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Growing the Family of God

Telling the Story

Serving the Community

Nurturing Believers

Coffee with Jim



This year's World Mission Offering builds its theme around Jesus' words to the woman at the well, "Whoever drinks of the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (John 4:14, NIV)

One of the questions we often struggle with is "what is my purpose in life?" Sometimes we're feeling aimless in terms of identity and purpose, or we are troubled by the times of uncertainty and unrest in the world around us. It is the human condition to long for a sense of purpose, and to search for meaningful ways in which we can leave a positive mark on history. Our thirst for more is much like the woman at the well. We desire to know our true purpose, and once our Creator meets that need and heals our brokenness, we cannot help but rush to spread the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ so that others can know Jesus as well.

Like water, the most essential ingredient for life, the life-changing love of Christ is flowing and moving throughout the world, satisfying the thirst of those who seek him. Your gifts to The World Mission Offering brings you into partnership with God's world wide mission through International Ministries. Each of us has an essential role, and none can be considered insignificant.

I invite you to prayerfully consider your gift to the upcoming World Mission Offering. In God's hands, your gift impacts communities around the world and when you see what God is doing globally through you and IM, you will be amazed at how much is accomplished when we work together in God's mission. Please join me in praying for our global servants and in giving generously to the International Ministries World Mission Offering.

We will be receiving the World Mission Offering at the close of worship on Sunday, October 27th.

Little Free Library

The Little Free Library that sits at the north entrance of the church has been a busy place. It has been there for nine months now and it has been used every week since it went up. Some times only one or two books are gone, others a dozen or more. Readers have donated books, exchanged them, or returned them when done. It's running as it should.

This summer so many children used it that at one point we almost ran out of children's books and had to send out a post for donations! We've heard stories of people sitting on the bench reading, of a little boy standing on the bench looking inside, and moms with their children picking out books. The Cursambri kids' summer project has been to water the plants around it. It gives them a sense of purpose and looks lovely.

The neighbors and community have rallied around it. A neighbor across the street told us he keeps a watch on it and has even swept the patio for us. Cindy, my co-owner, is the book finder, always on the hunt for used books and I stock the library. And we're always happy to see donated books!

The Little Free Library has been such a blessing and our prayer is for God to bless everyone who stops by!

Karen Meister



ABK Treats Needed!



Our ABK program for kids in pre-K - 5th grades is in full swing once again and we need your help! We need people to provide simple snacks for 15 - 20 kids each Wednesday.

If you are willing to donate your time and talents to support this ministry, there is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. If you have any questions, please see Barb Tholen for more information.

Healing Hearts



Beginning Tuesday, October 8th at 6:00 pm, Cindy Knight will begin facilitating a supportive small group for grieving parents. Healing Hearts will meet on the second Tuesday of every month and is open to anyone in the community who is grieving a loss of a child.

Ladies Afternoon Out



It's harvest time Ladies! Let's celebrate with desert, fellowship, and fun at the next Ladies Afternoon Out on Monday, October 7th from 1:30 - 3:30 pm in the Kum Dubble classroom!

If you have any question or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact either Janice Staley (815.419.6448) or Jan Jolynn Staley (815.210.3721 - call or text). We look forward to seeing you there!

Jubilee Christmas - Save the Date

Jubilee Christmas will be hosted this year by First Baptist Church and has been scheduled for Saturday, December 14th. Mark your calendars and watch upcoming bulletins and newsletters for more information and opportunities to volunteer!



**Prayer Chain
Number
815.419.4454**

If you wish to receive prayer chain calls, please contact the church office at 815.842.4321 and request that your name and number be added to the list.



Newsletter Deadline

All articles for inclusion the November edition of our church newsletter must be submitted to the church office no later than Friday, Oct. 18th. 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

Thank You



As chairman of the Ruth Circle, I would like to thank the ladies who participated in ABW Sunday. They each were sincere and dedicated in the role they played. Our church family is made up of women who are willing to serve God in their own way.

Thank you again,

Brenda Dodd

Thank you for going out of your way on short notice to accommodate our family and friends for Mickey Griffith's funeral dinner. What a wonderful group of people. Thanks again to everyone who helped in any way.

God Bless You!

Joy Henderson
Todd Henderson
Brinda Henson

Small Group Opportunities

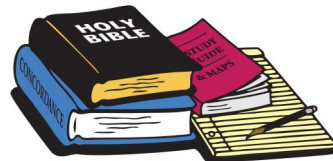
It's finally fall and with it we're getting back into the swing of things as small groups begin again after their summer hiatus!

Monday @ 7:00 pm - Starting on October 7th, Virginia Asper will be leading a small group study of the books of Ruth and Esther. This group will meet in the Kum Dubble Classroom.

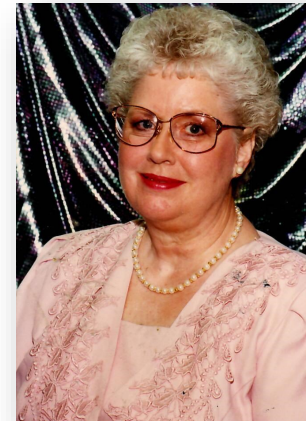
Tuesday @ 6:00 pm - Starting on October 8th, Cindy Knight will be leading a supportive small group for grieving parents. This group will meet on the second Tuesday of every month.

Wednesday @ 7:00 pm - Starting on Wednesday, September 25th, Harlin Dean and Ken Ferguson will be leading a small group study of the book: Jesus Calling - Christ's Hope.

Thursday @ 6:30 pm - Starting on Thursday, October 3rd, Barb Tholen will be leading a small group study on the book "Experiencing God's Presence" by Sarah Young. This group will meet in the media room.



You Are the Branches



Name: Phylis Bowman

Favorite Candy? Butterfinger or Heath Bar

Are you a day or night person? Night

Where would you like to visit? Australia

Can you drive a stick shift? Not anymore but I used to

Can you whistle? Yes. Barely

Favorite time of year? Fall

Favorite TV show? Waltons, Chicago Fire

Share a memory of going to school:

Sixth hour class my freshman year when a 5'3" 123 pound dark haired boy came into class. He became my dear husband.

Being in second grade, attending a one room schoolhouse, and getting the news that the Francis twins (Clyde and Cliff) had been born.

Having the lead part in the senior play with Shirley Carroll.

Hidden talents? Not that I can think of; but my goal is to grow old gracefully. I think that takes some talent.

Who was (is) most influential in your life? My husband, Bill.

Drive and Treat!



On October 31st we will be hosting 'Drive and Treat' on the circle drive in front of the church. Between the hours of 4:30 pm and 7:30 pm, come by and take a slow drive around the circle and 'trick or treat' without even having to get your little goblins out of the car!

If you would like to donate bags of candy or volunteer to help with this event, please see Harlin Dean for more information.



- 1 Roman Battleson
- 1 Kara Thomas
- 2 Dorley Dodd
- 2 Bernice Childers
- 3 Phylis Bowman
- 4 Darlene Garrett
- 5 Christian Waggoner
- 6 Nickey Gruen
- 6 Gary and Peggy Boldt
- 7 Kay Birch
- 9 Maggie Crawford
- 9 Jay Hurd
- 9 Darrell and Patricia Shoop
- 11 Brenda Dodd
- 11 Eric and Missy Hoover
- 11 Gary Wykes
- 11 Edward and Julia Bonnevier
- 14 Todd Henderson
- 16 Dean Easton
- 17 Gordie Frobish
- 21 Joe Stanton
- 22 Julie Amdor
- 22 Ken Ferguson
- 23 Jackson Harder
- 23 Terry Stanton
- 24 Kelly Sullivan
- 25 Rick Golliday
- 26 Nicholas and Brittney Lundeen
- 27 Judy Leach
- 28 Skip Jones
- 28 Emily Miller
- 29 Teri Newsome
- 30 Bill and Gwen Battice
- 30 Shirley Carroll
- 30 Gary Boldt



October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 9:00 am ROMEO Club 9:00 am Ruth Circle 1:00 pm Esther Circle 5:30 pm WYRED 6:00 pm ABK 7:00 pm Jesus Calling Sm. Gr.	3 6:30 pm Experiencing God's Presence Sm. Group	4	5 7:30 am PK Fellowship at FBC 8:00 am PK Study at FBC
6 9:00 am SMC 10:00 am Worship	7 1:30 - 3:30 pm Ladies Day Out 7:00 pm Ruth & Esther Sm. Gr.	8 6:00 pm Parents Grief Supp. Group	9 9:00 am ROMEO Club 5:30 pm WYRED 6:00 pm ABK 7:00 pm Jesus Calling Sm. Gr.	10 6:00 pm Diaconate Council 7:00 pm Board of Ministries 6:30 pm Experiencing God's Presence Sm. Group	11	12 7:30 am PK Fellowship at FBC 8:00 am PK Study at FBC
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