

A LETTER FROM TOM

I have been at the First Baptist Church of Peoria for a month and a half. The time has flown by so fast my internship here is half over. I feel as though I have barely scratched the surface of the life of this church and the people who make up its congregation. I see a church where the people are active and interested. Where we can have a Bible study aimed at getting through the entire Bible in a short amount of time and that excites people instead of driving them away. A place where the youth leave for a vacation and bring back ideas and challenges for the congregation. Where there is an open flow of ideas and an unbridled love for God mixed together to make a perfect recipe.

In my time here I have worked with the youth and children in the RAAV program to teach reading. I have sat in on meetings with the various committees. I've gone to the dinners and been invited to dinners/lunches and talked to the people. I always feel welcome and loved. It's hard being a new person in a position where you are a part of directing the flow of life in a church and not knowing who is in need or what is going on next, but the people and pastors have helped greatly in that.

I have enjoyed the time I have spent here and learned a lot about how a church operates from the inside. I still have another month and a half left to work for the church, and I plan to put just as much effort, if not more, towards making my time here meaningful for both myself and the church. Vacation Bible School is coming up and I'm trying to ramp up for that and plan ahead as much as possible. When I leave, I will be going to a new school and getting married as well as moving to a new state. I will carry the memories and lessons with me and apply them in my ministries and education.

Thank You,
Tom Tharp

THANK YOU

Thank you everyone in the church for helping out with the ALS Association walk a couple of weeks ago. I especially thank Andy Pilcher for spearheading the drive.

—William & Cindy Blake

CONGRATULATIONS

To parents, Jeremy and Randi Collins and grandparents, Jim and Ruth Collins on the birth July 9 of son and grandson, Jesse Ryne. He arrived Friday morning at 6 pounds, 13 ounces, 21 inches long and sporting a full head of long dark hair. Everyone is fine.

WORSHIP

SUNDAY, July 18, 2010

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

“Anytime and Anywhere”

Genesis 28:10-17

Jim Middleton Preaching

It is difficult to have faith in a God we have not seen, and not too many of us can point to a specific place or a definite experience and say, “There in that moment I saw and heard God.” We keep hoping God will take the initiative and make himself unmistakably known to us. Believe it or not, that does happen occasionally. God comes at unexpected places and unexpected times and in unexpected experiences, and like Jacob we say, “Surely the Lord was in this place and I did not know it.” We will examine Jacob’s experience to illustrate this.

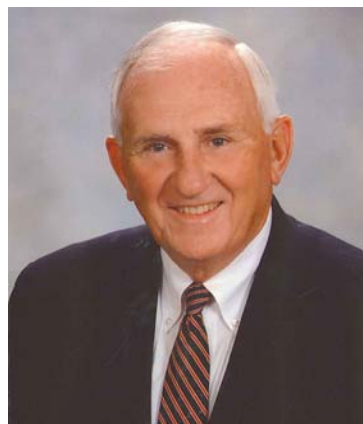
Music: *“Surely the Presence”* — Wayne and Diane Nowlan
Jan Olson, praise singing

Greeters: Bill & Helen Nicol, Esther Webber, June Coggins,
Bev Searcy, Mike & Sue Connors

Welcome Center:
Jay & Judy Tellier

Flowers on July 18, will be given by Mike and Sue Connors in honor of Rebecca Wynkoop, Mike’s mother and Joe and Marie Connors, Mike’s grandparents.





RICHARD EAGLETON

At the age of five, Richard Eagleton – also known as Dick, Eagle and Judge -- discovered a neighbor who had a radio that could be tuned into Chicago baseball games. Thus a life-long love for baseball and a Cubs fan were born.

In 1991, after he retired as a Circuit Judge, Dick attended his first of five Randy Hundley Fantasy Baseball Camps. Just playing against the likes of Bob Gibson, Fergie Jenkins and Hoyt Wilhelm was a dream come true; scoring hits against all three was more than he might have dreamed.

Dick was born and primarily reared in Peoria. His family history is steeped in law and order with a large dose of religion on the side. His father, an attorney, taught at the University of Chicago and spent 22 years in the Navy during WW I and II. His paternal grandfather was Judge L. O. Eagleton; his paternal great-grandfather was a prominent Methodist minister; and his maternal great-grandfather was a life-long Baptist, Sheriff of Coles County and a State Senator. In the early 1900's this Baptist ancestor was called to Springfield to identify the body of his friend, Abraham Lincoln, when it was exhumed.

Members of Dick's family have belonged to First Baptist Church of Peoria for almost 120 of the 174 years it has existed. His maternal grandparents (the E.M. Chandlers) came to Peoria in the late 1800's, joined the church and raised his mother, Mary Louise in it. Dick's father believed religion was his mother's arena, so the Eagleton sons were also brought up in First Baptist. In 1943 at age 12, Dick was baptized.

After graduating from high school, Dick headed for Yale University, graduating in 1952. Yale is where he met his first wife, Elizabeth. College was followed by active duty with the Navy; he spent three years on a destroyer, one as head of operations. Not surprisingly, considering his family background, law school beckoned. He got his degree from the University of Illinois in 1958 and then joined the Navy Reserves, serving an additional 31 years. He retired as a Captain in the JAG Corp.

The young family, including four-year old David, moved to Peoria that same year. Dick was in private practice for three years before becoming an Assistant U.S. Attorney. After this he became the first U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of Illinois to hail from Peoria. Their daughter, Margaret, was born in 1964. According to Dick, one Sunday his wife surprised him by going forward after the service and joining First Baptist as well.

Judge Eagleton's professional accomplishments and service to the community are varied and extensive. When directing the Crime Control Project through the American Bar Association, he worked with Leon Jaworski, Watergate Special Prosecutor and member of the Warren Commission that investigated the assassination of President Kennedy.

In 1970 Dick was elected Circuit Judge in Peoria County and served there for 20 years, including three as Chief Judge. About a decade ago, the Circuit Court assigned him the duty of protecting Springdale Cemetery when the private owner's license was revoked.

A life-long sports enthusiast, Dick played tennis for 25 years until a knee replacement got in the way. Then he took up golf. When asked what he was really bad at that he'd love to be great at, he answered, "Golf." He says his wife, Joyce, enjoys the sport as much as he.

Fitting considering his love of sports, Dick and Joyce met at a hockey game. They married in 1994. The couple spends a good portion of the winter in Mexico. He says a tour of the Mayan territory in Central America is his most memorable travel experience. Seeing the kids requires lengthy travel as well; Dick's son lives in Arizona and his daughter in Alaska. His stepson lives the closest in Austin, Texas.

While in Peoria, Dick continues to practice law as counsel to Hinshaw & Culbertson. Though his membership remains at First Baptist, he admits to adopting his father's practice of attending the church of his wife's choice. However, both enjoy coming to our Christmas and Easter services because they think the message and music are always superb.

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CALENDAR

Sunday, July 18

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time
11:20 a.m. Bible in 90 Days
6:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 19

6:30 a.m. Kids' Corner
7:30 a.m. Fun & Fit
6:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, July 20

6:30 a.m. Kids' Corner
9:00 a.m. RAAV
10:00 a.m. M.U.G.S. (Panera's)
6:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School
7:00 p.m. Summer Band

Wednesday, July 21

6:30 a.m. Kids' Corner
7:30 a.m. Fun & Fit
6:00 p.m. Wednesday Dinner
6:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School
6:30 p.m. Bible in 90 Days

Thursday, July 22

6:30 a.m. Kids' Corner
6:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Friday, July 23

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

Saturday, July 24

7:00 a.m. Annunciation Youth Group

YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

July 16 & 17 Host out-of-town youth group—pizza, Lakeview pool (Friday)

July 18 Friendship House

July 20 & 27 Reading Across Ages with Youth (RAAY)

July 24 Jr. Youth Group (6th & 7th) cookout @ Sexton's

July 24 & 25 Host out-of-town youth group

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please remember in your prayers:

Ruben Redard, Josephine Smith, Harry Miller, Louise Heimann, Richard Petroski, Gail Sexton, Don Stoner, Mike Mason, Jan Swanson, Sieg Polakow, Bill Pitts and Madelynn Claire Ryan.

SYMPATHY

To the family of Betty Menson (Director of Programs, Peoria Friendship House) who died July 10. Her memorial service will be at 7 p.m., Thursday, July 15, 2010 at Preston-Hanley Funeral Homes & Crematory in Creve Coeur, where visitation will be 1 hour prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be made to Friendship House of Christian Service, 800 NE Madison, Peoria, IL 61603