



# The Happenings

First Baptist Church  
815-467-6846

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April

## *Pastor's Perspective*

### **Easter is on its way**

On that first Easter morning Matthew 28:5-6 tells us that... <sup>5</sup> *The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay."*

What a message of hope. Can you imagine how these women must have felt? They were so certain all was lost, that it was too late for God to show up and that defeat was a foregone conclusion.

I wonder how many times we have all been there? Even more, I wonder how many are right there now? How many have suffered through such loss that you have given up? You have lost hope. Your faith says God has done all He's gonna do and therefore you have accepted defeat as His will.

These ladies were without hope. They weren't alone. Everyone believed it was over. Everyone believed it was too late. There were no tailgaters waiting for that rock to move. The most faithful disciples Jesus had were hiding behind locked doors fearing for their lives. It was not exactly the kind of celebration you would have expected to see.

Life can be so confusing and tormenting at times. Especially when our sight doesn't allow us to see beyond our circumstances. I want you to notice one horrifying reality and three very encouraging facts from this passage of scripture.

The angel told these ladies, *"I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified."* That's the horrifying reality. He really did die. But the angel gave them three very encouraging facts: #1, "He is not here, He has risen." #2, "Just like He said." #3, "Come see where He lay."

This was encouraging to these ladies and it should be to us. Jesus was dead, but now He is alive-just like He said. His resurrection is the evidence. Amen.

Without the resurrection, life is meaningless and Christianity is a weak and pitiful religion. The resurrection of Jesus Christ adds strength to our faith. His resurrection makes our faith real and it gives our life the kind of meaning that is worth living and dying for.

More than 2000 years ago, Jesus rose from His grave and has given all of us an opportunity for new life.

**Pastor's Perspective continued....**

Church  
Times

### **Sunday**

Early service  
**@ 8:30 a.m.**

Bible Study  
**@ 9:30 a.m.**

Late Service  
**@ 10:45 a.m.**

### **Wednesday**

Jesus Freaks  
**@ 6:30 p.m.**

Adult Bible  
Study  
**@ 6:30 p.m.**

**Thursday**  
Midweek  
Connections



Dear FBC Family,

Words cannot begin to express my heartfelt thanks for the surprise anniversary party. You touched our family.

As I look back over the years, we have been down a long road together. Sometimes it has been a smooth ride and others times, full of pot holes. But the one constant has always been God's presence. I pray He continues to bless us as we move into the next chapter of First Baptist Church Channahon.

Thank you,

Pastor Randy Blan and Family



## Concert of **Prayer**

### April 3@ 6pm

Night of worship and prayer as we petition God on behalf of FBC. The first 70 people will receive a Prayer Link and Prayer Reminder cards. Join us!

#### Pastor's Perspective continued....

Has He risen in you yet?

Paul said in Titus 3:4-5... *"...when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy..."*

Have a great Easter celebration this month,  
Pastor Randy



# WHAT DO "STUDENT LIFE" AND THE VILLAGE GARAGE SALE HAVE IN COMMON?

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Our students need to raise **\$9,000.00**

SO

Our students would like to hold a garage sale during the Village Wide Garage Sale (April 28, 29, 30th) to raise the needed funds to attend the annual student life conference in June.

Do you have clothes that no longer fit?

Old shoes, purses, books, hats, dishes, baby items, electronics, furniture, etc.?

They could use all these item and more.

See Andy (815-325-1788) or Jen (815-258-3897) for more info on where to donate your slightly used items.



## **Serving at “The Hiding Place”**

### **Have you ever wanted to go on a mission trip?**

We are sending a construction mission team to Missouri June 12<sup>th</sup> thru 18<sup>th</sup> to work at “The Hiding Place”. The Hiding Place is a shelter that ministers to people in recovery as well as women and children escaping abusive situations. It provides a safe and encouraging Christian environment for those in crisis. A lead team made a preliminary visit earlier this year to prepare for this trip.

The group will be making repairs and renovations to the women’s part of the facility. There will be opportunities to interact with the facility’s clients and staff in addition to repairing the current building.

If you are interested in being a part of this mission team for this project, contact Joe Pospischil (815) 325-8476 for more information.

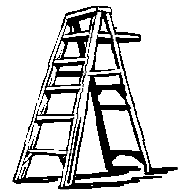
**We can really use You!!!**

Spring shows what God can do with a drab and dirty world.



## Push to the Finish Line!!

With the generous blessing of new funding, the building project is in high gear! Ductwork and insulation are going in. Drop ceilings are waiting to be installed. Huge machinery is preparing the way for roadways and parking lots. Our crew is hard at work – and **WE NEED YOU!!!** As we make this push for occupancy permits, the need for volunteers is like never before!! If you can push a broom, carry tools or materials, paint, make a meal, work on a ladder or hand things to one who can –we have a job for you!!! Come out and see what Our Great God is doing! Be a part of His vision and help us enter the “Promised Land”!



Let's welcome  
 Bonnie Marie Foret.  
 Her proud parents are  
 Byron & Amanda.  
 Bonnie Marie was born March  
 21 weighing 6 lbs, 15oz and  
 19 in. long

The first day  
 of spring is  
 one thing,  
 and the first  
 spring day is  
 another. The  
 difference  
 between them  
 is sometimes  
 as great as a  
 month.



Jewel-Osco



Do you eat at Chili's? Go to the movies?  
Shop at Best Buy? Get your prescriptions filled at Walgreens?  
Visit Claire's at the mall?

The list goes on and on and on....

The selection of gift cards we can get is huge. You don't even have to give them as gifts,  
just use them as you would cash at your favorite store.

Please see Kellie to see the list of what we have on hand or what we can order for you.



(Andy)



## Missions

Matthew 9: 36-38

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, **“The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”**

This is our identifying verse for our Annie Armstrong Easter emphasis.

Please be in prayer for our North American Missions and our Annie Armstrong offering.

We received \$850.00 for our Lottie Moon offering at Christmas.

## Baby Dedication

We will be having a baby dedication during our Easter Service. Anyone wishing to dedicate your child to the Lord, please contact Kellie in the office at 815-467-6846

## Happy April Birthday

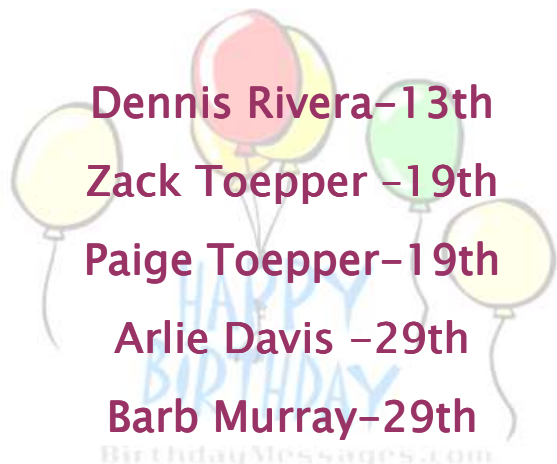
Dennis Rivera-13th

Zack Toepper -19th

Paige Toepper-19th

Arlie Davis -29th

Barb Murray-29th



**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP BY PROVIDING LUNCHES FOR THE MEN WHO ARE BUILDING YOUR NEW CHURCH BUT JUST DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO MAKE IT, YOU CAN HELP BY PROVIDING BOTTLED DRINKS. THE GUYS ARE DRINKING LOTS OF SODA AND WATER. THEY ESPECIALLY LOVE MOUNTAIN DEW. YOU CAN DROP THEM OFF TO THE CHURCH OFFICE IF THAT IS MORE CONVENIENT FOR YOU.**

## *Calling All Women!!!*

*Do you feel like you are being pulled under or in a hundred different directions?*

*Would you like to feed your body, mind and spirit?*

*Come join Harriett and other women as we discuss the*

*Promises of Security by Beth Moore.*

*Beginning Tuesday April 19th. @ Harriett's house, 25250 McMillin Dr. Channahon*

*We will feed our bodies by walking along the canal at 6:00 p.m. then feed our mind and spirit as we discuss the Promises of Security at 6:30 p.m.*

*We look forward to seeing YOU!!!*

Sunny Hill Nursing Home is in need of fabric remnants to cover paper boxes. This fabric should be of mostly cotton blend and not too heavy. When a resident passes away, we pack their belongings in these boxes and deliver them to the family. Our wonderful partner in the project, Joliet Area Community Hospice provides the volunteers to glue the fabric to the boxes. We need approximately 2 yards for each box. If you have fabric to donate, please drop it off at the following address.



Becky Haldorson

Assistant Administer

Sunny Hill Nursing Home of Will County

421 Doris Avenue

Joliet IL 60433

815-774-4375

# *Ministry of the Month*

## EASTER OUTREACH

**As Easter approaches we are getting ready to host our 9th Annual Community Wide Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 23rd.**

**We have openings for greeters, car parkers, candy stuffers, candy throwers, grillers, registration tables helpers, roping off area workers, and many more. Sign up sheets are available. Please see Karen or Kellie if you would like to sign up.**

The "Candy Tube" is here.

We need 300 bags of individually wrapped candy

Will you help fill it?

Please no HARD CANDY!





## Calling All Men

There will be a Men's Breakfast Meeting at Cracker Barrel Restaurant at I-80 & Houbolt on April 9th at 7:00 A.M. with a short devotion. All men are welcome.



## HELP WANTED

Van drivers are needed on Sundays. If you can drive the van, please let Joe P. know.

Children's Church can still use your help. Please let James and Mindy Carver know.

Karen still needs workers for Nursery on Wednesday night for Bible Study and 2nd Service on Sunday for Toddlers.

## HELP FOUND

Thank you Melody Hamper for cooking for the ladies on Sunday.

Please remember to check out our website  
We are well connected!

First Baptist Church - [www.fbcchannahon.org](http://www.fbcchannahon.org)

Families of Faith Christian Academy -  
[www.fofca.org](http://www.fofca.org)

All-Stars Sports -  
[www.all-starssports.com](http://www.all-starssports.com)

Look for "The Happenings" on the website!!!

## FBC/FOFCA

We are quickly outgrowing our space. Please be mindful that FBC & FOFCA have to share the same rooms, including the library. FoFca has worked very hard to stock the library with books for the students. Please do not take books from the library unless you are a student and it is your during library time.



## Calling All Musicians

Provena St. Joes is looking for volunteer musicians to play for their patients and their families at the bedside. Musicians can volunteer individually, in a duo or trio. Volunteers would need to commit to volunteer once per week or once every other week in the afternoon or evening for 2-3 hours. If you are interested, please let Stuart Smith know (217)883-1986.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

IF YOU ARE NEW TO TITHING AND FEEL THE CONVICTION OF GOD'S WORD TO BE OBEDIENT OR WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN GIVING TO HELP BUILD YOUR NEW CHURCH, SIMPLY PUT YOUR MONEY INTO AN ENVELOPE. IF YOU ARE GIVING CASH, YOU MUST PUT YOUR NAME ON THE ENVELOPE IN ORDER FOR US TO GIVE YOU CREDIT. ENVELOPES ARE LOCATED IN THE SEAT POCKETS ON THE CHAIR IN FRONT OF YOU. YOU MAY USE A BLUE OR PINK ENVELOPE FOR TITHING OR A 2010 ENVELOPE FOR THE BUILDING FUND.

TO ENSURE DEDUCTIBILITY OF YOUR CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS, AN ENVELOPE **MUST BE FILLED OUT.**

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL KELLIE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 815-467-6846.

## Chicken Scampi

Jenn Terry

**Chicken** (enough for your family)

**Butter and Olive Oil**

**Garlic** (to taste)

**Lemon Juice** (to taste)

**Parmesan Cheese**

**Broccoli**

**Fettuccini** (enough for your family)

**Cook enough fettuccini for your family, set aside.**

**In sauce pan mix together olive oil, butter, lemon juice and garlic, bring to boil. When boiling, add cut-up chicken, cook thoroughly, add broccoli and pasta. Top with parmesan cheese. Heat until broccoli is tender.**

**Serve with salad and bread w/ olive oil.**

WHAT'S GOING ON ???

### Team Kid

Wednesday nights from  
6:30-8:00.

See Nate Bills for more  
information.

Kids K-6th grade are  
welcome.

### PRAYER MINISTRY

We would love to pray for  
you! Contact Audrey Karr  
@ 815-467-7883, email  
Karen Blan @  
Blan2@netzero.net, or  
write it on the Prayer  
Warrior sheet in Sunday  
School. If you would like  
to be added to the  
prayer net, contact Karen.

### WOMEN'S MINISTRY

#### STITCHES OF LOVE

Meets Wednesday's at 1:00  
to create  
beautifully crocheted  
items for a  
variety of ministerial  
purposes.

### DIVORCE CARE

For divorce care,  
please contact  
Judy Anderson at  
815-942-8437

### Living Manna Food Pantry

is open Saturday @  
10:00 a.m-1:00 p.m. & Sunday  
at 4:00 p.m. for those who have  
attended services that day.

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Adult Bible Study meets 6:30-8:00 p.m. on  
Wednesday nights at FBC. Childcare is  
available.

### MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS

All ages welcome! Are you retired, a senior  
citizen, shift worker or homemaker? Every  
Thursday at 1:30 pm we have a traditional  
worship service that offers hymns, biblical  
preaching, testimony, and fellowship. We are well  
connected! If you would like to connect and  
transportation is an issue, please contact our  
church office at 815-467-6846

### SPECIAL NEEDS

#### YOU ARE WONDERFULLY MADE

YAWM provides an opportunity for persons with  
special needs to grow emotionally, socially, and  
spiritually. Families of those with disabilities can  
come together and be a natural part of church life;  
enabling everyone to use their gifts for God's  
glory. See the calendar online at  
[www.fbcchannahon.org](http://www.fbcchannahon.org). Join us for the next  
service, April 6 at 5:00 pm.

Additionally, a Bible Study for those with special  
needs meet the **1st Wednesday** of each  
month at 6:30pm.

### STUDENT MINISTRIES

**Jesus Freaks** meets Wednesday nights at FBC from 6:30-8:30. For more  
information contact Andy Terry at 815-325-1788.



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### In Memory of Zachariah Blan

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.” 2Timothy 4:7

Saturday April 9th 5pm-7pm @Skateland Recreation Center

Food\*Silent Auction\*50/50Raffle\*Door Prizes

Ticket prices \$10 child (up to 12), \$15 Adult

Proceeds will be used to create the Zach Memorial Scholarship Fund at FoFCA

Be sure to get your copy of “Shout Out”. This month edition is dedicated to our friend and fellow student Zach Blan. All proceeds will go to support the Zach Memorial Scholarship Fund. The cost of this edition is \$1.00.

FOFCA Moms (and Dads too)  
Are you interested in helping us feed lunch to the men who are out building your new school? If so, please let Chris Blan know in the Fofca office.

They are very appreciative and enjoy EVERYTHING!!!

Thank You Melanie Rhatigan for your wonderful lunches

### FOFCA is partnering with Coke

#### You can help

Bring in the cap from your bottles of Coke products

or

the number from your boxes of Coke products.

You may turn them in to either

Mrs. Chris in the office

Mrs. Bestler



or

Did you know that when you put cardboard in the recycling container, it actually COSTS FOFCA money? PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE do not put your cardboard in recycling container.



## Want to make a difference to your school???



## Don't have the funds???

### RECYCLING HELPS

#### CAN USE

- Newspaper
- Catalogs
- Magazines
- Junk Mail
- School Papers
- Office Papers
- Soft Cover



#### CANNOT USE

- Cereal Boxes
- Shoe Boxes
- Soda Cartons
- Food Cartons
- Corrugated Cardboard
- Phone Books



**CAMP EAGLE** *Summer Fun*  
*at a Reasonable Price!*

**Kids (entering PreK4 thru Grade 5)**

**Camp Eagle Begins Monday, June 6**

8:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Half Days (8:00 am - 11:30am OR 11:30am-3:00pm)

**\$50 REGISTRATION**

Weekly Themes! **Crafts** **Music**

**Eagle Tribes & Eagle Feather Awards!!**

Field Trips **Movie Days!** **Sport Activities**

**STAY COOL: Water Fun Days & Swimming!**

**OPEN REGISTRATION BEGINS MARCH 7**

F.O.F.C.A. Office for MORE INFO.

**815-521-1381**



*Girls,*

*All-Stars Sports is starting a new program, just for you!! All-Stars Girls Softball is starting and registration has begun. Girls should be at least 4 years old as of April 1, but cannot be 15 as of April 1 to be eligible to play. More information can be found at [www.all-starsports.com](http://www.all-starsports.com).*

*Are you a softball player?*

*Softball season is right around the corner. Men's and co-ed softball will begin the first week in May. Co-ed will play on Saturday evenings (Yes, volleyball will be over, so you can do both) and the men will play on Thursday evenings.*

*In order to play you MUST fill out a registration form. See Kenton with any questions or call him at 815-355-6932.*



To Our Wonderful Church Family,

We don't even know how to begin to express to our appreciation for everything that you have done for us. We moved here because we believed it was a calling from God. Never did we expect to find a church family so warm and loving. You embraced us and loved on us in our time of need.

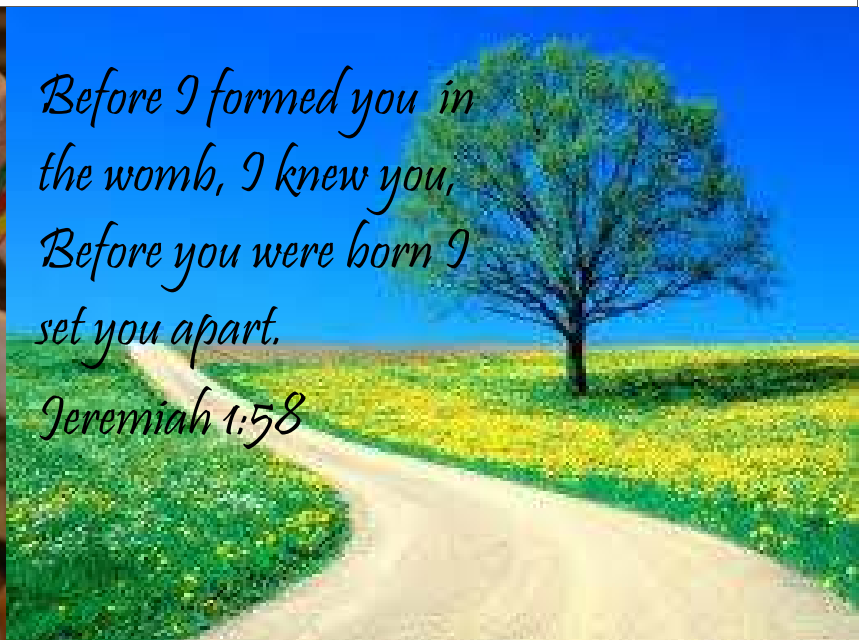
Thank you for all the food. You kept our bodies nourished when we couldn't even think about it. Thank you for being there. Whether you showed up at our house, made a hospital visit, a phone call or sent a card, you kept our minds nourished with your loving kindness. Thank you for your prayers. You kept our spirits nourished when we were facing the most difficult time of our lives. Something like this is never easy, but you all were there for us. Thank you!

In God's love,  
Joe, Sherry, Josiah



*Before I formed you in  
the womb, I knew you,  
Before you were born I  
set you apart.*

*Jeremiah 1:58*



## April Schedules

8:30

Gubbin's & Nick & Zack Toepper  
 Gubbin's & Rivers's  
 Gubbin's & Rivera's  
 Gubbin's & Rivera's

USHERS

Apr 3 Jeff Toepper, John Duppong Mike Viano, Dillion Blan  
 Apr 10 Jerry Stewart, Russ & Mary H., Mike Viano  
 Apr 17 Randy B., John Duppong, Barry Hamper, Brett A.  
 Apr 24 Jeff T, Randy B, Mike Viano, Jerry S, Barry H, John D

10:45

8:30

Juanita M  
 Kim Toepper  
 Tammy Bennefield  
 Sue G.

Nursery

Apr 3  
 Apr 10  
 Apr 17  
 Apr 24

10:45

Donna Jones & Connie Reiter./Rina & Girls  
 Karen B. & Carol M./ Jenn T. Kiera & Cori  
 Mary H. & Jacquie K../Chris B. & Kim K.  
 Angie B. Bonny J../Julia C, Jodi S.

Leader

James C  
 Mindy C..  
 James C.  
 Mindy C.

Children's Church

Apr 3  
 Apr 10  
 Apr 17  
 Apr 24

Helper

Livey Duppong, , Luke S, Jess L.  
 Cody B., Ashley G., Trisha C.  
 John C., Cathy B. Brig S.  
 Jennifer C., Trisha C. Cody B.

8:30

John C./Andy  
 Wayne/Andy  
 Gabe/Joe  
 Mike

Sunday Morning Prayer Warriors

Apr 3  
 Apr 10  
 Apr 17  
 Apr 24

10:45

Audrey K./Kay  
 Karen/Kay  
 Karen/Jenn  
 Jenn/Donna