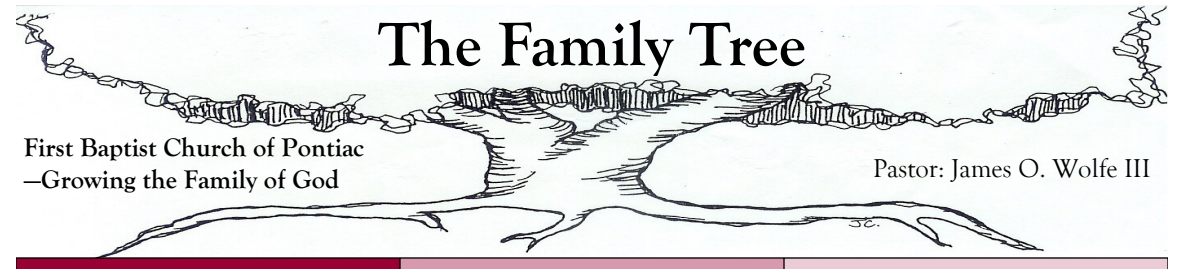




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Hearts At Home

2015 NATIONAL CONFERENCE
MARCH 13 - 14TH
ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY

Are you a mom? Ever feel like the word "Superhero" is at the top of your job description? Then sign up to attend this year's Hearts at Home conference where every mom is celebrated and encouraged no matter what season of life she is in!

Hearts at Home's mission is to encourage, educate, and equip every mom in every season of motherhood using Christian values to strengthen families.¹

Hearts at Home will help you...

- Feel refreshed and ready to embrace the challenges of motherhood.
- Enjoy a fun, getaway weekend with your friends.
- Experience a sense of encouragement and camaraderie with other moms.
- Improve your time management and run your home more smoothly.
- Make proactive parenting decisions, rather than "knee-jerk" reactions.
- Remove the guilt of not being a perfect mom.
- Experience a newfound strength through a deeper friendship with God.
- Increase your impact by treating the job of mom as seriously as a career.

The cost to attend this event is \$150 for both days and \$98 for a single day (you choose either Friday or Saturday). The fee will cover the workshops that you choose as well as lunch on the days you attend. For more information or to register, please visit the Hearts at Home website at: <http://www.heartsathome.org/index.php/events/national-2015>

¹ <http://www.heartsathome.org/index.php/about/who-is-hearts-at-home>

Power Thoughts

How often have you thought about what you think about? What are the words, phrases and chatter that runs through your head everyday? Is it positive? Is it mundane? Is it filled with stress? *What we think has power over who we are and how we live.*

“The connection between our thoughts and the rest of our lives is clear in scripture. Proverbs 23:7 says, ‘For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.’ In other words, we become what we think. If we think positive thoughts, we will be positive people enjoying fruitful lives. Conversely, if we think negative thought, we will be negative people with no joy or success.” - Joyce Meyer, Power Thoughts: 12 Strategies to Win the Battle of the Mind.

I want to invite everyone, young adults and older, men and women, to join me for a remarkable study on the power of thought. We will use the book “Power Thoughts: 12 Strategies To Win The Battle of the Mind”, written by Joyce Meyer. We will embark on not only a bible study; but a journey to discover the tools that will help us change our thought habits to focus on the things that have the power to transform us through the power of the Holy Spirit.

We will meet from 6:30 - 7:30 pm on Sunday evenings in the Be About Classroom beginning February 8, 2015 . This is on the North end of the building in the educational wing.

Books are available and sign up will begin on Sunday January 25, 2015. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. I look forward to this journey into reframing our thoughts, hearts and lives.

In Christ,

Janet Wolfe

Newsletter Deadline



All articles for inclusion in the March edition of the church newsletter must be submitted to the church office no later than Monday, February 16th.

You may submit your articles by phone (842.4321), fax (844.6943), by e-mail (Rhonda@fbcpontiac.org) or by leaving them in the black box outside the church office door.

Vacation Bible School



It's that time of year again when we are sitting inside the house dreaming about warmer days ahead. To help get you in the mood for summer, let's talk about Vacation Bible School. First Baptist Church sponsors a Vacation Bible School program every summer, and this year is no exception. We are in need of someone, or a small group of people, to be willing to step up and coordinate Bible School. That means picking curriculum, setting the dates, getting volunteers to teach and help, etc. If you are gifted with administrative skills of organization and communication, you would be the ideal candidate. Please let Julie Amdor know, or leave a message with the church office. I've been praying for God's leading in finding the right person/people. Please give it some prayerful consideration.

Winter Weather



A reminder as we make our way into a season of unpredictable winter weather, ***if Pontiac schools are closed or close early due to inclement weather, all church activities scheduled for that day will also be cancelled.***

To the best of our ability, church cancellation notices will be broadcast on 98.9 FM (WJEZ) and Pontiac Channel 13, posted on our website (www.fbcpontiac.org), our Facebook page and made available on our voicemail system.

WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO USE THEIR BEST JUDGMENT AND BE SAFE DURING HAZARDOUS WEATHER!

Nursery Care Available

Nursery care is available during worship services for infants and toddlers through age 3.

The nursery is located across the hall from the sanctuary.



Children's Church

Feb. 1: Missy Hoover

Feb. 8: Lynn Battice and Vicki McBeath

Feb. 15: Lynn Battice and Vicki McBeath

Feb. 22: Patty Gray and Mary Frobish

Thank You



Dear Church Family,

I want to thank everyone so much for all the notes, cards, visits, calls and meals since I've been sick. I appreciate all your thoughts and prayers more than you can possibly know. I am truly blessed to be a part of such a loving and supportive church family. God bless you all.

With all my love,

Fran Dean

Anyway

An adaptation of the Paradoxical Commandments by Kent M. Keith

People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered.
Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives.
Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies.
Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and sincere, people may deceive you.
Be honest and sincere anyway.

When you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight.
Create anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous.
Be happy anyway.

The good you do today will often be forgotten.
Do good anyway.

Give the best you have and it will never be enough.
Give your best anyway.

In the final analysis, it is between you and God.
It was never between you and them anyway.

Board of Ministries

The Board of Ministries met on Thursday, January 15th at 7:15 pm.

Church Clerk: We are in the process of going through and updating membership rolls so we will have a better record of active members.

Treasurer: Tithing reports have been completed and will be mailed out soon.

Adult Ministries: A new small group study, "12 Strategies on Power Thought" will begin on February 8th at 6:00 pm.

Youth Ministries: The Youth were very busy over the holiday season ringing bells for the Salvation Army and helping with Jubilee Christmas.

Children's Ministries: The ABK committee met in Janu-

ary to discuss the state of the program. It was decided that additional advertising would be beneficial in bringing in more children.

Working on a schedule for the nursery using the additional volunteer lists received during the November congregational meeting.

Looking for a person or a group of people to coordinate VBS this year.

Fellowship: We hosted 6 funeral dinners in 2014.

In 2014 our food pantry served 1,461 families with 4,470 individual members.

Letters were sent to area businesses asking for donations to support our food pantry and from those letters we raised approximately \$3,500 along with donations

of food.

Harlin will be resigning from the Fellowship Committee to spend more time with his wife Fran.

Diaconate: Ron McBeath is helping Pastor Jim with visiting parishioners.

The council has discussed mentoring for new members and visiting with people who wish to join the church in an effort to get to know them better.

Senior Pastor: There are 7 people planning to go on the Costa Rica mission trip.

A Lenten devotional book will be made available by Ash Wednesday.

A Service of Baptism will be held on April 5th.

Hey Mom and Dad!







Don't forget about our ABK (All 'Bout Kids) program for kids ages 3 years through 5th grade. ABK is a fun program of faith and learning that includes crafts, music and dinner!

ABK meets on Sunday nights from 5:00 - 6:00 pm. Our coffee room is open during that time and parents are invited to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a time of quiet fellowship while the kids enjoy their activities.



- 1-Lois Good
- 1-Ashley Graves
- 1-Doyle Hurd
- 1-Derik Poshard
- 1-Mike Poshard
- 2-Jan Jolynn Staley
- 2-John and Michelle Bohm
- 3-Larry Gilmore
- 3-Doris Pearson
- 3-Evelyn Field
- 4-Tyler Lind
- 6-Bill Battice
- 7-Rick Miller
- 8-Bill and Rosemary McBeath
- 9-Barbara Sancken
- 10-Leon Gray
- 10-Roger Gray
- 10-Patty Gray
- 10 – Peggie Boldt
- 11-Caiti Henson
- 12-Maxine Zytniowski
- 13-Claire Nyi
- 13-Patricia Gilmore
- 13-Joanne Perkins
- 13-Margaret Turner
- 14-Ron and Carol Poshard
- 15-Rebecca Rackozy
- 15-Harlin and Fran Dean
- 15-Alexis Kindred
- 16-John and Edna Amm
- 18-Larry and Patricia Gilmore
- 18-Robert and Janice Harbin
- 19-Jerriann Byrd
- 19-Dean and Kay Sidfrids
- 20-John Bohm
- 20-Karen Gilmoure
- 22-Marcia Harder
- 23-Jeff and Cheryl Stith
- 26-Keri Lewis
- 27-Bob and Sharon Matteson
- 28-Skip and Carol Jones

February						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion Sun. 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 5:00 pm ABK/ABY	2 7:00 pm Monday Night Bible Study 	3	4 9:00 am ROMEO Club 9:00 am Ruth Circle 6:00 pm Men's Bible Study 1:00 pm Esther Circle 7:00 pm Adult Choir	5 6:30 pm Barb's Bible Study	6	7 7:30 am PK Fellowship at FBC 8:00 am PK Study at FBC
8 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 5:00 pm ABY/ABK 6:30 pm Power Thoughts	9 1:00 pm Single Women of Faith 7:00 pm Monday Night Bible Study	10	11 9:00 am ROMEO Club 6:00 pm Men's Bible Study 7:00 pm Adult Choir	12 6:30 pm Barb's Bible Study	13	14 Valentine's Day 7:30 am PK Fellowship at FBC 8:00 am PK Study at FBC 
15 Food Pantry Sun. 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 5:00 pm ABK/ABY 6:30 pm Power Thoughts	16 Newsletter Deadline 7:00 pm Monday Night Bible Study  <i>Presidents' Day</i>	17	18 Ash Wednesday 6:30 am Service of Ashes 9:00 am ROMEO Club 12:00 pm Service of Ashes 6:30 pm Service of Ashes 	19 6:00 pm Vision and Planning 6:30 pm Barb's Bible Study 7:15 pm Board of Ministries	20	21 7:30 am PK Fellowship at FBC 8:00 am PK Study at FBC
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