

The Happenings

First Baptist Church

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February

Pastor's Perspective

Practice endurance

James 1:12-12

A group of expectant fathers were in a waiting room, while their wives were in the process of delivering babies. A nurse came in and announced to one man that his wife had just given birth to twins. "That's quite a coincidence" he responded, "I play for the Minnesota Twins!" A few minutes later another nurse came in and announced to another man that he was the father of triplets. "That's amazing," he exclaimed, "I work for the 3M company." At that point, a third man fell out of his chair onto the floor. Somebody asked him if he was feeling ill. "No," he responded, "but I work for 7-up."

CBS Morning News said, "Babies are always more trouble than you thought - and more wonderful than you imagined."

Giving birth to children is one thing. Raising them is something else! Giving birth is not an easy task (as all mothers can testify), but raising them to adulthood is even more difficult. SO, AFTER THE BABY IS BORN, THEN WHAT? That's when the work begins.

The same thing applies after God has given birth to a vision for your life, or in our case, our church. Hearing God, waiting on God, and trusting God requires a lot of effort. But then what? Then the real work begins!!!

For many that dream or vision you thought was from God that once energized you, that kept you up talking with others late into the night, now seems to be bigger than your abilities? You remember that dream you dreamed so vividly as a young person? You had your sights set high. Somewhere along the line the price for achieving that dream cost too much, so you quit. You settled for whatever you could get.

There was that one entry-level job that you took. It looked promising. It looked like a place where you could really advance. But just like every job you've had, it got too tough. Your boss and co-workers didn't understand you, so you quit. Now you're stuck in a job that's unsatisfying and has no potential for advancement.

You remember that relationship that you gave up? It started out as the greatest love affair of your life. You imagined that you'd be together forever. Then something happened and somehow you grew apart. The differences seemed overpowering. The road to a better relationship was just too steep and too long, so you quit. Now you live with the consequences.

How about God? You tried that religion thing for a while, but it just didn't work for you. There was that one thing that maybe you prayed for with all your heart and it didn't happen. Church at that point became irrelevant, so you quit. About the best you can do spiritually now is to watch "Touched By an Angel" on Sunday nights.

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
@ 1:30 p.m.

Unconditional Love

God loves us all, but he prefers "fruits of the spirit" over "religious nuts"

**FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE
GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON THAT
WHOSOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL
HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.
DO YOU BELIEVE IN HIM?**

Pastor's Perspective continued....

We live in an age of instant gratification. If we can't have it now, if we can't do it now, we opt out. We choose the path of least resistance. Why? Why do we consistently choose to quit rather than endure?

Let me tell you why. It's easier to quit than to carry on. We don't follow through because quitting is the easiest thing to do. This is true in the heat of battle. Ultimately though, quitting turns out to be the worst of choices. Here's the reason why, **the cost of quitting is greater than the effort of enduring.**

You lose more than you gain when you give up. To live a life of significance you've got to have courage and discipline to accomplish the vision God has given you.

You can have great visions from God, but without the endurance to sustain them they're essentially worthless. Endurance supports courage. It gives staying power to discipline. Endurance is the thing that turns your vision into reality. When you quit, you're demolishing your own character rather than building it up. You will never understand the victory God has for you!

James 1:12 says... *"Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him."* It's not enough to talk about endurance or to just agree with it. You've got to put it into action. You have got to practice endurance.

Author Irving Stone has spent a lifetime studying greatness, writing novelized biographies of famous people ... He was once asked if he had found a thread that runs through the lives of all these exceptional people.

He said, *"I write about people who sometime in their life have a vision or dream of something that should be accomplished and they go to work. They are beaten over the head, knocked down, vilified and for years they get nowhere. But every time they're knocked down they stand up. You cannot destroy these people. And at the end of their lives they've accomplished some modest part of what they set out to do."*

Will you practice endurance this month and pray that God will enable you to become one of these exceptional people???

Have a great month,
Pastor Randy



***A TIME FOR LAUGHTER
COME BE ENTERTAINED
BY TIM HAWKINS @
OUR ANNUAL VALENTINES
BANQUET***

DATE: FEB 13@5:00P.M.

COST: 10.00 PER PERSON

MENU

***ROAST BEEF, MASHED POTATOES, VEGETABLE MEDLEY,
CHICKEN PARMESAN, CEASER SALAD, GARDEN SALAD,
BREAD, BUTTER, DESSERT, DRINKS***

CALLING ALL MEN

Iron Sharpens Iron Men's Conference

February 26 in New Lenox 8:30a.m. – 4:55p.m.

\$39.00 per person, \$29.00 for students (\$8.00 for lunch)

Money due to Jeff Toepper A.S.A.P.

Dads, Sons, Grandfathers, all are welcome!

26 Things Kids Need From a Dad~ High Impact Bible Study~ Covenant Worship
The Power of a Man on His Knees~ Unlocking your God-Given Potential
The Fear of Man vs. The Fear of God~ How to Get out of the Wilderness



Jewel-Osco



Do you eat at Chilis? 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.



CINEMARK
The Best Seat in Town



Thanks and God Bless my awesome church family for making my corner of the world a happier place to be following my surgery and kidney problems.

I appreciate the telephone calls, cards, and most of all your prayers.

*In Christian Love,
Glenn Bailey*

Let's welcome **Tori Lueshen** born to Kevin & Jess and little sister to Cameron and Audrey, born Feb. 2 weighing in at 8lb 8oz and 20" long



Happy February Birthday

Caitlyn Bennefield Feb 2nd

Tori Lueshen Feb 2nd

Clark Llewellyn Feb 2nd

Korey Blan Feb 4th

Karen Blan Feb 7 (spiritual)

Fred Armour Feb 9

Chris Blan Feb 15th

Juanita McCoy Feb 16

Team Kid—It's ALL ABOUT the Kids!

Team Kid's mission is to strengthen community collaborations that empower young people to be responsible, resilient citizens with a passion for service.

What is Team Kid?

Team Kid is a fun, high energy ministry that encourages kids to know Jesus Christ and grow in a relationship with Him. Bible stories, scripture memory, life application, missions, and recreations all connect to teach life lessons to kids.

**Team Kid will begin
Wednesday
February 23**

Why does Cupid represent Valentines day?

There is nothing romantic about a short fat toddler coming at you with a weapon.

**New Service Time
The First Service will
now begin at 8:30
instead of 8:00**

Can I Count on You?

Starting Feb. 23 2011, we will be launching the Team Kid program. We are looking for committed people who are willing to invest a little time in helping to encourage God's kids by volunteering in the following ways.

- A duration of 1 1/2 hours on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00
- Greeting children and families
- Recreation & activity leaders and coaches
- Helping kids with memory verses
- Be a listener—listening to kids quote their verses.

There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church

See Nate for more information

**The only way to be happy
I've found on looking back
Is to be glad for what you have,
Not sad for what you lack.**

Ministry of the Month

Children's Church

Matthew 19:14

Jesus said, "**Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.**"

If you have noticed more seats in the sanctuary lately, you can thank James and Mindy Carver and their team. What a wonderful opportunity our children have to worship in a way that is designed for them. They begin their worship service in much the same way as the adults do - singing worship music as a group. Can you imagine listening to 25-40 kids sing songs of worship to our Lord? With that many kids, they split into groups and learn a Bible story, do a craft, or play a game.

They are building friendships through His Word and learning not just His stories but how He works in their lives and in the lives of others. Not only are seeds being planted in our kids, but parents are free to focus all their attention on what God is saying to them.

If you are interested in joining this exciting and rewarding ministry, it's not too late. You can contact James or Mindy Carver at 815-325-0792 (Mindy) or 815-545-6030 (James) or you can let Kellie know in the church office.

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

First Baptist Church -
www.fbcchannahon.org

Families of Faith Christian Academy -
www.fofca.org

All-Stars Sports -
www.all-starssports.com

Look for “The Happenings” on the
website!!!

MAXIMIZED
MANHOOD

This is the title of
the Men's
Bible Study.
Meet with them
Feb. 8th & 22nd
@ 6:30p.m. to
tackle the tough
topics that affect
men today.

Help Wanted

A Sunday School teacher is needed for the 1st & 2nd
grade class. Please let Kellie in the office know if you can
help.

Ronda needs someone to help prepare lunch for the ladies
on Sundays, if you can help, please let her know.

If you're an evangelist and can volunteer on Saturdays in the
Living Manna food pantry, please see Joe Pospischil

Bus 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.

**The next
business
meeting is
March
6th. Please plan
to attend this
meeting to
discuss the
business in your
church.**

Help Found

Thank you Joe Blan for
helping to evangelize
on Saturday a.m.'s

Contributions

2010 has ended and all of you should have received your contribution statements by now. If you have any questions about your statement you may contact Kellie in the office at 815-467-6846.

If you are new to tithing 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.

To ensure deductibility of your church contributions, an envelope must be filled out.

Liz's Chicken Legs

1 bottle Catalina Honey
Salad dressing
1 16 oz jar Apricot
Preserves
1 package Onion
Soup Mix

Whisk all ingredients together and pour over chicken of your choice. Bake at 350 until done. Can put in broiler for a couple of minutes if you would like it crispy.

Jim asked his friend Tony whether he had bought his wife anything for Valentines Day.

“Yes”, came the answer from Tony, “I’ve bought her a belt and a bag.”

“That was very kind of you, I hope she appreciates the thought.”

Tony smiled as he replied, “So do I, and hopefully the vacuum cleaner will work better too.”

WHAT'S GOING ON ???

Team Kid

beginning February 23,
2011

Wednesday nights from
6:30-8:00.

See Nate Bills for more
information.

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 @
10:00a.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. Join us for the next
service, Feb 12 at 5:00pm.

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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So many exciting things are happening in your school.

1. The Fofca Eagles high school team have won 2 games.
2. Spirit week is rapidly approaching and the school will soon be sing, sing, singing. (Feb 28th—Mar 4th)
3. With Spirit week comes Book Fair! Woo Hoo!!!



FOFCA is partnering with Coke

You can help in 2 ways

1. Bring in the cap from your bottles of Coke products

or

2. Enter the codes yourself by going to mycokerewards.com/school (register if your not a member), enter codes to collect points-choose "donate to your school".

You can find our school by using Zip Code. When our school's page comes up, click enter the amount of points you'd like to give, then click "donate".

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!!!



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**

Simple tips to make your home more energy efficient!!!

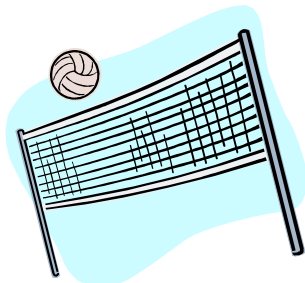
- Have a clean and check performed on your furnace annually by a professional
- Change your furnace filter monthly during heating season
- Lower your water heater thermostat setting to 120 degrees F
- Install a programmable thermostat
- Add insulation to your attic if there is less than 12 inches of existing insulation
- Use plastic “heat shrink film” over windows to keep our drafts
- Use caulking, sealant or weather-stripping to weatherize all seams, cracks and openings
- Get your air ducts sealed by a professional HVAC contractor

During a time like this we realize how much our family and friends really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.

Thank you very much for the lovely card. It is greatly appreciated.

Russ & Mary

Love is patient, love is kind and envies no one. Love is never boastful nor conceited, nor rude: never selfish or quick to take offense. There is nothing love cannot face; there is not limit to its faith, its hope and endurance. In a word, there are three things that last forever: faith, hope, and love; but the greatest of them all is love.



It's that time of year again!! Adult volleyball is ready to start, we've found a place to play and we're ready to take registrations!! See Angie Beutel or Kenton Ayers to register. The fee is \$20 per player, this includes your games and a team T-shirt. Games will begin on Saturday, February 19. You must be a Freshman in High School or older to play. There is a registration form to complete. If you are younger than 18 years old, you will need your parents or guardians to sign.

Girls,

All-Stars Sports is starting a new program, just for you!! All-Stars Girls Softball is starting and registration begins on March 5th. 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.

St. Valentine found true Love - Jesus



Welcoming a New Part of Our Family

As we look forward to moving into the new building, many ministries are preparing for the harvest God will bring. In recent weeks, Stuart Smith has been leading our worship as an expanded vision for the music team develops. Stuart and his family are coming to us from Cornerstone Baptist Church in Winchester, Illinois where he has led worship for several years. Having given his life to Christ as a boy, Stuart used his musical gifts to serve and eventually answered God's call to leadership. He sees music as one of many ways to worship prayer, serving, giving, reading The Word. Music is a universal language, making it a very accessible way for us to pour out our hearts to God. While believers can be led into the presence of Our Father through song, visitors hearts often respond to worship music as well - leaving them open to receive the message God has for them.

Stuart and his wife, Wendy, have been married 3 years. She and their 2 year old son, Charlie, are anxious to join Stuart here. They will be moving into the area very soon. Wendy grew up in a Catholic home and gave her life to Christ as an adult. She is a health and wellness educator and is looking for work in the area. They ask for the prayers of their new church family for God's provision in terms of work and housing, as well as, for a smooth adjustment for their family. Charlie will be moving away from both Stuart and Wendy's parents, so he and his grandparents will need prayer through this transition. Our FBC family continues to grow as God is at work. The Smith family is excited to join Him here!

February Schedules

8:30	<u>USHERS</u>	10:45
Gubbin's & Rivera's	Feb 6	Hedrick'ss, Jerry Stewart, Mike Viano
Gubbin's & Toepper's	Feb 13	Randy Bennfield, Barry H, Brett Ayers ,Jeff T
Gubbin's & Rivera's	Feb 20	Joe Blan. Dillon B., Zack T., Jeff T.
Gubbin's & Rivera's	Feb 27	Russ & Mary Hedrick, Jerry Stewart, Mike Viano

8:30	<u>Nursery</u>	10:45
Juanita McCoy	Feb 6	Harriet H. Carol M./Rina & Girls
Kim Toepper	Feb 13	Mary H. Karen B/Jenn T. Kiera & Cori
Tammy Bennefield	Feb 20	Angie B , Bonny J./Chris B. & Kim K.
Sue G.	Feb 27	Donna J, Connie R./Julia C, Jodi S.

Leader	<u>Children's Church</u>	Helper
Mindy C	Feb 6	Livey Duppong, Josiah B, Marqoun, Luke S
James C.	Feb 13	Mindy C., Cody B., Trisha C.
Mindy C.	Feb 20	John C., Jerry C., Cathy B. Sarah
Mindy C.	Feb 27	Jennifer C., Trisha C. Cody B.

8:30	<u>Sunday Morning Prayer Warriors</u>	10:45
John C./Andy	Feb 6	Audrey K./Kay
Wayne/Andy	Feb 13	Karen/Kay
Gabe/Joe	Feb 20	Karen/Jenn
Mike	Feb 27	Jenn/Donna