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SUMMER SEMINARY INTERN

We are glad to announce that **Thomas Tharp** will serve as our seminary intern this summer. Tom is completing his first year at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School. He is currently enrolled in the Master of Divinity degree program at the seminary.

Tom is a graduate of St. John Fisher College in Rochester, New York. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Communications/Journalism and English/Writing in 2008. During his college years he was the recipient of the Joseph A. Travato Award for Leadership in Campus Ministry (2008). He also received Best Actor Awards (2004-2006) and Best Soloist Awards (2006-2008) at St. John Fisher. Tom was actively involved in the campus ministry program during his collegiate years. He served as the President of the Fisher Christian Fellowship and as the Technical Director of the Spiritual Life Resource Center in Rochester.

When asked about his areas of interest in ministry Tom listed the following: *preaching, teaching, singing, drama, video production, mission, youth activities, evangelism and learning.* Tom is a talented young man. He is excited about

this opportunity to utilize his many gifts in our ministry at First Baptist. He will work with the summer reading program with Hines School, lead in the worship services including opportunities to preach on designated Sunday mornings, and assist the Visitation Team calling on members in nursing homes, hospitals, and those who are homebound. Tom will also meet with a ministry team this summer to help him reflect on his summer experiences.

The internship will begin June 1 and end on August 8. Tom will be living in the "white house" on Wyss Lane this summer. During the summer he hopes to make some trips to see his grandmother who lives in Decatur. She is over 100 years of age. Tom's father is an American Baptist pastor, and he will travel to New York to participate in his father's retirement celebration some time in June.

We are grateful to the American Baptist Churches of the Great Rivers Region for providing us with a grant to help fund this summer internship. Future newsletters will provide more information about Tom's arrival and opportunities to get acquainted with him.

—Pastor Bayes

WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2010

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time

11:20 a.m. Sunday School

" UNWORTHY "

I Corinthians 11:23-33

Some people think they have to be worthy before they can take the Lord's Supper. Such a thing is impossible. It is inconceivable. How could we ever make ourselves acceptable to God?

Music: "Bless the Lord, O My Soul" — Chancel Choir

Greeters: Richard & Linda Ricks, Chuck Browder
Richard & Barb Petroski, Bill Hart, Martha Nibbelin

Welcome Center:
Judy Tellier & Gordon Brown

Flowers on May 2 will be given by Paul and Nancy Phillips in celebration of their anniversary.

CALENDAR

Sunday, May 2

- 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

Monday, May 3

- 7:30 a.m. Fun & Fit Over 50
- 11:00 a.m. Heartwarming Hats (Rm 227)
- 2:00 p.m. Senior Net
- 7:00 p.m. FunMakers

Tuesday, May 4

- 8:00 a.m. Senior Net
- 10:00 a.m. M.U.G.S. (Panera's)
- 6:30 p.m. Dartball Banquet

Wednesday, May 5

- 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, May 6

- 9:00 a.m. Fine Arts Mtg.
- 10:00 a.m. Senior Net

Friday, May 7

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

Saturday, May 8

- 7:00 a.m. Race For the Cure

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please remember in your prayers:

Joan Trotter, Vicki Weatherington,
Jan Swanson, Harry Miller,
Sieg Polakow,
Madelynn Claire Ryan

CANNED FOOD DRIVE MAY 2, 2010

Please remember to bring your non-perishable food donations to church this Sunday and place them in the shopping cart in the Warm Room. This month our donated food will be given to **Mt. Zion Church.**

HEALTH TIPS

If you use your cell phone to wish someone good night, you may end up depriving yourself of one. Talking on a mobile phone for a while before bed can interfere with deep sleep. Low-level radiation from these phones may disrupt production of sleep-inducing melatonin or excite other areas of the brain. To ensure sound slumber, turn off your cell and use a landline for nighttime calls.

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



THANK YOU

I wish to thank you for the surprise celebration recognizing my 35 years of ordained ministry. Your kind and thoughtful acts were very touching. The presentation of the gift certificate; the regional certificate of recognition; the letter from Reverend Dr. Dwight Stinnett, Executive Minister; and the gracious words spoken by Reverend Dr. Richard Ricks, Region Staff were very meaningful to me.

The choral rendition of "The Ordination of Thomas Bayes" sung to my favorite *Phantom* music, "*Music of the Night*" was a delight. The reception, as always, was outstanding! What a joy it was to read your many cards and notes of appreciation. You are indeed a very loving and caring congregation and it is a privilege to serve as your Senior Pastor.

Throughout these thirty-five years of pastoral ministry, God has blessed me with the opportunity of serving three wonderful congregations. Each one has loved and supported my family and me. Each has served Christ faithfully.

Sunday was a great day. Thank you!

Pastor Tom Bayes

*Heartwarming Hats
Will meet at 11:00 a.m.
May 3 in Room 227.*

RACE FOR THE CURE

We are now taking reservations for the Race for the Cure Breakfast on Saturday, May 8.

A delicious breakfast will be served in Fellowship Hall for all who participate in the Race. You can make your reservations by calling the church office at 682-5491 or e-mailing Judy Tellier at judy@mtco.com.

Men, if you are able to help with the breakfast, please contact Paul Phillips at 691-6796 or e-mail him at Paul_Phillips_14@comcast.net.

Also, don't forget about the shuttle to/from the Race.

Judy Tellier, Team Captain

HINES SCHOOL EVENT

Come support your Adopt-a-School and Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure at a DUCT TAPE FASHION SHOW at Hines School Thursday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are on sale now. Reserved tables are \$10 per seat with a light food tray and drink. To place reservations (table seats only), call Hines School at 672-6525.

Bleacher seats are being offered at the door for \$5 per person the night of the show. All proceeds go to Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure.

ABW NEWS

Each Sunday in May ABW will be collecting money for **Church World Service's BLANKET** program. Church World Service is one of the first agencies to respond in time of disasters. After the earthquake in Haiti, CWS responded with blankets and healthkits to aid in the recovery program. At that time, many used CWS blankets for tents as well as protection after their homes had been lost. For \$5.00, a blanket can be purchased to aid in this relief effort in areas of disaster. We can try to "blanket the earth." A display will be set up in Fellowship Hall each Sunday where you may make your contributions.

REBUILDING TOGETHER 2010

The Mission Board would like to thank all the members of the congregation for their support of our 2010 Rebuilding Together project. Our pre-workday team included Todd Stills, Marv Olson, Bob Trotter, John Dusek and Paul Grove. Our workday team included Bob Hinch, Marv Olson, Judy and Dale Ryan, Lynelle Ryan, Bob and Joan Trotter, Tom Dianne Bayes, Bob and Billy Paton, Nan Weers, Jim Russell, Paul Grove, and John Dusek.

The team installed new storm doors, repaired and painted metal railings, repaired and painted walls, repaired all electrical in the house, replaced plumbing fixtures, installed new light fixtures, installed new closet doors, repaired closets, and replaced some carpeting.

Special thanks to John Dusek for being the house captain, to Bob Trotter for coaching the new house captains, Kara Grove for providing coffee and donuts each morning, and Paul Phillips for providing lunch. If you see these folks, please thank them. In addition, ask any of them how many Baptists it takes to change a bathroom faucet.

Paul Grove, Mission Board Chair



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.

As always, your company and help will be greatly appreciated.

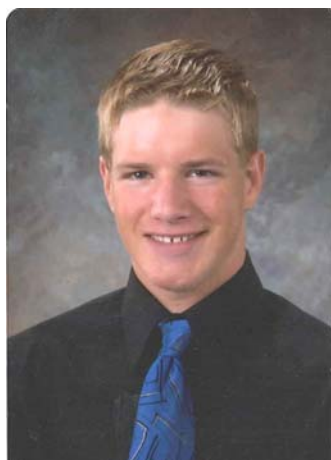
Dianne Bayes, Trustee

MUSIC IN MAY

St. Martin Chamber Players will present a free concert at St. Thomas Church, Peoria on May 2 at 2:00 p.m. Guest performers are Cathedral Schola and the Central Illinois Clarinet Choir. On the program is an arrangement of *Strauss Serenade Opus 7* and tunes from *Showboat*.

Donations will be appreciated.

Phone Zene Baker, 243-5160 for more information.



MATTHEW KLOTZBACH

It is 6:30 a.m. on a school day. Matt Klotzbach's morning begins with piano practice.

An hour later, he's on his way to Calvary Christian Academy in Normal, where he is completing his senior year. He has enough credits that he need take high school classes only until noon. Then he's off again, this time heading for Heartland Community College to study Economics and Modern Western Civilization.

Depending on the day or the season, afternoons may be spent at soccer practice...or taking voice lessons...or practicing piano...or studying. "Senior year is a really busy year," he explains.

Understandable for such an accomplished and active young man. And that makes his commitment to First Baptist Church, 40 miles from home, all the more remarkable. He's here on Wednesday nights to practice bells. He's here on Sundays to worship, play bells or drums, and join in Youth Group activities.

Matt started coming to First Baptist with his mother, Susan Klotzbach, organist and hand bell choir director, and his father, Daniel. His decision to join last year reflects his thorough enjoyment of the church and the people in it.

"I just really like the people here," he says. The church is smaller than the one he'd been attending in Normal, and he likes the intimacy that invites. "You get to know people really well. Just about everybody I see calls me by name, even people I don't know. It's a really welcome feeling." The youth group, he says, is terrific. He particularly appreciates the opportunity to serve lunch at Friendship Born in Rochester, N.Y., Matt settled in Bloomington six years ago. His father is vice president for business and finance at Illinois Wesleyan University, where his mother is organist and opera music director. His parents met at Houghton College in New York, where his sister, Katie, is a freshman. The Klotzbach family also includes two cocker spaniels, Holly and Thatcher.

Home-schooled by his mother most of his life, Matt believes the educational and spiritual advantages are apparent. "It allows you to enjoy activities with other home schoolers and get a chance to learn about God and study the Bible more, a chance you don't usually get in public school."

Mom is also his piano teacher. Early mornings notwithstanding, he keeps at it because he knows it helps with rhythm, pitch and other skills. But, Matt is far from a one-note kid. He's played on school basketball and soccer teams, the latter more successfully than the former. "I'm short, and I'm no good at shooting," he explains. "The only position I've ever played is defense." He's an avid biker, preferring to get around town on two wheels instead of four. This will be the fourth summer he's taught swimming for the Normal park district. "It's hard to control kids, but I think I have a knack for that," he says.

And that helps explain his likely career choice – teaching. This fall he hopes to attend Taylor University in Upland, Ind.

Matt hasn't decided whether he wants to teach in elementary or high school. But if the latter, he knows what his major and minor will be – social studies and dramatic arts. "One of my favorite things to do is act," he explains. He's been in church dramas as long as he can remember, playing Noah and even Jesus. Active in the Normal Park District's summer theatre program for the past five years, he's been in "Guys and Dolls," the "Music Man" and "The Sound of Music." In last summer's performance of "Beauty and the Beast," he played Belle's genius father. "I got to play an old man," he chuckles.

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YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

Sunday, May 2
Program

Sunday, May 9
Mother's Day - No Meeting

Sunday, May 16
Friendship House

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Attention all adults: Be on the look-out for the Adult Sunday School Survey! On **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