

# THE LINK

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## Faith Becomes Sight



Through the centuries, believers have been blessed by classics of Christian devotion. Books like The Imitation of Christ by Thomas A’Kempis, Practicing the Presence of Christ by Brother Lawrence, and Pilgrim’s Progress by John Bunyan. More recently, generations have enjoyed My Utmost for His Highest by Oswald Chambers and The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren. In Streams in the Desert, A.B. Simpson writes about the seen and the unseen:

*How strong is the snare of the things that are seen, and how necessary for God to keep us in the things that are unseen! If Peter is to walk on water he must walk; if he is going to swim he must swim, but he cannot do both. If the bird is going to fly it must keep away from fences and the trees, and trust its buoyant wings. But if it tries to keep within easy reach of the ground, it will make poor work of flying.*

*God had to bring Abraham to the end of his own strength, and to let him see that in his own body he could do nothing. He had to consider his own body as good as dead, and then take God for the whole work; and when he looked away from himself, and trusted God alone, then he became fully persuaded that what He had promised, He was able to perform. That is what God is teaching us, and He has to keep away encouraging results until we learn to trust without them, and then He loves to make His Word real in fact as well as faith.*

Jesus tells us, “Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.” (John 20:29) God is developing a new capacity in us – “eyes of faith”. When we trust him and follow in spite of what we see, he uses this faith to actually make faith become sight. In recent days at our church we have seen faith become sight as God has provided a Minister of Youth, Mike Bowen; as He has brought together an Alpha team and others committed to grow and reach out through this course; through workers (Anglo and Karen) in our Children's Sunday School; and through answers to prayers of healing among our church family. Let’s trust him when we see the results of our faith – and even when we don't. He will walk with us through the dark into his glorious light!

### 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

August 21

142

August

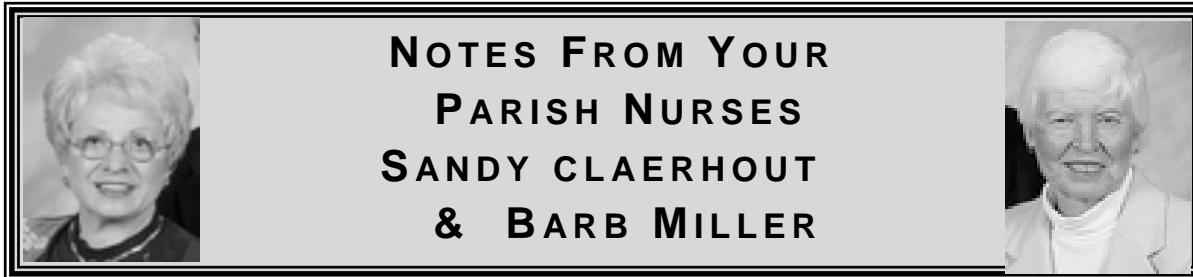
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## REGRETS AFTER PATIENTS HAVE LOST THEIR HEALTH, BY STEWART SEGAL, MD

Regret is a harmful emotion. Regrets are best avoided. Its one thing to regret buying a stock that plummets. It's another to regret that you ever smoked because your chest x-ray shows a large tumor.

People often don't appreciate what they have until they've lost it. When you've lost your health, you will regret its loss for the rest of your (shortened ) life. Imagine that you were supposed to take your medication every day. Your doc prescribed the medicine because, without it, you would be at risk of having a heart attack. Imagine you decide that medications are expensive, bad for you , and that you are going to use all "natural" over the counter pills to treat yourself.

Now imagine you wake up in the coronary intensive care unit. Your doctor tells you that you suffered a cardiac arrest. You try to ask him a question but gibberish comes out. The Doc explains that you are stable; but you were without oxygen for too long and you have suffered hypoxic brain damage. You've had a stroke. You realize you can't move your right hand and leg. You're alive, and, for the first time in your life, you understand what being healthy was all about.

You understand that you may never walk, work, drive, or even make love again. You understand that you will have to take medications, go to rehab, have full time help, and learn to live a new life. You understand that you should have never stopped your medication. You will regret that decision for a very long time.

Every day, I plead with patients to take their medications, get their colonoscopies, stress tests, and x-rays done. I plead with them to stop smoking and drinking. I ask them to give up cholesterol, sugar and other goodies so that they can be healthier. I write articles aimed at helping them understand how important their health is.

Every day, my patients tell me they are going to try to care for themselves. I hate the word, "try". To me, try implies failure. I ask them to work at being healthy. I explain that the stakes are high, often to no avail. You don't know what you have until you lose it. A healthy person cannot imagine what it is like to lose his health. A healthy person cannot imagine how much regret hurts.

Life is full of regrets. Do everything within your power to be healthy. Live a "well-thy" life by investing in your physical, nutritional, emotional, and financial well-being with the same fervor as you invest in your financial health. Work with your doctor. Learn all you can learn. Follow your doc's instructions. Don't fall for the hype of the "all natural" neutraceutical world. If you don't believe you need a treatment or a test, discuss it with your doctor.

Staying out of trouble is much better that getting out of trouble. Remember my favorite blessing. "May you be so blessed as to never know what disease you prevented." Be "well-thy" and live a long life without regrets.



**Flu Clinic will be at First Baptist Church on Sunday, October 2 in the Parish Nurse Office. If you are unable to attend the one at our church, there is a schedule of all area flu clinics posted on the Parish Nurse Bulletin Board by the office.**

**Flu and Pneumonia shots will be available at no cost for those on original Medicare Part B. No private insurance coverage including Medicare Advantage plans will be accepted, but you can receive a form to turn into your insurance company for re-imburement. Cost will be the same as last year. Cash, checks or credit cards will be accepted. We will be available from 8:00 to 10:00 am, that morning.**



## LOOK WHO WE CAUGHT BEING AN ANGEL!

*A tip of the Halo to.....*

- ✓ *Belinda Talbot taking pictures of the Karen children in Children's Church to prepare a new picture sheet with birthdays. What a wonderful help this is for our office, teachers, and members!*
- ✓ *Nancy Lee updating a data base for the office, CE Board, leaders and church members of our Anglo/Karen children, youth, and young adults with all contact information.*
- ✓ *Bert Hinton taking the 3 youth up to Blackhawk Camp this past weekend (Sept, 9) and Ron Shipley bringing them home from the retreat on Sunday.*
- ✓ *Thanks to our librarians, Dorose Harrington and Bev Nelson, for all the wonderful work they do cataloging books and keeping the library area looking so interesting, readable and relevant!*

### WEEKLY BUDGET EXPENSES FOR 2011:

August 21	\$ 563.00
August 28	1,461.35
September 4	4,099.00
September 12	3,385.00



### Ladies

Please mark your calendars for our next ABWM meeting. It will be Monday, October 10th at 9:30 am in the GA room.

We will be making preparations for our Area 1 Fall Gathering on Saturday, October 22nd. We are the hostess for this event.

Refreshments and coffee available and everyone is welcome!

### Country Corner

Farm Fresh Fun!



U.S. Route 150, Alpha, Illinois

## UPPER CLASS EVENT MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

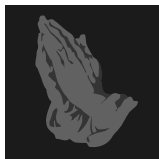
### Trip to Country Corner Market in Alpha, Illinois

- ◆ Lunch will be at the Homestead Restaurant in Woodhall, Illinois
- ◆ Depart from church at 10:00 am in church vans
- ◆ Please join us to enjoy farm fresh activities, tour the facilities and shop in the country store
- ◆ Have a great time with friends, fun, and fellowship

Please call Don Phillis for reservations  
@ 762-7172

### August & September Welcome Center Dates

	8:30-9:30am	9:30-10:00am/20 minutes after worship
September 18	Paula Newell	Jane & Tom Olmsted
September 25	Melba Moody	Hilda & Darrel Fry
October 2	Mulu Zerihoun	Marilyn Anderson/Lillian Dyer
October 9	Mary Zahnley/Kathryn Yocom	Ann Watkins
October 16	Donna O'Neill	JoAnn Parmley



*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  
 Fran Hogue  
 George Nelson  
 Helen Dykeman  
 Jacob Schweitzer  
 Jane Laedeke  
 Jan & Dean Harmon  
 Joe Sierra  
 Joel Buller  
 Kyaw-Ro (needs job)  
 Maung Yee  
 Mee Cho (TW)  
 Roy Harrington  
 Sandy Claerhout  
 Sharon & Bob  
 Angelo (Bob in Peoria)

Cheryl Orton  
 Chris Dawdy  
 Dale Sholl (3 month old baby)  
 Ed Lewis  
 Gene Pool  
 George Rogan  
 Jennifer Johnson (Johnson's cousin)  
 Jeannette Wood  
 Laura Brennan  
 Linda Lentz  
 John Lundquist  
 Marilyn Marye  
 Mindy Swank & Family  
 Nick Creger  
 Rose Sajack  
 Rosemary Bustos  
 Cannon Family

**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

**IN MEMORIAM** First Baptist Church expresses sympathy and condolences to the family of Betty Edmunds upon her death on Saturday, August 27th. Betty and Ralph, her husband, recently celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary.

FBC also extends sympathy to the family of Theresa and Dennis Ewers upon the death of Dale Ewers, Dennis's brother, who passed away this week.

First Baptist Church extends sympathy and condolences to Leigha Kreitner upon the death of her beloved mother, Daisy Hortenstein, a former member of FBC. She passed away on Monday, August 29, 2011.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of these families during this sad time.

I wish to thank everyone at First Baptist Church for all their prayers, thoughts, cards, and visits during my time of illness. I sincerely appreciate everything that was done for me.

June Irwin

Julie and I would like to thank everyone for your prayers that I might have a successful surgery and positive diagnosis. God does answer prayer. To God be the glory!

Gary Rodell

It is a humbling experience to have surgery, and at the same time receive so much care and support from the flock you are shepherding as pastor. Thank you for all your prayers especially. Also, thank you for the cards, calls, flowers, food, and visits that provided support and cheerful care to me and our family. I am especially grateful to Barb Miller who came to my house to assist me in a nursing role and give her pastoral care as well. Thank you to Sandy Claerhout who gave me reassurance on the phone the night after my surgery. God indeed works through many people to bring healing and take care of us!

Pastor Deb

Thank you very much for the generous gift. I am attending Western Illinois University to pursue my degree in elementary education. Thanks again for your kindness

Jenna Strandlund



### 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.



## Join us as.....

the Quad City Area **CROP HUNGER WALK**

Celebrates 40 years!

Sunday, October 2, 2011

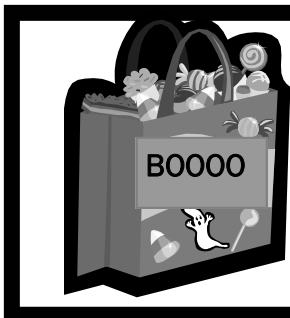
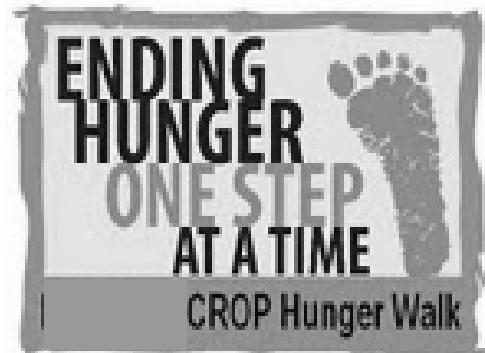
Concert/Registration 12:30 pm

Walk for Hunger 2:00 pm

Modern Woodmen Park, Rock Island, IL

Contact Ann Wachal at Churches United @

(309) 332-5002 [www.cuqca.org](http://www.cuqca.org)



**WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS ABOUT**  
**FBC TRUNK AND TREAT**  
**5:00 PM MONDAY, OCTOBER 31**



# ALPHA SCHEDULE

## “ALPHA EXCITEMENT” IS IN THE AIR AT FBC!

People are walking by our church and reading the big banner. Several outside the church have said, "I see these yard signs about "Is there more to life?" and wonder what that is all about. Members, who signed up to be on the team and task force, went through their first training last Sunday. People are volunteering to be on the prayer team. Anticipation runs high!

It is not too late to be involved in Alpha! The Wednesday night course will start September 28 and will run for 10 weeks. The schedule will be as follows:



*Alpha*

- 5:30 p.m. Dinner**
- 6:00 p.m. Welcome and Announcements**
- 6:15 p.m. Large group teaching time with Nikky Gumbel (founder of Alpha Course)**
- 7:00 p.m. Coffee and break to small groups**
- 7:10 p.m. Small group experience**
- 8:00p.m. Finish**

Weekly topics include: See former LINK

- > All participants of the Alpha Course **MUST BE REGISTERED!** Please sign up at the Welcome Center, the table in the fellowship hall or in the church office.
- > Promote Alpha as much as you can! Invite family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues to come to the Alpha Course.
- > Enjoy the blessings of serving on the Alpha Team! See the Alpha Director-Pastor Deb!
- > Please pray expectantly for our church and this experience of outreach and inreach. Thank you to those who have volunteered to help with Alpha. Pray for each other as we are all working with excitement for the cause of Christ!

***Alpha Director-Deb Miller***

***Alpha Leader- Flint Miller***

- > ***Facilitator or Host for Small Groups-Barb Chaney, Susan Gritton, & Willie & Ron Newenham***

***Dinner Coordinator- Barb Miller***

***Greeters- Bob Moody, Mulu Zerihoun, Mary Anderson***

***Kitchen Help/Server- Melba Moody, Julie Rodell, Laura Sierra,***

***Willie and Don Phillis, Bill and Ann Pearce, & Sue Starr-Taylor***

***Prayer Team- Mary Zahnley & Marilyn Anderson***

***Decorator/Registration—Paula Newell***

**Introducing our Youth Minister,  
Mike Bowen!**

**We are excited to welcome Mike Bowen as our new Minister of Youth! Mike is eager to begin his ministry with all of the youth within our multicultural family. Be looking for news about a reception to welcome Mike and Lisa to our church as well as kick-off dates for the fall youth program.**

**For 15 years, Mike's passion has been youth ministry as he's served churches in North Carolina, Carolina and Iowa. Yet he can't do this alone.**

**Let's all get behind the youth ministry, and do all it takes to launch this new beginning.**

**PRAISE GOD!**

**UPCOMING DATES—WATCH FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**  
**Friday, September 23 through**  
**Sunday, September 25**  
**Area 1 Fall Senior High Retreat**  
**Blackhawk Camp**

**Saturday, October 8**  
**6:00 pm Saturday Night Life**



## **WOMEN'S MINISTRIES FALL GATHERING**

**Saturday, October 22, 2011**

**9:30 am - 3:00 pm**

**First Baptist Church of Moline  
1901—29th street Moline, IL 61265  
Phone: 309-762-4581**

**Lunch \$5.00 Ham—Potato Casserole, Vegetable, Salad, Dessert**  
Please call the Moline church with your name and number of reservations by Monday, October 17.  
Please make checks payable to First Baptist Church, Moline (memo: ABWM)



**Speaker: Rev. Sharon Farral**  
***“Serving Christ  
in Africa”***

**“Shower” for Baptist Campus Ministry/Judson Fellowship  
(list of needed items below)**

**Learn about: Ministry Opportunities**

**Special Project: Missions**

**FELLOWSHIP INSPIRATION MUSIC FOOD**

**BAPTIST CAMPUS MINISTRY/JUDSON STUDENT FELLOWSHIP SHOWER ITEMS:**

- ✓ Gift cards to grocery stores; Aldi, Jewel, Schnucks, HyVee
- ✓ Desk Top Computer
- ✓ Microwave (at least 1100 watts)
- ✓ Electric Griddle (2)
- ✓ Staples such as coffee, sugar, creamer, cooking oil, non-stick spray, kool-aid
- ✓ Snack items—variety of crackers, cookies, pretzels, chips, nuts, cans of pop, juices
- ✓ Pastas and jar sauces
- ✓ Canned soups, cream of chicken, cream of mushrooms
- ✓ Muffin, cake, & cookie mixes, canned frostings
- ✓ Paper goods—paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, napkins, c-fold towels for bathroom dispenser
- ✓ Foil, plastic wrap, gallon and quart size baggies
- ✓ Condiments—ketchup, mustard, miracle whip, dill pickles, salsa
- ✓ Dishwashing soap, liquid hand soap (large refills) Windex glass cleaner, dishtowels



Praise God that Mike and Lisa Bowen will be a part of our church family. Mike will be our part time Minister of Youth. Welcome Mike and Lisa! We're so happy you're joining us. You're in our prayers.



**Barbara Chaney**

### **ALPHA**

By the time you read this, we will have had the Kick-Off Dinner for the Alpha Program. I'm looking forward to both an informative and fun evening. Our church bulletin describes it as entertaining us with both live music and show tunes. Our pastors have worked very hard to get this program going. All of us who are taking part in Alpha in some way needs all of your prayers. It's vital to our church and needs the support of all it's members.

### **A TIME TO REMEMBER, A TIME TO HOPE**

On Sunday, 11 September 2011, Pastor Deb and myself attended an interfaith gathering to remember our nation's tragedy, on the 10-year anniversary of 9/11 at Centennial Hall at Augustana College. It was a moving service beginning with the Presentation of the Colors by the 1st Army Color Guard from the Rock Island Arsenal and our National Anthem. Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Greek Orthodox, and Hindu religious leaders offered prayers of understanding, remembrance, honor, healing, unity, peace and hope.

### **COLORFUL SCARVES**

Thanks to a suggestion by JoAnn Parmley, our ABWM ladies made 21 warm and colorful scarves out of some donated fleece at our last meeting. It was a simple pattern that even I could do! Thanks, JoAnn!

### **A FAMILY ALBUM**

Pastor Dan Cole donated a book created for his family to our church library that is full of pictures and his poems and songs. It shows both happy times and times of tragedy. His wife, Lucille, created it using Snapfish. I believe Snapfish is a computer program. Computer programs baffle me! Lucille is working on another one of our mission trips to Costa Rica. So you'll see many familiar faces. She hopes to finish it so she can bring it when they come for a visit in November.

### **NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN**

As most of you know, the American Baptists are dedicated to ending human trafficking and exploitation of women and children. Empress Theodora of Byzantium who lived c. 497 - 543 also worked hard to eliminate human trafficking. Following is a quote from the book Queen, Empress & Concubine authored by Claudia Gold:

"During her 20 years in power, Theodora fought for the rights of women, introducing laws to protect prostitutes, achieving greater equality in the divorce courts and prohibiting the trafficking of young girls." Looks like our planet hasn't made much progress in 1500 years!.

### **SOUTHERN HOSPITALITY**

From an article by Bob Smeitana, in a Christian magazine, Sojourners, dated September-October 2011. Bob is religion writer of "The Tennessean" and a correspondent for "Religion News Service."

Two years ago, Rev. Steve Stone of Heartsong Church near Memphis TN, "learned that a local mosque had brought property right across the street from the church. So he decided some southern hospitality was in order. A few days later, a sign appeared in front of the church. 'Heartsong Church welcomes Memphis Islamic Center to the neighborhood,' it read. That small act of kindness was the start of an unlikely friendship between the two congregations. Members of the mosque and church have shared meals together, worked at a homeless shelter and become friends over the past two years." When the pastor learned they needed a place to pray for Ramadan because their building wasn't ready, he invited them to hold Ramadan prayers in their church. Some people were very much against this. But Beth Ewing said, '*The building is not the church. The church is people sitting in a room. When we are there for worship--it is holy ground.*' "When church is over, the worship space becomes just another multi-purpose room. So church leaders were glad to offer it to the Islamic Center for their evening Ramadan prayers." Like many contemporary churches, Heartsong doesn't have a traditional church building.

Blessings, Barbara Chaney

# "JUST AS I AM"

Charlotte Elliott was born in England in 1789. In her early thirties she became a bedridden invalid sinking into despondency and resentment against God. In the hope that Charlotte's attitude would mellow, her father invited a minister to their home in an effort to get her to open up about her fears. After one of her emotional outbursts at the dinner table, the minister, sensing her distress, said, "You are tired of yourself, aren't you? You are holding on to your hate and anger and have become sour, bitter and resentful." In response to this spiritual diagnosis, Charlotte began unburdening herself, and released feelings and struggles she had held on to for years.



**JILL BARNHART**

Charlotte asked the minister how she could know the peace and joy of Christ. He replied, "You must come just as you are, a sinner, to the Lamb of God, with your fighting, fears, hates, quick temper and pride, and He will give His great love in their place." At that moment she began to trust God fully and found inner peace and joy despite the physical affliction that lasted until her death at eighty-two. In 1836, fourteen years after her conversion experience, she wrote her spiritual autobiography in the verses of "Just As I Am."

**Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and  
that thou bid'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come!**

**Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot, to thee  
whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come!**

**Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fighting within and fears without, O Lamb of God, I come!**

**Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,  
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come!**

**Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down, now to be  
thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come!**

This hymn is so beautifully written because it speaks to us on a very fundamental level - we can come to Christ at any time JUST AS WE ARE. He accepts us with all our doubts, fears, conflicts, anger and he "will welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve. " I pray we can all find the peace and joy we so desperately seek through the one who takes away all our burdens.

Blessings and Peace,

Jill Barnhart

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moline.org**



**COME AND CELEBRATE THE 90TH BIRTHDAY  
OPEN HOUSE FOR KATHRYN YOCOM**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8TH  
FROM 12:30 PM TO 2:30 PM IN THE  
FELLOWSHIP HALL OF FIRST  
BAPTIST CHURCH, MOLINE**

Kathryn Yocom, 545 Avenue of the Cities, East Moline, will be honored Saturday, October 8th at an Open House in observance of her 90th birthday.

The former Kathryn J. McQuiston was born on October 6, 1921, in New Cambria, Missouri. She was residing in Marceline, MO, when she was married to Merle Yocom. He is deceased. She has several nieces and nephews. Mrs. Yocom was employed by F.W. Means, Co. Moline, retiring in 1983. She belongs to the First Baptist Church, Moline and is active in Sunday School and other areas of the church.

Relatives and friends are invited to call from 12:30 to 2:30 pm at First Baptist Church, 1901—29th Street, Moline, IL.

It is requested that gifts be omitted