, & Bob Moody. It was a beautiful day with lots of fun activities. Nancy Lee was quoted as saying, "We had a ton of fun."**

**Thanks so much for everyone's help with driving the vans, and helping supervise the children. We are looking forward to next year.**

## Stepping Out of your Comfort Zone

Comfort - what comes to mind when you think of the word? I know many things pop into my mind. Many of us cherish our comforts - cars, homes, pets, food, the list goes on. Although many of us have these "comforts" there are many who don't. I know that a lot of people in the community mostly help those in need near Christmas. They donate to toys for tots, or the Salvation Army, or the Giving Tree. It is the season of giving and some of these people may need more help.

I recently started working for Lia Sophia Jewelry. Every Tuesday night we have an Online conference call with our Zone leader. She often says when you step out of your comfort zone that is where the magic happens. She's not just talking about getting sales, or getting someone to host a party she is talking about everyday life. Stepping out of your comfort zone may mean just comforting someone else.

A few months back I was channel surfing and OUR favorite TV show was on, "Keeping up with the Kardashians." It's tempting to watch it just for a few minutes just to see why the heck these people are so famous! In this episode Bruce Jenner took his 2 youngest daughters Kylie and Kendall to volunteer at a homeless shelter due to the fact he thought they were becoming too spoiled by fame and fortune. They ended up befriending a young girl who lived in 1 room with her family. This apartment was the size of each of the girl's bedrooms. They were saddened, but in the end they felt doubly blessed for what they had. They were more or less forced out of their comfort zone, but in the end it made a difference.

I have been on many mission trips where we helped many who did not have much, but they felt so blessed and grateful that we took the time to step out of our comfort zone and give to complete strangers. This wasn't a monetary donation, but our time, effort, sweat, and blood. Some of us feel that we can't make a difference in this world or this community. I know that at First Baptist Moline, we have helped this community out in so many ways, and need to stretch beyond our comfort zone to do more. Maybe we need to go to a homeless shelter, talk to these people, help them know the comfort of God, and invite them to Church.

2 Corinthians 1:3-7 tells us this: *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort."* So take the time to step out of your comfort zone and let the magic happen! You may just make a difference in the world when you do.

God Bless, Brandy Roady



**DEBBIE MILLER:** Our congregation is saddened to learn that Senior Co-Pastor, Debbie Miller, is resigning. In her letter to us she says, "God has been nudging me toward another direction in ministry, and I feel like the time has come for me to leave FBC as co-pastor." Debbie is resigning as of 31 December 2013. She will be greatly missed. We wish her Godspeed and many blessings as she continues her spiritual journey.

**From 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13:** Dear brothers and sisters, honor those who are your leaders in the Lord's work. They work hard among you and give you spiritual guidance. Show them great respect and wholehearted love because of their work. And live peacefully with each other."

**GENEROSITY:** I'm reminded that pledge cards are soon due by an article in the 21 August 2013 Christian Century. It states: "A survey by ICM, a London-based polling agency, shows that the United Kingdom's estimated 280,000 Muslims give more money annually to charity than do Christians, Jews, Hindus and Sikhs. Their survey showed Muslims donate about \$567 per person per year, with Jews in second place giving \$412 per person annually. Christians gave considerably less - just over \$300 per person - and atheists give the least, \$177." (RNS)

**DISPLAYS IN FELLOWSHIP HALL:** Our various boards have set up some wonderful displays exhibiting their responsibilities. We have some very creative members at FBC.



**SHOEBOXES:** On Monday, 14 October, ABWM filled "shoeboxes" with all sorts of good things donated by our congregation for Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritan's Purse, International Relief. It's a program for needy children promoted by Franklin Graham. (PLEASE NOTE: Additional items need for the shoe boxes are as follows: hand towels, wash cloths, tooth brushes, small toothpaste, small soaps, combs, and small tissue packets.

**CHALK ARTIST:** On Sunday, 29 September, Randy Davis, chalk artist, presented a program using a unique visual method of conveying biblical principles via overhead projector and large screen coordinated with inspirational music.

**CUSTOMER SERVICE WITH A SMILE:** On the bulletin board across from the Judson Class is a notice concerning a church member, Mulu Zerihoun. It appears to be from the Blackhawk Hotel's newsletter. It says: "If there is one staff member that puts more smiles on people's faces, it would have to be Mulu Zerihoun. Mulu's beautiful accent, infectious smile, and his genuine effusive greeting of every guest makes him a hit no matter where he might be assisting that day. He can often be found hosting at breakfast and lunch in Bix Bistro, but not only hosting because when necessary, Mulu can take the order, serve it and ring up the charges. He's been known to be room service staff. In addition, Mulu works as a bellman at times. Wherever he is, it's a given Mulu is all about customer service with a smile and an eye for details that makes each guest special."

Blessings, Barbara Chaney

Please note that on Sunday, October 27, Karen worship will be at 8:00 a.m. in order to accommodate the Stewardship Celebration Luncheon. Thank you, Karen congregation for your gracious flexibility.



**UPPER CLASS EVENT  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 21 AT 10:30 AM (NOTE NEW TIME)**

The Knights of Columbus will present the American Flag ceremony, describing the flag's history, etiquette, folding ceremony itself, and what it means to us. The ceremony will be followed by a pot-luck luncheon, with the meat dish furnished by Willie & Don Phillis. We have invited the Knights to join us so we should anticipate these 8 or 9 guests. Please remember that when preparing your contribution to the meal. A special invitation to our Karen brothers and sisters. This ceremony could be helpful to you as you apply for citizenship. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**



**"Something Beautiful for God" Stewardship Campaign**

**October 17** - Follow-up post card with reminder of due date to turn in pledge cards by October 27.

**October 20** - Worship Theme: "Doing Something Beautiful for God".

**October 27** - Worship Theme: "God is Good ... All the Time". Celebration Luncheon - "God's Faithfulness and The Blessings of Stewardship". Special Guest Speaker, Jack Carey

**2014 CALENDARS ON SALE TODAY IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

See Chance McWade to purchase your inspirational calendar. The calendars are beautiful and the cost is \$7.00. This is the annual calendar sale to benefit the Youth program (limited number available )



**Ladies:**

Mark your calendar for our next ABWM meeting which will be Monday, November 11, (Veterans' Day), at 9:30 a.m. in the G.A. room. Mary Anderson will be presenting our program showing her slides from her recent trip to the British Isles. Scotland, Ireland and Costa Rica. Her pictures are beautiful, so you don't want to miss seeing them. As usual, coffee and refreshments will be served.

Everyone is welcome.



Thank you to the 6 to 8<sup>th</sup> graders who decorated Autumn wreaths to decorate the Sunday School room doors as a service project.

They are really pretty!

**PLEASE NOTE: THE DEADLINE TO TURN IN YOUR 2014 PLEDGE CARD IS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27TH. EITHER MAIL IT IN TO THE CHURCH OR PUT IN IN THE BOX AT THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY. THANK YOU FOR GIVING!**

**THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**PLEASE NOTE: A ONE CHURCH BOARD TRAINING SESSION HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH AT 7:00 PM. FOR EVERYONE INVOLVED, PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND.**

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*"We are a multi-cultural family  
seeking to grow in love of God and  
neighbor intent on sharing the Good  
News of Jesus Christ."*

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LOOKING AHEAD  
OCTOBER NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 11  
MAILING: NOVEMBER 14  
(ONE ISSUE MONTHLY)



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### Stewardship Campaign Celebration Luncheon

11:15 a.m., Sunday, October 27  
Immediately following  
English Worship



- Inspirational speaker and men's ministry leader, Jack Carey. "... His Voice epitomizes motivation, 'can-do' spirit... and human-sensitivity."
- Hear his story of whole-life stewardship.
- See ministry fair of displays and learn about our churches various ministries.
- Enjoy a delicious FREE meal!