

The Happenings

First Baptist Church
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March

Pastor 's Perspective

Faith Like A Mustard Seed

It has been a very up and down year so far to say the least. I told you in the beginning of 2011 that this was going to be a great year and in spite of all we have seen and experienced so far I still believe that this may very well be the best year ever.

I wonder, is it possible to be filled with faith and doubt at the same time? Yes! Can you have faith that God wants you to do something and still be scared to death? I am afraid so.

Courage is not the absence of fear. Courage is going ahead and doing what you're called to do in spite of your fear.

For us to really experience God we have to begin with the faith we already have, (it may be just a little) but we start there. A beautiful example of this is the story of the man who brought his sick son to Jesus in Mark 9. Jesus looked at the man and said... *"I can heal your son. If you will believe, I will heal him."* The father then makes a classic statement... *"Lord, I do believe. Help me overcome my unbelief."*

Have you ever felt like that? *"Lord, I have some faith, but I also have some doubts."* This man was filled with faith and doubt, yet despite his honest doubts, he went ahead and asked Jesus for a miracle. And he got his miracle – Jesus healed his son.

Whatever it is that you are doubting, let me encourage you to ask God anyway. After all, mustard seed faith moves mountains right? No matter how weak or how frail you think your faith is, trust me when I tell you it's enough to get you through what you're facing because your "little faith" is in a big God.

Matthew 17:20 says... *"If you have faith as small as the mustard seed, nothing will be impossible to you."* That's not a lot of faith, in fact, it's just a little faith. What else does that verse teach? *"If you have faith as the mustard seed, you can say to the mountain, 'Move' and it will be moved."*

Mustard seed faith moves mountains, but too many people get this reversed. Too many people tend to read this verse backward, they want it to say... *"If you have faith like a mountain, you can move a mustard seed"* As if it takes enormous faith to do a very little task.

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.

May your blessings
outnumber the
shamrocks that grow,
And may trouble
avoid you, wherever
you go.

GOD IS SOOO BUSY AT FBC.

WE ARE QUICKLY OUTGROWING OUR SPACE. PLEASE BE MINDFUL THAT FBC & FOFCA HAVE TO SHARE THE SAME ROOMS FOR NOW. MANY OF THE FOFCA TEACHERS PURCHASE THE ITEMS IN THEIR CLASSROOMS, SO PLEASE BE RESPECTFUL OF THE ITEMS ON THE WALLS AND IN THE CABINETS. LETS SHOW EACH OTHER THE UTMOST RESPECT WHILE WE SHARE THE ROOMS.

ISN'T THAT WHAT WE TEACH OUR KIDS?

May those that love us, love us. And for those that don't, may God turn their hearts. And if He cannot turn their hearts, may He turn their ankles, so that we may know them by their limping.

Pastor's Perspective continued....

Everybody has faith. You have faith every morning when you eat your cereal – faith that your spouse didn't put poison in your corn flakes!

You have faith when you sit down in your computer chair – faith that it won't collapse. Everybody has faith, the difference is what you put your faith in.

Sometimes people will tell me they don't want to surrender to Jesus until all their questions are answered, they don't want to make a commitment until everything is understood.

Let me tell you something, God wants you start with the faith you have, and based on the example of the mustard seed, you don't need a whole lot of faith to do great things for God. You just need a little.

So here's a trustworthy equation: Little Faith + Big God = Huge Results!

You take your little faith... *"Lord, I believe! Help me with my unbelief!"*

And you place your faith in our big God, and then He'll show you how He works out huge results.

March will be another up and down month, but if you put what little faith you have in God, you will see Him do amazing things.

Have a great month.

Pastor Randy

*This note is to Charlotte's precious Church Family,
It has been hard for me to sit down and write this note. I can't begin to tell you
how much all of you mean to me!*

*My mother always talked of her church family ~ how you all loved her and
how much she loved each of you!!*

*I can't thank you enough for everything you did for my mother and our
family, from breakfast to your delicious lunch and all the kind words. My
mom's dear pastors with your precious stories, how she loved the both of you!!*

*Thank you Pastor Randy, with all my heart, for presenting the glory of
Salvation. ~ I pray it reached all who are not saved.*

*Pastor Clark, how my mom would have smiled to hear your helpful words
and goodbye by the cemetery. You did have the last word. I can hear mom
chuckle. You blessed us all.*

*Ah, the gift of music! Such beautiful songs ~ they gave me great peace.
Charlotte would have been thrilled, she surely did love
her hymns ~ Thank you.*

*I must apologize for not knowing who the plants and flowers were from as
the cards were removed. But whoever sent them, please know how much they
meant to our family. Thank you*

*I would like to visit Mom's church sometime and see all your
smiling faces again.*

*If I can ever do anything for any of you or if you need my prayers,
please let me know, after all, we are family!!*

Thank you again for everything!

With Love, Gladys



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.



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.

Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind.

Dr. Seuss

Birthday March 2

Happy March Birthday

Genavieve Guenard -2nd

Wes Gillespie -3rd

JoAnn Dailey -7th

Kay Richards - 9th

Rina Bills - 10th

John Murray -15th

Betty Demko -16th

Little Randy Bennfield -16th

Russ Hedrick-26th

Coming Soon....EASTER

As Easter approaches we are getting ready to host our 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. Please watch for more information to come.

Soon the "Candy Tube" will be out.

We need 100's of bags of individually wrapped candy

Will you help fill it?

Please no HARD CANDY!



Ministry of the Month

PRAYER TEAM

April 3rd @ 6:00 p.m.

You are invited to a
“Concert of Prayer”

Come prepare your heart for Easter and the many happenings of the summer. We have mission teams (coming and going), the building, FOFCA, All-Stars Sports, Jesus Freaks (Student Life), and many, many more.

Can't wait to see you there!!!

March 31 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Living Manna Food Pantry and Channahon Township have partnered together to bring the Northern Illinois Mobile Food Bank truck to FBC again. Let Joe know if you are available to help meet the physical and spiritual needs of our community that night.

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 Mar. 8th & 22nd @ 6:30p.m. to tackle the tough topics that affect men today.

Help Wanted

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

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.

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

Help Found

Thank you Kendra Stewart for teaching 1st & 2nd Grade Sunday School and helping with Nursery.

Thank You Carol Messinas, Kim Kuykendall, Stephanie Decker & Jackie Keck for helping in the Nursery

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

Contributions

If you are new to tithing and feel the conviction to be obedient to God's word 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 either a blue or pink envelope for tithing or a 20in10 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

Peanut Butter Frosting Sue Gubbins

2 TBSP Butter
1/4 C. Peanut Butter
3 1/2 C. Confectioners Sugar
About 6 TBSP Milk
Blend butter & peanut butter, sift in sugar and add enough milk to make frosting soft enough to spread. Put over your favorite cake.

Super Easy Peanut Butter Frosting Karen Blan

Microwave 1 can of vanilla frosting, mix in 1/2 cup peanut butter, stir till well mixed and spread over your favorite cake.



CALLING ALL WOMEN!!!

Is this You? Has it been You?
Is it going to be You?

Starting soon there will be a new Bible Study for those of us who are being pulled in every direction.

Watch and listen for more information to come.

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.

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.

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, March 2nd 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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Look what is goin on in your school!

March 10th - **Little Red Hen**

Spring Break – March 18- 25

New Student Registration this month. Classes are growing quickly. If you know someone who is interested, please let them know.

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 or Mrs. Bestler



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!!!

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)

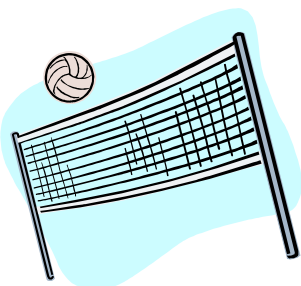
\$50 REGISTRATION . ONLY \$25 (Feb. 28–March 4)

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

Eagle Tribes & Eagle Feather Awards!!

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

STAY COOL: Water Fun Days & Swimming!



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.



FREE STUFF



Always wanted a two key board Wurlitzer Organ, but could never afford one? Well, now you can have it. Call Audrey Vertin at 815-735-5450 to arrange to pick it up.

Do you need a twin bed? Janet Gossett has two twin beds with headboards and mattresses that she is giving away. To arrange pick up you can call her at 815-521-9038.

March Schedules

8:30

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

USHERS

Mar 6
 Mar 13
 Mar 20
 Mar 27

10:45

John Pilles, Randy B., Barry H. Brett A.
 Jeff T., John C., Mike V. Dillon
 John P., Russ & Mary, Jerry S.
 John P., Randy B., Barry H., Brett A.

8:30

Juanita M
 Kim Toepper
 Tammy Bennefield
 Sue G.

Nursery

Mar 6
 Mar 13
 Mar 20
 Mar 27

10:45

Harriet H. Carol M./Rina & Girls
 Mary H. Jackie K. Jenn T. Kiera & Cori
 Angie B , Bonny J./Chris B. & Kim K.
 Kendra S. & Stephanie D. R./Julia C, Jodi S.

Leader

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

Children's Church

Mar 6
 Mar 13
 Mar 20
 Mar 27

Helper

Livey Duppong, , Luke S
 Mindy C., Cody B., Ashley G.
 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

Mar 6
 Mar 13
 Mar 20
 Mar 27

10:45

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