

The Happenings

First Baptist Church

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January

Pastor's Perspective

I wish for you!

Happy New Year! I sincerely hope and pray it will be that for you. I dropped off some clothes a while back at the cleaners. The lady handed me my ticket and asked, "Is tomorrow good for you?" I said, "I don't know, I haven't experienced tomorrow yet!"

As Amos said, "I am not a prophet, nor am I the son of a prophet... (Amos 7: 14). I boast not myself of tomorrow for I know not what a day may bring forth (Pro. 27:1).

We might wish that the New Year would come in as a clean slate; a fresh start with no carryover of undesirable baggage from the past. But it doesn't and we all know that. The New Year is little more than an imaginary line in the sands of time. It has no power. And, in and of itself, can do nothing for us or against us. The baggage we carry on New Year's Eve is still in our grip on New Year's Day.

We sometimes hear it said "What a difference a day makes." But it's not the day itself, it's something else. Always something else that actually makes the difference. We've been told that *time heals all wounds*. It doesn't.

Time has no healing power. When people lose loved ones and their hearts are broken, we offer comfort by saying, "It's just going to take some time." Whatever comfort actually develops is never the product of time. Time has no power to fix a broken heart.

Things do happen *over time* and things do *take time* but time authors nothing and accomplishes nothing. Time merely measures the duration between then and now; between start and finish; between need and fulfillment.

Church Times

Sunday

Early service
@ 8:00 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

Thursday

Midweek
Connections

@1:30

No body can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PICK UP YOUR
CHRISTMAS CARDS IN THE FOYER!!!**

Pastor's Perspective continued....

A Happy New Year is never the product of a number in a square on a calendar. I sincerely hope and pray that your New Year will be joyous and that 2011 will be a wonderful year; but my confidence and hope do not hang on the hands of a clock or the dates on a calendar.

My trust is in God and it is on Him that I hang my confidence and hope. It is *to* Him that I entrust my days present and future. It is *from* Him that I expect what is good acceptable and perfect.

It is *for* Him that I expect to live and it is *because* of Him that I live at all. My New Year's wish for you is really a *God-wish*. I wish for you a closer walk with God and a daily overwhelming sense of His presence. I wish for you a passion for the Christ who died on the cross for you, and a deeper hunger for His Word. I wish for you a submissive heart to the Lordship of Christ and the leadership of the Holy Spirit. I wish for you a genuine love for the church that Jesus loved and gave Himself up for. I wish for you a grateful heart for all that God is, all that He has done for us, and all that He will yet do. I wish for you the fullness of the joy of Christ and the unwavering commitment to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength.

I wish for you a complete confidence in the utter and absolute faithfulness of God. If I could undo some things in my past I would. If *do-over's* were possible I would do some things differently, make some wiser choices, go some different directions...

But the truth is, all of us have to move forward from where we are right now. We can *look* back, but we can't go back. Hope is always before us and its fulfillment is always in the hand of God.

Take this truth into the New Year with you and it could be the best year of your life. That is my hope and prayer for each of you.

Happy New Year from my heart to yours.

Pastor Randy

VALENTINES DAY

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR ANNUAL

VALENTINES DAY PARTY



FEBRUARY 11TH @



MORE DETAILS TO COME NEXT MONTH

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 by January 30th

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



Get Your Gift Cards Here

Just because Christmas is over doesn't mean the gift cards are gone. We still have them available for your shopping pleasure. Please see Kellie for any that you might want to purchase. There are hundreds to chose.



THANK YOU



Joe and Ronda would like to thank everyone for making their wedding a special day for them.

It's a Baby Shower for
 Jess Lueshen
 Saturday January
 22nd @ 2:00p.m.
 She is registered at
 Target.

Welcome to God's Kingdom

Debbie Maffia, Ashley Harding, Kathy Bessner,
Royal Tachoco, Dylan Schmidt, Jason
Prusinski, Matt Chizmark, Elizabeth Hays,
Eddie Webster, Ashley Groll

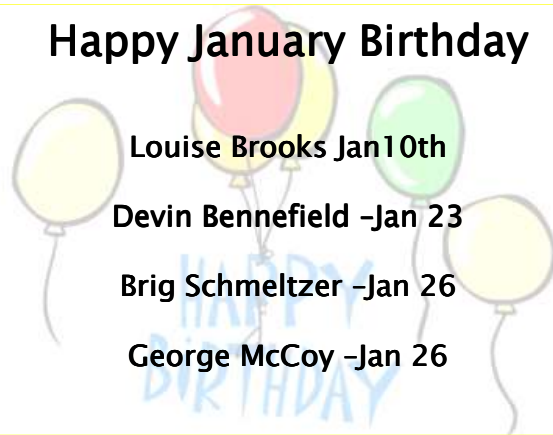
Team Kid—It's ALL About the Kids!

Team Kid 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.

Happy January Birthday



Louise Brooks Jan 10th

Devin Bennefield -Jan 23

Brig Schmeltzer -Jan 26

George McCoy -Jan 26

HAPPY JANUARY ANNIVERSARY

JOHN & LIVEY DUPPONG

Count I Count on You?

Starting Feb. 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
- Recreations & activities 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

Ministry of the Month

Sunday School

As 2010 comes to a close, Mr. Glenn would like to thank everyone who taught Sunday school for their dedication to teaching His word. You all did a spectacular job, whether this is your first year of teaching or you are more experienced. We had a grand total of 6322 people attend Sunday school this year. As 2011 approaches, we have a desperate **need** for more teachers, especially for **1st & 2nd grade**. If you feel God is calling you, would you please let the office know?

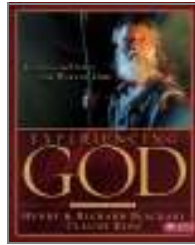
(Soon we will need a 3 year old teacher too!!!)



MAXIMIZED MANHOOD

This is the title of the Men's Bible Study.

Meet with them Jan. 11th & 25th @ 6:30p.m. to tackle the tough topics that affect men today.



Experiencing GOD

Have you ever experienced God? Do you want to experience God? Do you know the will of God?

Come join our Wednesday Night Bible Study class as Pastor Randy takes us on a God experiencing journey beginning January 5th. Sign up in his class on Wednesday nights if you will be needing a book.

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



OK, Show of hands...
Who's tired of snow?

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.

Bus drivers are needed on Sundays, if you can drive the van, please let Joe know.

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

Help Found

Ever wonder how all the information gets on the screen on Sunday mornings? If you have an interest in what goes on "behind the scenes" please see Kenton.

Thank you,
Matt Bruggeman

Happy New Year

Instead of making a New
Year's resolution,
Consider committing to a
biblical solution.
Your promises are easily
broken,
Empty words, though
earnestly spoken.
But God's Word
transforms the soul,
By His Holy Spirit making
you whole.
As you spend time alone
with Him,
He will change you from
within.

Recipe of the Month

Egg Casserole

Kim Toepper

8 slices of bread

1/2-1 lb pork sausage

1/2-1 lb Velveeta cheese

2 TBS butter

2 cups milk

8-10 eggs

Salt & Pepper

Grease 9x13 pan, tear bread into chunks 7 put into pan. Brown sausage, drain well and put on top of bread. Cube cheese & put on top of sausage. Put small pats of butter on top. Blend eggs, milk, salt & pepper & pour over whole mess. Put in frig overnight covered with foil. Bake uncovered at 325 for 45 minutes.

Need Exercise???

Take a walk with Jesus every day.

WHAT'S GOIN ON ???

Team Kid beginning February
2011

Wednesday nights from
6:30-8:00.

See Nate Bills for more
information.

DIVORCE CARE

For divorce care,
please contact
Judy Anderson

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.

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.

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

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

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

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, Jan 8 at 5:00pm.

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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Thank You Grandmas

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The FOCCA students would like to thank the Stitches of Love Ladies for the nice warm hats. They are so appreciated at this time of the year. Several students were overheard squealing with delight and you could see many students wearing them throughout the day.

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C

While walking through the halls, many kids were overheard talking about the “special” one they got and admiring the ones on the heads of other kids.

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Please Remember!!!

No cardboard in the recycling bins



Want to make a difference to your school???

Don't have the funds???

RECYCLING HELPS

CAN USE

- Newspaper
- Catalogs
- Magazines
- Junk Mail
- School Papers



CANNOT USE

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

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!!!

Bible Drills

It's not too late to begin to learn the verses for bible drills. The church drill is in March. If you are interested in getting a bible drill card, please ask Kellie in the office and she will get you one.

Joshua,

, Ruth



Attention, Present Bibles, Start!

Do you have a business? Do you know someone who has a business? Would you like to be able to advertise in a place where 1,000's of people will see your sign on a regular basis? Then we have the answer for you!!! We are selling advertising space on the ball field fences.

Please see Jayme Viken for more information.

January Schedules

8:00 USHERS 10:45

Jan
Jan 9
Jan 16
Jan 23
Jan 30

8:00 Nursery 10:45

Sue G.	Jan 2	Donna J, Connie R./Julia C. Jodi
Juanita	Jan 9	Harriett, Tammy B/Rina B.& Girls
Kim	Jan 16	Mary H ,Karen B/Jenn T,Kiera & Cori
	Jan 23	Angie, Bonny/Chris, Kim K
Sue G	Jan 30	Donna J, Connie R./Julia C. Jodi

Leader Children's Church Helper

Mindy C	Jan 2	Livey Duppong, Josiah B
James C	Jan 9	Mindy C., Cody B., Trisha C.
Mindy C.	Jan 16	John C., Jerry C., Cathy
Mindy C.	Jan 23	Jennifer C., Trisha C.
James	Jan 30	Mindy C., Luke S., Sarah

8:00 Sunday Morning Prayer Warriors 10:45

John C./ Andy	Jan 2	Audrey K./Kay
Wayne/ Andy	Jan 9	Karen/Kay
Gabe/ Joe	Jan 16	Karen/Jenn
Mike B/ Joe	Jan 23	Jenn/Donna
John C./ Andy	Jan 30	Audrey /Kay