



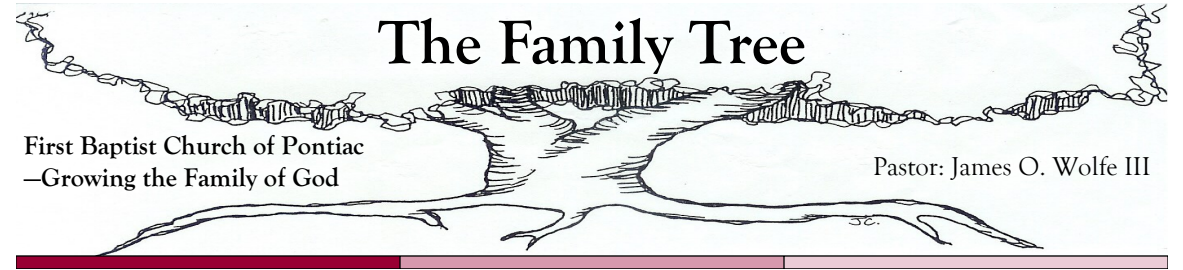
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## The Family Tree

First Baptist Church of Pontiac  
—Growing the Family of God

Pastor: James O. Wolfe III

A.B.K.

ALL 'BOUT KIDS

The fun starts on Sunday, September 13th!

All kids ages 3 years through those in the 5th grade are invited to join us for our ABK program! We will meet Sunday evenings from 5:00 - 6:30 pm starting Sunday, September 13th. We will share a meal together, then it's off for Bible stories, crafts, music and play time. We've also planned special activities and parties once a month along with all kinds of fun surprises!

Registration forms can be found in the Narthex or you may fill one out on the first night. We will also begin offering a transportation option for those in need beginning on September 20th!!

We are looking forward to a great year with All 'Bout Kids so parents bring your kids and kids, bring your friends! The more kids we have the more fun we have!



## FROM THE OFFICE...

### Our Church Directory

Our church directory has not undergone a serious overhaul in many years and, as a result, is not as accurate or up to date as we would like it to be. In an effort to remedy this situation and ensure that our directory contains the most accurate information possible, we are going to start over with a blank slate.

To that end, we ask **EVERYONE** who wishes to be listed in the church directory to complete an information form and return it to the church office as soon as possible.

**\*\*\*YOU MUST FILL OUT A FORM\*\*\***

⇒ *Even if you are currently listed in the directory,*

⇒ *Even if your information is correct*

⇒ *Even if you've already filled out a form in the past*

**YOU MUST COMPLETE A NEW FORM IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION LISTED IN THE 2016 EDITION OF OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY.**

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

Like our church directory, our birthday and anniversary lists have become outdated and inaccurate. On the information form for the church directory are spaces for you to list the birthdays and anniversaries in your household. If you want your family's birthdays and anniversaries listed on the church calendar you **MUST** add them to your information card and return it to the church office. **If you neglect to add this information to your information card your birthdays and anniversaries will NOT be listed on the church calendar.**

*We appreciate your cooperation and hope that these efforts will result in more accurate and timely information being made available in our church publications.*

### Schedule Notes - Labor Day



In honor of the Labor Day holiday, there will be no evening activities on Sunday, September 6th and the church office will be closed on Monday, September 7.

*We wish our entire church family a safe and happy holiday weekend!*

### Newsletter Deadline



All articles for inclusion in the October edition of the church newsletter must be submitted to the church office no later than Friday, September 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.

### 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.



### Our Children NEED You!

We are in need of volunteers for Children's Church. Please prayerfully consider your part in this important ministry for our kids. If we want to have more kids involved in our church we need more adults to stope up and help out.

We need 4 - 5 more Children's Church volunteers to be considered fully staffed for this ministry. It's time to take this seriously and invest our time in those we consider to be the future of the church - OUR CHILDREN!

If you are able and willing to donate your time and talents to our children's ministries, please contact Julie Amdor.

### Children's Church

**Sept. 6:** Missy Hoover

**Sept. 13:** Missy Hoover

**Sept. 20:** Lynn Battice & Vicki McBeath

**Sept. 27:** Lynn Battice & Vicki McBeath

## Thank You

I would like to sincerely thank everyone who helped when I was taken ill at the start of worship on Sunday, August 16. Knowing that you were able and willing to step in to conduct worship, provide first aid, take me to the hospital and offer prayers on my behalf provided a great deal of comfort during that difficult time.

I am truly blessed to have such a supportive and loving church family.

Blessings,  
Jim



## A Brief Update...

Our ladies circles are no longer collecting empty medication bottles. They are no longer being accepted by those missionaries in need so we ask that you no longer bring these items to the church.

## A Special Thank-You

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Pastor Jim and Janet Wolfe for opening their home to the church family for the picnic potluck on Saturday, August 22. It was truly a time of family fun and fellowship and we were blessed to be able to share it with you.

Sincerely,  
Your Church Family

## Community Corner



Peoria Friendship House has asked the Esther and Ruth Circles for things that they will need for Christmas this year. Among the requested items are infant diapers, infant sleepers, towels, and mittens for children.

There will be a complete listing of the requested items in the Narthex information center. If you would like to donate an item or items, please put your name next to the item on the list in the Narthex and drop the items in the Narthex no later than October 18th.

## Board of Ministries

The Board of Ministries met on Thursday, August 13 at 7:15 pm.

**Vision and Planning:** Missy Hoover will be starting a book club discussion group of the book "The Best Yes" by Lysa TerKeurst.

**Children's Ministries:** Working out the details for ABK. Julie Amdor will be teaching Pre-K and K classes. Missy Hoover will be teaching 1st - 3rd grade classes. Patti Butcher will be teaching the 4th - 5th grade students. Harlin Dean and Janice Staley will be in charge of the kitchen while Barb Tholen will handle crafts and Missy Hoover will be in charge of music for grades 1 - 5.

Door hangers and post cards will be distributed within the community and Eric Hoover has volunteered to drive the

church van to provide transportation to those who need it.

We need at least 5 additional volunteers for Children's Church.

**Fellowship:** We hosted a Celebration of Life for both the Pat Faust family and the Bernie Kahn family.

**Facilities:** Gutter work has been completed by Grieff's Exterior Services.

Bennett's Electronics did some work on the smoke alarm system that totaled \$700.

Gordie Frobish has raised the freezers in the food pantry as required by the health department.

**Senior Pastor:** There were

6 active small groups with approximately 50 people during our recent church wide prayer event.

The Tuesday group will continue meeting but will move their meetings to Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. They will be studying the book "Life Lessons" by Max Lucado.

The board retreat will be held October 22 - 24th at Cedar Lake, Indiana.

The GRR Assembly will be held on October 2nd and 3rd at Bloomington with the Reverend Glynis LaBarre preaching Friday night and Saturday morning.

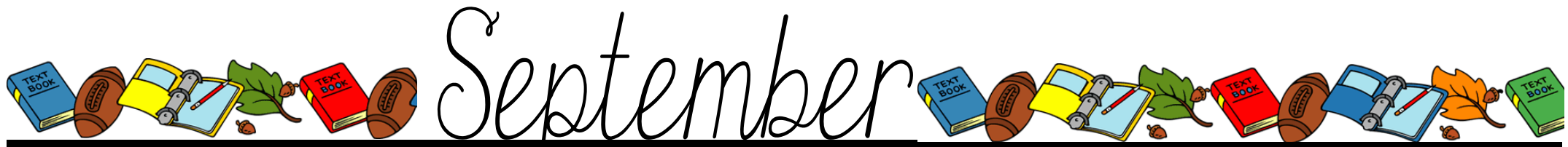
\*Discussion was held regarding the need to hire a youth leader, choir director and worship leader.

## Ushers Needed

We need volunteers to serve as offertory ushers on Sunday mornings. You would only need volunteer one Sunday per month. If you are willing to serve, please contact Karen Gilmoure for more information.



- 1-Christopher Newsome
- 3-Gay Serna
- 7-Ruby Lloyd
- 10-Debbie Verdun
- 10-Les Amdor
- 12-Larry and Patty Thacker
- 12-Robert and Donna Brackney
- 12-Roman Green
- 13-Griffin Nyi
- 13-Jim Perkins
- 15-Kay Meister
- 16-Reva Johnson
- 18-Glen and Jordan Brereton
- 20-Leah Crawford
- 20-Heather Battice
- 20-Ed and Diana Rich
- 21-Steven Frobish
- 22-Jean Chapman
- 23-Maria Poshard
- 26-Danny Grider
- 26-James Bohm
- 26-Robert and Rosa Wing
- 28 - Dale and Evelyn Field
- 29-Brad and Marcia Harder
- 30-Wayne Verdun



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 9:00 am ROMEO Club 9:00 am Ruth Circle 1:00 pm Esther Circle	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7:30 am PK Fellowship at FBC 8:00 am PK Study at FBC
<b>6</b> 9:00 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School	<b>7</b> Labor Day Church office closed	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9:00 am ROMEO Club 6:30 pm Embracing God's Love Small Group	<b>10</b> 6:00 pm Diaconate Council 6:30 pm The Best Yes 7:15 pm Board of Ministries	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 7:30 am PK Fellowship at FBC 8:00 am PK Study at FBC
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