



GROWING TIME

The writer of Ecclesiastes tells us that there's a time for everything under the sun. One of those times is "a time to plant." In this beautiful month of May, that time has come. Since our Adopt-A-School partner Hines Elementary will be closed for renovation this summer, our church will provide space for the Hines School Kids' Corner, an all-day program for about twenty students. (This is in addition to the youth group's summer tutoring on Tuesdays.) Part of the Kids' Corner curriculum involves the planting and tending of a vegetable garden. How delightful it will be to see growing children tending growing plants on our church grounds. We are expanding the plot to include a community garden, which will be available to our neighbors on Wyss Lane—an idea that surfaced as part of the missions discussion of our envisioning process.

This is an appropriate ministry for the church in many ways. Not only does it extend the hand of hospitality beyond our church walls and foster good relationships with those around us, but it also reminds us of at least two important biblical concepts.

First of all, our God is a God of abundance.

Everywhere we look at this time of year, there is a reminder of God's plenty. Plants spring unplanned and unsown all over our landscape—to both our delight and our chagrin. Winds blow abundantly. Showers drench the earth. Sunshine fills our vision and warms our being. This reminder is not only for springtime, though. We are assured that God is able to provide extravagantly even in the dark and barren times of our lives, and we are encouraged to look for the work of the Spirit in these times. Jesus said that he came so that we might live abundantly, and that abundance is for every aspect of our lives.

Secondly, all of God's creation is meant for growing. That includes us. As followers of Christ, we are expected to be expanding our horizons in our spiritual and intellectual lives, our lives in community, our lives of work and service. We are never "finished" in this earthly life. As the Apostle Paul put it, "we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ" (Ephesians 4:15).

Happy growing season!

—Pastor Grizzard

WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2010

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time

Mother's Day — No Sunday School

"Mom Grows Up"

John 2:1-12

The miracle at the wedding in Cana was the first sign of Jesus' ministry. As he assumed his new authority, his relationship with his mother shifted. Mary's story resonates with that of all mothers as their children assume more distinct personalities, attitudes and responsibilities.

Music:

"Seek the Lord," — Chancel Choir

"My Mother," "Children, Obey Your Parents," "Love, Love, Love" — Melody Makers

Greeters: Tom & Carol Maulding, Robert Paton, Paula Napier,
Margaret Laikupu, John & Nancy Crawford

Welcome Center:
Bonna Zimmerman & Dianne Bayes

Flowers on May 9 will be given by Wayne & Bonna Zimmerman in dedication to women everywhere.

CALENDAR

Sunday, May 9

9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time

Monday, May 10

7:30 a.m. Fun & Fit Over 50
 1:00 p.m. Prayer Chain

Tuesday, May 11

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

Wednesday, May 12

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

Friday, May 14

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

Saturday, May 15

10:00 a.m. ABW Brunch

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please remember in your prayers:

Don Stoner
 Vicki Weatherington
 Jan Swanson
 Eloise Sauer
 Harry Miller
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 Madelynn Claire Ryan

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.

HEALTH TIPS

Easy Calorie Zapper

Walking uphill increases your calorie burn by 10% for each degree of incline. Try this on a treadmill or any hill that takes at least three minutes to climb to blast 207 calories in 35 minutes.

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



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

CHRISTIAN ED NEWS

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!

Kim Still, Christian Education Chair

ABWM NEWS

American Baptist Women's Ministry will meet in Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, May 15** at 10:00 a.m. There will be a delicious **brunch** for only \$4.00 and a program on China, during which Sharon Stanard will share an adoption experience in China. All are welcome, and a cordial invitation is extended to women who are members or friends of First Baptist Church. Reservations may be made by calling ABWM President, Carolyn Ihnken at 685-1388.

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Esther-Hannah Circle will meet **Tuesday, May 18** in the home of Jackie Kellogg, 352 E. High Point Drive, phone 692-2251. The meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m. with a shared dessert and social period. The program, "Childhood Memories" will be presented by Zene Baker. Everyone is encouraged to bring a childhood picture of herself. Devotions will be led by Orvillene Jones.

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Evening Literature Circle will meet **Tuesday, May 18 at 7:30 p.m.** in the home of hostess, Lynnelle Ryan, 825 Anne St., Washington, phone 444-1936. Dessert will be provided by Sue Whetstone. The book Tipperary by Frank Delenay will be discussed.

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Afternoon Literature Circle will meet **Wednesday, May 26 at 12:30 p.m.** in the home of Betty Wenger, 2930 W. Wardcliffe Drive, Peoria, phone 682-7951. 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.

Goodbye, Chris!

Sunday, May 16th will be the last Sunday Chris Adams-Wenger will be with us as Director of the Harmony Singers. It's been a pleasure to have Chris around for the past two years, and we wish him well as he graduates from Bradley. He hopes to find a teaching position in the Peoria area, so maybe we'll still be able to see him from time to time.

Please plan to take a few moments in Fellowship Hall following worship on the 16th to express your appreciation for Chris' ministry with us.

Sunday School

There will be no Sunday School on Mother's Day, May 9, 2010.

CELEBRATING 35 YEARS OF MINISTRY

On Sunday, April 25 members of First Baptist Church surprised Pastor Tom Bayes with a celebration of his 35 years as an ordained minister.



