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8:15—9:30 am
Chatterbox Cafe
9:00 AM
Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
English Language
11:45 AM
Karen Sunday School
12 Noon
Karen Worship Service

ATTENDANCE

April 13
English 108
Karen 201

April 20
English 144
Karen 151

April 27
English 87
Karen ?

May 4
English 77
Karen 202

May 11
English 81
Karen 239

May 18
English 86
Karen 203



¹² Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life." (John 8:12 NLT).

Jesus spoke these words during the Feast of Tabernacles, one of the three great festivals of the Jewish faith. This celebration took place in the fall, and remembered God's care during the 40 years in the wilderness prior to entering the Promised Land. During the festival, the faithful would live in tents to recall their years of nomadic wandering and God's constant provision.

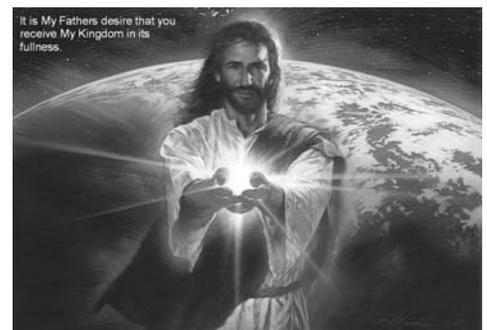
Jesus' words correspond to events at the feast. A lamp-lighting ceremony took place in the temple every evening, during which large lamps were set up in the Court of Women. The lamps' light, it was said, filled every courtyard in the city. In the light of these lamps there was great singing and dancing all evening in celebration of God's salvation, especially his deliverance at the exodus as he led his people with his presence in a pillar of fire by night. In the sight of these great lamps in the Court of Women, perhaps even in the evening while they blazed, Jesus proclaims himself to be the light of the world.

Just prior to Jesus' proclamation as the light of the world, is his encounter with the woman caught in adultery and her accusers. As her accusers drop their rocks and drift away, Jesus asks the woman, "Where are your accusers? Didn't even one of them accuse you?" ¹¹ "No, Lord," she said. And Jesus said, "Neither do I. Go and sin no more" (John 8:10-11).

In this personal encounter with one trapped in darkness, Jesus extends God's forgiveness and the invitation to a new way of life. It is the offer to move from darkness to light. It's a living example of, "If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life." This is the offer that Jesus makes to every person - the chance to move from darkness to light.

Even as Christ's followers today, we have that choice. We can follow our own way, or we can follow Jesus, the Light of the World. He is the one that makes this colossal claim – "I am the light of the world." No one else makes this claim. No one else makes this offer. Yet as we follow him day by day, he turns his light on our path into new life. How is God calling you to follow him today, to trust him more fully, to turn your faith into active expressions of love and care? Turn to Jesus – the light of the world!

Blessings,
Pastor Flint





NOTES FROM YOUR PARISH NURSES SANDY CLAERHOUT & BARB MILLER

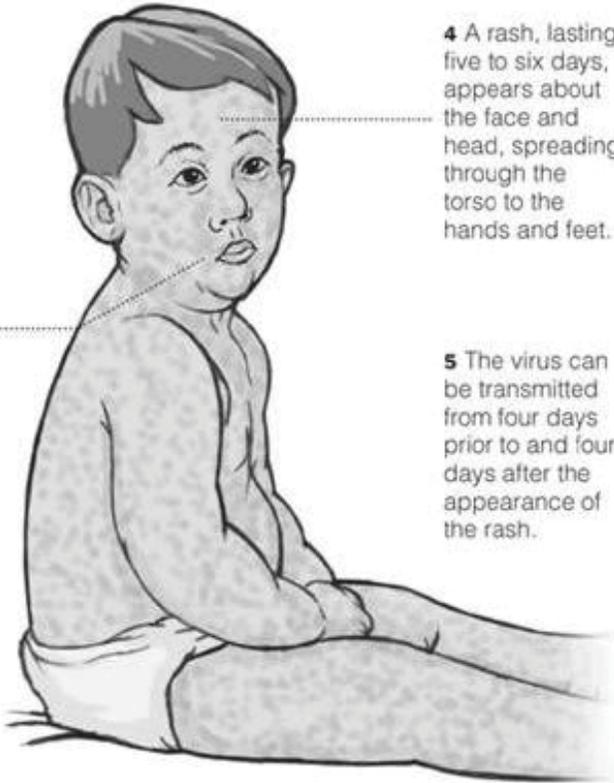


Characteristics of Measles

1 The virus is spread by breathing in virus-containing droplets or by touching contaminated surfaces.

2 The virus grows in cells in the back of the throat and lungs. Symptoms appear after 10 to 12 days.

3 Infected person has a fever lasting two to four days, followed by a cough, runny nose and red, watery eyes.



4 A rash, lasting five to six days, appears about the face and head, spreading through the torso to the hands and feet.

5 The virus can be transmitted from four days prior to and four days after the appearance of the rash.

OUTBREAKS OF MEASLES UP IN USA, DUE TO PARENTS OPTING OUT OF VACCINATIONS

Thursday, April 24, 2014 (HealthDay News) - - Vaccinations have prevented an estimated 732,000 deaths, 21 million hospitalizations, and 322 million illnesses a month U.S. children born in the last 20 years, according to a government report released Thursday.

Despite this success, measles, a highly contagious disease is seeing a recurrence in the United States, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention al reported.

As of April 18, 2014, 129 people have been diagnosed with measles in outbreaks in 13 states this year. Most of the people sickened were not vaccinated, the CDC says.

Although these outbreaks start outside the country, measles infection spreads rapidly among unvaccinated people, CDC director Dr. tom Frieden said during an early after-

noon press briefing. "Measles is still too common in many parts of the world," he said. "Globally, an estimated 20 million people get measles and 122,000 die from the disease each year."

Twenty years ago, the Vaccines for Children program was launched, providing free vaccines for families who can't afford to pay for them. The program was a direct response to a measles outbreak that sickened more than 50,000 people and killed more than 100. This happened despite the availability of measles vaccine since 1953, Frieden said.

"This was a wake-up call and it impressed upon me how infectious measles is, because a single undiagnosed case in a hospital could result in dozens of secondary cases," he explained. The program also saves money, Frieden said. "Fewer hospitalizations and more lives saved will cut nearly \$295 billion in direct costs, and \$1.38 trillion in total societal costs, estimates indicate."

The 129 measles cases reported so far "are the most measles cases reported in the first four months of the year since 1996.



Nancy Crawford gives this first-hand review of the Easter Sunrise Service, Sunday, April 20th at the Jenny Lind Chapel in Andover, IL. She attended the service with several others from our church.

“The Easter Sunrise service at Jenny Linda Chapel was great. What a wonderful setting! There is beauty in simplicity. One things that struck me was the Communion Cup. It was simple, made of clay with a plain finish. It made me think that it was probably like the one Jesus used at the Last Supper. To accompany our

singing, there was a pump organ—powered by feet!! It was SO nice to start the day early with a fine service in that gorgeous intimate setting.”

A big thanks to all who donated used shoes. We gave two full boxes of shoes to the Presbyterian church in Rock Island. The monies provided by the selling of our old shoes will help dig wells in third world countries for clean drinking water. Thanks again to everyone that contributed.
Nancy Crawford



WEEKLY BUDGET NEED
FOR 2014 \$4,215.29

- April 13
\$1,447.00
- April 20
\$1,403.00
- April 27
\$1,578.00
- May 4
\$4,285.00
- May 11
\$1,168.80
- May 18
\$14,989.00

**MAY AND JUNE SUNDAY GREETERS
AT WELCOME CENTER**

9:15—10:00 am & 20 minutes after worship

- Memorial Day Weekend* May 25 Julie & Gary Rodell**
- June 1 JoAnn Parmley & Ann Watkins**
- June 8 Lucy Anderson & Bev Nelson**
- June 15 Marge Mirr & Vera Mathis**
- June 22 Jane & Tom Olmsted**
- June 29 Mary Zahnley & Kathryn Yocom**

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

PLEASE NOTE:

The next FBC Blood Drive will be Wednesday, July 23, 2014 at Calvary Lutheran from 3—6:00 pm.

The last date to donate to be eligible for this drive is Wednesday, May 28th.



If you have any questions, please contact Paula Newell.



Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

Psalm 50:14-15



PRAYER REQUESTS

Glenda Bunton (Genesis)
 Jill Barnhart
 Ardis & Don Barnhart
 Jodi Allender
 Dan Murphy
 Ma Myint
 Adam Fogleman
 David Miller
 Chad Olmsted
 Donna Wilson (C. Jarvis Sis)
 Tim Jarvis
 Janet Jarvis
 Adam Jarvis
 Ellon Lowery
 Danny Lowery
 Jan & Dean Harmon
 Dorose & Roy Harrington
 Mu Kya
 Lar Ma Htoo
 Glen Hanfron
 Sharon Angelo
 Russ Reynolds
 Marilyn Anderson
 David Anderson
 Brad Dykeman
 Lois Paxton
 Cathy McGill
 June Manrique
 Michelle Strader
 Connie Neill
 Jamie Boucher
 Carrie Staniger Hauzenradar
 Gene Burrows
 Fred Leroy Scott (Scotty)
 Jim Cutler
 John Barrett
 Kathy Linqvist
 Chastity Lentz
 Dana Smith
 Jacqueline Lake
 Nathan Meade

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

Betty McBride (Park Vista)
 Pearl Crusier (Park Vista)
 Kaye Duncan (Friendship Manor)
 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)
 June Irwin (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	

**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



**Painting of the
“Orton Plantation”
donated to FBC by
Grace Orton.**

**Done by local artist
and church member
Larry Earhardt.**

**See article on Editor’s
Page, #7.**

WE HEARD FROM AN OLD FRIEND: (sent to Nancy Crawford from Erin Arnold)

Hi Nancy!

I'm sorry I'm just now writing to you. Life has been crazy but I appreciate all the cards you have sent. I am working at IU and doing well there. My hand is still healing just slowly. I have all my mobility back just some nerve issues in my arm. I hope the fudge business and the farm are still enjoyable. I miss you all and just having a time to relax and sew with everyone.

Just yesterday we had to take my blind grandma into the hospital and apparently she has had a stroke sometime and is not really making sense so she will be in the hospital for a while. She has really high blood pressure and just last week fell into her china cabinet and ended up with 12 stitches in her head. She is really confused and are not sure if she will be able to return home or if it is time to move my grandparents into a nursing home (which honestly I think would be best). A blind lady who has had a stroke and a wobbly man with dementia are not very safe home alone.

But in more exciting news Ben and I are getting our own place in Greenwood (which is just south of Indianapolis) and will be moving in late July. Hopefully there will be more exciting news on that front soon. Keep my family in your prayers. Love you all, and feel free to share any of this info with anyone else.



Love always, ERIN ARNOLD



**2014 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
SAVE THE DATE!
MONDAY, JUNE 16TH THROUGH FRIDAY, JUNE 20TH
9:00—11:30 AM**

Vacation Bible School for 2014 will be held Monday, June 16th through Friday, June 20th from 9:00—11:30 m. The overall theme of this program is **SERVICE** and the children attending will learn ways to serve their family, neighbors, community and Jesus in many ways. Susan Gritton, the VBS Director and the CE Team members asks for volunteers to help with this traditional summer event. We need teachers and assistants, game leaders, craft and snack personnel. Please sign up at the Welcome Center ASAP.

CALLING ALL PRAYER WARRIORS! Vacation Bible School needs your prayers. Please pray for a large turnout of children and their safety in getting to and from VBS. Pray that they may learn about serving others from the Bible Stories and from Jesus' examples.

Vacation Bible School is asking for donations of,

1. Very old and thin bath towels for blindfolds and paint clean-up.
2. Old long-sleeved men's shirts for paint shirts.
3. Netting like onions come in for bird bags. Sometimes toys come in the netting too.



And once again, we will be collecting cash for healthy snacks for healthy kids. Watch for us in May and June before and after Sunday services. Thank you for all of your help.

 WE HAVE STARTED WALKING TO COSTA RICA. WE HAVE GONE APPROXIMATELY 3,000 MILES SO FAR WITH 24 WALKERS AND OUR GOAL IS TO WALK ALL THE WAY TO COSTA RICA AND BACK. OUR WALK WILL CONTINUE THROUGH SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST.

PLEASE REPORT YOUR WEEKLY TOTAL TO BARB MILLER BY EMAIL: JMJWM@MEDIACOMBB.NET OR BY PHONE: (309) 787-3780, NO LATER THAN SUNDAY OF EACH WEEK.

*"I know I got a lot of exercise the last few years....
Just getting over the hill."*

A "Time To Serve" using your Spiritual Gifts To Serve God is the theme for the American Baptist Women's Ministries Great Rivers Region Conference this year. It will be held at the Magnuson Grand Hotel and Conference Center at 19067 W. Frontage Road in Raymond, Illinois, not far from Carlinville, Illinois. The date is Friday, May 30 to June 1, 2014. and the cost is \$165.00. If interested, Call Sharon Farral 309-755-7516 for more information and a ride or see Melba Moody.

This is a new place for the conference and I understand it is beautiful.





THANK YOU GRACE!: A long-time member of our church, Grace Orton, donated a oil painting of Orton Plantation that hung in her home. On a trip to the southern states, Grace and her husband, Tom, visited this home. They didn't think it belonged to someone from their family, but nevertheless were intrigued. Another long ago member of our church, Larry Earhardt, was the artist. Larry had a commercial art studio in Moline. Now we can enjoy this lovely painting and appreciate the memories it holds. (see painting on page #5)

WOMEN OF THE YEAR:



Marilyn Fields and Susan Gritton

Every year our church circle has a spring luncheon to honor our Women of the Year. This year we had two very deserving ladies, Marilyn Fields and Susan Gritton. We are so thankful for these ladies and all they have given to our church. It takes a big sacrifice of their time and talents.

This year the theme of the luncheon was Bonnets & Blooms. We used Willie Phillis' recipe for the Chicken Salad. So good!! Bonnets decorated the tables and were on the heads of the ladies. Even a little one wore a charming hat! The men who served the meals very bravely wore hats, too. Of course, they were suitable for men. Every year they do a wonderful job serving the meal and taking care of kitchen duties. A HUGE "thank you" to our guys helping to make this event successful.

And a big "thank you" to ALL who worked hard to make this luncheon successful!

MOTHER'S DAY: On Mother's Day Sunday, Flint and Debbie Miller, were visiting Debbie's mother in Tennessee. We thank our guest pastor, Rev. Kathy Remley, for her ministry. We've had the pleasure at other times of welcoming Kathy to our service. Our very own member, Chaplain Terry Jarvis, very ably led the service. Terry is an Army chaplain and serves 16,000 soldiers area wide. Thank you, Terry, for your ministry to the soldiers and to our church.

BUTTERFLIES ARE NOT FREE: Butterflies are a Christian symbol of resurrection and they're in trouble, specifically the Monarchs. In January the World Wildlife Fund reported the lowest population of Monarch's since 1993. Monarch Watch at the University of Kansas says some of the reasons for this loss are:

- Loss of habitat because of land development for housing, factories and retail.
- Also loss of habitat because of more than 80 million acres to widespread adoption of genetically modified crops.
- Milkweed can survive traditional agriculture but not the use of certain chemicals growers use to spray on these fields. The butterflies need milkweed to grow and survive.
- Frequent mowing along roadsides also destroy Monarch habitats.
- The bottom line: God created the butterflies and we destroy them. Let's promote good stewardship of God's good creation.

Blessings, Barbara Chaney



2014—2015 EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

First Baptist Church values the participation of young adults in the life of our church. We also encourage as well, students pursuing undergraduate education and training after high school. We strongly encourage involvement in Christian ministries. Our hope and intentions is that financial grants to undergrad students will enable them to study more, participate in extra-curricular activities, and in particular, to participate in campus ministries and/or in local churches near their schools. When students are in town, we urge participation in church life of First Baptist Church. Our goal is to support all students who are active members of First Baptist Church however possible in their academic pursuits and maturing commitment to Jesus Christ our Lord. If you are an active member of First Baptist Church and would like to apply for a scholarship, please see Willie Phillis for an application. Forms are also available in the church office. All scholarship forms must be completed and returned to Willie Phillis no later than Sunday, June 22, 2014 for approval by the Christian Education team. Scholarships will be presented in July, (date will be announced). If you have any questions, please call Willie Phillis @ (309) 762-7172.



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*"2014 and Beyond:
Give to Live"*

Our Identity and Mission Statement:

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

The words below were spoken in honor of Hei Roh Htoo, 2014 World Relief Refugee of the Year, by director Amy Rowell at a banquet on Wednesday, May 7th, 2014. The award was given to Hei Roh at the World Relief Center.



“CONGRATULATIONS! Hei Roh Htoo was one of the very first Karen Refugees that came to the Quad Cities. Since her arrival she has been active behind the scenes in helping people in many different capacities.

Hei Roh has interpreted for many people at the hospital and medical appointments; she continues to be an example in the community helping any and everyone she can. Hei Roh continues to lead by examples, to pioneer the way to self-sufficiency, and to be a successfully productive citizen. She is an amazing asset to our community.

I would like you to join me in congratulating Mrs. Hei Roh Htoo as the 2014 World Relief Refugee.”

LOOK

LOOKING AHEAD

JUNE NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE: JUNE 23

MAILING: JUNE 26

(ONE ISSUE MONTHLY)



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