



PRESERVED TO THE END OF TIME

I was reading through some information from another church recently and came across an interesting phrase in their congregational literature. It read, *"The church is of God and will be preserved to the end of time."* If ever there were an organization that is charged to think and plan in terms of permanence, it is the church of Jesus Christ. We must plan for the church because it will be here long after we are gone.

One of the ways we plan for the church's future is through our endowment fund. An endowment is a bequest, gift or set of funds intended to be kept permanently and invested to generate earnings for the church. Endowment funds can help extend the mission and ministry of the church in many ways. The very concept of an endowment expresses our belief that the church is here to stay to the end of time.

Endowments provide opportunities for donors to honor the life and special contributions of others. Gifts given in honor and in memory of family and friends are a major source of assets with which to build endowment funds for the local church. Gifts become a meaningful way to

invest in the present and future of the church.

The ministry of the endowment fund may also be supported through wills, charitable trusts, and estates. Within the last year we have received several major gifts through wills and estates. They were given by people who earnestly believed in the ministry of First Baptist. Each of these estate gifts did its part to preserve the church to the end of time.

Memorial funds are another means of extending the church's mission and ministry. They provide a venue for financial donations that are *designated* for particular purposes by church boards and committees that go beyond the budget capabilities of the church.

On Sunday, May 30th we will recognize gifts made to and through our Memorial and Endowment funds in our worship service. We will express our belief that the church *is here* to stay. Each of us is challenged to do our part in making sure the church is indeed, preserved to the end of time.

—Pastor Bayes

WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2010

10:00 a.m. Worship ■ 11:00 a.m. Graduate Reception ■ 11:20 a.m. Sunday School

"A Dangerously Christian Church"

Acts 2:1-21

In its account of the actions of individuals who were dangerously Christian, Acts 2 gives us a picture of what a dangerously Christian church might look like.

Music:

"Spirit's Comin'" — Chancel Choir and Combo

"Amazing Grace" — Chancel Bells

"Everytime I Feel the Spirit" — Russell Zehr, saxophone

Presentation of Bibles and graduation gifts.

Greeters: Larry & Phyllis France, Bonna Zimmerman,
Marv & Jan Olson, Darryl & Judy Webb

Welcome Center:
Karen Vickerman & Judy Tellier

Flowers on May 23 will be given by Jordan and Mallorie Menold in memory of their daughter Julia Rose.

CALENDAR

Sunday, May 23

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Graduate Reception
- 11:15 a.m. Holy Land 2011 Meeting
- 11:20 a.m. Sunday School
- 12:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, May 24

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

Tuesday, May 25

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

Wednesday, May 26

- 7:30 a.m. Fun & Fit Over 50
- 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Dinner

Friday, May 28

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

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please remember in your prayers:

Jim Ashton
Sheila Hawes
Gail Sexton
Don Stoner
Jan Swanson
Eloise Sauer
Sieg Polakow
Madelynn Claire Ryan

HEALTH TIPS

Walking without shoes exercises toes and arches to improve shock absorption and balance and possibly prevent injuries.

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



ABWM NEWS

Afternoon Literature Circle will meet Wednesday, May 26 at 12:30 p.m. in the home of Mary Hinch, 5311 N. Isabell, Peoria, phone 691-8083, with Betty Wenger as hostess. Mary Hinch will lead a discussion of Sarah's Quilt by Nancy Turner.

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Each Sunday in May ABWM will be collecting donations for Church World Service/CWS Blanket Plus program. Your \$5.00 donations will purchase blankets to be distributed to those in need throughout the world. Please consider supporting this worthwhile mission project.

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ABWM will host a June blood drive for the Red Cross at First Baptist Church. Watch the newsletter for more details.

HOLY LAND 2011



INFORMATIONAL MEETING

DATE: SUNDAY, MAY 23

TIME: 11:15 a.m.

PLACE: CHAPEL

*Walk where Jesus walked...
the garden where He prayed...
the wilderness where He was tested...
the seashore where He fed 5,000...
the place He was crucified.*

First Baptist is planning a trip to the Holy Land in early 2011. Interested? Join Pastor Bayes **Sunday, May 23rd at 11:15 a.m. in the Chapel** where he will share tour information. Come with your questions.

sharing resources.



changing lives.

When you take a global view of our world, natural disasters occur every week. If you include man-made disasters, the opportunity to respond to people in need is even more frequent. The larger disasters are captured by our news media, and word of the tragedy is brought into our homes. Many needs of our world, whether in a neighboring state or half the world away, remain uncovered by our news media. With our extensive network of international and domestic partners, American Baptists are able to make a difference wherever and whenever disaster strikes.

Please help meet our goal of \$5,000 in June 2010.

Jesus said, "Do you love me? Feed my sheep." John 21:15-17

Nan Weers
Mission Board

MOM'S NIGHT OUT
SATURDAY, MAY 22
7:00 P.M. @
CHEVY'S IN WESTLAKE
ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT
DIANE TOMSOVIC,
691-1451.

THE BIBLE IN 90 DAYS

This Summer: June – August
Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m.

Just 12 Pages A Day! That is all it takes for you to read the Bible in 90 days. What some people spend years just thinking about can be accomplished in 14 short weeks, with benefits that will multiply for the rest of your life.

The rewards are outstanding:

Deepen your relationship with God by reading his Word with focus and understanding

Gain knowledge of the Bible's big picture and how it all fits together.

Build confidence in your ability to understand God's Word, refer to it, discuss it, and live by it.

This small group experience begins in June and ends in August. The pastoral staff will be leading the Bible exploration. If you are interested, please call the church office at 682.5491 or email us at fbcpeo@mtco.com to learn more.

The Way of Christ An Adult Discipleship Series

June 6, 13, 20, & 27
11:20 a.m. in the Chapel

(Alternative sessions on Wednesday nights June 9, 16, 23, 30)

June 6: The Way of Discipleship
Christian beliefs and the way of salvation.

June 13: The Way of Christ
Christian beliefs and the way of love, forgiveness, and service.

June 20: The Way of American Baptists
American Baptists and beliefs about baptism, the Lord's Supper and the church.

June 27: The Way of Faith at First Baptist
Learning about First Baptist and its ministry.

You are welcome to attend any and all of the sessions!

Invite a friend to join you.

THANK-YOU NOTES

Thank you for your prayers, flowers, calls and cards while I was in the hospital.
— Joan Trotter

Thank you for all the beautiful cards, calls, gifts, food, flowers and balloons, and markers for my birthday April 24, 2010. Thank you.
— Orvillene Jones

Many, many thanks to Paul Phillips, his kitchen crew and servers for making our annual Dartball Awards Banquet a huge success. Thanks for all your help, it's well appreciated.
—Don Baker, President

My thanks to Tom, Susan, the kitchen staff and all the others who participated in the beautiful memorial service for Ginny. I can't begin to thank those who have sent cards, memorials or words of comfort during her illness and death. I can't adequately explain how much they have meant to me and her family.
—Jim Ashton

Thank you for allowing us to use the church parking lot to collect and sort plant donations for the Peoria Garden Club plant sale. The money from the sale is used in various civic projects.
—Rita Lynn

Thank you to the men who participated in the live adaptation of the scripture on Sunday, May 16 — Jesus: Paul Phillips, Angels: Thom Lacy and Doug Miller, Disciples: Jay Tellier and Brad Burmood, and Narrators: Pastor Grizzard and Pastor Bayes.
—Happy Dean

CHILDREN'S GARDEN

To the parents of all those little people from ages 4 to 8 years old. We are after your child's worn-out, but still fancy tennis shoes for our garden! We're looking for all kinds and colors, the more variety the better. Have your child(ren bring the tennis shoes to the classroom Sunday morning; we'll go from there. Who knows what will show up in those shoes after one of our sessions! (Please do NOT expect your child to wear them again!) Our first garden class begins June 6th, the week after Memorial Day weekend.

Monthly Financial Analysis

April 2010	Budget	Actual
Pledges	\$32,808	\$31,971
Projected Giving	\$6,258	\$5,555
Plate Offering	\$1,383	\$1,629
Other Revenue	\$941	\$479
Month Total	\$41,391	\$39,634

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YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

Sunday, May 23 Picnic

Sunday, May 30 Memorial Day - No Meeting

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SANCTUARY RENOVATION OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, June 6 — 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Monday, June 7 — 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Members and friends of First Baptist are invited to an informational meeting in Fellowship Hall on either Sunday, June 6, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm or Monday, June 7, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm to review and discuss possible plans for our sanctuary space.

Work by the review team and Keach Architectural Design, Inc., consultant for phase one of a possible sanctuary reconfiguration, is nearing a conclusion. Keach has developed a chancel design that provides for more flexible use of the space and allows better visibility from the pews.

The meetings will be in an informal open house format to allow for maximum participation. Large-scale drawings will be displayed showing various configurations. Members of the team and representatives from Keach will be on hand to discuss the proposed project and answer questions.

The review team is excited about the possibilities for our sanctuary design and hope you will be able to attend one of these meetings. Your participation in the process will be an important factor in the choice of a final design.