



The Happenings

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PASTORS PERSPECTIVE

¹¹ He said, "Daniel, you who are highly esteemed, consider carefully the words I am about to speak to you, and stand up, for I have now been sent to you." And when he said this to me, I stood up trembling.

¹² Then he continued, "Do not be afraid, Daniel. Since the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard, and I have come in response to them. ¹³ But the prince of the Persian kingdom resisted me twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, because I was detained there with the king of Persia. Daniel 10:11-13

Have you ever had to pray and wait? I suppose this is probably one of life's most difficult tasks. We live in an "instant society". We have Instant Cameras, Instant Potatoes, Instant Credit. We come quickly to the drive up window wanting quick foods and demanding quick service. This simply says you can have what you want without the wait. We have become a society where delays are not accepted or tolerated. We have become a society of impatient people.

Most of us understand that delays are an everyday occurrence. When we are facing delays its easy to become discouraged and give up. I cant begin to tell you have many people I have talked with who tell me they don't have time to slow down, let alone have a delay. Yet they reach a point where they are either slowed down or delayed by either a physical or emotional problem. Let me ask you as it relates to your life in the Spirit. Do things always happen at the snap of a finger? Sometimes God does something instantly and at other times He says wait. You have to understand that waiting time is testing time and not wasted time.

The problem is , we usually take a lack of immediate response from God as a sign that God is either not listening or not caring. Don't we all have a tendency to try to work out our own problems rather than "pray and wait"? When was the last time you prayed and committed yourself to wait on God? Our life's motto seems to be "pray and work" or for some "pray and whine".

Anytime you spend waiting on God is never wasted if you do it wisely. (And just a note for some of those who are stubborn), sometimes it is God that does the waiting!

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Thank You

Lloyd Welch

Landmark Landscape

Rich Salyer

Kevin Jonasen

Steve Schmeltzer

The grass is cut...

The flowers have blooms....

The sanctuary is cool....

So are your class rooms.

Thank these guys!!!

*Womens Ministry—Becoming A Woman of Noble Character**What an exciting summer we have planned!!!*

Do you know about our Stitches of Love ministry? We are a group of ladies who meet on Wednesdays at 1:00 to provide hand made prayer shawls and fleece throws for those in need of a "hug from God". It is truly a blessing to those making and those receiving the "hugs". Thelma Welch, along with others, will be teaching basic knitting and crocheting to those who are interested. Call the church office (815) 467-6846 or Harriett Honaker (815) 467-4359 with questions.

If you would like to be a Woman of Noble Character contact Harriett Honaker.



Get those ice cream makers dusted off and ready to use. The ladies are hosting an ice cream social on July 8th at the pavilion. We are excited to be serving our Florida Team guests who are helping us this summer.

Pastor's Perspective continued....

He's waiting for obedience so He can bless us. God will not bless us if we are living in disobedience. When we face times of delay we can become frustrated, discouraged, and sometimes even angry. All of this combined can become a breeding ground for the enemy to tempt you to quit. **Psalms 40, 1-2 "I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand."** I don't know about you, but that puts a shout in my spirit. **Psalms 46:11, "God is a refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."** The word 'help' in Hebrew means to surround, protect and aid. This month God wants to surround you with His presence. He wants to surround you with His power and provision and He wants to give you aid.

We are going to have delays in our lives. It may be the result of demonic activity. It may be the result of dispute in the home or it may just be a divine delay. Where ever they come from, you need to know....you are greatly loved, your highly thought of, and highly esteemed by God. You need to know....God is working with you when you face those lonely delays in your life. God comes along beside you to pick you up and strengthen you. God will comfort you by speaking to you and listening to your cries when you call upon Him. God stretches out His hand to help you through those times of delay. Remember that delays are not denials. Sometimes it may be just a timing issue. God's timing is always perfect. We need to wait on God in times of delay. It may be simply that God has something better, just a little later down the road.

God Bless and have a great month,

Pastor Randy

howdy partner

vbs is upon us. we are lookin for willin partners to help us fix the place up. if you have any cowboy type stuff (bridles, saddles, horse shoes, etc) and are hankerin to let us use em to help get kids in this here town excited about jesus. please let kellie know. the fixin up day will be saturday june 19th 9-12. lunch will be provided.

we will also be providin the grub for our little cowboys and cowgirls. soooo...if you know of any good cowboy vittles that kids would like or are willin to provide em. again, please let kellie know.

vbs is gonna be an exciting ho down this year. we gotta team from the good ol state of texas comin to help us. who knows more about cowboys than the texans???



Prayer Team

We are 1/2 way through our 40 days of Prayer and Fasting!!! Hang in there!!! If anyone wants to join the prayer net, e-mail Karen at blan2@netzero.net!!! It is a great way to be able to pray for one another and also get the latest building updates and JBC praises!!!

NURSERY

We appreciate our nursery workers, but we need more of you

1 Person 8:00

1 Person toddlers 10:45

*Behold, I tell you a mystery;
we shall not all sleep, but
we shall all be changed.*

See Karen if you can help.

Ministry of the Month

Prayer Team

What is Prayer?

A child might tell you that prayer is what you say before you eat or before you go to sleep. A teenager might tell you that prayer is what you say before a big test or when you want the keys to the car. A new mom or dad might pray that their new baby is healthy. They might also pray for guidance and wisdom as their child grows. Some grandparents pray for strength to get through the day, for their children, grandchildren and friends. As we learn in week 5 of our 40 days of Prayer, prayer needs to be a way of life. Genesis 3:8 shows us that God met with Adam and Eve to have regular conversation with them. That is prayer...regular conversation with God. You talk, He listens...You listen, He talks...conversation. Are you talking **and** listening to God? What is He saying to you? It's easy to talk to God, but listening to God? That is a little harder and it takes more practice.

What is He saying to you?

**“Courage is fear that
has said its prayers.”**

20in10

The 20in10 program is off to a good start. However, we are still looking for new members to join us on this adventure. All we need is a commitment to give \$20 a week for one year. You can start at any time. To date 55 people have committed to join us, but we still need YOU! Have ??? Call the church office 815-467-6846!!!

Look Who Blessed Us with Their
Blrth in June!!!!

Mike McDonald

Harriett Honaker

Rachal Ayers

Kenton Ayers

Kellie Ayers

Kevin Jonasen

Allyssa Lewis

Our Growing Family

We have been blessed to see God lead many to a new relationship with Him. 32 people have given their lives to Christ through this church so far this year. The message of hope we share as born again believers changes lives here and for eternity.

As new believers begin to explore their relationship with Jesus, they come to understand that they are called to follow Jesus' example by being baptized as a picture of the new life they have received. In March: George Mora, Jeremy Keck, Virginia Roeske, Rick Herman, and Christina Herman were baptized. Easter morning Mike McPherson, Mike Viano, and Jodie Kapala celebrated the Risen Christ by being baptized. And in May, we saw Mike and Jamie Viken, Laura Bennefield, and Audrey Vertin baptized.

In addition to those joining our church family by baptism, we have had several ask to become members coming by statement of faith as God calls them to become part of this body of believers. Byron and Amanda Foret have recently moved into the area from Louisiana. Janet Gossett and Sue Shepperson have been coming here and feel led to become members. We are so glad to welcome them into our family.

If you have questions about a saving relationship with Christ, please ask any of the staff or church leadership who will be happy to share with you. Pastor Clark or church staff are glad to answer questions about baptism or joining the church.



THE SPORTS CORNER

It's hard to imagine that we're preparing for our 5th season of All-Stars Baseball!! The changes we've seen in people's lives, the level of play on the field and the facility have been incredible. The economy has put some people in a bind and they would love for their kids to play ball, but they can't afford the entry fees. Our fees are much less than the Channahon or Minooka leagues, but, for someone experiencing hard financial times, they are expensive nonetheless. To date we've never turned a player away and we don't plan to start now. Some of you have helped "scholarship" those who couldn't afford to play. If you are interested in providing a "scholarship" for a player, please contact me for more details. You can reach me at 815-355-6932.

One of the dreams I've always had is to see men from our church helping with each team. Imagine the impact that might be had on a young boy, or young girl's life to get the opportunity to spend time with a Christian man.

If you're interested in helping or coaching a team please let me know.

Our co-ed softball team plays games on Saturday evenings in a variety of locations. We would love to have men and women players. Anyone who comes to church on Sunday can play on Saturday.

The June schedule;

June 12 4:30 pm vs First Christian Morris @ Channahon

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June 19 6:00 pm vs Phelan Acres @ Channahon

June 26 6:00 pm vs Phelan Acres @ Morris

July 10 4:30 pm vs Abundant Life @ Diamond

Our summer men's softball team can always use players. We play at the Christian Youth Center in Joliet on Thursday evenings.

The June Schedule;

June 10 6 pm vs Peace Community

June 17 6 pm vs Lincoln-Way Christian

June 24 7 pm vs Calvary Baptist

July 8 6 pm vs First Baptist Minooka

The Christian Youth Center is located at 1110 Manhattan Road, Joliet.



MISSIONS



In just a few short weeks the Texas team will be here. What an exciting time that is going to be not only for us, but for them also. How many of you know that story? It never ceases to amaze me how God works. The pastor of this church was at one time the youth leader. Want to guess where they came to do a mission project? Yup, you guessed it..they came to FBC. Now that youth leader is the pastor. Another one of the leaders was a youth in that group and is now a church planter. Pretty astounding huh? That could be some of our youth one day!!! Now they are coming here to help us and boy do they have plans to keep their youth busy. They will be arriving June 19th. Sunday a.m. they will all attend the 1st service. Then they will leave to canvas the neighborhood. They will be returning around 12:30 where we will bless them with one of our famous pot luck lunches. We will be asking as many of you as possible to help provide food for them. Did I mention that there are 90 of them coming? Did I also mention that most of them are kids? So... with kids who have spent the morning walking comes big appetites.

However, I know how ya'll can cook and you have never failed to disappoint. Those kids are going to be running VBS for us from 9:00-12:00 Monday thru Friday. After VBS they are going out to the ball fields and hosting baseball camp from 1:00-3:00. Their evenings will be spent with Andy and our youth. Don't you wish you had their energy??

WOW...I would say that God is truly blessing us this summer!!!

After a worship service at First Baptist Church in Newcastle Kentucky, a mother with a fidgety 7 year old boy told how she finally got her son to sit still and be quiet. About halfway through the sermon, she leaned over and whispered, "If you don't be quiet, Pastor Carlton is going to lose his place and will have to start all over again!"
It worked!!

*More Missions
Teams
Look for more
info to come on
the missions
teams from
Florida &
Alabama in July*

Tell Pastor Clark & Martha
Happy Anniversary.

Their secret to 42 years
of marriage?

Clark-Marry someone who
brings our the best in you! I
did that!!!

Martha-The key to a good
marriage is each spouse
thinking they got the better
end of the deal.



June Schedules

8:00	<u>USHERS</u>	10:45
Rivera's	June 6	Hedricks, Sarah A., Cody B.
Dennis, George M.	June 13	Toeppers, Luke S.
Gubbins	June 20	Chervens, Cody B., Caleb B.
Riveras	June 27	Carr Family, Cathy B

8:00	<u>NURSERY</u>	10:45
Kim T.	June 6	Joiners/Chris
Destiny M.	June 13	Donna, Kay /Angie
Sue G.	June 20	Harriett, Tammy/Amanda, Julia
Juanita	June 27	Mary H. Karen/Kierra, Jenn

Leader	<u>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</u>	Helper
Jess L.	June 6	Sarah A.
John C.	June 13	Cathy B.
Duppongs	June 20	Mindy C.
Mindy C.	June 27	Bruce K.