

# The Happenings

First Baptist Church

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October

## PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

### It's time you grow up...

When I was six years old my older brother Jim got a new bike for his birthday. I was so excited for him because that meant that I got his old bike. I had my own bike, but it was really small and it looked like a little kid's bike, and I wanted a big boy's bike. But, there was one problem with my new big boy bike. I wasn't a big boy. In fact, my legs wouldn't even touch the ground when I got on my new big boy bike. Even as a child I loved a good challenge. So I walked my new big boy bike down the sidewalk to a set of steps where I could get on the seat of my bike. Once I got on that seat, I was good to go. I took off on my new big boy bike and I was having the time of my life. After about a half an hour, it hit me. How in world am I gonna stop this thing? You can imagine what happened. I had to ride that bike until I couldn't pedal anymore. Then I just fell over and dislocated my arm. Well, needless to say, it's not always that easy to just grow up.

To become the type of people that God wants us to be, we have to grow up. To reach our full potential as Christians, as parents, as husbands and wives, (or whatever other role we play), to reach our full potential, is going to take intentional effort and some specific steps for growth. We can't just sit back and say "Ok God, here I am, do what You can with me". It takes time and effort. It requires training. In order for us to accomplish our goal, the bible says to "Train up a child in the way they should go."

The problem is, too many people want the results without the effort or the training. Like me riding a bike that was too big for me. I didn't want to wait. I didn't want to be trained. I just wanted the results of what all that could produce.

Cutting corners doesn't get it done. Most goals in life require effort and diligence and usually some specific steps in order to succeed. The same is true for the goals we have in our Christian life.

Paul writes in Ephesians 4:11-13... "It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."

Paul is saying that the goal of the Christian life is to become like Christ in our actions. We are to become mature and Christ like in our motives and our behavior. That's our goal as a believer. It's not a goal that is always easy to achieve.

### Church Times

#### Sunday

Early service @  
8:00 a.m.

Bible Study @  
9:30 a.m.

Late Service @  
10:45 a.m.

#### Wednesday

Stitches of Love@  
1:00 p.m.

Adult Bible Study@  
6:30pm

Jesus Freaks @  
6:30p.m.  
(JR HS & HS)

#### Thursday

Midweek  
Connections  
@1:30 p.m.

Have you ever walked  
in our Pastors shoes,  
And gone where his  
feet have trod?  
Have you ever  
thought of what he  
means to us,  
And on your knees  
given thanks to God?

## “Preparing to Cross the River”

The days are getting closer and closer. Soon we will be in our new church. It's of absolute importance that we are prepared spiritually to be there. **Please** make every effort to find a small group that best fits your schedule and help us “Prepare to Cross the River.”

See the schedule of host homes on the window by Mrs. Chris's office

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

It's not easy to achieve because it requires specific steps. It requires time, training, and patience.

When you develop a relationship with anyone, after a while you begin to have certain expectations. You expect that person you're in a relationship with to spend time with you, call you, give you stuff, and have some desire to get to know you a little better. Well, believe it or not, our relationship with God is supposed to be like that. As we grow up in our faith, God expects us to want to spend time with Him, call Him, freely give to Him, and have some desire to know Him better.

A couple of years ago I was sitting at home with my daughter Moriah. She came up to me (as she does often) with a new drawing and said “Hey daddy, guess what it is?” I have to be honest with you, I'm not real good at this game, because like most 3 year old drawings, I'm really never sure what it is. The game began, and I asked, “Is it a bunch of trees?” She said, “No”. “Is it buildings?” Again “Nooooo”. “Well, how about some sticks?” Again, “Nooooo”. I made a couple of other guesses, but by this time you can see the disappointment building on her face. So I said what I always say, “Well, what is it?” She tells me, “That's you, that's me, that's mom, and that's the puppy chasing a chinchilla, silly.” She rips it out of my hand and marches off to the other room. I didn't even know she knew what a chinchilla was. I would have never figured that one out on my own. I needed someone that knew the subject matter to let me in on that one. She was the only one who could do that.

There are a lot of things in our Christian lives that as we grow up in our faith we will never understand on our own.

This month we are kicking off our small group ministry. I really want to encourage you to be part of this ministry. Don't try to cut corners with your spiritual growth. Find a bike that fits.

When it comes to understanding the Bible, God can reveal things to you that you can share with others. He will certainly reveal things to others, especially gifted teachers, to share with you. We need that. No matter how mature you are or how mature you think you are, there is a real benefit from studying Gods' Word under a teacher whom God has gifted. We have some very gifted teachers in this church. Please check out a small group this month and enjoy the magnificent wonders of Fall.

Kingdom Building for Christ,  
Pastor Randy

A woman approached the minister after the sermon, and thanked him for his discourse. "I found it so helpful," she said.

The minister replied: "I hope it will not prove as helpful as the last sermon you heard me preach."

"Why, what do you mean?" asked the astonished woman.

"Well," said the minister, "that sermon lasted you three months."



During the minister's prayer one Sunday, there was a loud whistle from one of the back pews. Gary's mother was horrified. She pinched him into silence, and after church, asked: "Gary, whatever made you do such a thing?"

Gary answered soberly: "I asked God to teach me to whistle ... And He just then did!"

One Sunday after church a Mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about. The Daughter answered "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilts". Needless to say, the mom was perplexed. Later in the day, the Pastor stopped by for tea. Mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about. He said "Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming".

A 4-year-old boy was asked to give thanks before Christmas dinner. The family members bowed their heads in expectation.

He began his prayer, thanking God for all his friends, naming them one by one.

Then he thanked God for Mommy, Daddy, brother, sister, Grandma, Grandpa, and all his aunts and uncles. Then he began to thank God for the food. He gave thanks for the turkey, the dressing, the fruit salad, the cranberry sauce, the pies, the cakes, even the Cool Whip. Then he paused, and everyone waited--and waited. After a long silence, the young fellow looked up at his mother and asked, "If I thank God for the broccoli, won't he know that I'm lying?"

There is the story of a person who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."

## Can you find 22 books of the Bible???

One man from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Roy Clark studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Vicks mentioned it in her column once. One woman judges the job to be so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help calm her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot ... that's a fact. Some people will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. The truth is, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have. Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation may help, books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. And punctuation or spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete. Remember, there are 22 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph.

# *Jesus Freaks*

Andy, Jen, & Youth,

As I pull into the parking lot on Wednesday nights, I am amazed at the number of teens out playing sports, talking with each other, and hanging out. I, however, don't see just teens out playing. I see God. I see God shaping and changing lives. I see God growing in lives. I see God working in lives. I see God.

Then you all come into the building, the music starts and its loud. I, however, don't hear just loud music. I hear voices singing praise to our God. I see hands raised in worship to our God. I see eyes closed and faces lifted up to our God. I see God.

Andy starts delivering a message. I don't hear just words. I hear God's word being spoken to the listening ears of our teens. I see hearts being pierced by God's word. I see lives being changed by the words that God gives to Andy. I see God.

It doesn't seem that long ago that Andy & Jen were coming to church just to play ball. Look at them now. I see God.

I pray that all of you open your hearts and minds and let His word penetrate you, the same way His word penetrated Andy. It's my prayer that, in you, I see God.

God Bless You.

## October is Pastor Appreciation Month

We need to appreciate Andy & Jen this month. The work they do with the teens is a full time pastoral job for which they receive no pay and very little recognition. If you have ever driven by their home in Channahon, there are always extra cars in their driveway. Andy & Jen will invite teens into their home at all hours. They counsel them, play with them, worship with them, pray with them, love on them and **feed** them. If you have ever had to feed a teenager, you know what a monumental undertaking that can be. That is where you can help. October 17, we would like to have a "pounding" for them. Can you bring them a "pound" of something? Some suggestions might be: bags of chips, boxes of spaghetti, jars of sauce, cookies, boxes of brownie mixes, gifts cards for pizza's, bottles of soda, rolls of toilet paper, bars of soap, snack crackers, granola bars, and the list goes on and on. You may bring the items when you come to church, place them in the church office, and they will be delivered to Andy & Jen. What a way to truly bless and appreciate our youth leaders!!!

## GOD JOBS

- Looking for a job?
- Want to work for a Christian?
- Looking for Christian Employees?

Kristen Buddin has a ministry to match Christian workers with Christian employers. If you are interested, pick up the appropriate paper work in the office, fill it out & return it to the office.



## Happy Anniversary!!!

Kenton & Kellie Ayers October 4  
Dennis & Sue Rivera October 8  
Becky & Terry Feeney October 12  
John & Barb Murray October 15  
Bruce & Terri Heck October 24  
Ask them how many years???

One hundred years from now,  
It will not matter how much  
money you made,  
What kind of car you drove,  
What sort of house  
you lived in.

One hundred years  
from now,  
The world will be a  
better place,  
Because YOU made a  
difference in the life  
of a child.

Have you made a  
difference? Do you want  
to make a difference?

Children's Church,  
Nursery, Sunday School,  
& Team Kid could all use  
your help.

See James Carver for CC  
Karen Blan for Nursery  
Pastor Clark for Team Kid  
Glenn Bailey for SS.

# Ministry of the Month

If you have been part of FBC Channahon for very long, you will have realized that this is a very active body of believers. Our vision statement focuses on a commitment to discipleship and outreach. Faith that is vibrant and growing produces a desire to share the Truth and Love of Christ – and so, we respond to the opportunities God presents. Each person is either a member of Our Father’s family or someone He is longing to bring into a relationship with Him. This attitude and environment have been developed and encouraged by the Spirit-led leadership God has given this church from the very beginning.

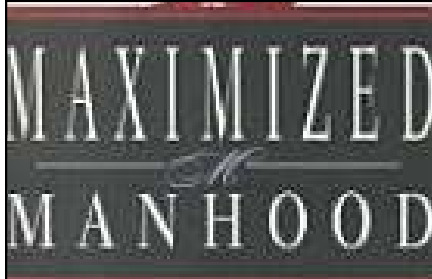
October is “Pastor Appreciation Month”. It is our opportunity to show special care for our pastors as they lead us and follow Christ. The men God has given FBC each have their own unique gifts and work together to build up this body. The call to ministry is a life choice – not a career choice. It is a 24/7 proposition that involves not only the man, but his entire family. As we celebrate the pastors God has brought to us, take the time to share your own personal appreciation for Pastor Kenton, Pastor Clark and Pastor Randy. And remember – the most powerful way you can show your gratitude is to live out the principals of the Christian life that they preach so passionately.

Looking for some ideas of ways to bless our pastors - not just in October, but all year long? Here’s a short list. Bet you could come up with some of your own!

- Send him a card, email - even a text message of encouragement
- Take him to lunch
- Give him a hug
- Make yourself available to teach a Sunday School class, help with Children’s Church or Nursery
- Call a home-bound church member
- Give him a gift card to the movies or a restaurant
- Send a care package to his daughter who is away at college
- Drop off a treat at the church office for the staff to enjoy
- Volunteer to work out at the property
- Volunteer to cook for the workmen out at the property
- Come out to the ball fields and meet some of the families hearing the gospel there
- Buy him tickets to a sporting event (Bears, Cubs, KC, Ohio State .... cups, hats, etc. are good too!)
- Take his wife to lunch
- Invite his kids to go somewhere fun with your family
- Call his wife and offer to have their favorite pizza delivered
- Support your church financially
- Sing your heart out during praise and worship time
- Smile a little and laugh at his jokes during his sermon or devotion
- Defend him against critics
- Take issues of concern to him privately
- Sit closer to the front for services
- Forgive him when he isn’t perfect
- Allow him time to pray before he has to preach
- Greet visitors warmly and try to remember their names to give to the staff
- PRAY FOR HIM, HIS FAMILY, HIS MINISTRY.....

It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers,  
<sup>12</sup>to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup>until we all  
 reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the  
 whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:11-13

Do you love animals?  
Do you have space in your home and your heart for a pet? Stoli a 5 year old female boxer is looking for a home until February when she can move back in with her owner Sue Shepperson. If you can help Stoli and Sue, would you please let her know.



This is the title of the Men's Bible Study. Meet with them Oct. 12 & 26th @ 7:00p.m. to begin tackling the tough topics that affect men today.

Business Meetings

Our next business meeting will be Oct 10th & Dec. 12

Hope to see you there!!!

THANK YOU!!!

The lights are on, the spiders are gone, All's well at FBC Channahon

Thank Jim Campbell and Laura Bennefield for the hours and hours of service to our church and school.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

Presbyterian minister Fred Rogers, creator and host of television's "Mr. Roger's Neighborhood," recently gave an address describing the time he was a student at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and attended a different church each Sunday in order to hear a variety of preachers.

One Sunday he was treated to "the most poorly crafted sermon (he) had ever heard." But when he turned to the friend who had accompanied him, he found her in tears.

"It was exactly what I needed to hear," she told Rogers.

"That's when I realized," he told his audience, "that the space between someone doing the best he or she can and someone in need is holy ground. The Holy Spirit had transformed that feeble sermon for her—and as it turned out, for me too."

Unlike most workers who are evaluated once or twice a year, clergy are often critiqued weekly after each worship service. It's not unusual to hear people say "the music was poor," "the hymn selection was awful," or "the sermon was boring." We would do well to remember that most spiritual leaders work hard to make worship a unique celebration.

# Living Manna Food Pantry

Turkey & Stuffing

Yams & Beans

You all know just what the means  
Thanksgiving Day is on the way  
So what we would like to do  
Is offer a Holiday Meal Box to you know who.

Priced at only \$15.00 each

The box goes to the people we are trying to seek  
Not only to feed them, but also to teach,  
That Gods love is the very best  
And well within their reach.

Each box contains a complete, ready to  
prepare meal to give to a family in need.

**Contents include:**

**12-14 lb Turkey**

**Stuffing Mix**

**Instant Potatoes & Yams**

**Whole Kernel Corn & Cut Green Beans**

**Cranberry Sauce**

**Gravy Mix**

**Dessert Mix**

**Coffee**

There is still time to  
purchase a  
Thanksgiving dinner  
for someone in need.  
Look for the display at  
the back of the  
sanctuary. The cost is  
only \$15.00

The deadline is October 10th.  
See Kellie if you would  
like to help.



## October 31

*Pastor Appreciation Potluck following the 10:45 a.m. worship service. Some of the pastors favorite things are: lasagna, ham & beans, bacon cheeseburgers, chicken & dumplings, Fried Chicken, General Tzo chicken, brisket, cheese fries, brownies, cream puffs, peach cobbler and the list goes on and on and on and on...If you know of something that your pastor really likes, bless him with it that day.*

*P.S. Judy Anderson/apple crumb cake, Diane Friend/ Strawberry pretzel dessert, Freidda/Coconut Cream Pie (hint-hint)*

Please make sure you receive your "Prayer Guide for the Pastors". This is a concentrated month of prayer for their specific prayer needs. It's the most important way you can appreciate them.

### FREE ITEMS

**Pastor Clark has the cutest little kittens who need good homes. Please see him if you would like one. Sarah Ayers has hamsters. Please see her mother for them. It will make her (the mother) very happy!!! :)**

### Help Wanted

**Do you have about 30 minutes a month to stuff visitors bags? See Karen or Kellie.**

**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.**

### Help Found

**Thank you Laura Bennefield for filling the vending machines.**

**Thank you Shirley Bailey for your Green Thumb.**

### Thank You

**Janet Hauser would like to thank everyone for all the cards & prayers during her recent surgeries.**

Pastors who give their congregation only what they want are seldom able to lead them to new heights. If Moses had listened to the congregation and appeased them, the people of Israel would have returned to Egypt and bondage. A visionary pastor is one who is able to shake and rattle people for the cause of Christ.

James A Scott

## Pastoral Search Report

We do not have a happy report to give. We've not been able to find a suitable candidate for this church, though we have one promising prospect still. We do appreciate all the suggestions from the church members, and we've followed up each one with interviews or calling at least three references. The following is our confidential report on the present candidates.

- **Adam:** Good man but problems with his wife. Also one reference told of how his wife and he enjoy walking nude in the woods.
- **Noah:** Former pastorate of 120 years with no converts. Prone to unrealistic building projects.
- **Abraham:** Though the references reported wife-swapping, the facts seem to show he never slept with another man's wife, but did offer to share his own wife with another man.
- **Joseph:** A big thinker, but a braggart, believes in dream-interpreting, and has a prison record.
- **Moses:** A modest and meek man, but poor communicator, even stuttering at times. Sometimes blows his stack and acts rashly. Some say he left an earlier church over a murder charge.
- **David:** The most promising leader of all until we discovered the affair he had with his neighbor's wife.
- **Solomon:** Great preacher but our parsonage would never hold all those wives.
- **Elijah:** Prone to depression-collapses under pressure.
- **Elisha:** Reported to have lived with a single widow while at his former church.
- **Hosea:** A tender and loving pastor but our people could never handle his wife's occupation.
- **Deborah:** Female.
- **Jeremiah:** Emotionally unstable, alarmist, negative, always lamenting things, and reported to have taken a long trip to bury his underwear on the bank of foreign river.
- **Isaiah:** On the fringe? Claims to have seen angels in church. Has trouble with his language.
- **Jonah:** Refused God's call into ministry until he was forced to obey by getting swallowed up by a great fish. He told us the fish later spit him out on the shore near here. We hung up.
- **Amos:** Too backward and unpolished. With some seminary training he might have promise, but has a hang-up against wealthy people. Might fit in better in a poor congregation.
- **John:** Says he is a Baptist, but definitely doesn't dress like one. Has slept in the outdoors for months on end, has a weird diet, and provokes denominational leaders.
- **Peter:** Too blue collar. Has a bad temper—even has been known to curse. Had a big run-in with Paul in Antioch. Aggressive, but a loose cannon.
- **Paul:** Powerful CEO type leader and fascinating preacher. However, short on tact, unforgiving with younger ministers, harsh and has been known to preach all night.
- **Timothy:** Too young.
- **Jesus:** Has had popular times, but once when his church grew to 5000 he managed to offend them all and this church dwindled down to twelve people. Seldom stays in one place very long. And, of course, he's single.
- **Judas:** His references are solid. A steady plodder. Conservative. Good connections. Knows how to handle money. We're inviting him to preach this Sunday. Possibilities here.

## Your Invited

*First Baptist Church 8 year anniversary party of our dedication ceremony*

*When: October 16th 3:00p.m.*

*Where: Pavilion*

*What to bring: Its a Potluck so bring your favorite dish.*

*Come prepared to share your stories, tour the new church, and rejoice in what God has done.*

When someone tells you "thank you", wouldn't it be nice to hear more people reply "you're welcome" instead of "no problem"? "No problem" implies that it might have been a problem.

## Recipe of the Month

### Cyndi's Payday Bars

Empty bag of Fritos corn chips into a 13x9 pan & smush em down.

In saucepan boil 1 cup sugar and 1 cup white corn syrup. When boiling, add 1 cup peanut butter, stir until mixed well. Pour over Fritos and let sit until firm and cool.



These are amazing...just ask Pastor Randy or Pastor Kenton!!!

When Christ ascended back to heaven, he gave gifts to the church. One of those gifts was pastors. You are a gift from God to our church. Ephesians 4:11

WHATS GOIN ON ???

### **MEN'S MINISTRY**

Band of Brothers meets on Tuesday Oct. 12th & 26th at 7:00p.m.. They are studying Maximized Manhood!!!. You

won't want to miss strategies for tackling the tough issues that men face daily.

For more info call Jeff Toepper @ 815-467-8144.

### **DIVORCE CARE**

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

**Living Manna Food Pantry** is open Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. and Sunday at 4:00 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. We are currently studying Beth Moore's Get Out of the Pit.

Childcare is available.

### **SMALL GROUPS**

Small Groups are provided to meet your Bible Study needs. Please check them out. There are several that meet on different days & times.

### **MIDWEEK CONNECTIONS**

All ages welcome! Are you retired, a senior citizen, shift worker or homemaker? Every Thursday at 1:30pm 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

### **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.

### **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, Oct 9 at 5:00pm.

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

### **WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

#### **STITCHES OF LOVE**

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

### **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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The FoFca school year is off to a great start & we are very excited about moving into our new facility. There has been a 20% increase in enrollment. Our enrollment of 83 is the highest it's ever been with 16 new students. We have a tremendous staff that is willing and eager to reach the students. We see God working in so many different areas of our school. In the 4 weeks that school has been in session, we have seen 2 kids come to know Christ.

Our basketball team is getting pumped up to begin the new season. This year we are looking forward to our first home game in our new school. We are also looking forward to having our very own mascot this year also.

Check back here for more information on upcoming activities at FoFCA. We have a lot going on this year.

***Special Thank You to Laura Bennefield. She climbed into the paper recycling dumpster and pulled out all the cardboard. Because of that, our check increased by 35%. Every time there is cardboard in the recycling, they deduct the cost of the cardboard from our check. Please, please, please do not put cardboard in the recycling bin.***

Want to make a difference to your school???  
Don't have the funds??? You can make a difference by

**CAN USE**

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

**RECYCLING**



**CANNOT USE**

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

# NEW CHURCH Update

## “Come See the Vision”

Vision Night 2008 was an exciting night for First Baptist Church. The skating rink was packed, and we were anticipating a night filled with God's wonders. We needed to raise money to get the new church building off the ground. That night we raised \$500,000 in pledges, and over the next few years, many of those pledges were fulfilled.

After waiting to see how God would bring this project together, it has been exciting to watch His hand at work. We have seen the vision materialize before our eyes and are so very close to living in it! Now is the time to push through to finish! As we prepare to “cross the Jordan into the Promise Land”, we need your help – and the help of those around you.

We invite you to “Come See the Vision”- a fund raising dinner in our new gym, Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM. Walk through the reality of what God has done and hear about miracle after miracle He has used to bring us so far. Only God could have built so much of an \$11 million/ 68,000 sq. ft. facility for only \$3 million – using His people and those He is seeking. Listen to how He has changed the lives of so many of the very people He brought here to build His church. Take a tour and see the provision God is making for this ever-expanding ministry to our community. An estimated \$400,000 is still needed to complete the project. God is doing something only He can do – and preparing for an outpouring of His power in this community. Don't miss being a part of this overwhelming “God Story”. You will be amazed!





# Being a pastor is the best thing I've ever hated and the worst thing I've ever loved.

I've never heard a pastor use those exact words ... but I have heard many say exactly that.

Most ministers I talk to enjoy being pastors. They don't want to do anything else ... anywhere else. But they are also a little frustrated, sometimes disheartened, often lonely, occasionally uncertain, and frequently dissatisfied with their own efforts and abilities.

**We live in an age of entertainment:** movies, television, radio, and sports. The entertainers in each of those arenas know that they either produce success or they will be fired: create a TV hit or lose your job; put together a winning team or coach somewhere else.

The business world functions the same way: increase profits or look for a different job.

In fact, one of our fundamental values as "modern" humans is, "Contribute to success or someone else will take your place."

We also take that value to church with us. It is ingrained in your heart and mine. It is also ingrained in the heart of your Christian pastor.

As a result, congregations – often without knowing it or intending to – pressure their ministers to produce success ... a success generally measured by attendance numbers.

The pressure from the congregation, however, is minor compared with the pressure he puts on himself.

At times he feels like a hypocrite when he preaches against sin because he knows that sin is still a dominating influence in his own life.

He frequently compares his "success" with that of the church across town, and feels he doesn't measure up.

Some Sundays he looks into your eyes and imagines what you think about him. And his conclusions aren't usually very positive.

It is for these, and many other, reasons that your Christian pastor needs you. He needs your **encouragement**, your **appreciation**, your **partnership**, and your **prayer**.

**Your ministry doesn't have to be big and full of fanfare to be effective. When it comes to ministering to your pastor the only effort that is too small is no effort at all.**



## October Schedules

<b>8:00</b>	<b><u>USHERS</u></b>	<b>10:45</b>
Sue R. & Kim T.	Oct 3	Sarah A. & Luke S.
Mike G & Sue G.	Oct 10	John P., Barry H., Calab & Cody
Jeff & Nick T.	Oct 17	Brett, Brig, Luke S. & Sarah A.
	Oct 24	John C. & Cathy B.
	Oct 31	

<b>8:00</b>	<b><u>NURSERY</u></b>	<b>10:45</b>
Juanita McCoy	Oct 3	Donna & Connie R/ Chris B & Kim K.
Kim Toepper	Oct 10	
You????	Oct 17	Harriett & Tammy B/ Rina & Girls
	Oct 24	Mary H & Karen B./ Amanda H & Julia
	Oct 31	Joiners/Jenn T. Kiera & Cori

<b>Leader</b>	<b><u>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</u></b>	<b>Helper</b>
Mindy	Oct 3	Rose
James	Oct 10	Sarah
Jess L.	Oct 17	You???
John C.	Oct 24	Cathy B.
	Oct 31	

<b>Men</b>	<b>Sunday Morning Prayer Warriors</b>	<b>Women</b>
John C./Andy	Oct 3	Audrey K./ Kay
Wayne/Andy	Oct 10	Karen/Kay
Gabe/Joe	Oct 17	Karen/Jenn
Mike B./Joe	Oct 24	Jenn/Donna
Mike B./Joe P.	Oct 31	Jenn/Donna