



OPERATOR ERROR

A phrase caught my attention in a recent report on the tragic oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico: “renegade well.” Interesting, isn’t it, how we personify and impart motives to inanimate objects? The well is a “renegade,” an outlaw. No wonder we can’t fix it.

Not that this is anything new. How many times have the words “stupid computer” fallen from our lips?

Now, this is not to say that there’s never a good reason for such thinking. We know, for instance, that an automobile will willfully, and with malice aforethought, stop making the weird noise as soon as we get it to the mechanic. And the copier in the craft room closet develops an immediate paper jam when it sees you coming. But it’s a sign of an age-old problem of human behavior: shifting the blame.

Such behavior is as old as Adam. “The woman Thou gavest me,” he says in

his best King James English, thereby shifting the blame not only to Eve for tempting him but also, inferentially, to God for making her in the first place. We’ve been shifty ever since.

It is hard to take responsibility, to acknowledge that, yes, some things are just our fault. This is why Jesus gave us that lesson about the speck in our neighbor’s eye and the log in our own; we can’t really solve very much if we can’t see beyond our excuses. “He hit me first” becomes “Everybody’s doing it” becomes “I only did it once” becomes “I didn’t mean to hurt anybody,” and on it goes.

Blaming inanimate objects is probably an improvement over blaming other people, but it still doesn’t tell the truth. Except, of course, about computers: they really are out to get us.

—Pastor Grizzard

WORSHIP

SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2010

10:00 a.m. Worship ■ 11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time

“Here Is Water”

Acts 8:26-40

Following Pentecost, the early disciples were exuberant about the Gospel and found every opportunity to spread the good news of God’s grace. Philip met a traveling Ethiopian, who heard the news gladly and, when they came upon a stream, said “Here is water. Why shouldn’t I be baptized?” In the midst of our careful theology and planning for the future, do we miss the opportunities that are right by the side of the road?

Music: “*River in Judea*” —Summer Choir
 “*At the River*” —Tom Tharp, baritone
 Derek Zimmerman, tuba

Greeters: Bobby & Cindy Courtney, Ruth Turner,
 Rodney & Dawn Osborn, Lee Mehl, Mary Wright

Welcome Center:
 Chuck Browder, Carolyn Pasquini

Flowers on June 13, will be given by Dan and Carolyn Pasquini in celebration of their 40th Anniversary June 13.

CALENDAR

Sunday, June 13

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Music Committee Mtg.
- 11:05 a.m. Executive Committee Mtg.
(will be in the Media Center)
- 11:20 a.m. The Way of Discipleship

Monday, June 14

- 6:30 a.m. Kids' Corner (Hines School)

Tuesday, June 15

- 6:30 a.m. Kids' Corner
- 9:00 a.m. RAY: Reading Across the Ages with Youth
- 10:00 a.m. M.U.G.S. (Panera's)

Wednesday, June 16

- 6:30 a.m. Kids' Corner
- 7:30 a.m. Fun & Fit
- 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Bible in 90 Days (Chapel)

Thursday, June 17

- 6:30 a.m. Kids' Corner

Friday, June 18

- 6:30 a.m. Kids' Corner
- 7:30 a.m. Fun & Fit

Saturday, June 19

- 8:00 a.m. ABW Blood Drive



PRAYER CONCERNS

Please remember in your prayers:

Richard Petroski
 Sharon Stanard
 Jim Ashton
 Gail Sexton
 Don Stoner
 Jan Swanson
 Eloise Sauer
 Sieg Polakow
 Madelynn Claire Ryan



One Great Hour of Sharing is an offering that makes the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict or severe economic hardship, and for those who serve them through gifts of money and time. Today, projects are underway in more than 100 countries, including the United States and Canada.

Be prayerful of your gifts in our upcoming June offering as these gifts are necessary to support those in need by way of disaster relief, refugee assistance, development aid and more.

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

Nan Weers
 Mission Board

THANK YOU

I would like to thank my church family for the calls, visits and caring concern during my stay in the hospital.

Special thanks to Tom and Cheri for their visits.

—Sharon Stanard

Thank you to all the wonderful people at First Baptist for the cards, calls, visits and prayers.

—Shelia Hawes

HEALTH TIPS

When you're on vacation, healthy eating may be the last thing on your mind. Long days of travel and eating at restaurants may lead to unhealthy choices. Still, it's just as important to maintain good nutrition on the road as it is at home.

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



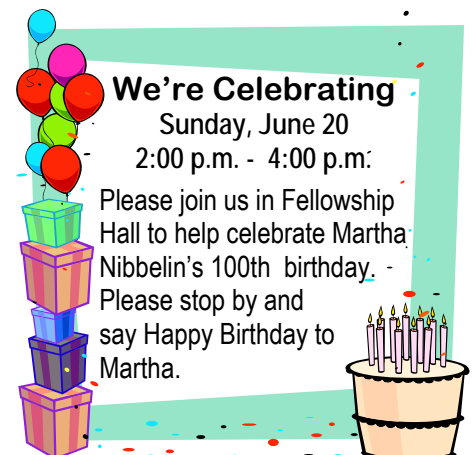
ABW NEWS

The ABW Executive Board will meet at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 12 in the parlor of First Baptist Church.

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 two Sundays and then scattered times after that. Watch the newsletter for dates. We'd love to see some new faces.



THE BIBLE IN 90 DAYS

June 9 – August 25, Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., Chapel

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 June 9 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 fbcpco@mtco.com to learn more.

THE WAY OF CHRIST An Adult Discipleship Series

June 13, 20, & 27

11:20 a.m. in the Chapel

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

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.)



LAKE SPRINGFIELD BAPTIST CAMP

Kindergarten — High School Ages

First Baptist Church Covers one-half of
the camp registration cost.

Registration forms are available at
<http://www.abcgrr.org/grrcamps/index.htm> or
can be picked up from the church office.

Camp

Grades K-2
Music/Art/Drama Grades 4-7
Grades 2-5
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24 Hr. Camp Grades K-3
Grades 1-4
Grades 6-9
Grades 4-6
Grades K-2
Grades 9-12
Grades 6-9
Grades 2-5
Day Camp, Grades K-5
Day Camp, Grades K-2

Dates

June 12
June 13 to June 19
June 20 to June 23
June 23 to June 26
June 27 to June 28
June 29 to July 2
July 5 to July 10
July 11 to July 16
July 17, 9:30-4:00
July 18 to July 24
July 25 to July 31
August 1 to August 4
August 6, 9:30-4:00
August 7, 9:30-4:00

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Cost

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2010



Come take VBS to the extreme! Camp E.D.G.E. is not your typical stroll through the woods. It's an action-packed, adrenaline-filled expedition to an Extreme Adventure Camp that teaches kids their strength and might come from God.

Everyone will learn that God is with them, guides them, teaches them, loves them, and sends them. Each child will also learn how to stay close, follow, learn, love and go with God. Get ready to trek through the scriptures July 18-22, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

VBS is open to all children age 4 through 4th grade. Make sure to sign up for a week of fun and fellowship. Watch the church website and future Sunday bulletins for enrollment forms.

—The Education Committee

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:
rpheller@comcast.net or 922-1665

[WC Staffer](#) - Chuck Browder:
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