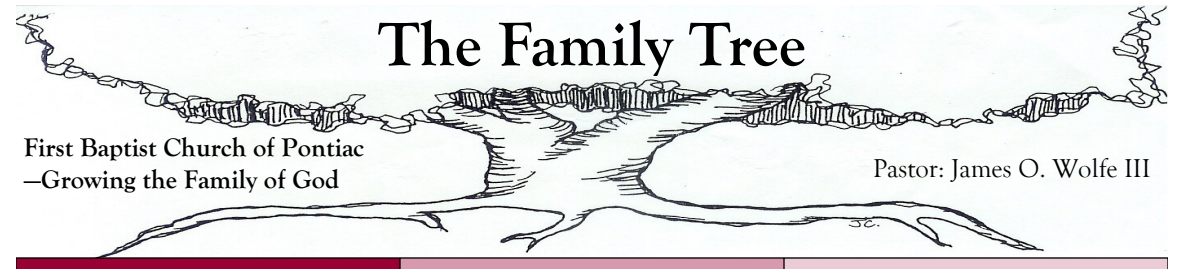




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For quite some time now you have seen this logo used on the front of our worship bulletins. The logo visualizes American Baptists serving around the world as the hands and feet of Christ. As this newsletter arrives in your home some of your sisters and brothers are returning from an experience in Costa Rica, serving as the hands and feet of Christ.

Mission trips are often a greater blessing to those who offer service rather than the recipients. Mission trips of this type provide opportunities for ministry that are not readily available in our own country. While it is always true that mission is at our "front door" it is equally true that most of us are unable or unwilling to engage in local mission. Mission projects such as this one in Costa Rica and the annual TeenServe mission in which our youth engage push participants to move outside of their comfort zones, meet new people, observe ministry in a different context, and make a lasting impact for the kingdom of God.

In Acts 1:8 the Risen Christ said, "you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Whether our mission is to travel to another country or across town to deliver a meal wherever we go in the power of God's Spirit we witness to our faith and serve as the hands and feet of Christ.

Jim

WE'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU

For the 2015 Summer Special Music Program!!!

Choir will soon be on Summer hiatus, and we are looking for special music for Sunday mornings, May 10 – August 30, 2015. If you would like to share your talents with our church family – or have someone in mind that you would like us to invite – please contact Jan Jolynn Staley at 815.210.3721!



Visit Us On The Web!



For convenient access to the latest church news, schedule and contact information, don't forget to visit us on-line at: www.fbcpont.org. Our website is updated almost daily in an effort to provide you with the most current information available. While there, you also have the opportunity to download recent sermons in MP3 format or browse our picture gallery and see just what we've been up to lately! Also, don't forget to "like" us on Facebook!



Our missionary workers have arrived safe and sound in Costa Rica! Here are some familiar faces on one of the first work-days! Check our Facebook page for more pictures and additional information about this amazing mission trip!

Graduate Recognition Sunday



Graduate recognition Sunday will be held this year on Sunday, June 14th.

If you or someone you know in our church family is graduating from junior high, senior high, college, graduate or technical school this year, please contact the church office at 815-842-4321 and let us know **no later than May 10th** so that we may properly acknowledge their achievements.

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.

Newsletter Deadline



All articles for inclusion in the May edition of the church newsletter must be submitted to the church office no later than Friday, April 17th.

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.



Financial Information

General Fund Begin Balance	(8,849.40)
General Fund Receipts	25,169.74
General Fund Int./ Adj.	0.00
General Fund Expenses	(18,166.56)
General Fund Ending Balance	(1,846.22)
Average weekly need	5,150.37
Average weekly offering	5,033.95

Children's Church

May 3: Janet Halford

May 10: Janet Halford

May 17: Missy Hoover

May 24: Missy Hoover

May 31: Lynn Battice and Vicki McBeath



Dear Church Family,

I would like to thank you all for your kind words, thoughts, prayers and cards when mom died. I feel very blessed to be a part of such a loving and supportive church family.

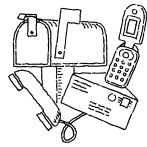
Don Schiff and family

To FBC:

Thank you for the prayer shawl. I use it all the time and the pin is so awesome. I wore it to school and I got a lot of compliments.

Kate Hoover

Office Notes



Have you moved? Changed your phone number? Please call (842.4321) or e-mail (Rhonda@fbcpontiac.org) the church office with your new contact information to ensure that you continue to receive all church communications in a timely manner.

Prayer Chain



If you'd like to be listed to receive prayer request calls through our church prayer chain, please call (842.4321) or e-mail (Rhonda@fbcpontiac.org) the church office to add your number to our prayer chain list.



Children in Costa Rica go to school half days. The church provides lunch for them either as they travel home from the morning session or head in for afternoon classes. Here's a picture of the children at lunch taken by Pastor Wolfe on the Costa Rica mission trip.

Board of Ministries

The Board of Ministries met on Thursday, April 9th at 7:15 pm.

Church Clerk: Received three new members by baptism: Kate Hoover, Donna Hammond, and Shai Nyi. Received one new member through letter of transfer: LaDonna Schwartz.

Vision and Planning:

A Board retreat has been scheduled for October 22 - 24 at Cedar Lake Ministries in Cedar Lake, IN.

Sunday School: Average March attendance of 82 with an average offering of \$38.00. Karen Meister has

resigned her position as Sunday School Teacher. Missy Hoover and Jan Jolynn Staley will team teach her class.

Facilities: Repairs have been made to the blower in the Vineyard classroom and the boiler has been turned off for the season.

The exhaust fan in the gym is in need of repair and a new battery will be purchased for the church's lawn mower.

Wheels need to be put on refrigerators and freezers in the food pantry to comply with

health department guidelines.

Senior Pastor: Dale Newsome is working on securing leadership for the Board Retreat in October.

A group of volunteers led by Gordon Frobish completed a work day at Lake Springfield Baptist Camp.

Gordon Frobish contacted City Administrator Bob Carls indicating the church's availability to help persons in the community with household repairs that they may be unable to complete on their own.



Schedule Notes

In honor of the Memorial Day holiday there will be no evening activities on Sunday, May 24th and the church office will be closed on Monday, May 25th.

We wish everyone a blessed and happy holiday weekend.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 7:30 am PK Fellowship at FBC 8:00 am PK Study at FBC
3 Communion Sunday 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School	4 7:00 pm Monday Night Bible Study	5	6 9:00 am ROMEO Club 9:00 am Ruth Circle 1:00 pm Esther Circle	7 6:30 pm Barb's Bible Study	8	9 7:30 am PK Fellowship at FBC 8:00 am PK Study at FBC
10 Mother's Day 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 5:00 pm ABY 6:15 pm Power Thoughts	11 1:00 pm Single Women of Faith 7:00 pm Monday Night Bible Study	12	13 9:00 am ROMEO Club	14 6:00 pm Diaconate Council 6:30 pm Barb's Bible Study 7:15 pm Board of Ministries	15	16 7:30 am PK Fellowship at FBC 8:00 am PK Study at FBC
17 Food Pantry Sun. 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 5:00 pm ABY 6:15 pm Power Thoughts	18 Newsletter Deadline 7:00 pm Monday Night Bible Study	19	20 9:00 am ROMEO Club	21 6:30 pm Barb's Bible Study	22	23 7:30 am PK Fellowship at FBC 8:00 am PK Study at FBC
24 Normal Sunday Activities	25 Memorial Day Church Office Closed 7:00 pm Monday Night Bible Study	26	27 9:00 am ROMEO Club	28 6:30 pm Barb's Bible Study	29	30 7:30 am PK Fellowship at FBC 8:00 am PK Study at FBC
31 No Evening Activities						

- 2 -EmmaLi Baron
- 2-Mark Verdun
- 4-Sarah Richardson
- 5-Alex Beck
- 5-John and Judy Pohanka
- 6-Joyce Wilson
- 10-Gordon and Mary Frobish
- 12-Adam Baron
- 12-John Detwiler
- 12-Mike Schiff
- 13-Joseph Lind
- 13-Devin Cross Plotner
- 17-Dan and Patty Gray
- 18-Steve Gray
- 18-Alan Gray
- 18-Doris Williams
- 21-Kenny Crawford
- 21-Ruth Ann Peck
- 22-Judy Shepherd
- 22-Linda Green
- 22-Nobie Hudson
- 23-Lori Pemberton
- 23-Todd and Jan Miller
- 24-Dan Gray
- 25-Bertha Moreno
- 25-Stephen Richardson
- 25-Stephanie Richardson
- 25-Karla Gidwani
- 25-Amy Levin
- 26-Gavin Wykes
- 26-James and Janice Letsos
- 26-Jason and Angela Green
- 26-Bella Grau
- 26-Steve Walters
- 27-Jan Miller
- 29-Dan Meister
- 29-Steve and Dawn Baron
- 31-Norma Locker