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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

AUGUST 23
English 82
Karen ?

AUGUST 30
English 97
Karen— no service

SEPTEMBER 6
English 78
Karen 165

SEPTEMBER 13
English 53
Karen 105

SEPTEMBER 20
English 79
Karen 110

TRANSFORMED!



During the 1st part of the 20th century, J. C. Penney presided over a very powerful empire of over 1,700 stores. At the time he had the country's largest chain of department stores, each one bearing his name. Although his enterprise made him incredibly wealthy, J.C. Penney's life was not devoid of setbacks and troubles. In fact, beginning in 1929, events took place that nearly cost Penney his life.

When the Great Depression struck the country, it came at a time of great financial vulnerability for Penney. In the good times, before the Depression, Penney had overextended himself and had borrowed heavily to finance many of his ventures. But when the Depression hit banks began to request repayment of his loans sooner than anticipated. Suddenly cash flow was tight, and Penney was finding it difficult to meet payment schedules. Constant and unrelenting worry began to take a toll. "I was so harassed with worries that I couldn't sleep, and developed an extremely painful ailment," he said.

Concerned about his deteriorating health, Penney checked himself into the Kellogg Sanitarium at Battle Creek, Michigan, (kind of the Mayo Clinic of its era). There, Dr. Elmer Eggleston, a staff physician, examined Penney, declaring that he was extremely ill. Penney later recalled "A rigid treatment was prescribed, but nothing helped," He was constantly tormented by periods of hopelessness and despair. His very will to live was rapidly eroding.

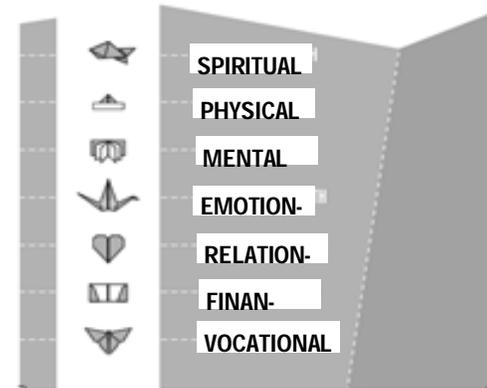
"I got weaker day by day. I was broken, nervously and physically, filled with despair, unable to see even a ray of hope. I had nothing to live for, I felt that I hadn't a friend left in the world, that even my family had turned against me."

Alarmed by his rapidly deteriorating condition, Dr. Eggleston gave Penney a sedative. However, the effect quickly wore off, and Penney awakened with the conviction that he was living the last night of his life. "Getting out of bed, I wrote farewell letters to my wife and to my son, saying that I did not expect to live to see the dawn."

Penney awakened the next morning, surprised to find himself alive. Making his way down the hallway of the hospital, he could hear singing coming from the little chapel where devotional exercises were held each morning. The words of the hymn he heard being sung spoke deeply to him. Going into the chapel, he listened to the singing, the reading of the Scripture lesson, and the prayer.

"Suddenly something happened," he said. "I can't explain it. I can only call it a miracle. I felt as if I had been instantly lifted out of the darkness of a dungeon into a warm, brilliant sunlight. I felt as if I had been transported from hell to Paradise. I felt the power of God as I had never felt it before."

SIGN UP for the
Church-Wide
"Transformed"
Spiritual Growth
Campaign!
Oct 4 - Nov 15. "Be transformed by the renewing of your mind . . .
Romans 12:2



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NOTES FROM YOUR PARISH NURSES SANDY CLAERHOUT & BARB MILLER



Isn't God wonderful? Read about all the new features he has given us in our old age just to keep us fit.

And God Looked Down

Most seniors never get enough exercise. In His wisdom, God decreed that seniors become forgetful so they would have to search for their glasses, keys and other things thus doing more walking.

And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God saw there was another need. In His wisdom He made seniors lose coordination so they would drop things requiring them to bend, reach & stretch.

And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God considered the function of bladders and decided seniors would have additional calls of nature requiring more trips to the bathroom, thus providing more exercise.

And God looked down and saw that it was good.

So if you find as you age, you are getting up and down more, remember it's Gods will. It is all in your best interest even though you mutter under your breath.

Eight Important Facts To Remember As We Grow Older

#8 Death is the number 1 killer in the world.

#7 Life is sexually transmitted.

#6 Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.

#5 Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach a person to use the Internet and they will not bother you for weeks, months, maybe years.

#4 Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospital, dying of nothing.

#3 All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism

#2 In the 60's, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird, and people take Prozac to make it normal.

#1 Life is like a jar of jalapeno peppers. What you do today might burn you tomorrow.

"The difference between genius and stupidity is that genius has its limits. ~ Albert Einstein

Medicare - Part G - Nursing Home Plan

Say you are an older senior citizen and can no longer take care of yourself and the government says there is no Nursing Home care available for you. So, what do you do? You opt for Medicare Part G. The plan gives anyone 75 or older a gun (Part G) and one bullet. You are allowed to shoot one worthless politician. This means you will be sent to prison for the rest of your life where you will receive three meals a day, a roof over your head, central heating and air conditioning, cable TV, a library, and all the Health Care you need. Need new teeth? No problem. Need glasses? That's great. Need a hearing aid, new hip, knees, kidney, lungs, sex change, or heart? They are all covered!

As an added bonus, your kids can come and visit you at least as often as they do now! And, who will be paying for all of this? The same government that just told you they can't afford for you to go into a nursing home. And you will get rid of a useless politician while you are at it. And now, because you are a prisoner, you don't have to pay any more income taxes! Is this a great country or what?



Now that you have solved your senior financial plan, enjoy the rest of your week!

**SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER & NOVEMBER
2015 SUNDAY GREETERS AT WELCOME CENTER**

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

September 27 Bev Nelson & Sharon Angelo

October 4 Mary Zahnley & Kathryn Yocom

October 11 Bettelou & Ron Shipley

October 18 Julie & Gary Rodell

October 25 Melba & Bob Moody

November 1 (Daylight Saving's Time) Donna & Mike O'Neill

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

**WEEKLY BUDGET NEED
FOR 2015 \$4,185.48**

August 23	\$ 842.00
August 30	1,589.00
September 6	4,121.00
September 13	1,500.00
September 20	1,210.00



.....*Pastor Flint's article—continued from Page #1*

In a life-transforming instant Penney knew that God, with His love, was there to help. "From that day to this, my life has been free from worry," he declared. "The most dramatic and glorious 20 minutes of my life were those I spent in that chapel that morning."

The words from the hymn that spoke so eloquently and miraculously to J. C. Penney were these.

*Be not dismayed whate'er betide, God will take care of you;
Beneath His wings of love abide, God will take care of you.
God will take care of you, through every day, o'er all the way;
He will take care of you, God will take care of you.*

Let us look to our Lord to transform us as we place our lives before him during these 50 Days of Transformation. God will take care of us and do great things within and among us! Pastor Flint

Thank You

Dear FBC Friends ---Thank you so much for your prayers and expressions of concern for "my incident" during the Sunday morning service two weeks ago. It was truly mind-boggling to awake , and find everyone clustered around me. I am sorry that it happened, but thank you for the help that I received. Everyone was so kind and understanding, and your nurses took good care of me. I do not know why it happened--I've done that before, over a year ago, without ever finding a cause. I feel totally recovered, so you may remove me from the "extra needs" prayer list. Thank you again, Sincerely, Dwight Collinson

I want to formally thank you for granting me a scholarship for this school year. My transition down to Missouri State University wasn't an easy one, but through prayer, God has helped me find a home here. From where I was before to where I am now will help me to further my education better, but more importantly, grow closer to God. Again, thank you so much for helping me further my education as a creative writing major. Peace and blessings to you all.

Earnestly, Sydney Hinton

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE
URGENTLY NEEDED TO HELP
FILL OUR CHRISTMAS
SHOEBOXES:**

- Hats, Mittens & Socks for both boys & girls
- Wrapped Candies, (no chocolate)
- Kleenex packets
- Calculators—solar
- Big & Small Flashlights with batteries
- Play Doh
- Jacks
- Jump Ropes
- Sunglasses
- Hand Towels
- Combs
- We can still use monetary donations to help mail the boxes
- Any questions—contact Barb or Sandy, our Parish Nurses



“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:6-7 NIV



PRAYER LIST

- Shane McWade
- Cathy McWade
- Fontella (Katy) Dodd
- Vicki Flesher
- Sharon Angelo
- Cathy McGill
- Don McGill (Hospice)
- Mary Ann Schmidt

Please, if you have a praise reports, let the church office know. Thank You!

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Ruth Peterson, wife of Rev. John Peterson, passed away on Saturday, September 12, 2015, after a very courageous battle with cancer. She will be missed greatly.



Drs. John and Ruth were interim pastors for our church in 2007 through 2008. We offer sympathy and condolences to Rev. John Peterson, their daughters, Jaia (Doug) Peterson Lent, and Joy Peterson, and the entire family at this sad time. To send a card, the address is 611—Normal Road, DeKalb, IL 60115. John’s cell is (815) 762-5805.



Frist Baptist Church extends sympathy and condolences to the Harmon family upon the death of our beloved friend, Jan Harmon, who passed away on Thursday, September 17, 2015. As a member of our church, Jan was very active in various positions. One of her favorites was helping out at Vacation Bible School, and baking delicious desserts for the children and staff. Our thoughts and prayers are with Dean, her children and grandchildren, and the entire family during this sad time.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

- Patricia Ostrand (The Fountain)
- Pearl Curser (Park Vista)
- Karl Pearson (St. Anthony’s)
- Kaye Duncan (Friendship Manor)
- Virginia Anderson (Lighthouse)
- Dee Bertelsen (Hope Creek)
- Gladys Reamy (Hope Creek)
- Norma Strandlund (Hope Creek)
- Cathy McGill (Home)
- Grace Orton (Home)
- Bob Lofgren (Heartland)
- Wanda Mitchell (Home)
- June Irwin (Home)

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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| Anthony Mathis | D.J. Gladfelter |
| Tyler Mathis | Lauren Hugel |
| Galen Ryan | Nick Uzelac |
| Wm. Robert Crouch | Zakris Sotirin-Miller |

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 Missionary

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**

First Baptist Church of Moline Church Council Meeting Monday, September 21, 2015

Pastoral: Pastor Flint Miller
Karen Ministry: Absent
Human Resources: Absent
Moderator: Martin Newell
Clerk: Mary Anderson
Mission: Absent
Treasurer: Tom Van Deventer
Financial Secretary: Paula Newell
Education: Nancy Lee
Diaconate: Wally Lofgren
Stewardship: Tim O'Neill
Worship & Prayer: Absent

Moderator Martin Newell called the meeting to order and Pastor Flint opened with prayer. Helen Dykeman addressed the council to ensure that money given for Brad's memorial is designated for the youth of the church, such as for camp or other youth activities. The council assured her that Brad's wishes will be followed.

Tom VanDeventer gave the financial report for August. Below are the balances for checking and savings:

2015-01-01 Balance	2015-08-31 Balance	Increase/(Decrease)
Checking \$40,581.57	\$41,866.52	\$1,284.95
Savings \$558,811.48	\$513,006.08	(\$45,805.40)
All Funds \$599,393.05	\$554,872.60	(\$44,520.45)

Copies of the budget are posted on the bulletin board across from the Welcome Center Desk, and are also available in the office if anyone wants a printed copy.

Nancy suggested that the 02 money of \$100.04 in Account 561 (New Scholarship Funds) be moved to Account 566 (Scholarship Distribution), and Account 561 be closed out. Martin moved that the money from Account 871 (BapMenSupply) and 873 (Promise Keepers) be utilized for the Diaconate. Wally seconded the motion, a vote was taken, and the motion passed. There was discussion on reconciling account oversight. Every account needs an overseer which could be a team or an individual.

Nancy reported that the children's Christmas Program will be held on December 13th during the Sunday School hour. Nancy is looking for someone to help out on Sunday nights for a while during the fall season due to her and Marilyn Fields both having surgery.

Tim informed the council that the sign variance did not get approved by the city. In accordance with city guidelines, we will proceed with the new electronic sign, but it can only be 12 feet high and must be at least 100 feet from the nearest residences. The new sign will be placed in the area where the sidewalk to the office begins. It is currently being designed by Stewart Signs, and Acme Signs will install it. Some tree trimming and re-landscaping will be done near the sign after it is installed. Tim will be getting bids for mowing and landscaping for the spring, and is looking into quotes to fix the air conditioning in Fellowship Hall and the Sanctuary.

Pastor Flint gave an update on the 50 Days of Transformation campaign. The small groups can meet anytime at a home or at the church. The groups will meet for one hour, and listen to teaching on DVD's and answer questions. The benefit the church receives from this campaign depends on what the congregation invests in it.

A discussion was held on defining goals for the church council and individual members. There was a general agreement to generate and publish specific goals for 2016. The meeting was adjourned after a closing prayer by Pastor Flint.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anderson, Church Clerk



THOUGHTS ON HEALTHY PEOPLE

Health
&
Wellness

After listening to Pastor Flint's message on healthy habits, it triggered some thoughts:

I'm going to buy only fresh veggies and fruits. Fresh berries are very good. I will plug in to God's power on this!

Should I loose more weight? I'm now down from 180 to 165.

I'm praying every morning for transformation for our church and our people. I might even use Protestant prayer beads. Yes, prayer beads! A book on the subject says, "Protestant prayer beads are a prayer tool that can help you experience God's presence, increase your focus and comfort level in prayer and be still and know God's love for you." Let's face it, we all can use a little help at times.

I'm building a library on Christian thought. Not just put the books on the shelf, but READ them!

Benjamin Franklin listed 13 virtues and tried to live up to them...temperance, silence, order, frugality, industry, sincerity, justice, moderation, cleanliness, tranquility, chastity, and humility. Of course, he couldn't live up to all of them. Good grief, Ben, just work on 2 or 3 at a time. No one can attain that kind of perfection except Jesus.

Our own Lucy Anderson offered Christian hospitality this week to our Red Hat ladies. She invited them to her family's cabin for a pleasant afternoon of fellowship.

Our own Willie Newenham along with a high school classmate are an inspiration to me. Willie has lived her life with great courage despite her life situation. My classmate had a stroke when very young that paralyzed her. I'm not sure exactly when it occurred, but I know it was after graduation. She raised a son on her own and recently lost him to suicide. Her Christianity gives her strength.

President Jimmy Carter announced recently that cancer has spread to his brain. He says, "Now I feel it's in the hands of God, whom I worship, and I'll be prepared for anything that comes."

Pastor Flint's sermons always give us food for thought.

Blessings, Barbara Chaney



We are continuing our **WALK TO ETHIOPIA**. It is approximately 7,565 miles to there and 7,565 miles back. **THAT IS A LONG LONG DISTANCE SO WE NEED YOUR MILEAGE TURNED IN EVERY WEEK.** Our walk will n through Saturday, October 31st. We now have approximately 5 weeks to complete our journey. Please report your weekly total to **BARB MILLER BY EMAIL: BJMJWM@MEDIACOMBB.NET or BY PHONE: (309) 787-3780** no later than Sunday of each week. You can also turn in your miles at the **Parish Nurses' office.**

SAVE THE DATE



FOR THE WEDDING OF ERIN ARNOLD AND BEN JARVIS

JUNE 11, 2016

GREENWOOD, INDIANA

First Baptist Church of Moline: Everyone who wishes to attend is welcome! I will send everyone a formal invitation to anyone who wants one. I will need of list of these people,. You can text me at (812) 360-4151 or email me at earnold17@gmail.com. Love and miss you all.

 A decorative invitation for a 90th birthday brunch. It features two photographs of Betty McBride: a younger one on the left and an older one on the right. The text is centered and reads:

*90th
 Birthday Brunch
 in Honor of
 Betty McBride*

*Sunday September 27th
 from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.*

*3203 Grantham Drive
 Richardson, Texas 75082*

New Address for Karl Pearson: Marigold Rehab and Health Care, 275 E. Carl Sandburg Drive, Galesburg, IL 61401

New Phone # for Nancy Crawford: (309) 203—5303

New Address for Dorothy Foster: 207 W. Burton Avenue, Eureka, Il 61530-1303

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**"2015 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."

LOOK

**LOOKING AHEAD 2015
OCTOBER NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE—OCTOBER 19
MAIL—OCTOBER 22
(ONE ISSUE MONTHLY)**



We're on the web!

**www.fbc-
moline.org**

EXERCISE

**UPPER CLASS
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2015 10:30 AM
WITH POTLUCK FOLLOWING IN FELLOWSHIP HALL
GUEST SPEAKER: RACHEL EHLERT, PHYSICAL THERAPY
ROCK VALLEY THERAPY**

Rachel Ehlert will focus on ways the Senior Citizen can stay active with simple exercises and activities. She will introduce activities they can do in and around their own home. No special equipment is needed. Exercises can be modified for any fitness level. Come and be informed and also enjoy a great potluck, good fellowship, and fun. Everyone is invited.

**PLEASE CONTACT
WALLY LOFGREN @ 309 786-9769 OR WILLIE PHILLIS @ 309 762-7172
FOR RESERVATIONS OR QUESTIONS.
Meat, Drinks, & Table Setting will be provided**