



# THE CLOUD

How sweet it was to read the names of those in whose honor legacy gifts have been given to First Baptist. Although I knew very few of these people personally, I feel a connection to them because of their deep loves: Christ and this place.

One of my favorite lines in hymnody comes from the last verse of Church's One Foundation": *"Yet she (the church) on earth hath union with God, the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won..."*

Mystic sweet communion. We know it, don't we, as we remember these? We see it in the ongoing ministries of this church, some of them begun before any of us were born. We feel it as we walk through our beautiful facility, built and maintained with loving hands. We know it in the spirit of generosity and care

evidenced in those who are growing up in this fellowship. There is an almost palpable sense of the presence of that great "cloud of witnesses" as we plan for our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary and hear the wonderful stories of faith and foresight that brought us to this place. Beyond history, though, we know their presence as we look to the future of First Baptist; not only for our time but also for those years when we ourselves have joined the cloud.

May we be faithful to the call of our times, as we are encouraged by the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us.

—Pastor Grizzard

## WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 2010

10:00 a.m. Worship ■ 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time/Tom Sharp Reception

### "The Sanctuary We Love"

I Kings 5:1-6a

Every week we come to a holy place of worship. We call it the Sanctuary. This room has great significance and meaning for each of us. Throughout its 174 year history First Baptist has had five distinct sanctuaries. Each has had its own design and purpose. Now, as we consider possible renovations to this sacred place, what kind of design may God be calling us to have in our sanctuary for the future?

Music: *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah,"* —Summer Choir  
*"Alleluia," "O Worship the King"* —Brass Ensemble

Please join us after worship in Fellowship Hall for a reception welcoming our summer intern, Tom Sharp.

Greeters: Ron & April Jacobs, John Prudhoe,  
Bob & Arla Klimko, Peg & Kathy Orth

Welcome Center:  
Jay Tellier and Gordon Brown

Flowers on June 6, will be given by Charlie and Sally Heathcoat in memory of their parents and all their loved ones gone too soon.

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, June 6

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:05 a.m. Board Chair Meeting
- 11:20 a.m. The Way of Discipleship
- 1:00 p.m. Sanctuary Information Mtg.

### Monday, June 7

- 11:00 a.m. Heartwarming Hats
- 6:00 p.m. Sanctuary Information Mtg.
- 7:00 p.m. FunMakers

### Tuesday, June 8

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

## PRAYER CONCERNS

*Please remember in your prayers:*

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

## CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Please remember to bring your non-perishable food donations to church this Sunday, June 6 and place them in the shopping cart in the Warm Room. This month our donated food will be given to South Side Mission.

## AN INVITATION

You are cordially invited to stroll through our courtyard. Smell the flowers, listen to the running water, sip your coffee, and relax for just a bit. It is there for you. It is your garden. The doors will be open.

Jan Olson & Mary Lou Russell



Baptist Churches exist for mission and ministry.

"You shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria  
and to the ends of the World"

--Jesus Christ, as quoted by Luke.

Many American Baptist churches of the Great Rivers Region live this out each day, in good and poor economic times. Many members recognize that our poorest of economic times has us in much better condition than what most in this world experience in the best of their times.

What will be your first step to bring meaning, purpose and joy to others?

Please give to the One Great Hour of Sharing June offering--goal \$5,000.

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

Nan Weers, Mission Board

## THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for their care and concern, during my recent surgery. I have appreciated the cards, e-mails and phone calls so much. I especially appreciate your prayers, as I continue to heal from parathyroid surgery. You are a special blessing to me.

Thanks, Tom, for your visit and prayers on the morning of surgery

—Bonna Zimmerman

## SYMPATHY

To Larry and Bill Shay on the death of their mother, Frances. Services will be Saturday at First Christian Church.

## HEALTH TIPS

14 . . . The average number of years you add to your life if you eat lots of fruits and vegetables, don't smoke, exercise regularly, and drink in moderation compared with people who don't follow such habits.

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



## 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; and we'll go from there. (Please do NOT expect your child to wear them again!)

—Jan Olson

## FBC Peoria wants YOU!

We are looking for people to staff our Welcome Center and to become Pew Greeters.

*No prerequisites are required and you don't work during Church services!*

If interested please contact:

Pew Greeter - Richard Heller:  
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WC Staffer - Chuck Browder:  
charles\_browder\_820@comcast.net  
or 678-0114

## THE BIBLE IN 90 DAYS

This Summer: June – August, Wednesdays 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](mailto: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.

## CHRISTIAN STORYTELLING CONCERT

Friday, June 18

Calvary Baptist Church, 1017 N. School St., Normal  
Open to the public. No charge.

Free-will offering taken for the storytelling.

7:00—8:00 p.m. Storytelling for children (but enjoyed by adults.)

8:00—8:15 p.m. Break

8:15—9:15 p.m. Storytelling for adults (but appropriate for the whole family.)



## SUMMER CHOIR

It's time for summer choir again! If you've been thinking how AWESOME it would be to sing in the choir (and really, who wouldn't think that?), here's your chance.

Over the summer there are no mid-week choir rehearsals, but periodically the choir gathers at 9:00 Sunday morning to rehearse an accessible anthem for that Sunday's worship service. We'll be singing for the next three Sundays and then scattered times after that. Watch the newsletter for dates. We'd love to see some new faces.

## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Jan Olson and her crew are ready for a new season of summer fun with the Sunday School children, ages 4-8.

Children should plan to meet the teachers in the Craft Room (Room 109) when they are dismissed from the worship service.

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## SANCTUARY RENOVATION OPEN HOUSE

**Sunday, June 6**  
**1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**  
**or**  
**Monday, June 7**  
**6:00 p.m. 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.

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.

We look forward to seeing you at one of these meetings.



## ABWM/RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

**Saturday, June 19**  
**8:00 a.m. to Noon**  
**Fellowship Hall**