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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

April 21  
83  
April 28  
74  
May 5  
112  
May 11  
120

## THE NEXT CHAPTER

The saying goes, "Good things come to those who wait!" People have waited and waited for spring and new life on earth to come forth. When it comes every year we are amazed at the change, how it lifts our spirits and causes us to be grateful anew. Last month your pastors wrote about, "Telling our Story". The life cycle of the local church is very much like the changing seasons, yet built on the unchanging story... the cornerstone, Jesus Christ. "Upon this rock I will build my church," Jesus said, "Go and make disciples." Every church has a story of covenant relationships that merge into God's grand story. What is next chapter here at First Baptist? God knows ... and he is up to something!



Have you thought about your connection to FBC? Why are you a part of this church and it's story? Who are you inviting to come and experience Christ here? Many good things are happening here that deserve telling in our community! Here are some things we have heard:

### " My kids love this church and the people here!"

- " I love the fact that everyone is so open and friendly. I don't feel as if my child is a bother to anyone, if anything children are seen as joys."
- " Because of the people that go there!"
- " I am a member because I have gone here since I was in the cradle roll and it is a habit. I could basically be happy in any church - it's the boost in faith each week."
- " Warm welcome when I first came, family feeling here, balance of conservative and liberal thinking is like mine, great pastors - kind, funny, caring, smart."
- "Good missions ministry here...from quilts to Costa Rica trip to feeding homeless, and the determination of members to keeping doing good things like the Mother-Daughter Tea, Upper Class trips, etc. and good music program. "
- "I feel like FBC has their arms open. The members, especially the older ones, are so welcoming. I like that the church kind of covers everything from choir group to bible study's to mission trips to fun holiday events. You have a great youth group and this has also been a great asset to the church as well. If I ever had a question, I'd always feel like I could talk to either Pastor Flint or Deb.

"Where is God at work?" you may ask. Maybe read in the church newsletter, the bulletin or the monitor on Sunday mornings to see where God is leading people to get involved as they "catch a vision" of what HE wants. Keep your eyes and hearts open as you think about all age groups in our church. He is sending people our way, he is equipping his people, he is providing. HE WILL MAKE A WAY for the next part of the story. Will you join in? What will you do in God's Kingdom? Who will you invite to join our story?

Serving with you,  
Debbie and Flint



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



### WE ALL NEED EACH OTHER By James H. O’Keefe, M.D.

I am proud of the man for whom I was named. My father was better at connecting with people than anyone I’ve ever known. Born and raised in North Dakota, he came to view the entire state’s population as his “tribe.” He was a judge for the State District Court and later the State Supreme Court. Whenever he met someone new, after just a few minutes of friendly conversation, he would be able to find a shared acquaintance or interest. Nothing pleased him more than being able to weave someone into the tapestry of life that binds us all together and gives us a sense of shared identity and support.

With the lowest per capita crime rate in the US, the state motto of North Dakota could be “40 below zero keeps the riff-raff out.” Indeed, about the only homeless person in our hometown, Grafton, was an unfortunate man named Louie, who as insensitive kids, we nicknamed “Screwy Louie.” He was a gentle, but tormented soul who suffered from paranoid schizophrenia. Louie lived in his jalopy of a car, fearing that if he moved into an apartment, the state authorities would be able to track him down and lock him away in a mental ward. My father took Louie under his wing, and found a heated bus barn where he could park and live in his car and still stay warm during the frigid winters. For decades my parents paid Louie to shovel the snow from their sidewalks and mow the lawn. They treated him like family, and the two of them were the only people he trusted.

About 10 years ago, when my father suddenly fell ill, and was diagnosed with metastatic and terminal pancreatic cancer, Louie parked his car outside the small, local hospital, and wouldn’t leave. For weeks, Louie in his ragged, oil stained parka, paced up and down the hospital’s snowy sidewalks, muttering despondently under his breath. Late one night I happened upon Louie, cowering in a corner of a dimly lit, deserted hospital waiting room. In a frightened tone, he pleaded, “You can’t let your father die. I don’t know what will become of me.” Through tear-filled eyes, I said, “Louie, we are all in this together; you will be okay.” I hugged him and in that embrace I felt a bond of brotherhood that made a desperate time feel just a little more bearable for both of us.

**Our “Walk to Costa Rica” has been completed. We walked 3500 miles, so we did not quite make it back to Moline. We have made it back as far as Loredo, Tx. Not a great place to end up in, so if those who have not turned in miles, would do so, we might make it back, at least to northern Texas. Thank you to all who have walked, and be proud of the improvement in your health. Do not stop now, you each need to continue walking at least some every day, to improve your health.**

# NOTES

## MAY & JUNE WELCOME CENTER DATES

### 8:30-9:30am

May 19	Mary Zahnley & Kathryn Yocom
May 26	JoAnn Parmley
June 2	Melba Moody
June 9	Mulu Zerihoun
June 16	Mary Zahnley & Kathryn Yocom
June 23	Shirley & Wally Lofgren
June 30	JoAnn Parmley

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

Marge Mirr & Vera Mathis
Donna O'Neill
Ann Pearce
Ann Watkins
Marge Mirr & Vera Mathis
Nancy & Joe Johnson
Donna O'Neill

## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Students who are **ACTIVE** members of First Baptist Church—Moline, IL, planning to attend college or vocational school in the Fall of 2013 are eligible to apply for a scholarship. You must be registered and accepted at your school to be eligible for a scholarship. Scholarships are not for personal development courses. Applications can be obtained from Willie Phillis, any Christian Education representative, or the church office.

Scholarships must be returned to Willie Phillis or church office **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, JUNE 23RD, 2013**, for review and consideration by the Christian Education Board. Late application **CANNOT** be accepted after June 23rd.

Scholarships will be awarded to qualifying individuals on **SUNDAY, JULY 14TH, 2013** during the morning worship service. All questions can be directed to Willie Phillis @ (309) 762-7172.

### ATTENTION:

The pastors will be out of town this weekend, May 17—19th. The worship on Sunday, will be led by the Costa Rica Mission Team. For any pastoral needs, please contact the Diaconate Board.

## GREETERS

May 19

Jane & Tom Olmsted

May 26

Donna & Mike O'Neill

June 2

Melba & Bob Moody

June 9

Sharon Angelo & Jess Gradel

June 16

Ann Pearce & Mary Anderson

## GRADUATION!

Chris Miller and his parents, Pastors Deb & Flint, would like to invite the entire congregation to his graduation from Moline High School on May 24 at 7 p.m. at Wharton Field House.

Also, Chris invites everyone to celebrate his graduation at a party in honor of both him and Jenna Kitchen, his girlfriend, here at the church fellowship hall on Saturday, June 1st from 1-4 p.m.





*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

Valerie & Tony Sontag, O'Fallon, IL, grandchildren of Shirley & Wally Lofgren, and a former members of our church, was injured in a motorcycle accident (leg and back) on Saturday, May 11th. Valerie graduated from nursing training on Friday, May 10th and her son James will graduate from high school on Saturday, May 18th.

Jess Gradel's mother, Bonnie Gradel, been diagnosed with lung cancer. She now has to go see an oncologist for further diagnosis and possible treatment. Prayers are needed for all of the family. As well, cards and best wishes would help and encourage. Her address is: Yvonne & Dale Gradel, 1866—40th Street, Rock Island, IL 61201.

Bonnie Gradel	Fred Leroy Scott (Scotty)
Glen Hanfron	Jackie Kave
Clarence & Jo Mueller	Jim Cutler
Sonny Bash	Sharon Shinn
Sharon Angelo	John Barrett
Jan Harmon	Kathy Linquist
Russ Reynolds	Kayleigh Lentz
Brad Dykeman	Cindy Phams
Cathy McGill	Jacqueline Lake
David Miller	Dana Smith
Roy Harrington	Don Reed
Ruth Peterson	George Rogan
	Jim Doty

#### IN MEMORIAM

First Baptist Church expresses sympathy and condolences to Lisa and Mike Bowen upon the death of Lisa's mother, who passed away on Saturday, May 11th, in Gloucester, NJ, 08030. Our thoughts, and prayers are with Lisa, Mike and entire family during this sad time. Their address is: P.O. Box 255, Gloucester, NJ 08030

Sympathy and condolences to Rev. Kurt and Barb Johanson, upon the death of Ethel Johanson, Barb's mother-in-law. Ethel passed away on Saturday, May 11, 2013 in Omaha, NB. Thoughts and prayers are extended to the entire family at this time. Barb is the daughter of Carol Lear, and Gary & Tina Lear.

Please remember the Pat Pancrazio family. Pat's father, Frank Pancrazio passed away on Monday, May 6th at age 87. Thoughts and prayers are extended to Pat & Jenny Pancrazio, 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

### OUR WOMEN OF THE YEAR

Every year our American Baptist Women's Missions chooses two special ladies to honor as our Women of the Year at our mother/daughter banquet or tea. This year at the Teddy Bears & Teapots Tea, Mary Zahnley and June Irwin were so honored. We couldn't have chosen two better ladies. They have given so much of themselves to the our church over the years. Congratulation Mary and June. Our church can't do without you!



**Barbara Chaney**

This is the first time we've had a tea rather than a banquet. Willie Phillis did a fantastic job as our mistress of ceremonies. We were so honored to have as our guest speaker, Dr. Ruth Peterson. As always she gave a moving and delightful message. Ruth and John Peterson served as our well-loved interim co-pastors several years ago. The tea was a great success due to Donna O'Neill's hard work in planning and organizing the tea. Our charming and colorful table decorations were, as you can guess, teapots and teddy bears. I believe these decorations were the ideas of both Donna and JoAnn Parmley. I know Donna created the programs. (If I'm mistaken on anything, someone please let me know. My memory is not the best and I should have kept a written record of the planning.) All the ABWM ladies spent two days decorating and setting the tables and making the sandwiches. We had 69 in attendance, and let's not forget the men of our congregation who worked inside the kitchen and out. They are as follows: Ron Shipley, Wally Lofgren, Ron Newenham, Bob Moody, Terri, Andrew and Jason Jarvis, with Mike O'Neill running the dishwasher. Thanks for a job well done! We were all pretty tired on Saturday evening, but it was worth it!



### JIM MILLER

I asked Jim Miller to fill me in on his work for Habitat for Humanity. This is what he said: "I started working with HFH in 1999. Our church decided to sponsor a house, which at that time cost \$55,000. We partnered with Christ United Methodist in East Moline. This was the beginning of a very rewarding experience for me. Since then I've worked on 51 houses (6 as supervisor and 8 as co-supervisor) and also worked on the new HFH office in Davenport. I also had the great pleasure of meeting the founder of HFH International when he came to the Quad Cities." Jim says that helping others is an essential part of being a good Christian and refers us to Luke 12:48 (CEV), "When someone has been given much, much will be required in return." He also says that volunteering for HFH keeps him active and physically healthy. Jim also was instrumental in planning and building our Welcome Center. We hear a lot about HFH on the TV news and in the newspaper, but it's good to hear from someone who's personally involved. Thank you, Jim, for letting us know.

### A BUSY TIME AT FBC

No one can say we're not an active church. On the same day as the mother/daughter tea, there was a graduation party for Erin Arnold who is graduating with a Master's of Science in Biology. Her Bachelor's was from Ball State University in Wildlife Biology and Ecology with a minor in Native American Studies. She also has a post Baccalaureate certificate in Zoo & Aquarium studies from Western, as well as being a certified veterinary assistant. Erin has shared her talent for making quilts with our own Sewing B's. Everyone who has got to know her has enjoyed her company and will miss her happy presence. Keep in touch with us, Erin! (In June I'll report on our other graduates.)

Our Upper Class visited the Geneseo Historical Museum on 23 April. We learned about this historical home's role in the Underground Railroad. Fascinating! The ladies had a Red Hat Luncheon at Lavender Crest Winery in Colona on 25 April. I never saw such a big variety of red hats! The "Walk to Costa Rica" sponsored by our parish nurse program was finished on 1 May. Some of us attended an interfaith prayer vigil at Bass Street Landing in support of the victims of the Boston bombing.

**AMISH COMMUNITIES** Ohio State professor, Joseph Donnermeyer, led a census project as part of the 2010 U.S. Religious Census. It found that the Amish are one of the fastest growing religious groups in North America. He said, "The idea that the Amish don't pay their taxes is the biggest myth about the Amish." (Christian Century, 19 Sep, 2012)

### CHICKEN DINNER

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2013

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

1901—29TH STREET, MOLINE



\$10.00— Adults \$5.00 for children 10 & under

Benefit for Senior High Youth Program

Purchase tickets from any young person or adult leader

SERVING AT 5:30, 6:15, OR 7:00 PM

Menu: Oven Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Melon, Dinner Rolls, Homemade Dessert

### GRADUATION!



Sydney Hinton, and her parents, Becky & Bert Hinton, would like to invite the entire congregation to

help Sydney celebrate her graduation at a party on Sunday, June 2nd, from 3:00—5:00 pm at The Fountains Assisted Living, 3752 Thunder Ridge Road, Bettendorf.



**UPPER CLASS**  
**Second Annual Event**  
**Cookout and Potluck**  
**Monday, May 20th**  
**11:30 am**  
**Home of Willie & Don Phillis**  
**3300—35th Avenue**  
**Moline, IL**  
**Hamburgers, hot dogs and**  
**drinks furnished!**  
**Please bring a dish to share.**  
**For reservations, please call**  
**(309) 762-7172**

Come and enjoy a good day of food, fun,  
and fellowship

*"All of you together are Christ's body"*  
 I Corinthians 12:27 (NLT)

Every member is a minister, according to this scripture. Pastors and members are made to work together positively and synergistically, each support the other and increasing effectiveness. Our Pastoral Relations Committee exists for this purpose and is comprised of:  
**Tom Olmsted, Bob Moody, Tim O'Neill, Nancy & Bill Lee, Ron Newenham, and Carol Lear.**

If you have thoughts of how to enhance our ministry together, please talk to these representatives. Let's have mutual goals that we accomplish with the **Lord.** Amen!

		<b>WEEKLY BUDGET NEEDS FOR 2013: \$4,946.39</b>	
		<b>WEEKLY BUDGET INCOME FOR 2013</b>	
<b>April 21</b>	<b>\$4,227.00</b>	<b>April 28</b>	<b>\$957.00</b>
<b>May 5</b>	<b>\$5,705.00</b>	<b>May 12</b>	<b>\$2,324.00</b>

## WOMEN OF THE YEAR

American Baptist Women's Ministries is pleased to announce that June Irwin and Mary Zahnley have been honored as 2013 Women of the Year. They have faithfully served this church for a combined total of 73 years. We appreciate and thank them for their many years of service and friendship.



**Mary Zahnley**



**June Irwin**

**A SPECIAL WORD OF THANKS AND APPRECIATION TO THOSE WHO LED, SERVED AND PARTICIPATED IN OUR MID-WEEK WEDNESDAY PROGRAMS. GOD BLESSED US!**

**PARENTING CLASS:**

Leaders—Pastors Flint & Deb Miller  
Tina Streitmatter  
Erica Gamble  
Brandy Roady  
Ashley Shipley & Chris Rojas

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY:**

Leaders—Nancy & Bill Lee, Willie Phillis  
Melba & Bob Moody  
Susan Gritton  
Mary Anderson  
Willie & Don Phillis  
Willie & Ron Newenham

**CHILDREN'S CLASS:**

Teachers—Susan Gritton & Laura Sierra  
Nursery Leaders: Mary Bash & Mary Anderson  
Blythe Hinton  
Anna Gamble  
Thomas & Josh Streitmatter  
Isaac Ploog  
Aria Rojas

**KITCHEN STAFF:**

Director, Barb Miller  
Carol Lear  
Willie & Don Phillis  
Paula Newell  
Susan Gritton  
Ann Pearce  
Donna O'Neill  
Nancy & Bill Lee  
Sue Starr-Taylor (Fall)

And a very sincere thank you to everyone who supplied desserts without reimbursement every Wednesday night.



Congratulations to Barb Miller who was honored at the Parish Nurse program for 15 years of faithful service at First Baptist Church, Moline. We thank you Barb, from the bottom of our hearts for your kindness and nursing care shown to our congregation daily.

*A BIG THANK YOU for recognizing my 15 years as a Parish Nurse. It has been a privilege to serve all of you. In June I will be celebrating 60 years of nursing and I am so thankful that you have made the past 15 years so enjoyable. Love to you all*

*Barb Miller*

I wish to say a very sincere thank you to everyone at First Baptist Church for all the prayers, cards, and expressions of concern and care during the passing of my beloved mother, Almaz Dagne, in Ethiopia, Africa. I truly appreciated it.

Mulu Zerihoun

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your generous donation of 200 food items to our food pantry. You are actively spreading "Faith, Love, Hope and Peace" through your involvement in our mission. Your concern for the hungry in our community is a blessing to us and we appreciate all that you have done. We receive new requests for assistance with food on a regular basis. Your contribution will bless many families.

Thank you again for your caring and generous hearts as we partner together to help feed hungry families in our community. We depend on the love of people like you to help us.

In Sincere Appreciation,

Christian Friendliness YouthHope Food Pantry

*(Please note: Most of the food that was donated to Christian Friendliness was given to us as a thank you from the Logan Boys Scouts Pack #310 in appreciation for letting them use our facility during the Pine Wood Derby)*

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*Parish Nurses*  
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*Church Musician*  
Jen Hays  
*Administrative Assistant*  
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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  
JUNE NEWSLETTER  
DEADLINE: JUNE 17, 2013  
MAILING: JUNE 20, 2013  
(ONE ISSUE MONTHLY)



**We're on the web!**

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Be praised, my God, by butterfly and dragonfly wings,  
Exercising for their first flight.  
Be praised by lightening and thunder causing spring showers.  
Be praised by the silent voice of grass growing and trees budding.  
Be praised by all the colorful flower trumpets of spring.  
Be praised by downy feathers freshly dried on newly hatch ducklings  
and chicks.  
Be praised by the song of birds, crickets and frogs.  
Be praised, my God, by all your creation which tells of new life.  
Mary Goergen, a member of the Order of St. Francis