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**LOOKING AHEAD**

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## SATURDAY NIGHT LIFE!

INVITE OTHERS TO "THE REAL SNL"

In it's first season at First Baptist Church "Saturday Night Life" is a praise-worthy gathering. Our casual contemporary service is an experience that will encourage and uplift you. Both energized and reflective contemporary praise songs carry us into the presence of God. There's time for informal sharing as we gather with light snacks around tables in the Fellowship Hall. This month that welcomes Spring, we'll celebrate a faith that holds secure - even better than the luck of the Irish!

Join us for worship, fellowship, communion and prayer from 5 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 19.

SPECIAL THIS MONTH IS A MEAL AFTERWARD!

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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

February 20	133
February 27	144
March 6	152
March 13	153

## Ignite!



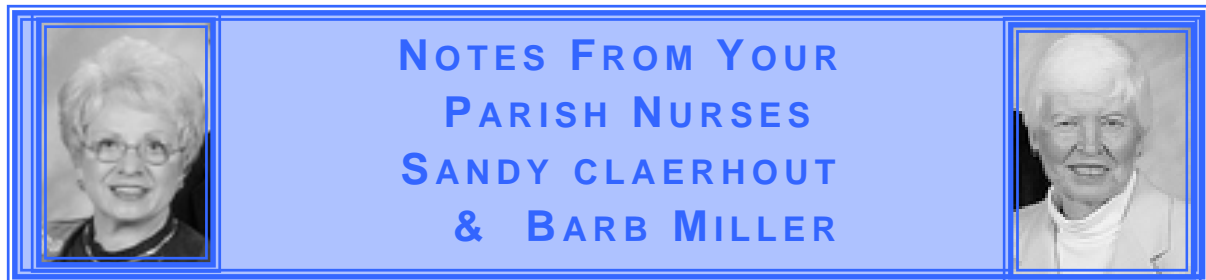
We recently moved our clocks forward for Daylight Savings Time. I find it easier to remember this with an adage, "Spring forward" (and "Fall back" in the fall). As I wandered through the house setting up clocks before bedtime on Saturday, I pondered "Well, there goes that hour!" It's gone in a blink. In that way "springing forward" is a reminder of carpe diem – to seize the day!

As we enter springtime, our church has a "seize the day" moment. In the core values survey our congregation ranked as #1 "Effective Seasonal Events (such as Christmas Eve, Holy Week, Christmas musical). 85% considered this a core value. In our top ten core values were also, "Effective warmth and welcoming attitudes toward newcomers" (64%) and "Effective Blended Style Worship" (49%). This year, let's "seize the day" and create three big events for outreach – (1) Holy Week including our Easter Cantata, (2) a Back-to-School event in early September, and (3) our Christmas season. We'll challenge everyone to get involved and distribute tickets to friends and family for these events. Who could YOU call or invite? Boards and committees, what can you do that's amazing to contribute to these events. Get your creative juices flowing. Let your imagination take flight. Remember, "what we create, we own."

In the "Leadership Genius of Hezekiah" Area 1 Summit, we learned that working together, Hezekiah and the people were able to restore temple worship and festivals, cleanse the Kingdom of idolatry, revive joyful giving, and empower the people for service. As they looked back, "Hezekiah and all the people rejoiced at what God had brought about for his people, because it was done so quickly." 2 Chronicles 29:36

Why not ignite our church? If we set some amazing goals for the next 3-9 months just think how much we might accomplish. God is great! Be amazed! Be amazing! Spring forward!

Pastors Flint and Deb



## WALK TO JERUSALEM

The Quad City Health Initiative has decided to NOT sponsor the Moon Walk this year, 2011. As it is important to continue to keep our church MOVING, we have decided to initiate our version of "Walk to Jerusalem"

The original "Walk to Jerusalem" was started in 2002 as a part of the parish nursing program at St John Health, a multihospital health system in Warren, Michigan. Many churches across the country as well in the Quad-Cities have adapted this program to fit their membership.

This "imaginary" trip to Jerusalem is accomplished by individuals within the congregation logging their walking miles each week with the goal of accumulating enough miles to reach Jerusalem by a designated deadline.

This is a program for everyone. Families can log their "miles" together, or those who may not be able to walk far can do chair exercises. Children can even count gym class as a mile. Twenty minutes of moderate exercise or 15 minutes of vigorous exercise is equivalent to 1 mile. Exercise for a lot of people is a solitary time...a time to forget what's going on, but this is also a group effort...if you're feeling less connected, this is a time to connect with someone else. For this trip, exercising with someone else counts for 5 extra miles. Whether you do swimming, water exercise, working out at the gym, chair exercises, gym class, walking or running we need you to sign up so we can count your miles (20 min. of any exercise = 1 mile.)

This program is based on the scriptures, in First Corinthians 6:19-20, it says, "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own, you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body." It is important to keep your mind, body and spirit all in order so that you can please God!

Jerusalem is not as far as the Moon, however we will be doing this with just our own church. We estimate that it is 6386 miles from Moline to Jerusalem, which includes "walking on water", sounds like fun! We want to accomplish this in 8 weeks.

We plan to start our journey on March 27th and conclude it on May 21st. We have eight weeks to go 6386 miles, so we need everyone's help. Sign-up sheets will be at the Welcome Center, as well as sheets to keep track of your own miles. Each week, miles can be turned into Barb Miller, either by e-mail - [bjmjwm@mediacombb.net](mailto:bjmjwm@mediacombb.net), or by phone - 309-787-3780. We will keep weekly totals and inform the church regularly as to how far we have gone.

If you walk a regular route, you can measure the distance by car. If not, you can wear a pedometer, to keep track of your mileage as you walk. Remember all the above methods of counting miles. Pedometers can be found at a variety of stores, and a range of prices. More expensive pedometers will have more features, but the one that only tracks steps/miles is accurate for our journey. A pedometer should be comfortable to wear all day and be held securely by its clip. Put your pedometer on as soon as you get up in the morning, and check your mileage when you go to bed at night. It is not just for taking a walk, you may be surprised by how much you actually walk during the day. Are you ready for our TRIP!



## "CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY"



JILL BARNHART

Have you ever seen a movie or read something about a person receiving an inheritance? Sometimes the stories can be heartwarming and other times they're about families being torn apart by their greed. It's sad when families place more importance on the value of money than for the value of each other. How does an inheritance work? God has given us belongings and it's our job to take care of them. As adults, part of taking care of our possessions is to have a plan for what happens to those things when we die. So, they write out a "will." This document allows the person's "will" to be known about what they want done with their possessions. A will only goes into effect after that person dies.

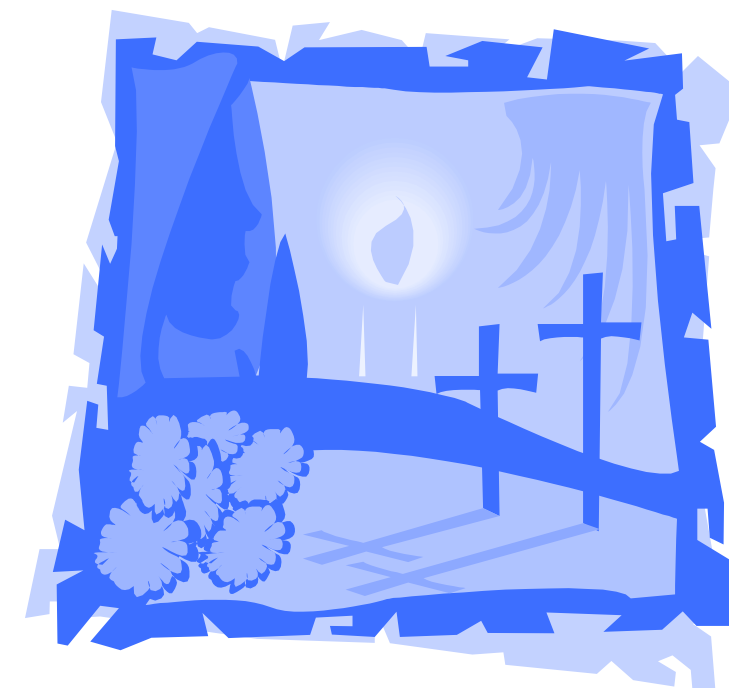
God had a will and in the book of Hebrews, we see the example of what God wanted for His people. His son, Jesus' death and resurrection accomplished God's will for us. God wanted His people to receive forgiveness for their sins and power to live in His ways. The penalty for our sins was paid by Jesus dying on the cross. Because Jesus was a sinless and perfect man, He was able to accomplish God's will and ultimately that "will" went into effect when He died. Jesus rose from the dead so that He could personally make certain that His testament for us couldn't be broken and that everyone would receive everything by simply accepting His gift.

Upon Jesus' death, we were all able to receive salvation and the purest love. In the song, "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today", Charles Wesley is celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection by placing "Alleluia", which means "Praise the Lord!" after every phrase. At this Easter, remember you're receiving God's will and salvation!! Praise the Lord!!

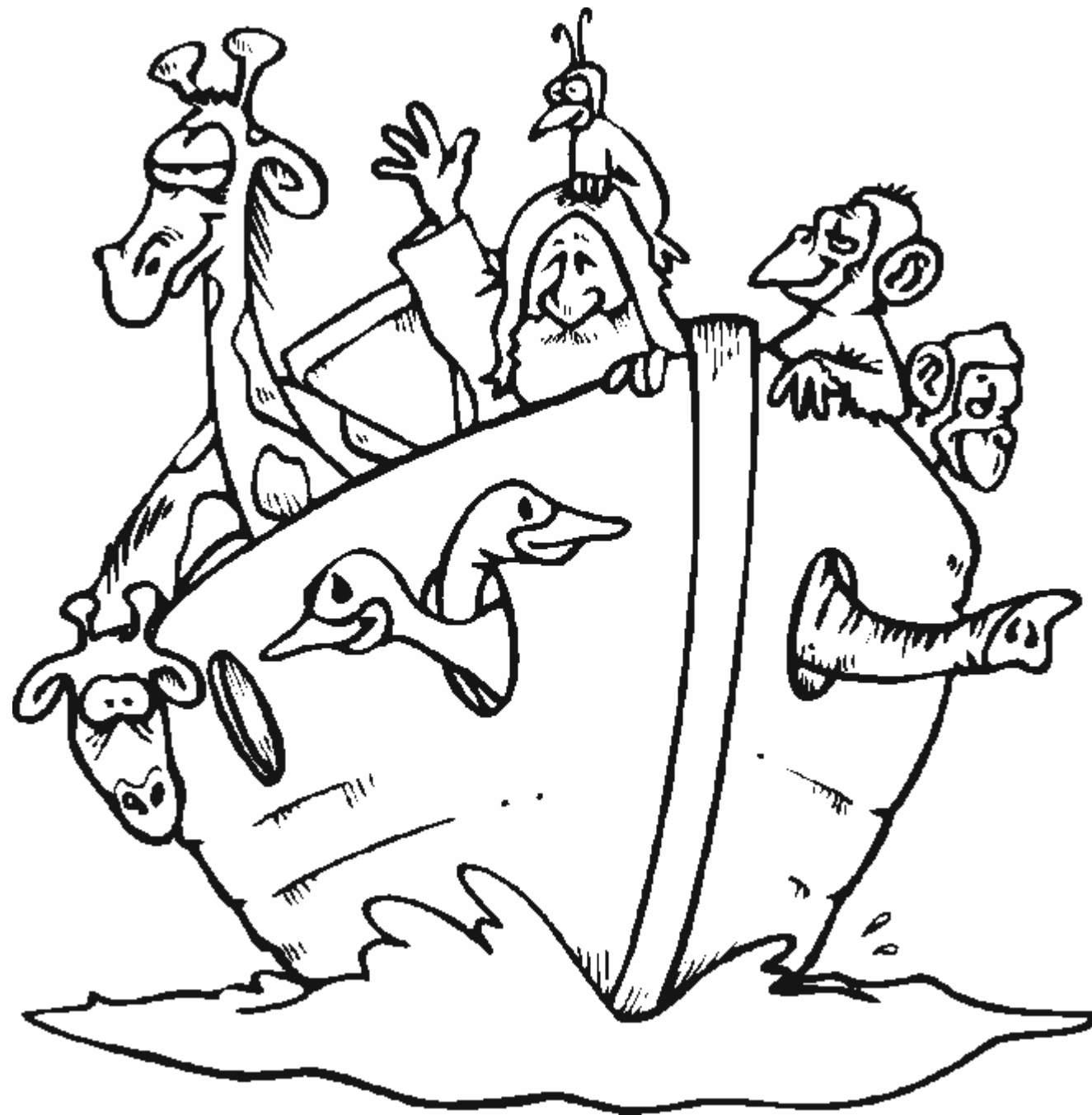
*Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia!  
Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia!  
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!*

*Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!*

*Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the Alleluia!  
Praise the Lord!!*



Jill Barnhart



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What did God create for Noah to see that would let everyone know that God would never destroy the world with water again?

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GENESIS 9:11 (KING JAMES VERSION)

11AND I WILL ESTABLISH MY COVENANT WITH YOU, NEITHER SHALL ALL FLESH BE CUT OFF ANY MORE BY THE WATERS OF A FLOOD; NEITHER SHALL THERE ANY MORE BE A FLOOD TO DESTROY THE EARTH.

**HOW ARE YOU PREPARING FOR EASTER?**

Come join us on Wednesday nights, 6 to 7 p.m. in the Judson classroom for our Lenten Bible study. It will be based on the book Shadows, Darkness, and Dawn: A Lenten Journey with Jesus by Thomas Steagald. We'll begin our journey together on Wednesday, March 23. See you there!

**LIGHT MEETS THE DARK: JOURNEY WITH JESUS TO EASTER SERMON SERIES**  
**WITH PASTOR FLINT AND DEB**

March 13 - First Sunday of Lent "Jesus Meets the Tempter"  
 Matthew 4:1-11

March 20 - Second Sunday of Lent "Jesus Meets the Seeker"  
 John 3:1-17

March 27 - Third Sunday of Lent "Jesus Meets the Disillusioned"  
 John 4:5-32

April 3 - Fourth Sunday of Lent "Jesus Meets the Broken"  
 John 9:1-41

April 10 - Fifth Sunday of Lent "Jesus Meets the Hopeless"  
 John 11:1-45

April 17 - Sixth Sunday of Lent (Palm Sunday)  
 "Forsaken: An Easter Cantata"

April 21 – 7:00 pm    Maunday Thursday "Jesus Meets Betrayal"  
 Matthew 26:31

**April 24 – Easter Sunday**  
**"The Triumph of Light and Life"**  
**John 20:1-18**





The FBC Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 19th. Everyone will meet at the church at 8:00 am and will carpool to the Iowa Machine Shed in Davenport. Come and have a delicious breakfast and wonderful fellowship. All First Baptist Men are invited to come. **DON'T MISS OUT!!!**

**PLEASE REMEMBER**

**ON THE LAST MONDAY OF THE MONTH WORD CENTERED PRAYER WILL BE AT 6:00 PM, INSTEAD OF 6:30 PM, DUE TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING THAT BEGINS AT 7:00PM .**

**March & April Welcome Center Dates**

	8:30-9:30am	9:30-10:00am/20 minutes after worship
March 20	Willie & Ron Newenham	Marilyn Anderson & Lillian Dyer
March 27	Jane & Tom Olmsted	Laura Sierra
April 3	Donna O'Neill	Laura Sierra
April 10	Theresa Ewers	Paige Ewers
April 17	Willie & Ron Newenham	Barb Chaney
April 24	Mulu Zerihoun	Mary Zahnley & Kathryn Yocom

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:**

**Needed— \$ 5,836.94**

**Received for week of: 2011**

February 20	\$1,256.00
February 27	649.00
March 6	4,549.00
March 13	3,373.00

**EASTER LILY SALE!**



You may order Easter Lilies, starting Sunday, March 27th. You may also order them on Sunday, April 3rd and 10th. They will help decorate the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 24th. The lilies may be designated in honor or in memory of loved one and friends. The cost is \$7.50 per lily. Please make checks payable to First Baptist Church. Please see JoAnn Parmley or Dorose Harrington to order. You may pick up your lilies following the Easter service.

**Please note:** The Upper Class is starting up again, and their first meeting is Monday, April 18th at 10:00 am. They will always meet on the 3rd Monday of the month. They will have a different program for every meeting and coffee and light refreshments will be served. Any and all are welcome to attend.

This is the following schedule for all the Boards and Committees of 2011

Music—First Sunday of Month

Fellowship—First Sunday of Month

Diaconate—Second Sunday of Month

Christian Education—Third Tuesday of Month

Missions—Fourth Sunday of Month

**Please note:**

On Wednesday evenings, at 7:00 pm, April 6th and 13th, instead of choir rehearsal, the Easter Cantata practice will take place. These rehearsals are for anyone that has any part in the cantata—even the readers.

Please don't miss out on these very important practices.

Any questions, please contact Jill Barnhart.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CURRICULUM CHOSEN!

This year's Vacation Bible School curriculum "SonSurf Beach Bash" by Gospel Light will be presented to the children during the week of June 13th through the 17th.



On those hot summer days the best place to be is the beach! Cool off in the sparkling blue waves. Build a magnificent sandcastle. Explore tide pools and collect seashells. The beach is a beautiful natural playground and the perfect place for VBS!

As kids explore the wonders of the beach, they'll also discover the Big Answers to their Big Questions about

Jesus. Five essential Bible verses - including John 14:6 - will help them understand who Jesus is and why they need Him.

At **SonSurf Beach Bash VBS**, kids learn that there is only one truth: **JESUS!**

Please start thinking and praying about how **YOU** would like to help this year. Look for a Volunteer Sign-Up display coming soon in the Fellowship Hall or call Pam Crowe to help.

Think of the privilege it is to help shape the young minds of our children in leading them on the path to knowing more about **JESUS** and learning how that path can lead them towards salvation!



The Turleys



The Hwangs



Roberta Stephens

American Baptists are answering the call to provide relief to their sisters and brothers in Christ in Japan after an 8.9 earthquake struck Japan on March 11 followed by a devastating tsunami along the coast. A \$20,000 grant from One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) was approved yesterday for our partners, the Japan Baptist Union, for relief efforts.

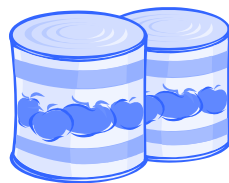
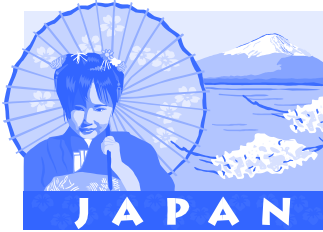
International Ministries missionaries serving in Japan are reported safe. John and Tomoko Armagost and Gordon and Lee Ann Hwang reside within 350 miles of the epicenter. Roberta Stevens is farther west and David and Leslie Turley live down south on the island of Okinawa.

"We are deeply concerned for the people of Japan even as aftershocks continue and so much is unknown," commented Dr. Reid Trulson, IM executive director.

"A Baptist World Aid rescue team of people from Hungary, Singapore and the US has gone to work alongside the Japanese first responders. Please pray for those who have lost loved ones, those whose lives have been so severely disrupted, and those who are on the front lines providing aid and comfort."

The earthquake was the most powerful to strike Japan since records began. It struck the northeast coast, triggering a massive tsunami, according to BBC News. Cars, ships and buildings were swept away by a wall of water after the tremor, which hit about 400km (250 miles) northeast of Tokyo. Officials say over 6,000 are either dead or missing. In one ward alone in Sendai, a port city in Miyagi prefecture, 200 to 300 bodies were found.

**Emergency donations are needed and can be made on the IM website. Go to <http://www.internationalministries.org/items/221> or write a check made payable to "One Great Hour of Sharing – Japan Relief" and give to your church, or mail to: International Ministries, P.O. Box 851, Valley Forge, PA 19482**



## 2011 SOUPER BOWL FOOD DRIVE

The 2011 Annual Souper Bowl Food Drive is now complete and the numbers stack up like this: \$640.00 was collected along with some canned goods. The money and food items were delivered to Christian Friendliness this past week.



### FANTASTIC JOB FBC!

We came through again! Thank you to everyone who generously gave non-perishable food items and/or money to this year's drive. The First Baptist Church Souper Bowl Canned Food Drive, since its inception in 1995, has collected over 35,000 food items. We have helped restock the shelves of the Christian Friendliness Food Pantry providing food to needy families in the area. We've come a long way since 1995 when 144 cans were collected. Thank you to everyone who took a serious need to heart by giving so willingly, generously and joyfully!

# UPCOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY, APRIL 1ST THROUGH SUNDAY APRIL 3RD.

YOUTH WEEKEND

AREA 1 AND DARE 2 SHARE, ELGIN, IL

WINTER RETREAT

See Willie Phillis or Pastor Deb for details

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2011

QUAD CITY FAMILY CAREGIVER CONFERENCE

8:00am—12 Noon

Waterfront Convention Center 2021 State Street

Bettendorf, IA 52722

Family Caregivers caring for family & friends in Iowa or Illinois will enjoy a FREE half-day of exhibitors and speakers at the Quad City Family Caregiver Conference. Topics: elder law, nutrition tips, strength & balance, effective communication, accessing services/programs and memory loss. Exhibits, refreshments, door prizes, complimentary massages and manicures. For details: Generations Agency on Aging 563-324-9085

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, APRIL 8 & 9, 2011

GREAT RIVERS REGION MISSION CONFERENCE

Hosted by: Cherry Hills Baptist Church

2125 Woodside Road, Springfield, IL

Rev. Dr. Stan Slade Global Consultant for Theological Education

Contact: GRR @ (217) 726-7366

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2011 8:30 am—4:55 pm

2011 NATIONAL MEN'S EQUIPPING CONFERENCE

"Iron Sharpens Iron"

Host Church: Calvary Church of the Quad Cities

4700 53rd Street, Moline, IL

This conference is for men of all ages—starting ages 13 and going up!

PLEASE SEE PASTOR FLINT FOR INFORMATION

# THANK YOU

**Dear Church Family and friends**  
 Thank you for your prayers ,food, cards, flowers, phone calls during my recent bout with pneumonia. A special thank you to Bob Moody and Mary Zahnley for the "taxi" service for myself as well as for Don. Thank you for coming along side in our hour of need. May God's blessings be upon all of you.  
 In the Love of Christ,  
 Willie Phillis

Thank you so much for the lovely Farewell Reception and for the gift card. Most importantly, thank you for your kind words and well wishes. First Baptist Church and the entire church family will always hold a very special place in my heart.

Yours in Christ,  
 Shelley Gradel

On behalf of Christian Care, we would like to thank you for your recent support. Because of contributions like yours, we have been able to house over 200 homeless men and almost 100 battered women and children in the past 12 months. We are concerned about our residents and are able to provide them the services they need because of your thoughtfulness and caring.

Pastor Rob Miltenberger  
 Dr. Elaine Winter

A special "Thank You" for all the calls, cards and prayers I received while I was in the hospital. Thank you too for the pastors visits. I am happy to be home and recovering. I appreciate all the work that was done by everyone in providing greeters for the Sunday morning services.

Shirley Lofgren

## WATCH FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT EASTER EVENTS

Saturday, April 16 at 1:00 pm

FBC Easter Egg Hunt

Stories, Refreshments, and Easter Egg Hunt

All Children Invited

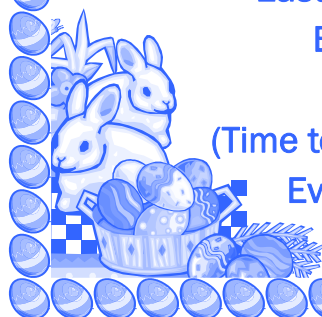
Easter Sunday, April 24

Breakfast Youth

Fundraiser

(Time to be announced later)

Everyone welcome!



## LOOK WHO WE CAUGHT BEING AN ANGEL! A tip of the Halo to.....

**All of our angels who helped clean out the church kitchen so it could be sprayed for the Spring. It was a big job taking EVERYTHING out of the kitchen and then putting EVERYTHING back. Congratulations on a job that was well done.**

**Willie Phillis wants everyone to know how pleased she was when some of our college students visited her on Sunday afternoon, March 13. Willie is home with pneumonia and said their visit really lifted her spirits! For many years she has worked with our youth and loves every one of them. Her "special angels" are Ben and Chris Miller, Tim and Sarah Gradel and Sarah's friend, Tom McConnell.**

**To all the Sewing B's ladies for creating many pillows for breast cancer survivors.**

**A big thank you to Bob Moody and Tom Olmsted for using their personal cars to drive everyone to the Leadership Summit, in Rockford, IL on Saturday, March 12th.**

**Many many thanks to Darrel Fry and Jim Miller for repairing (replacing the ruined wood and replastering and painting) the support beam by the sanctuary door in the hallway.**

March 2011

Dear Friends and Church Family of Mildred Arnold,



We hope you know that Mildred went home to Glory, January 30, 2010. It was a Sunday and she died right at the time of worship at First Baptist Moline where she was a member. Mildred always had great timing. When she died Mildred was a resident of Good Samaritan Village in Geneseo, IL. She was cared for by good friends, Willie and Don Phillis. Willie with Don's help cared for her needs for seven years while she moved from independent living, into assisted living and finally into a care facility due to dementia. However she continued to serve Christ through the Holy Spirit. Mildred was able to sing the hymns (Mildred did not sing when able) and she also could offer prayers in their devotional times. In the last year Mildred was not able to speak a complete sentence. This was a gift of the Holy Spirit. This was the Holy Spirit's way of blessing her and continuing his work through her.

Now that she has passed into the presence of God, we, Willie and Don Phillis, and Janet Bailey, want to honor her memory by placing a plaque at Green Lake Conference Center on the Memory Walk. The plaque will be placed either by the plaque of Rev. Thomas Bailey's, my husband and Mildred's former pastor, or Arlo Reichter's, a long time friend and co-worker. We want to give you an opportunity to honor Mildred's memory by giving a donation toward the plaque. The entire donation that you would give would go toward the plaque. If you would like to donate to Mildred's memory plaque please send all donations to Willie Phillis, 3300 35 th Avenue, Moline,, IL 61265, by April 1, 2011. When you send the donation Willie will send you an acknowledgement of the donation and will invite you to the dedication on July 10, 2011. Please send the donations as soon as possible. We are going to do this even if you do not feel like you could send a donation. We want to get it done so it can be dedicated this year.

Thank you for you whatever you can do toward this memory plaque. Mildred was a great lady, a wonderful friend and taught so many people how to teach children, youth, and adults.

In the love and service of Christ,  
 Don and Willie Phillis, and Janet Bailey

## American Baptist Women's Ministries



**LADIES: There is still time to attend the Area 1 American Baptist Women's OASIS Retreat next week, Friday, & Saturday, March 25—26 7:00 pm on Friday through 3:00 pm on Saturday at Stronghold Retreat Center in Oregon, IL.**

The cost is  
**\$50.00—Friday and Saturday  
 \$40.00—Saturday, only  
 at Stronghold Retreat Center**

**THEME: SAVORING GOD  
 FACILITATOR:**

**REV. SHARON FARRAL**  
 Rev. Sharon Farral is currently Associate Pastor for Senior Care at First Baptist Church in East Moline

**MUSIC: Jill Barnhart and Pam Crowe**

Please see Melba Moody for transportation.



Our next ABWM meeting will be on Monday, April 11th at 9:30 am. The program will be announced later. Coffee and refreshments will be served and all ladies of the church are invited.

**ALSO DON'T FORGET!!!**  
 Saturday, April 16  
**SPRING SPIRITUAL FEAST,**  
 East Moline Baptist Church  
 9:30 to Noon  
 Guest Speaker:  
 Our own  
 Rev. Debbie Miller





### BITS & PIECES

Our church had a farewell reception for Shelley Gradel on March 13 to thank her for all she's done in our church over the years. Just a couple of the many, many things she's done to support our church is Chairing of the Board of Deacons and being responsible for preparing and serving our Wednesday Night Dinners. Prayers of the whole church go with Shelley and her daughter, Sarah, as they get established Florida.



**Barbara Chaney**

Just a reminder, JoAnn Parmley makes beautiful note and greeting cards at a reasonable price. I've enjoyed sending them often. We have some very talented members in our church. Can't help but brag!

Don't forget our Saturday evening contemporary praise service on March 19 from 5:00 to 6:00 pm.. Also, you'll miss a real blessing by not attending our Monday evening prayer service every Monday at 6:30 pm. Pastor Deb leads in centering prayer. More about Centering Prayer in the next newsletter.

Seven of us attended "The Leadership Genius of Hezekiah" workshop at Pilgrim Baptist Church in Rockford IL on 12 March. Well done program and we were made to feel welcome by the members of Pilgrim Baptist.

### A NEW KIND OF BIBLE STUDY

The ladies of our women's bible study on Wednesday mornings are enthused about our present study material. Usually, we take one book from the Bible and "study" that. The book we use now is written with great insight and humor by a pastor's wife and relates strongly with our day-to-day lives. It's called Having a Mary Spirit: Allowing God to Change Us from the Inside Out by Joanna Weaver. The back cover says it "directs your gaze past your own shortcomings to the God who stands ready, willing and able to make a new woman out of you. She equips you with biblical insights and practical tools to partner with Christ." It leads to some very lively discussions. The following is a poem from this book written by Beth Moore, from Praying God's Word.

#### PRIDE IS A CHEATER

My name is Pride. I am a cheater.  
 I cheat you of your God-given destiny.....because you demand your own way.  
 I cheat you of contentment...because you "deserve better than this."  
 I cheat you of knowledge...because you already know it all.  
 I cheat you of healing...because you're too full of me to forgive.  
 I cheat you of holiness...because you refuse to admit when you're wrong.  
 I cheat you of vision.....because you'd rather look in the mirror than out the window.  
 I cheat you of genuine friendship...because nobody's going to know the real you.  
 I cheat you of love....because real romance demands sacrifice.  
 I cheat you of greatness in heaven...because you refuse to wash another's feet on earth.  
 I cheat you of God's glory...because I convince you to seek your own.

My name is Pride. I am a cheater.

You like me because you think I'm always looking out for you. Untrue. I'm looking to make a fool of you.

God has so much for you, I admit, but don't worry...

If you stick with me you'll never know.

### YOUTH HOPE

YouthHope is a ministry of Christian Friendliness. I'm very impressed with this fine Christian organization. They strive to break the hold of despair created by poverty, addiction, broken homes and teen pregnancy. They do this through three major efforts: street outreach, Youth Centers and Camp YouthHope. Our ABWM circle toured the Moline Youth Center a year or so ago. It's a great facility. In the upcoming newsletters, I'll go into more detail about their programs for disadvantaged youth.

### WHAT IS LOVE

Little ones have some wonderful insight as to what love is:

"Love is what makes you smile when you're tired." (Chrissy - age 6)

"Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him to make sure the taste is OK."

(Danny - age 7)

"Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen." (Bobby - age 7)

### SOMETHINGS TO THINK ABOUT

"Give people more than they expect and do it cheerfully."

"Never laugh at anyone's dreams. People who don't have dreams don't have much."

"Don't judge people by their relatives."



*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

- Betty McBride
- Rev. Audley Bruce
- Rev. Brian Fischer
- Beverly Dulcy
- Cathy McGill
- Chris Dawdy
- Chuck Botkin (family member of Mary Anderson)
- Chuck Carlson (friend of Lillian Dyer)
- David Miller
- Don McGill
- Elaine Kruckenberg
- Family of Pa Saw Paw
- George Nelson
- George Rogan
- Jacob Schweitzer
- Jane Laedeke
- Jan Harmon
- Joel Buller
- Jeannette Wood
- Karens Job Search (Norcross Plant closed)
- Laura Brennan (Joan's Friend)
- Lu Rishill, (Don Phillis sister)
- Mariya Dehqanyar
- Marilyn Marye
- Peggy Hanske
- Rick Trinrud
- Roberta (Darrel Fry's Sister)
- Roy Harrington
- Sharon Angelo
- Shirley Lofgren
- Shirley (Martin Newell's Mom)
- Willie Phillis

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR EXTENDED FAMILY

- Dorathy Foster (Park Vista)
- Eleanor Lewis (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

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

### 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