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**LOOKING AHEAD**

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NEWSLETTER

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## THINK SOUP

It's that time of year again! The annual "THINK SOUP" Food Drive! And just like last year, we'll collect CASH instead of CANS.

Monetary donations allow Christian Friendliness to purchase a great deal more food from the River Bend Food bank than what we could get for the same amount of money in a grocery store.

Beginning January 8 and continuing through February 12, you will have the opportunity to donate money to Christian Friendliness and leave the shopping to them. No more lugging in heavy cans. Our goal this year is to collect \$800.00. Imagine how much food that could buy! Please visit the THINK SOUP display in the foyer for the next six weeks and drop that money in the HUGE soup can. Each week we will chart our progress to see how we are doing. And then celebrate when we reach our goal! As always, thank you for your generous support of this long tradition at First Baptist.



Sincerely, Pam Crowe

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Worship (Karen Language)	8:45 am
Sunday School	10:00 am
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### Praise the Lord, He Never Changes!

In 1974, Evie Tornquist Karlsson recorded the song, Praise the Lord, He Never Changes.



*Praise the Lord, He never changes, I come to Him,  
 He's always there  
 He comforts me on every level,  
 takes the burden that I bear*

*Praise the Lord, He never changes, He's never any other way.  
 And He'll be the same tomorrow, as He was and is today.*

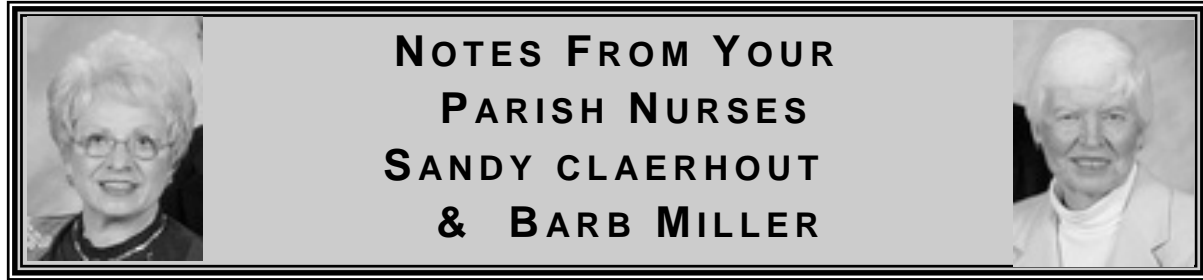
Isn't it wonderful to know that whatever changes life brings, the Lord never changes! No matter what a day may bring, the good and the bad, the happy or sad, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). What freedom and confidence this brings! Many people go through life looking for love and acceptance. God is the one person who knows you completely and loves you with a love that will never change. God's eternal love is revealed in the face of Jesus Christ. God's Word promises us that, "The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being ..." (Hebrews 1:3). Through all the changes of this life and into the next, his eternal embrace gives us courage and confidence.

As we enter a new year, we go with the confidence that such a God goes with us. He will never leave us or forsake us. His is a love that will never let us go. Great is his faithfulness! Let us hold to this as our rock. As we look back at 2010 we have many things to celebrate – a wonderful start to the Alpha Course, a new youth pastor, wonderful music and worship, Word-Centered prayer – to name just a few. May we continue to follow as He leads. May our faithful God, find us faithful as we rest in his unfailing love!

Blessings,  
 Pastors Flint and Deb







## "CDC Recommends Ways To Reduce The Threat Of Strokes"

In the time needed to read out loud this headline, someone has died from a stroke. Every 6 seconds, someone in the world dies from stroke.

Stroke is one of the leading causes of death in the US. About 137,000 Americans die of stroke every year, about equivalent to the total population of Eugene, Ore, or Savannah, Ga.

A stroke, sometimes called a brain attack, occurs when a clot blocks the blood supply to the brain or when a blood vessel in the brain bursts. Lifestyle changes and medication can greatly reduce your risk for a stroke.

**A** "Someone in the US has a stroke every 40 seconds and while that is statistic to some, it's a life abruptly changed for the person, and their family." according to CDC Director, Thomas Frieden, M.D. M.P.H. "We can do so much more to prevent strokes, with tools that we have readily available today." People need to learn and follow their ABCS:

- \* Aspirin for people at risk
- \* Blood Pressure control
- \* Cholesterol management
- \* Smoking cessation

**B** Less than half of Americans who should be taking an aspirin a day are taking one, less than half of Americans with high blood pressure have it under control. Only 1 in 3 Americans with high cholesterol is effectively treated, and less than a quarter of Americans who smoke get help to quit when they see their doctor.

**C** Stroke can cause death or significant disability, such as paralysis, speech difficulties, and emotional problems. Some new treatments can reduce stroke damage if patients get medical care soon after symptoms begin. When a stroke happens, it is important to recognize the symptoms, call 9-1-1 right away, and get to a hospital quickly.

The sudden onset of any of the following symptoms require immediate medical attention:

- \* Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body.
- \* Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding
- \* Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes
- \* Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination
- \* Sudden, severe headache with no known cause.

More than 2 million heart attacks and strokes occur every year and treatment for these conditions and other vascular diseases account for approximately \$1 of every \$6 healthcare dollars.

*Million Hearts is a new HHS national initiative to prevent 1 million heart attacks and strokes over the next five years. It brings together communities, health systems, nonprofit organizations, federal agencies, and private-sector partners from across the country to fight heart disease and stroke.*



**FBC BLOOD DRIVE—We need you!**  
Our next Blood Drive will be here at First Baptist on Tuesday, January 17th, 2012 from 3:00 pm - 6:30 pm. The last date to donate in order to be eligible for this drive was November 22nd. Please see Paula Newell if you have any questions.

## "BEYOND THE SUNSET"



I was asked recently to incorporate "Beyond the Sunset" into a prelude for a funeral service. It was a favorite of the deceased and as I played it, I read through the words and wondered about its origin. Here is some history....

You can hardly think of a gospel song without thinking of Homer Rodeheaver. He started his career as song director for the Billy Sunday campaigns, and also went on to form a publishing company that produced hundreds of gospel songs. Both Billy Sunday and Homer Rodeheaver moved to Winona Lake, Indiana, where there was a well-known Bible conference and seminary. In the summer of 1936, the Rodeheaver School of Music was in session at the Winona Lake Bible Conference, and one evening, Homer invited the faculty members to his home. Among those that attended were Virgil Brock and his wife, Blanche Kerr Brock.



**JILL BARNHART**

On this special night, the sunset was spectacular and many were remarking on its beauty. As they were describing the setting sun against the backdrop of the lake, Virgil Brock's blind cousin, Horace Burr, said, "My, that sure is a wonderful sunset. Thanks so much for picturing it for me. I would have missed a lot if you folks hadn't been here to describe it." Someone commented on this man being able to "see" and Virgil's cousin replied, "I can see. I see through other people's eyes, and I think I often see more; I see beyond the sunset."

As the conversation progressed someone brought up heaven and posed the question whether or not it's possible to see beyond death's door. Someone said, "Virgil's cousin, Horace has never seen the glory of an earthly sunset, yet was blessed as we tried to describe it to him. In the same way we, as Christians, have never seen what is beyond, but God in His love and promise has told us in the Bible of the glory that is awaiting us beyond the sunset."

Later on that night, Virgil and Blanche discussed the evening's topic. They sat down together and began putting words to music. The song, "Beyond the Sunset" was completed that night and dedicated to Horace and Grace Burr.

*"Beyond the sunset, O blissful morning, when with our Savior, heaven is begun. Earth's toiling ended, O glorious dawning. Beyond the sunset, when day is done. Beyond the sunset, no clouds will gather, no storms will threaten, no fears annoy. O day of gladness, O day unending, beyond the sunset, eternal joy. Beyond the sunset a hand will guide me, to God the Father, whom I adore. His glorious presence, His words of welcome, will be my portion on that fair shore. Beyond the sunset, O glad reunion, with our dear loved ones who've gone before. In that fair homeland, we'll know no parting, beyond the sunset forevermore."*

"And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." (Revelation 21:4)

Next time you're out for the evening, watch the sunset and enjoy the beauty that God's creation provides.

Blessings and peace,

Jill Barnhart



## PULSE (YOUTH)



Mike Bowen

After having a break from the youth ministry over the holidays, we are gearing up for a meaningful and eventful 2012.

We are starting off the year with a planning meeting, and have many exciting events planned for the youth ministry. Some of these events include a snow day, winter retreat, a trip to Chicago, and a mall scavenger hunt.

I have started praying for more leaders for the youth ministry, and will be asking specific people to prayerfully consider helping out in the youth ministry. Please join us in prayer as we seek to expand our youth leadership team so that we might continue to reach the students here in our community with the saving message of the Gospel.



Dear FBC Family:

I would like to thank the church family and friends for your prayers, visits, cards, flowers and concern during my recent critical stay in the hospital with a very aggressive infection in my hand. I especially want to thank Pastor Flint and Pastor Deb for their faithful prayers not only for me but also Willie. God heard the prayers of his people and showed his love, mercy, and power to all present in the ER at Trinity West. Miracles still happen when we believe and pray. To God be the glory, great things He has done!

In sincere gratitude, Don Phillis

Thank you more than words can say for the powerful prayer support that you gave to Bill and me while he was in the hospital. God is good and he mercifully called Bill home. For the food, plants, cards, visits and phone calls, we are very grateful. You are truly a caring people and we love you for it. We have wonderful co-pastors whose love and caring shone brightly in this dark hour. They stood by us from the onset of this difficult time and, though on vacation, they continued to minister to us by phone. We were and are blest by their work among us. Thanks be to God for FBC, Moline.

The Bill Pearce Family

### The Jesus Lifestyle - Tuesdays @ 6:30 p.m. in Chapel

Our follow-up course to the Alpha Course will start on January 10. Large group teaching by Nicky Gumbel to be followed by small group discussion. This challenging study, based on the Sermon on the Mount, will give you a power boost during your week.

### Upper Class January Event

It's time for good food and fellowship with the Upper Class on Monday, January 16 at 11:30 a.m. Please join us and bring a dish for the pot luck lunch. Bob Moody and Wally Lofgren will be directing a time of games and fun to follow the meal.

**LOVE GIFT SUNDAY** As the new year begins, let's not forget **LOVE GIFT SUNDAY IS JANUARY 29, 2012.** God's goodness compels us to give! We cannot love without giving. **LOVE GIFT** is our tangible response to God's Love.



**LOVE GIFT** is not a title or pledge. It is not a budgeted amount. Some groups do not set a **LOVE GIFT** goal, feeling that is not in keeping with the meaning of the over-and-above gift. Other groups maintain that setting and reaching a **LOVE GIFT** goal is cause for celebration. **LOVE GIFT** is distributed to American Baptist mission efforts that receive United Mission Funding.

You will be blessed in every way, and you will be able to keep on being generous. Thank God for his gift that is too wonderful for words!

### January & February 2012 Welcome Center Dates

8:30-9:30am

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

January 22	Paula Newell	Barb Chaney
January 29	Mulu Zerihoun	Jane & Tom Olmsted
February 5	Melba Moody	Barb Chaney
February 12	Donna O'Neill	JoAnn Parmley
February 19	Mulu Zerihoun	Marilyn Anderson/Lillian Dyer
February 26	Mary Zahnley/Kathryn Yocom	Jane & Tom Olmsted

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

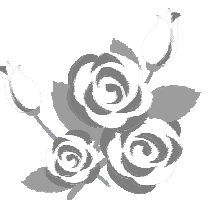
### **WEEKLY BUDGET EXPENSES FOR 2011:**

December 18	\$3,235.00
December 25	2,432.00
December 30	1,884.54



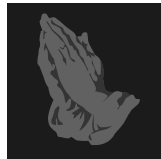
### **ABWMINISTRIES**

Our next Eleanor Smith/ABWM meeting will be Monday, February 13, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. in the GA room.



JoAnn Parmley will be presenting our program on crafts, "making rosebuds". We will also have coffee and refreshments. Please bring canned goods or non-perishable items.

All women of the church are welcome.



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

- Chastity Lentz
Cathy, Jackie & Don McGill
David Miller
Donna O'Neill
Don Phillis
Fran Hogue
Jane Laedeke
Jane Olmsted
Jan & Dean Harmon
Joe Sierra
Joe Turner
Joel Buller
Mulu Zerihoun
Rev. Ron Quay
Roy Harrington
Sharon Angelo
Barbara Wray
Cheryl Orton
Clyde Quinn
Darlene Lomax
Don Reed
George Rogan
Jim Doty
John Padilla
John Padilla (homeless)
Ken Holmes
Laura Brennan
Leona Burnett
Linda Lentz
John Lundquist

IN MEMORIAM

First Baptist Church expresses sympathy and condolences to the family of Phyllis Boardson, a member of our church who passed away on Saturday, December 24, 2011.

We also express sympathy to Ann Pearce upon the death of her beloved husband, Dr. Bill Pearce, who passed away on Tuesday, December 27th, 2011.

Our thoughts and prayers also go out to the family of our beloved Joe Turner, who passed away on Sunday, January 8th, 2012.

First Baptist Church expresses sympathy and condolences to Pat & Jenny Pancrazio and their family, upon the death of Pat's mother, Doris, who passed away on Wednesday, January 4, 2012.

And also to Pastor Deb and Flint, Ben & Chris, our sympathy and condolences to them, upon the passing of Deb's 102 year old grandmother, Ruth Earp, who died on Tuesday, January 9th, 2012.

May God's mercy and love be with all of these families, during these very sad times.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

- Betty McBride (Park Vista)
Dorathy Foster (Park Vista)
Eleanor Lewis (Park Vista)
Pearl Crusier (Park Vista)
Rev. Audley Bruce (Park Vista)
Kaye Duncan (Friendship Manor)
Myrta George (Texas)
Hulda Miller (Solon, Iowa)
Dee Bertelsen (Hope Creek)
Gladys Reamy (Hope Creek)
Norma Strandlund (Hope Creek)
Cathy McGill (Home)
Esther Fields (Home)
Grace Orton (Home)
Gladys Williams (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
CUBA
Kim Kurshner
OKLAHOMA
MURROW INDIAN CHILDREN'S HOME,
Betty Martin
USA & THAILAND
Duane & Marsha Binkley

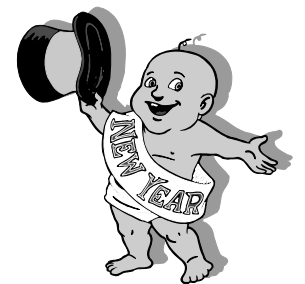
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Barbara Chaney

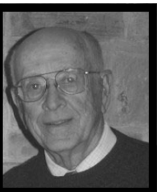
TEN PREDICTIONS FOR 2012 I received the following predictions in an e-mail message:

- 1. The Bible will still have all the answers.
2. Prayer will still be the most powerful thing on earth.
3. The Holy Spirit will still move.
4. God will still honor the praises of His people.
5. There will still be God-anointed preaching.
6. There will still be praises sung to God.
7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people.
8. There will still be room at the Cross.
9. Jesus will still love you.
10. Jesus will still save the lost when they come to Him.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT OUR CHURCH Those of you who weren't able to attend the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service missed a beautiful experience. There was a hush in the sanctuary and a feeling of expectancy as we awaited the birth of the Christ Child.

JIM MILLER The Dispatch had an article concerning the building of a new home for Habitat for Humanity Quad Cities. Jim is pictured attaching framing around a doorway at the new location.



CORDOVA FIRST BAPTIST I receive a monthly newsletter for Cordova District Library. It always has space allotted to news from the Baptist Church in Cordova.

IT'S A HOLY PLACE Every Sunday morning our pastors ask us to prepare for worship by praying silently in our seats or joining others at the altar asking God's anointing on our service.

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S MINISTRIES NEWS It's been a busy year for the women of our church. At our annual salad luncheon we gave many items to Christian Friendliness, the Karens and Winnie's Place, a women's shelter.

SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE It was begun in 1995 and now will be completed this year in January. This magnificent Bible is completely hand-written in calligraphy on vellum with beautiful illuminations.



Blessings, Barbara Chaney

