



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUTH MINISTRY AT FBC

We are blessed to have such committed and active youth in our congregation. I wanted to update you on some of the things transpiring in our youth ministry.

QUEST LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Quest is a one week conference to equip students through leadership development and spiritual growth. One of the goals is to help prepare our young people to be leaders in our churches. There will be three main focus areas addressed at the conference: *leadership, missions, and spiritual growth*. Members of our youth group will attend the event during the week of *June 20-26* at Green Lake, Wisconsin. Funds from the Easter Offering, \$4,200, will assist our young people and adult leaders in attending the conference.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM WITH HINES SCHOOL

Recent discussions with the Principal and Vice-Principal at Hines have identified a major concern regarding the regression of students' reading scores over the summer. A summer reading program has been developed to match our youth with individual students from Hines to maintain and/or improve reading scores. The program will take place on Tuesday mornings at First Baptist.

The program will have the following components: 1) a reading session with individual students; 2) a computer station to use software programs to reinforce reading and learning skills; 3) board games and activities to increase reading knowledge; and 4) physical activities to engage students in some

exercise. The program will end with snacks and beverages.

We may need your assistance in providing transportation for our youth who do not drive and whose parents work. Please watch future news articles for those requests.

ACTIVITY CENTER FOR YOUTH

There has become an increasing need for our youth to have a gathering place for meetings and activities. Meetings were held with a representative from the City Code department to see if we could build an addition to the house on Wyss Lane for such activities. Our proposals did not meet city code standards.

The Trustees have formed a team to consider the possibility of building a small activity center on our property to accommodate the growing needs of our youth ministry. Members of that team are: Wayne Nowlan, Marv Olson, Dianne Bayes, John Dyke, and youth representatives Jake Martin and Nora Race. The team is also exploring how an activity center could provide a place for other ministries in the church and community. Watch the news for further updates.

CRISWELL SUMMER INTERNSHIP

Billy Paton has been chosen as this year's recipient of the Garland Criswell Internship. He will work on staff at Friendship House as a leader in their summer camping program. Congratulations Billy!

—Pastor Bayes

WORSHIP— SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2010

10:00 a.m. Worship ■ 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time ■ 11:20 a.m. Combined Sunday School (Youth and Adult)

Dan Buttry, Guest Preacher

"Anyone But Them"

Matthew 5:43-48

One of the goals of American Baptist International Ministries is to help people to pursue peace, justice and reconciliation through ministries of conflict transformation and education, as well as by standing with and serving the victims of conflict. This goal is led by Dan Buttry, who serves as an International Ministries global consultant for peace and justice. Dan works with missionaries and national church partners around the world to deal constructively with conflict situations.

Music: *"Order My Steps"* — Chancel Choir, *"Canticle"* — Chancel Bells

Greeters: Jim & Mary Lou Russell, Heather Rousseau,
Dan Pasquini, Jennifer Dusek, Darryl & Judy Webb

Welcome Center:
Carolyn Pasquini & Karen Vickerman

Flowers on April 25 in the Warm Room will be given by Orvillene Jones celebrating her birthday and all birthdays in April

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 25

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 11:20 a.m. Sunday School
- 12:00 p.m. Youth Group—Fired Up

Monday, April 26

- 7:30 a.m. Fun & Fit Over 50
- 2:00 p.m. Senior Net

Tuesday, April 27

- 8:00 a.m. Senior Net
- 10:00 a.m. M.U.G.S. (Panera's)

Wednesday, April 28

- 7:30 a.m. Fun & Fit Over 50
- 8:00 a.m. Senior Net
- 5:15 p.m. Bell Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Dinner
- 6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 29

- 10:00 a.m. Senior Net

Friday, April 30

- 7:30 a.m. Fun & Fit Over 50

Saturday, May 1

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast and All Church Work Day
- 8:30 a.m. Senior Net

OUT OF TOWN

Pastor Cheri Grizzard will be out of town April 16 through April 22.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please remember in your prayers:

- Bonna Zimmerman
- Vicki Weatherington
- Pat Wolstenholm
- Jan Swanson
- Harry Miller
- Sieg Polakow
- Madelynn Claire Ryan
- Roger Ballou

HEALTH TIPS

Lower Your Brain Age

Doing any kind of job, paid or unpaid, that uses creative thinking can shave up to 6 years off your mental age. "Creative" can even mean crunching numbers or writing memos. It needs to involve questioning, problem solving and learning.

Debbie McGlothlen, 635-3666
Lurene Ladd, 691-2054



SYMPATHY

To Jim Ashton and family on the death of Jim's wife, Ginny Ashton on Saturday, April 17. Services will be held at First Baptist Church on Thursday, April 22:

- 10:00 a.m. Visitation
- 11:00 a.m. Service
- 11:45 a.m. Graveside Service
- 12:45 p.m. Luncheon at FBC



When: Saturday April 24, 2010

Time: 8:00 a.m. until work is finished.

Where: Magnolia Boyd
2220 N Idaho
Peoria, IL

Contact Paul Grove or John Dusek if you have questions.

Join us for a day of fellowship and community service

Thank You,
Paul Grove, Mission Board Chair
John Dusek, House Captain

RACE FOR THE CURE

Be a part of the First Baptist Team this year. You can register online at www.komenpeoria.org.

Go to "Race for the Cure" — Join an Existing Team. At the bottom of the next page you will be prompted for team name. Our team is **Peoria First Baptist Church**. Registration deadline is April 23 for teams and must be completed online. For those who cannot register online, please bring or mail a completed form (with credit card information and shirt size) to the church office. We will complete registration on a weekly basis until the deadline. New this year, if you enroll by April 23, your packet will be mailed directly to your home.

There are many advantages to being part of our team: we offer FREE shuttle service to/from the Metro Centre and you can enjoy a delicious breakfast following the Race back at the church.

Mark your calendars! If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 682-5491.

Judy Tellier
Team Captain

FLOWERS

There are Sundays available in May and June if you would like to donate flowers in the Sanctuary in recognition, remembrance or honor of a loved one, special occasion or group.

Keep in mind that smaller contributions can be combined to purchase flowers for a shared remembrance, etc.

Please contact Karen Vickerman at 309-692-3268 to arrange a donation.

SPRING LEARNING

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Children's Sunday School: age 4 through fifth grade will continue with **PowerXpress**. This Spring's lessons are Easter, Daniel and Creation. Class will begin each Sunday after opening assembly in the synagogue (room 311.)

NOTE: ON SUNDAY, APRIL 25 YOUTH AND ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES WILL BE COMBINED IN THE CHAPEL FOR A SPECIAL CLASS TAUGHT BY GUEST PREACHER, DAN BUTTRY. NORMAL CLASSES WILL RESUME ON MAY 2.

WELCOME

We welcome Cassie Wood, daughter of Bill & Christine Shay and Kevin Wood, as the newest member of First Baptist Church. Cassie was baptized and received in membership on Sunday, April 18, 2010.



CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Steve Ashburn moved to his new home on April 15. Steve advises that although his new mailing address is Edwards, Illinois, the home is really in Peoria. Steve's new address is listed below. His phone number has not changed.

5504 Barberry Ct.
Edwards, IL 61528

ALL-CHURCH WORK DAY

Saturday, May 1, 8:30 a.m.
8:00 a.m. Breakfast

It's time once again to clean-up our church grounds. Please join us for a delicious breakfast followed by some fresh air and exercise.

To ensure we have enough food prepared, we ask that anyone planning to join us for breakfast please call the church office (682-5491) or complete and return the attendance slip that will be in the worship bulletin on Sunday, April 25.

Dianne Bayes, Trustee

ATTENTION GARDENERS

WALK-THRU time is here!

We will meet in Fellowship Hall at the North Street corner after church service this Sunday, April 25.

We will hand out maps and head out. First stop, the storehouse.

See you at church.

—Jan Olson

ABW

Afternoon Literature Circle will meet **April 28 at 12:30 p.m.** in the home of hostess Jackie Krag, 5337 W. Flagstone Drive, Peoria. Gene Belsley will lead a discussion of The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald. Hope to see you there!

THANK YOU . . .

To My First Baptist Church Family,

Thank you for your visits, concerns, phone calls, cards and prayers during the recent loss of my brother and the continued prayers for my brother-in-law who is going through chemotherapy at the present time.

Also, a big thank-you for your continued prayers for my family after Dale's passing. I truly appreciate the entire Church for the caring and support during these trying and difficult times. I know God doesn't give you more than you can handle, but I must say I'm ready for Him to stop giving me so much credit.

I'm not sure what I would do without each and every one of you. Just knowing you are in my life is truly a blessing. I appreciate all of you very much. I'll be back soon.

—Sharon Rees and Family



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YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

Sunday, April 25
Fired Up

Sunday, May 2
Program

Sunday, May 9
Mother's Day - No Meeting

Contacts: Doug & Pam Miller, 688-6095. Joe & Lisa Sexton, 692-1416

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Attention all adults: Be on the look-out for the Adult Sunday School Survey! On Sunday, April 25 and Sunday, May 2, a survey regarding Adult Sunday School will be given. Our goal is to use the results to help form our Adult Sunday School offerings in the future. All participation is greatly appreciated!

On May 23, the Board of Christian Education will be presenting Bibles to those children who are completing second grade this year. If your child is currently in second grade or higher and did not receive a Bible in previous years, please let the church office know by May 9.

Graduation Sunday is also planned for May 23. If you have a 2010 graduate (high school or higher education) in your family, please let the church office know by May 9. We certainly don't want to leave anyone out on such a special occasion!

Lastly, I want to remind you that applications for church scholarships need to be submitted by April 30, 2010. You can contact the church office (682-5491) for forms.

Thank you,
Kim Still, Christian Education Chair