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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

July 17 134
 July 24 144
 July 31 159
 August 7 152
 August 14 97

WALK OR DON'T WALK!

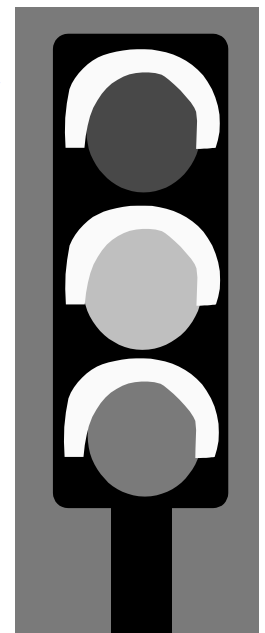


A group of exchange students were visiting New York City from a small village in Africa. They were immersed in the completely new world of urban life. The exchange program director carefully oriented them about their stay in the Big Apple. Their visit was carefully supervised - but showing wise forethought - the director instructed the group. "If you somehow get separated from the group and find yourself lost, simply go to a corner, read the street signs, and call this number - we'll come pick you up." Sure enough, a day or two later, the director got a call from someone lost in the city. "What are the street signs at the corner, so we can come get you?", asked the director. "No problem, sir", replied the young man, "I'm at the corner of 'Walk' and 'Don't Walk!'"

Have you been at the corner of "Walk" and "Don't Walk?" - sort of stuck in the middle, ambivalent, unsure of what to do? It's that point between faith and fear. We know we need to "Walk" - to step out in faith, but we also feel uncertain, stymied by fear that says, "Don't Walk." Jesus understands when we feel stuck in the middle. He told the father struggling to believe God could heal his son. "Everything is possible for him who believes." To which the man replied, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!" Mark 9:24.

As summer draws to a close and fall begins, we have new opportunities to exercise faith at our church. God calls each of us and says "Walk with me." The way we can do this are as varied as the people within the church. We can do this through joining Alpha, serving in Sunday School, using our gifts and talents, giving of our resources, supporting missions, helping lead worship, and reaching out to others. Others have walked in faith before us. It's our time now to step up. It's easy to sit back and think, "someone else will do it. I've already done my part." But how is God calling you to follow him? It's time to leave that "Don't Walk" sign behind, and "Walk" in faith as he leads us.

Pastors Flint and Deb





NOTES FROM YOUR PARISH NURSES SANDY CLAERHOUT & BARB MILLER



HOW TO FEEL GOOD ABOUT YOURSELF

How to Feel Better About Yourself by Jonathan Lockwood Huie



*Always be a first-rate version of yourself, instead of a second-rate version of somebody else. -
Judy Garland*

Learn how to feel good about yourself. Live a joyful and stress-free life. Feel better about yourself. Love your life. Do you feel you are "not good enough," or just not feel good about yourself, and want to feel better about yourself? Feeling "not good enough" is almost always the result of comparing yourself with some unrealistic ideal. Either you are responding to hostile criticism - probably from someone you are close to, such as a parent - or you are comparing yourself with other people or with your idealized image of what you "should" be.

"I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is to try to please everyone." Bill Cosby

Who are you trying to please? A compulsion to please someone may be unconscious, but stop to consider the question for a moment. If you are trying to please someone who you first met as an adult, ask yourself what power they hold over you, and what is the worst that could happen if you lived your own life instead. Compare the momentary benefit of pleasing them with the lifelong freedom and good feeling of being your own person. Are you still subconsciously trying to please your parents? If you ever imagine a parent's frown or stern reprimand when you do something or fail to do something, you are still subconsciously being your younger self trying to please your parents. If you ever feel that you are unworthy or inadequate in the eyes of your parents, concentrate on remembering that you are an adult now - responsible for your own goals and aspirations for your life, as well as your own thoughts, your own choices, and your own actions. You no longer have any obligation to accommodate your parents' desire to direct your life.

Comparisons are odious. - Old English Saying

Who do you think you should be "as good as?" Perhaps you have this subconscious feeling about your next door neighbor, a friend, an in-law, a co-worker, or your boss. Be grateful that you are you. That person you are jealous of is probably jealous of you for something you have and they do not. There is no standard which you need to live up to except your own choice of life path and goals. Don't let comparison with someone else make you feel unworthy or inadequate.

- ☺ BE YOUR OWN SELF
- ☺ FOCUS ON YOUR INNER BEAUTY
- ☺ BE GENEROUS, KIND AND COMPASSIONATE
- ☺ RELEASE ALL ANGER, RESENTMENTS, AND HATRED
- ☺ HAVE NO REGRETS—FORGIVE YOURSELF
- ☺ BE GRATEFUL FOR THE MIRACLE OF BEING YOU
- ☺ CARE FOR YOUR BODY
- ☺ CARE FOR YOUR MIND
- ☺ CARE FOR YOUR SPIRIT
- ☺ TRUST YOURSELF

WATCH YOUR THOUGHTS, FOR THEY BECOME WORDS
WATCH YOUR WORDS, FOR THEY BECOME ACTIONS
WATCH YOUR ACTIONS, FOR THEY BECOME HABITS
WATCH YOUR HABITS, FOR THEY BECOME CHARACTER
WATCH YOUR CHARACTER, FOR IT BECOMES YOUR DESTINY

Anonymous

**NOTHING CAN BRING YOU PEACE, BUT
YOURSELF**

Ralph Waldo Emerson



LOOK WHO WE CAUGHT BEING AN ANGEL!

A tip of the Halo to.....

...Wally Lofgren, for trimming bushes and weeding plants all around FBC. (And on a mighty hot day—I might add.)

...Pam Crowe for trimming tree branches (with her very own chain saw) and raking grass and leaves and weeds.

...The multi-media team, Martin Newell and John Crowe faithfully design and run our power point each Sunday. THANK YOU for a job well done!

... The sound team, Steve Parmley and Kevin Pierce help each Sunday to support sound in our worship which is so important. THANK YOU for a job well done!

WEEKLY BUDGET EXPENSES FOR 2011:

July 17 \$2,104.00
 July 24 553.82
 July 31 3,092.00
 August 7 4,122.00
 August 14 3,096.00



CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONS FOR THE CURRENT PHONE DIRECTORY
 (Please cut out and place in your directory)

New Address and phone for Sarah Cooper
 2037—12th Street
 Moline, IL 61265
 (309) 517-3919

New Address for Jason Exbom
 2409—15th Street
 Moline, IL 61265

New Address for Frances Hogue
 2 S 125 Hampton Lane
 Lombard, IL 60148-5138

New Address for Mina & Anthony Mathis
 1162 Dent Court #A
 For Campbell, KY 422233404

New Address for Rev. & Mrs. John (Kari) Pattison
 507 Mulberry Street
 Greenfield, IL 62044

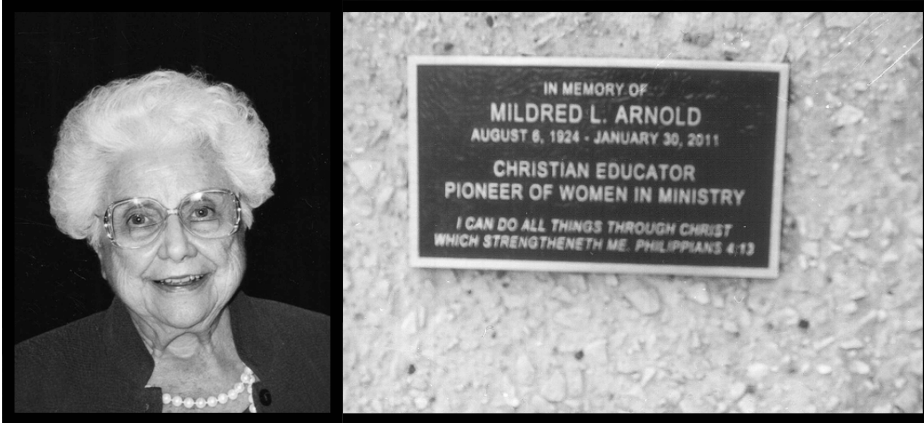
New Cell # for Lucy Anderson (no landline)
 (309) 738-6383

New Cell # for Tina Hernandez (309) 738-6655



August & September Welcome Center Dates

	8:30-9:30am	9:30-10:00am/20 minutes after worship
August 21	Mulu Zerihoun	Marilyn Anderson & Lillian Dyer
August 28	Mary Zahnley & Kathryn Yocom	Ann Watkins
September 4	Donna O'Neill	JoAnn Parmley
September 11	Willie & Ron Newenham	Theresa & Paige Ewers
September 18	Paula Newell	Jane & Tom Olmsted
September 25	Melba Moody	Hilda & Darrel Fry



**MEMORIAL SERVICE
FOR MILDRED ARNOLD,
GREEN LAKE
CONFERENCE CENTER,
WISCONSIN
SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2011**

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service was held at Green Lake Conference Center for Mildred L. Arnold on Sunday, July 10, 2011. A memorial plaque was dedicated and placed in the Memory Walk Garden. This plaque commemorated 50 years of Christian service to Jesus Christ and the American Baptist Denomination. Inscribed on the plaque was Mildred's favorite Bible verse, *"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."* Philippians 4:13 (KJV) And strengthen her, Christ did.

This plaque was made possible by Mildred's friends and the First Baptist Church family. The following list is provided in order to say "thank you" for your contribution. Mildred would be pleased.

Willie & Don Phillis & Janet Bailey

**Carol & Perry Bentsen
Mary Zahnley
Barbara Chaney
Rev. Dan & Lucille Cole
Rev. Wayne Rogers
Carol & Jim Hastings
Betty Yohnka
Rev. Sharon M. Farral
Jan & Paul Meeden
Janet Bailey
Kathryn J. Yocom
Joseph Turner
Rev. Arlo & Dianne Reichter
Rev. Brian & Gabrielle Hastings
Drs. Ruth & John Peterson
Doris Kramer
Willie & Ronald Newenham**

**FBC Judson Sunday School Class
John Mason Peck Sunday School Class
Dorose & Roy Harrington
Jane Laedeke
Rev. Kathy Remley
June Irwin
Julie & Gary Rodell
Mary Ann Schmidt
Jean M. Wylie
Melba & Bob Moody
Rev. J.R. & Faith Heikes
Lucy Anderson
FBC American Baptist Women
Rev. Audley Bruce
Barbara & Jim Miller
Willie & Don Phillis**



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)

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Chasity Lentz
 Cathy, Jackie & Don McGill
 David Miller
 Donna O'Neill
 Eleanor Lewis (Illini RC)
 Fran Hogue
 George Nelson
 Jacob Schweitzer
 Jane Laedeke
 Jan Harmon
 Joe Sierra
 Joel Buller
 June Irwin (TW)
 Kyaw-Ro (needs job)
 Maung Yee
 Mee Cho (TW)
 Pearl Crusier (TW)
 Roy Harrington
 Sandy Claerhout
 Sharon Angelo
 Cheryl Orton
 Chris Dawdy
 Dale Sholl (3 month old baby)
 Ed Lewis
 Gene Pool
 George Rogan
 Jeannette Wood
 Laura Brennan
 Linda Lentz
 Marilyn Marye
 Mindy Swank & Family
 Nick Creger
 Rose Sajack
 Tim Landuit

Praises for Peggy Bruce—we had her on prayer chain incorrectly as Peggy Bryce—she is now up and walking and not even using her wheelchair or walker (friend of Nancy & Joe Johnson)

GOD ANSWERS PRAYERS ALL THE TIME

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

Dorathy Foster (Park Vista)
 Eleanor Lewis (Park Vista)
 Betty McBride (Park Vista)
 Kaye Duncan (Friendship Manor)
 Hulda Miller (Solon, Iowa)
 Gladys Williams (Home)
 Norma Strandlund (Hope Creek)
 Phyllis Boardsen (Hope Creek)
 Dee Bertelsen (Hope Creek)
 Gladys Reamy (Hope Creek)
 Myrta George (Texas)
 Cathy McGill (Home)
 Grace Orton (Home)

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

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

REMEMBER OUR MISSIONARIES IN PRAYER

HAITI
 Kihomi & Mabudiga Nzunga
 COSTA RICA
 Lillian Solt
 CENTRAL MEXICO
 Chuck & Ramona Shawver
 EL SALVADO
 Kim Kurshner
 OKLAHOMA
 MURROW INDIAN CHILDREN'S HOME,
 Betty Martin
 USA
 Duane & Marsha Binkley

To the Church Family of First Baptist Church:

I would like to say thank you for the generous scholarship gift and for the gifts on Graduate Recognition Sunday. It means a lot to me and I appreciate it all very much.
Sincerely, Ian Newell

I can't hope to convey the extreme gratitude I felt for having been chosen as a scholarship recipient here in a few short sentences. This generous gift will be used to further my education. I am so blessed to be seen as a worthy candidate for this scholarship in the eyes of the church, and it's members. Thank you so much for this chance to pursue my goals and for your kindness.

Sincerely, Ben Miller

I would just like to say thank you very much for the scholarship. It will help me to the utmost this coming year of school. I would also like to say thank you for all of your prayers and support that help me get through the year.

Thanks! Meagan O'Neill

WE NEED YOU!



Wednesday Evening Meals will be starting up beginning September 28th. If you are interested in helping to cook a meal (for approximately 30 people) please contact Barb Miller. Also, if you can provide

dessert—cakes, cookies, pies, etc. (each dessert for approximately 16 to 20 people), please sign up in the Fellowship Hall. You will be responsible to serve 3 to 4 times during the season. A schedule will be provided.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14TH YOUTH LED SERVICE

Thank you to all youth, college, and young adults who participated in our worship service on August 14th. You were amazing and such an inspiration to our congregation. Keep walking with the Lord and "carrying the cross of Christ," in the world.

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| Ben Miller | Sermon |
| Chris Miller | Worship Leader |
| Luke Friedline | Guest Musician |
| Ally VanDeventer | Praise Singer |
| Paige Ewers | Praise Singer |
| Ushers: | Abby VanDeventer, Kee Lar Paw, Paw Cho |
| Greeters: | Emma Newell & Matt Starr |

ATTENTION:

The Sewing B ladies are asking for donations of embroidery thread. If you have extra thread you can spare, please give to Donna O'Neill or JoAnn Parmley. They will take any color.
Thank You!





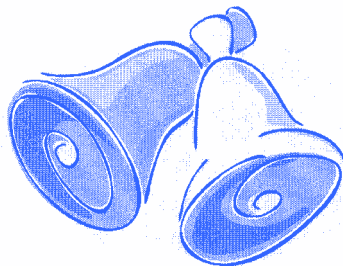
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE MUSIC COMMITTEE . . .

**SEPTEMBER IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER,
AND WITH THAT COMES THE START UP OF ADULT CHOIR AND BELL
CHOIR. IF YOU HAVE EVER THOUGHT OF SINGING IN THE CHOIR OR
PLAYING BELLS, NOW IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE. BOTH
CHOIRS ARE OPEN TO ANYONE JUNIOR HIGH AGE AND OLDER.
PLEASE JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH FOR AN EVENING
OF FOOD, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP.
ALONG WITH A LIGHT MEAL, WE WILL BE DISCUSSING THE NEW
SCHEDULE FOR THE CHOIRS. WE'LL EVEN HAVE A LITTLE SINGING
AROUND THE PIANO!**

SO MARK YOUR CALENDARS . . .



**"CHOIRS" KICK-OFF EVENT
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
6:00PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL**



Dear friends,

We would like to invite you to join us for the **Alpha Course** which begins Wednesday, September 28. Alpha is a short, practical overview of the Christian faith. As a key part of the course, it also includes a Saturday retreat that, besides being informative, is also great fun! Please write the dates on your calendar now - further details will be available later. For church members, this course will be an inspiring overview of our faith. Even for long-time believers, we encourage you to take the course so you can endorse it first-hand to others.



We will be leading the course with a team. Each evening begins with supper at 6:00 P.M., includes a talk, and ends with an opportunity to meet in small groups to discuss the topic. All meetings will take place on Wednesday evenings at First Baptist Moline in the Fellowship Hall.

Please return your complete registration form to the church office by **September 21**. We look forward to seeing you there!

Flint and Deb Miller

September 14	Alpha Kick-off Dinner and Festivities
1. September 28	Who Is Jesus?
2. October 5	Why Did Jesus Die?
3. October 12	How Can I Be Sure of My Faith?
4. October 19	Why and How Should I Read the Bible?
5. October 26	Why and How Do I Pray?
6. November 2	How Does God Guide Us?
7. November 9	How Can I Resist Evil?
November 12	Saturday Retreat – Who is the Holy Spirit?
8. November 16	Why and How Should We Tell Others?
9. November 30	Does God Heal Today?
10. December 7	What About the Church?
December 14	Alpha Celebration Dinner

Kidz Korner

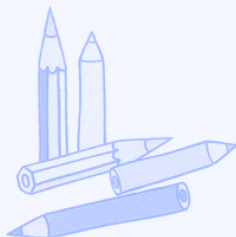
Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

BACK TO SCHOOL AND THE GOLDEN RULE

Hey kids! Summer vacation is over and you're all back in school. And with school open again, not only do you have rules at home, but also rules at school. Sometimes it feels like life is so full of rules that we can hardly keep up with them all. But there's one rule that is so special - so important - that it's known by a special name - **THE GOLDEN RULE!** And that rule is found in the BIBLE in Luke 6:31.



"Do unto others as you would have them do to you."



Jesus said that whatever we want others to do for us, that is what we should do for them. We have to learn to treat our enemies like we would want to be treated. That's REALLY hard, but it IS possible! If we have a heart filled with love, we can make the world a better place to live!

CRYPTOGRAM TIME

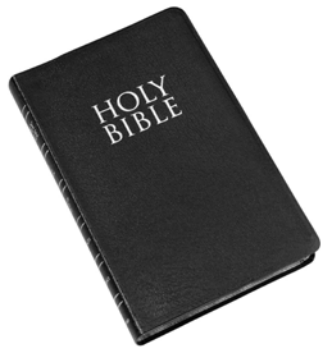
How about some fun! Decode the following "CRYPTOGRAM to learn what Matthew 22:39 says:

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 1 19 25 15 21 18 19 5 12 6
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SEE YOU NEXT MONTH IN THE KIDZ KORNER!





400 YEARS OLD!!

This year the King James Version (KJV) is 400 years old. Although it's considered the "authorized" version, there were two other bibles authorized by an English monarch. The first one was known as the Great Bible published by Henry VIII in 1539. The second was the Bishop's Bible authorized by Henry VIII's daughter, Elizabeth I in 1568.

The current English monarch, Elizabeth II sent a KJV to every child born in the realm in 1953, the year of her coronation. This year, Prince Charles II drew England's attention to the KJV in his role as patron of the King James Bible Trust with exhibits, celebrations, educational events and lectures throughout the UK. In our country it's featured in conferences, TV programs, websites, blogs, videos and traveling exhibits.



Barbara Chaney

Here's some familiar phrases we use in our everyday life from the KJV:

- * *God's care for us: "The Lord is my shepherd." (Psalms 23:1)*
- * *Freedom from slavery: "Let my people go." (Exodus 5:1)*
- * *Worry over unimportant things: "vanity of vanities" (Ecclesiastics 1:2)*
- * *Self-righteous person: "holier than thou" (Isaiah 65:5)*
- * *Work you adore: "a labor of love" (1 Thessalonians 1:3)*
- * *A good person: "the salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13)*
- * *Against in-fighting: "A house divided against itself shall not stand." (Matthew 12:25)*
- * *Lack of understanding: "we see through a glass darkly" (1 Corinthians 13:12)*
- * *What we say when a politician's dirty secrets are revealed:
"How are the mighty fallen" (2 Samuel 1:27)*
- * *A close call: "With the skin of my teeth" (Job 19:20)*

(From an article by John M. Sweeney in the July 12, 2011 issue of Christian Century.)

CHURCHES UNITED OF THE QUAD CITIES—2ND QUARTER

Meal Sites:

Hope United Church of Christ (Moline) - Sunday only: 478 Meals Served

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church: ??? Meals Served

Salvation Army (Davenport): 5,320 Meals Served

Winnie's Place Women's Shelter:

33 Women Served 37 Children Served 1,903 Meals Provided

1,026 Lodgings (# of women/children x overnight stay)

353.75 Direct Service Hours 276 Crisis Calls

HOOVER LIBRARY & MUSEUM

On 20 June 2011 the Upper Class traveled to the Hoover Library & Museum in West Branch, Iowa. It was planned and organized by Don Phillis. Dean Harmon drove our church van. When we arrived in town, we had the pleasure of sharing lunch with Jill Barnhart in a Mexican restaurant. She lives nearby. I learned a lot about President Herbert Hoover that I didn't know before. The exhibits were so interesting. It's a beautiful building. Also on the grounds was the tiny house where he was born. I don't see how 5 people could live in such a small house.

YOUTH-LED CHURCH SERVICE

On 14 August 2011 our youth led our Sunday morning service. They did a terrific job as I knew they would. Ben Miller gave the sermon. Thank you, Ben, for a great sermon! He spoke from his heart. That's what made it more than just words. Marilyn Fields presented the children's sermon. I loved, and hope I remember, a quote that she said has always meant a lot to her: "Not me, but God in me."

A DELIGHTFUL BANQUET

From Matthew Fox: The Creator God has spread out for our delight a banquet that was 20 billion years in the making. A banquet of rivers and lakes, of rain and sunshine, of rich earth and amazing flowers, of handsome trees and dancing fishes, of contemplative animals and of whistling winds, of dry and wet seasons, of cold and hot climates.....and so are we, blessing ourselves, invited to the banquets."

Blessings, Barbara Chaney

'HALLELUJAH!!! HALLELUJAH!!!

HANDEL'S HALLELUJAH CHORUS

Handel's Messiah is a story of resurrection. It is both the biblical story of Christ's life and resurrection on earth, and the story of Handel's return from obscurity.

Like so many of the truly gifted composers, Handel was a child prodigy. He was composing operas at an extremely early age and by his twenties he was the highest paid composer in the world. He actually had people fighting for admission to his operas whenever he performed. We all know that fame is fleeting and believe it or not, his music soon became old-fashioned. No matter what he composed, his music seemed to fail. Bankruptcy and depression settled in and Handel suffered a stroke resulting in palsy that crippled his fingers.



JILL BARNHART

Handel's career stalled, and yet the almost insurmountable difficulties, both physical and emotional, did not destroy him. He began writing again and his compositions seemed to contain even more feeling than before. Handel's friend Charles Jennens sent him a libretto created from Bible texts about Christ's life. The words "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people" from Isaiah 40 were an inspiration to Handel. After receiving a grant from a charitable organization from Dublin, he began to write immediately. He began writing on August 22, 1741 and finished on September 14th. That's just a little over three weeks!! Originally, he composed "The Messiah" to be performed at Lent or Easter, but it most commonly heard at Christmas.

The tradition of standing during the Hallelujah Chorus was started by King George while attending a performance on March 23, 1743. When the Hallelujah Chorus began, he stood up, and it is still unclear why he rose. There are several theories as to why he stood: he may have been stretching his legs, King George was partially deaf, and perhaps he mistook the opening notes for the national anthem, or he may have simply risen out of his seat as a sign of respect. It's amazing that King George started a tradition unintentionally, and that people around the world still rise to their feet when they hear the Hallelujah Chorus begin.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!!!!

Blessings,

Jill Barnhart



George Frideric Handel



The final bars of the Hallelujah chorus from Handel's manuscript

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(one issue monthly)



We're on the web!

www.fbc-
moline.org



**MEET AND GREET EVENT
SUNDAY, AUGUST 21ST AT 6:00 PM
CALLING ALL YOUTH
AND THEIR PARENTS!**

As part of the discernment process of finding a youth minister, we invite you to join us for supper and fellowship with Mike and Lisa Bowen. Mike is a candidate for our youth minister position. This will give us the opportunity to get to know each other better, and better discern the Lord's guidance regarding this vital ministry. Plan to join us at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.