



A MAN DISCARDED

Each year on Good Friday, four churches in Bloomington-Normal hold a community service together. The preacher of the day this year, Jim Warren from First Christian in Bloomington, wove the following hymn text by Brian Wren through his reflections. I found it a provocative and moving text, and I wanted to share it with you.

*"Here hangs a man discarded, a scarecrow hoisted high,
A nonsense pointing nowhere to all who hurry by.
Can such a clown of sorrows still bring a useful word
Where faith and love seem phantoms and every hope absurd?"*

*Yet here is help and comfort to lives by comfort bound.
When drums of dazzling progress give strangely hollow sound:
Life emptied of all meaning, drained out in bleak distress,
Can share in broken silence our deepest emptiness.*

*And love that freely entered the pit of life's despair
Can name our hidden darkness and suffer with us there.
Lord, if you now are risen, help all who long for light
To hold the hand of promise till faith receives its sight."*

On this side of Easter we still face the old familiar pains, the recurring heartbreak, the lingering questions of life. The difference is that we live with renewed hope, with the promise of faith, and with eyes open to see those who are still being discarded, whom Christ loves. May Easter resonate in each day of our ordinary time.

—Pastor Cheri Grizzard

WORSHIP

Sunday, April 11, 2010

10:00 a.m.	Worship
11:00 a.m.	Fellowship Time
11:20 a.m.	Sunday School

"Do You Have a Blessing for Me?"

Genesis 27:1-38

The story of Jacob and Esau reflects the reality of many children who yearn to be blessed in our society. Like Esau, they cry out, "have you not reserved a blessing for me?"

Music: Bradley Saxophone Quintet

Greeters:

Glen & Gretchen Evans, Betty Frank,
Debbie & Gay Houser, Janet Middleton,
Donna Sutherland

Welcome Center:

Marti Atwater
Doug Miller

Flowers on April 11 in the Warm Room are given by Loren and Donna Zimmerman in memory of their parents, Eldred and Renee Byerly.

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 11

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
- 11:00 a.m. Music Committee
- 11:20 a.m. Sunday School
- 12:00 p.m. Board Chair Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, April 12

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

Tuesday, April 13

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

Wednesday, April 14

- 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 15

- 10:00 a.m. Senior Net
- Rummage Sale Donations (Fell. Hall)

Friday, April 16

- 7:30 a.m. Fun & Fit Over 50
- Rummage Sale Donations (Fell. Hall)

Saturday, April 17

- 9:00 a.m. Church Rummage Sale

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please remember in your prayers:

Pat Wolstenholm, Bob Orrill,
Jan Swanson, Virginia Ashton,
Sieg Polakow, Madelynn Claire Ryan,
Roger Ballou

BRADLEY SAX QUINTET APRIL 11

Be sure to be in worship this Sunday as the Saxophone Quintet from Bradley University leads us in music. The group features our friend Russell Zehr, who now serves as Worship Coordinator at First Baptist Church, El Paso

HEALTH TIPS

Stress makes your blood sticky and ups your risk of heart attack ...simmer down.

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



SYMPATHY

To Sharon Rees on the death of her brother, Don Davenport on March 31.



When: Saturday April 24, 2010
Pre-Work Day: Saturday April 17, 2010
Time: 8:00 a.m. until work is completed.
Where: Magnolia Boyd
2220 N Idaho
Peoria, IL

Contact Paul Grove or John Dusek if you have questions. Sign-up sheets will be in Fellowship Hall.

Join us for a day of fellowship and community service

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

FINANCIAL UPDATE

	Budget	Actual
March 2010	for Month	for Month
Pledges	\$32,808	\$37,868
Projected Giving	\$6,258	\$4,480
Plate Offering	\$1,383	\$968
Other Revenue	\$941	\$1,580
Month Total	\$41,391	\$44,895
America For Christ YTD		\$5,208.00

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

**CHURCH RUMMAGE
SALE
APRIL 17**

8:00 a.m.— 2:00 p.m.

Donations to the sale can be delivered to Fellowship Hall during the day on April 15

FLOWERS

There are Sundays available in April and May 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-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.)

Youth Sunday School: Junior High (grades 6-8) and Senior High (grades 9-12) will continue using **LinC: Living in Christ**. Jr. high will meet in the synagogue (room 311) and sr. high will meet in the youth room (room 222.)

ADULT LEARNING

SESSIONS WITH JAMES: EXPLORATIONS IN FAITH & WORKS

With titles such as "Is This a Multiple-Choice Test?" and "Excuse Me, Sir, Have You Seen My Heart?," this study by Michael D. McCullar is designed to give the learner a full understanding of the book of James and its relevance for our lives today.

Leader: Pastor Cheri Grizzard, Parlor

SPIRITUALITY FOR THE REST OF US

In his personal and practical book, respected Bible teacher Larry Osborne offers a fresh approach for those who deeply desire to know God more, but are tired of adjusting to other people's definitions of spirituality.

Leader: Pastor Tom Bayes, Chapel

A BLUEPRINT FOR BUILDING

This session we will be building planter boxes for Habitat for Humanity houses and some small items for the children's garden.

Leader: Dianne Bayes, White House Garage

DIFFICULT SAYINGS OF PAUL

Peter (2 Peter 3:15-16) tells us that in Paul's writings there "are some things in them hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction as they do other scriptures." This class will consider some of the difficult sayings of Paul towards an understanding that will be relevant for us now and in the future.

Leader: Dr. Phi Ladd, Room 228

FBC SCHOLARSHIPS

Attention all college-bound members
of First Baptist Church:

It is once again time to apply for church scholarships. Applications can be picked up in the church office or downloaded from the church website, www.fbcpeoria.org (select "Forms/Brochures" under the "Resources" heading at the top of the page.) Please return all completed applications to the church office by April 30, 2010.

Kim Still,
Chair Christian Education

IT'S FINALLY HAPPENED!

SPRING HAS COME!

Growing things are emerging from the winter of "duldemia." That means it's time to **GARDEN**. Be on notice people, our list of gardening volunteers is being **ACTIVATED**.

A walk-through of our church grounds and planting beds is being planned for Sunday, April 25 after church. We will meet in Fellowship Hall and go from there.

Circle this on your calendar. More information will be coming. The 175th anniversary of our church is next year, and we are going to begin "gussying up" for the celebration now!
—Jan Olson

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN EVENTS

"Kodiak Baptist Mission" with Hilda Smith as presenter will be the program at the **ABWM Brunch** on **Saturday, April 10 at 10:00 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall. Cost of the brunch and program is only \$4.00, and free babysitting is available upon request. Reservations can be made with ABWM president, Carolyn Ihnken at 685-1388. All are welcome!

Esther-Hannah Circle will meet on **Tuesday, April 20 at 12:30 p.m.** in the home of hostess Betty Wenger, 2930 W. Wardcliffe Drive, Peoria. The program, "Living Through Transition" will be presented by Carolyn Pasquini. Devotions will be led by Martha Nibbelin. Come join us!

Evening Literature Circle will meet **Tuesday, April 20 at 7:30 p.m.** in the home of Bonna Zimmerman, hostess, 6 Roth Court, Metamora. The book Half Broke Horses by Jeanette Walls will be discussed. Dessert will be provided by Kara Grove. A warm welcome is extended to all!

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.

*NOW YOU SEE IT,
NOW YOU DON'T*

Be advised that items currently in the church's Lost & Found collection, located in the church office, will be donated to the April 17 Rummage Sale if not claimed by 3:30 p.m. on Friday, April 16.

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YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

Sunday, April 11

Open Time w/Advisors & Movie

Saturday, April 17

Rummage Sale

Sunday, April 18

Birthday Party for Joe (and everybody)!!

Sunday, April 25

Fired Up

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

THANK YOU

Ken Tiessen for the beautiful shields created for our Lenten worship series. Steve Ashburn for the great job designing the Lenten series bulletin covers. Happy Dean for directing the wonderful dramas during our Lenten worship. Thanks to all the singers, instrumentalists, actors, and sound and display artists who contributed to our joyous Easter worship. It is a privilege and delight to work with such a gifted group of people.
— Pastor Cheri Grizzard

Many thanks to all who helped make the weeks of Lent such a meaningful experience. Our Pastors and all who participated in worship services, those who prepared Lenten Dinners each Wednesday, Friendship Group, Gourmet Group and most especially CHEF PAUL AND HIS KITCHEN CREW. Karen Pilgrim of the Social Events Team organized servers and groups. I know everyone appreciates this special time and the way in which all were willing to serve.

— Bonna Zimmerman
Social Events Team