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A COMMON CRIMINAL!



Fleming Rutledge tells the story of a woman (let's call her Sally) who was having trouble finding a church she liked. Rutledge continues, "I suggested that she try St. Such and Such. 'Oh, no,' she exclaimed. 'I could never go there.'" "Why not?" I asked. To my amazement she said, "I would have to look at that big cross they have behind the altar with the figure of Christ hanging on it. It would upset me terribly!"

Rutledge shares more about Sally.

"She told some of her friends about an experience she'd had in a department store. In order to appreciate this, you have to picture the department store and you have to picture Sally. The store in question is fashionable and elegant, the epitome of aristocratic dignity. She bought an expensive blouse at the store and took it with her in her shopping bag. Unfortunately, the sales woman had forgotten to remove the white plastic device that was attached to the blouse. When Sally tried to go through the door, the alarms went off and the security forces pounced on her. "Oh, my dear, how horrible for you!" cried her friends, listening to her story, "It must have been so distressing! Did you call your husband? Did you have your identification? Did you call your lawyer? Did you ask to see the president of the store?"

"Oh," said Sally, "that wasn't a problem. I didn't have any trouble establishing who I was. That wasn't the bad part. The really bad part was the feeling of being treated like a common criminal!"

Those were her exact words. Like a common criminal. This is the woman who won't go to the church in her neighborhood because it has a figure of Jesus on the cross and she doesn't want to look at it.

Sally was able to tell the department store who she was; and yet the truth is that she does not know who she is. I tried to explain to Sally that the feeling of shame she felt was a clue to the meaning of the death of Jesus, who was arrested like a common criminal, exhibited to the public like a common criminal, executed like a common criminal. I was unable to put this across. She does not believe herself to be guilty of anything. Wronged, yes; misunderstood, yes; undervalued, yes; imperfect, perhaps; but not guilty, certainly not sinful. Because she believes herself to one of the "good" people, because she could never, never commit a small sin like shoplifting, she cannot see the connection between Jesus' death as a common criminal and herself."

Rutledge explains,

"When you reflect upon Jesus Christ hanging on a cross of shame, you understand the depth and weight of human sin. How do we measure the size of a fire? By the number of firefighters and fire engines sent to fight against it. How do we measure the seriousness of a medical condition? By the amount of risk the doctors take in prescribing dangerous antibiotics or surgical procedures. How do we measure the gravity of sin and the incomparable vastness of God's love for us? By looking at the magnitude of what God has done for us in Jesus, who became like a common criminal for our sake and in our place.

When you really come to know the unconditional love and forgiveness of Jesus, then you will also come to know the depth of your own participation in sin. And at the very same moment (this is the glory of Good Friday) you will come to know the true reality, the true joy and gladness, of the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord."

In this holy season of the year, may we understand and experience in new ways the depth of our great need, and vastness of God's love poured out in Jesus for us.

Your Pastors, Flint and Deb

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

February 17

140

February 24

128

March 3

143

March 10

65



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



Our "Walk to Costa Rica" began on Sunday, March 3, 2013. At the present time we have 22 walkers. There is still time to sign up at the Welcome Center. Please take a Mileage log to keep track of your miles if you wish. And there is an exercise conversion chart to convert into miles, if you do other activities besides walking. It will soon be spring, and time to get out and walk to improve your health and well-being.



Miles can be delivered to me, Barb Miller, on each Sunday, in person, or by e-mail bjmjwm@mediacombb.net or phone (309) 787-3780. Enjoy our walk to Costa Rica, while our church missionaries are in Costa Rica working on our behalf. Please pray for our 9th Costa Rica mission trip this week. They are an extension of our church, going for us!

Friday, March 8, our mission team left to make it's annual mission trip to Costa Rica. They will be returning on Sunday, March 17th. Thanks for your support through the bake sales and change jar. This enables them to provide VBS experiences and a meal to several hundred of the neediest kids. It also help to replace the two sewing machines lost in the fire at ASAMOB.

As part of your ongoing support we ask for your prayers for the team of 10 people serving God cross-culturally in a foreign land. Those going from our church are Bill and Nancy Lee, Bert, Becky, Sydney, Maggie and Blythe Hinton, Mary Bash and her nephew, Tyler Patton, and Jennifer Villalobos (one of Bill's students at Scott Community College).

COSTA RICA MISSION TEAM PLANNED ACTIVITIES—FRIDAY, MARCH 8 THROUGH SUNDAY, MARCH 17

Friday, March 8—Arrive. Make Play Doh

Saturday, March 9 AM VBS for 100 kids at Guarari, serve lunch, PM Activity and table games with Kids Klub kids at Guarari

Sunday, March 10—Worship at Santo Tomás, City Tour and shopping

Monday, March 11—AM Work at CEDCAS Medical Clinic, Sewing, PM Sewing, Games with kids at House of Health

Tuesday, March 12—AM Kids Klub, Guarari, crafts and activities, PM Kids Klub, Guarari, table games and crafts

Wednesday, March 13 Travel to Pacific Ocean for break

Thursday, March 14 -Travel to Horquetas, PM Horquetas Kids crafts and games

Friday, March 15- AM Canopy tour on Zip line (some of team), AM Horquetas sewing, PM Horquetas Kids crafts and activities

Saturday, March 16- AM VBS with 100 kids at Horquetas, serve lunch, PM travel back to San Jose

Sunday- Pack and travel day

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARY TEAM EVERY DAY!

NOTES

MARCH AND APRIL WELCOME CENTER DATES

8:30-9:30am

March 17 Kathryn Yocom & Mary Zahnley
 March 24 Shirley & Wally Lofgren
 March 31 JoAnn Parmley
 April 7 Melba Moody
 April 14 Mulu Zerihoun

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

Vera Mathis & Marge Mirr
 Nancy & Joe Johnson
 Donna O'Neill
 Marilyn Anderson & Lillian Dyer
 Ann Watkins



Thank you for your support of the Youth Fund Raiser, Dinner and a Show, on Friday, February 22. We appreciate all that everyone did for this event.

Kitchen Crew:

Bill Lee, Rick Trinrud, Donna O'Neill, Megan Trinrud, Bert Hinton, Marilyn Fields, Mary Bash and all the others.

Van Drivers:

Bob Moody, Dean Harmon and Mary Bash

Dance Coaches:

Kee Lar, Hser Dee and Guitar, Htoo Brown.

Sound:

Kevin Pierce
 And for those who worked, but have not been named.

Adult leaders:

Becky and Bert Hinton, Shane McWade, Marilyn Fields and Nancy Lee

Attention Members (and Regular Attendees!)
 The pastors and music worship leaders are looking for people to help lead in worship in the following areas:

- Praise Singers
- Praise Band
- Drama
- Interpretive Movement/Dance
- Lead children's time in worship

In addition, we are suggesting a "worship team" which meets and prays together regularly to enhance worship. Ideas and suggestions for worship are always welcome! Please see the pastors or Jennifer Hays, if you would like to help lead in worship or join the Worship Team.

YOU ARE NEEDED!

Dear First Baptist Church:

Thank you so very much for your prayers for my daughter, Karalee McClain, who broke her hip. She was in the hospital for two weeks and has stated physical therapy on March 11th. She is doing very well. And God is so awesome

Elaine Kruckenberg

GREETERS

March 17

Willie & Don Phillis

March 24

Mary Anderson & Ann Pearce

March 31

Mary Zahnley, Kathryn Yocom, & Glenda Bunton

April 7

JoAnn Parmley & Bev Nelson

April 14

Lillian Dyer & Ann Watkins



LOOK WHO WE CAUGHT BEING AN ANGEL... TIP OF THE HALO TO ...

A big thank you to Bill Lee for taking the time and effort every Sunday to cut up the wonderful fresh fruit that is served during Chatterbox Café. It is delicious and so very appreciated.



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

- Ruth Peterson
- Shirley Roberts (friend of Ann Pearce)
- Jennifer Johnson (test)
- Eleanor Lewis
- Jan Harmon
- Russ Reynolds
- Brad Dykeman (Home)
- Cathy McGill
- David Miller
- Roy Harrington
- Sharon Angelo
- Jaia (Peterson's daughter)
- Joanne (Lisa Bowen's Mother)
- Lisa & Mike Bowen
- Bonnie Davis
- Sharon Shinn (Erica Gamble's Mother)
- John Barrett
- Kathy Linquist
- Kayleigh Lentz
- Cindy Phams
- Jacqueline Lake
- Dana Smith
- Don Reed
- George Rogan
- Jim Doty
- Dan Glaus (Saudia Arabia) Kaylar & Henry back in QC
- Darlene Lomax
- Lee Fogleman
- Bonnie Davis
- Robert (Butch) Johnson Jr.
- Wayne McWade

IN MEMORIAM



First Baptist Church expresses sympathy and condolences to the family of Gladys Williams, our beloved member who passed away on Saturday, February 16th. Gladys lived to be 100 years old and was very active into her 90/s. Burial services were private. Our prayers, and thoughts are with her sons, Jim and Lawrence, and the entire family during this sad time.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

- Betty McBride (Park Vista)
- Dorothy Foster (Park Vista)
- Eleanor Lewis (Park Vista)
- Pearl Crusier (Park Vista)
- 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)
- Jane Crouch (Home)
- Karl Pearson (Heartland Park)

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

- John Crowe Jr. MD
- Kristine Mattison Nick Uzelac
- Anthony Mathis D.J. Gladfelter
- Tyler Mathis Lauren Hugel
- Galen Ryan Wm. Robert Crouch

REMEMBER OUR MISSIONARIES IN PRAYER

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

THIS HOLY SEASON

We are once again in the midst of this Holy Season of Lent in preparation for Holy Week marking Christ's sacrifice of His life and the joy of His resurrection. It is a time of prayer, penance and reflection. Our pastors' Lenten sermons remind us of how we should live our lives in thankfulness and giving. We dedicate ourselves anew to Jesus and his teachings.



Barbara Chaney

THE MISSION TRIP



We have ten people down in Costa Rica now, led by Bill and Nancy Lee, serving needy people in Costa Rica. I think this is their ninth trip. Just a look at their schedule tells us they're very busy every day. Among many other projects, this year they are replacing the two sewing machines that were lost in the fire at ASAMOB. Every year I look forward to Bill's report to our congregation.

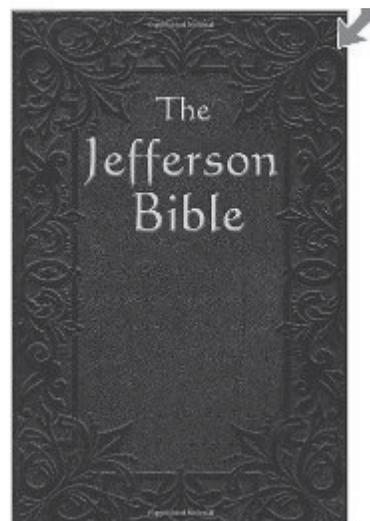
IMMIGRATION REFORM

The following report appeared in the 6 March 2013 Christian Century magazine:

"Leaders of the American Baptist Churches USA welcomed a bipartisan framework unveiled by eight senators.....for their public effort to get the ball rolling on legislation to rewrite the nation's immigration laws. Praise from the ABC-USA for the senators is not surprising because American Baptists 'have been at the forefront of welcoming immigrants into our country and into our churches,' said Aidsand Wright-Wiggins, head of National Ministries. He said, 'No one racial or ethnic group holds majority membership in the denomination.' " Also pleased with this effort at reform is Aundreia Alexander, national coordinator for American Baptists' immigration and refugee services.

INTERESTING FACT FROM AMERICAN HISTORY: THE JEFFERSON BIBLE

Thomas Jefferson compiled and edited a personalized version of the New Testament entitled "The Life & Morals of Jesus of Nazareth." He gathered two copies each in English, French and a combined Latin and Greek text and proceeded to cut, paste and compile his own version of the New Testament. He had always questioned the accuracy of the translations of many of the books of the Bible. Jefferson avoided public statements about his beliefs which he considered a purely personal matter. He thought Matthew, Mark, Luke and John were biased and that later church officials edited the narratives to suit their own purposes! The Smithsonian's National Museum of American History holds this document. This is, in part, from an article in American Heritage magazine. If you wish to read the entire article, I'll make a copy for you.



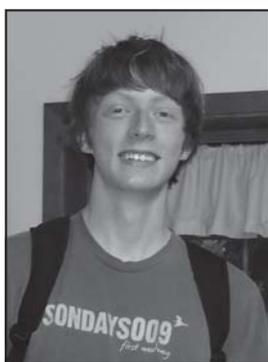
**Blessings,
Barb Chaney**

FYI



Congratulations to Collin Schmidt, who won the IESA State Championship for wrestling in DeKalb, IL, on Saturday, March 9th, 2013. Collin is the grandson of Carol Lear and Gary & Tina Lear. He is in 7th grade at Rockridge Jr. High, and wrestled at 185 pounds.

Tim Finch, husband of Kim Lear-Finch, is the coach for the team. Great job well done for both of you.



Moline High School Music Department presents "JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT" musical this Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 14th, 15th and 16th at 7:30 pm. On Saturday, also, a matinee will be held at 2:00 pm. Our own Chris Miller (Deb and Flint's son) will be participating in this musical, playing the part of Simeon, one of Joseph's brothers. Tickets are \$8.00 for Adults, and \$6.00 for students. Please come and enjoy the story and see our talented member.



Welcome, New Members



The Jarvis family recently came to the Quad Cities area from Seoul, South Korea, where Terry served as the pastor for the Gospel service on YONGSAN. He presently is the Command Chaplain to the Joint Munitions Command at the Arsenal. Cathy is a retired Army JAG officer and now runs a home business quilting for other, and taking care of their two boys, Andrew (19, attending the University of Dubuque), and Jason (16, a sophomore at Orion HS). They live in Coal Valley, where they hope to retire in 2 1/2 years.

The Jarvis's contact information is:

**1 Sawgrass Drive
Coal Valley, IL 61240
(309) 626-2093**

Jason, Terry, Cathy & Andrew Jarvis

**AREA 1 GREAT RIVERS REGION
AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S MINISTRIES**

SPRING SPIRITUAL FEST

Saturday, April 13, 2013

First Baptist Church of Sterling

1705 N. 6th Avenue, Sterling, IL 61081

(815) 625-1288

9:30 am—Refreshments and Fellowship

10:00—11:30 am— Meeting and Program



PROGRAM: HEAR THE CALL — JUDITH DEROLF



Sunday, March 31 is LOVE GIFT Sunday.

God so loved the world that he gave us a gift...His only son. During this Easter season, it is only fitting that we are reminded of what Jesus did for us. He died on the cross for us so that we have salvation through Him. LOVE GIFT, taken each 5th Sunday, is your way of say "Thank you." As such LOVE GIFT supports the full range of American Baptist Missions. We encourage every person in the congregation to support LOVE GIFT.

The American Baptist Women's Ministries will meet Monday, April 15 at First Baptist Church at 9:30 a.m. Coffee and refreshments will be served and all women of the church are invited. See you then.



Rescheduled!

Pastors (ON) Parade

Sunday, April 7th
2-4 PM

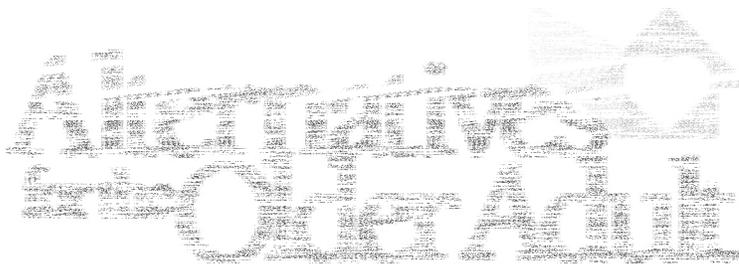
First Presbyterian Church
1702 Iowa Street
Davenport

Tickets for January 27th honored!!

FUN FACT TO KNOW—TALK ABOUT STRONG FAITH!!!

In 1863—150 years ago in Moline—on a frozen Sunday in February, a large number of people assembled on the Mississippi river bank to witness the baptism of seven converts to the Baptist faith. A space was cut in the ice from the shore out toward the center of the river so that converts could walk into the water up to their armpits. They were immersed by the clergyman, who accompanied them, walking on the edge of the ice.





**UPPER CLASS EVENT
MONDAY, MARCH 25 @ 10:30 AM**

The class will meet in the Fellowship Hall for a special guest speaker. Dr. Richard L. Phillis, MD (retired) will speak on Alternatives for Older Adults and Caring for Aging Older Adults. A potluck luncheon is planned after the presentation. Pulled pork sandwiches will be furnished by Don & Willie Phillis. Please bring a dish to pass. Everyone is invited. Please call Don Phillis if you need transportation or have any questions @ 762-7172



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

**WEEKLY BUDGET INCOME FOR
2013**

February 17	\$1,408.00
February 24	2,635.00
March 3	4,894.00
March 10	2,114.00

**AMERICA
FOR CHRIST
OFFERING
2013**



**America for Christ Offering 2013
Building Communities of Hope (Matthew 5:13-16)**

This scripture is a reminder that we are to be "salt and light" in the world. Those first disciples would have been intimately familiar with the function of salt. Without refrigeration, the fish that they caught would quickly spoil and rot, unless they were packed in salt. Once salted, the fish could be safely stored and then used when needed. The spiritual health and strength of the Christian is to counteract the corruption in the world. Christians, as salt, are to be agents of change that thwart destructive forces in society. This, in turn, creates opportunity for the gospel of hope to be proclaimed and received.

Jesus tells His disciples, "you are the light of the world." As "light". we are to illuminate, or make ourselves visible. Our lives are to be an ongoing witness to the reality of Christ's hope and presence in our lives. When we worship God with pure hearts, when we love others as ourselves, and when we do good without growing weary, we are lights shining. It is important, however to know that it is not our light, but the reflection of the light of the world - Jesus Christ- that people will see in us.

This is a call to stand out and stand up for Christ- to change the atmosphere and to influence others with a transformational hope wherever we go.

Our America for Christ offering will be from February 17 through **March 31.**

LENT

“Less is More” is our theme for Lent this year. Lent is a special time of preparation for Holy Week marked by prayer, repentance, almsgiving, and self-denial. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, (February 13) and each Sunday thereafter has a specific focus.



Week 5 - In Preparation for Holy Week - “No Greater Love” John 15:9-13

Week 6 - Intercession: Less Me/More Others

Holy Week - a Reflective Reading of Holy Week Story: Less Fear/More Love.

We will celebrate Palm Sunday and Easter with special music and pageantry. On Maundy Thursday, (March 28th at 7:00 pm) we will gather in the Sanctuary for reflection and worship. Let's focus our hearts on Lent as preparation for the glorious celebration of Easter. See schedule on back page.

The Eight Quality Characteristics of Growing Churches

1. Empowering Leadership.
2. Gift-based Ministry
3. Passionate Spirituality
4. Effective Structures
5. Inspiring Worship Services
6. Holistic Small Groups
7. Need-based Evangelism
8. Loving Relationships



(You need all 8 — miss one and you’ve got a “leaky bucket”. Have all 8—growth occurs all by itself.)

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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."*

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LOOKING AHEAD
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Happy
Easter

SUNDAY, MARCH 24
PALM SUNDAY

THURSDAY, MARCH 28
MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:00 PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 29
GOOD FRIDAY
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

SUNDAY, MARCH 31
EASTER SUNDAY
SPECIAL EASTER
PAGEANTRY MUSIC

