

The Happenings

First Baptist Church

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September

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

How about letting God be God...

Proverbs 29:18... *"Where there is no vision, the people perish..."*

Before I came to this church, I worked as a strategist for our state, local and national Baptist agencies. One of my jobs was to help write and develop the training manuals for new church planters.

One of the things I have taught every pastor that I had an opportunity to mentor, was that as you get closer to accomplishing God's vision for His Church, people will naturally and unavoidably suffer the perceived losses of...Information... Influence... Intimacy... Identity....

This is true in any business that is growing and moving forward. In fact, if you only have one child in your home, add a couple more and you will see this applies there as well.

If you notice, each of these types of loss begins with the letter "I". What used to be all about God and accomplishing His will has suddenly become more about me. Everything we say starts with "I": I think... I feel... I want... I won't... I can't... etc.

Do you remember when you prayed for your family to be made whole, and when you prayed for lost people to be saved?

Do you remember when you prayed that God would build His Church? Are you glad that He is doing it? Or are you mad that He isn't doing it the way you want or thought it should be?

I want to share a quick story with you about a new church we started several years ago in Girard, IL. We thought we were starting a church to reach young people. The community was filled with kids who had nothing to do. It was a small town that already had several churches, but none really had any ministries for kids. So I, did you get that, I, thought this was the type of church we were to start. It was going be something totally different.

Church Times

Sunday

Early service @ 8:00

Bible Study @ 9:30
Late Service @ 10:45

Evening Service

9/12, 9/19 @

6:00pm

No Service

9/5, 9/26

Wednesday

Adult Bible Study @ 6:30pm

Jesus Freaks @ 6:30 (JR HS & HS)

Midweek Connections
Thursdays @ 1:30

Clyde Laird and Lloyd Welch have braved the heat and kept our grass neat!

Thank You!!!

Calling ALL Women

Wish there was something that you could do to help? Something that is important? Something that doesn't require a lot of special skills? We have just the place for YOU!!! Come be a part of the KCC. Contact Kellie at 815-467-6846 for more info.

Pastor's Perspective continued....

But then we meet an elderly woman named Doris Shirley. We knocked on her door and introduced ourselves. We began telling her that we were starting a new church in town, and before we could say another word she burst into tears and laughter at the same time. She said to us, "I've been praying for God to send you here to start a new church." Doris, at the age of 68, became our first member of this new youth church. Not quite the start we were anticipating. In fact, this new youth church we thought we were there to start, was looking more like a new nursing home.

We had an old time revival that lasted 7 days and on Wednesday night, a 73 year-old-man came to service for the first time and asked Jesus Christ to save him from his sin. His testimony to us was, "No one ever told me I needed to be saved before." It wasn't about me. It was about God and what He wanted to accomplish.

Karen and I have had the opportunity to go back to that church from time to time. Doris and the gang are still going strong. They outgrew their building and were looking for land to build. Do you know something that really blessed my heart? They have done what no other church in the community was able to do, they began to reach the young people. Not just a few, but dozens of them. Do you know why? These seniors loved these young people like they were their own, but most importantly, **they let God be God....**

I am certain that if you ask Him, God has a vision for your life. The question is ... can you commit to letting God be God?

Try it this month and see if our amazing God doesn't just amaze you!!!

God Bless and have a great month,

Pastor Randy

The Cross in Our Bodies

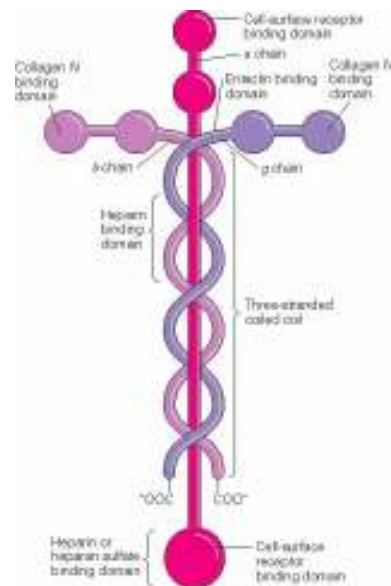
This is an interesting thing that few of us know.

He spoke the universe into being. He breathes stars out of His mouth that are huge raging balls of fire. This star-breathing, universe creating God **ALSO knitted our human bodies together** with amazing detail and wonder. The God who created all this, also has the power to hold it all together.

Laminins are a family of proteins that are an integral part of the structural scaffolding of basement membranes in almost every animal tissue you see. Laminins are what hold us together. **LITERALLY.**

They are cell adhesion molecules. They are what holds one cell of our bodies to the next cell. Without them, we would literally fall apart. Want to know what they look like?

Here is what the structure of laminin looks like. **AND THIS IS NOT a "Christian portrayal"** of it. If you look up laminin in any scientific/medical piece of literature, this is what you will see.



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Now tell me that our God is not the coolest!!! Amazing. The glue that holds us together. ALL of us. Is in the shape of the cross.

Immediately Colossians 1:15-17 comes to mind.

He is the image of the invisible God, the first born over all creation. For by him all things were created; things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or Authorities; All things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him All things HOLD TOGETHER. Thousands of years before the world knew anything about laminin, Paul penned those words. And now we see from a very **LITERAL** standpoint, how we are held together. One cell to another.... **By the cross.**

M I S S I O N S

The Body of Christ Building Together

As God continues to build our new facility, He involves more and more of the Body of Christ from across the country! Builders for Christ sent a group of men from Aurora Saturday the 14th who worked all day on the gym walls. They made great progress and plan to come back soon! It was wonderful meeting more of our Fox Valley Assoc. family. A mission team from the Jacksonville/Winchester, Illinois area returned for a long weekend to help move things forward. Many of these volunteers have been here several times over the years and are very much a part of the vision God has for our community. This trip, they were able to help complete the insulation and drywall for most of Phase I of the building! The classroom and first gym sections are quickly taking shape – preparing for the transfer of our school to the new facilities! The first day of classes at FoFCA was filled with the excitement of knowing “This is the year!!!”

Mid-September will bring a mission team from Fayetteville, Georgia! They are busily preparing to come join in what God is doing here! The team of about 30 will be staying at the Manor Motel here in town. We will be announcing ways to welcome and show them our appreciation as the date gets closer. Look for more information on this next group!

From the Alabama Team

Dear Channahon First Baptist Church Family,

Hulew and I loved being with you from the moment we met you. Sunday School was an insight into the great vision your family has in serving the Lord. Sunday Services were wonderful and God Reached Out and Touched Us during this hour. Lunch was delicious and our trip to the Tractor Festival was so much fun. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your vision and helping in your building project. We will always treasure our time with you.

Gail & Hulew

Fun from the Georgia Team

After School Bible Club

Sept 20th-23rd from 3-5

Activities* Bible Fun* Snacks

KDG-6th grade

Moms Night Out Dinner

Sept 23rd @6pm

Devotion* Fellowship* Food* Fun

Ladies Bible Study

Sept 20th-22nd @ 1pm (all welcome)

Childcare provided

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.

Welcome Back

Jaime
Guevara

God
is
Good!!!

Ask Charlotte
about
Super Glue

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 &
Team Kid

Glenn Bailey for SS.



Happy
Anniversary!!!

Mike & Chris Blan-Sept 2

Joe & Sherry Blan-Sept 2

George & Juanita McCoy-Sept 20

Ask them how many years???

Ministry of the Month

Through the years the athletic facilities have been referred to as a "playground" by some. The sad fact is that those who've talked against the sports ministry have never seen it in action.

We just ended our fifth season and it was perhaps the best season ever. I had a chance to share my faith with many different people and God allowed me the privilege to lead a young woman to the Lord, at the ball fields.

Sports provide us a tremendous vehicle into people's lives. Parents all over the country register their children to play sports in secular environments. Many children are playing sports in an environment they don't like, because it's the only place for them to play. Our program is different. Person after person leaves a season with us telling others about their experience. While I'm sure some have left with unfavorable things to say, the majority go tell their friends about us.

Our sports ministry goes beyond just playing games. My first message to all of the leagues this year was that we didn't build ball fields for their kids to play ball on. We didn't build a football field to play football on. We're not building gymnasiums to play basketball and volleyball in. These facilities exist to give us a vehicle to share the gospel.

As I've readied ball fields, people have said "You don't get any help from the church"? Sadly, there's not been much. And that's OK, especially when you read on.

This past spring as a man was signing his boys up to play baseball, he looked at me with a hurt look on his face. He asked, "Why didn't you call me"? I asked him what he meant, and he said he didn't know we had started building the new building. I told him I didn't realize he was a carpenter. He told me he's not, he's a plumber. This man has spent the last few weeks installing all of the plumbing we need, **for free**. We had bids for this work that were in the \$60,000 range.

Another man signing his son up told me he was an electrician. He's been working at the new church some and plans to be there again this next week to help anyway he can.

Sports may be a controversial ministry to some. That's OK, but I hope you can see how God is using it to change people's lives and bless us at the same time.

Over the last few months, God has really been refocusing my attention. Our sports ministry isn't about the games. **The games are the vehicle into people's lives.** What's important is what we do with the vehicle. What we do with the opportunities God is presenting.

In 1 Corinthians 9 Paul talks about becoming a Jew to win the Jews, becoming like one under the law to win those under the law and becoming weak so he could win those who are weak. He says in verse 22 **"I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some."** This is a passage that is quoted often, but what's often left out of that is verse 23 when he says, **"I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings."**

Your sports ministry has blessed the lives of countless people in this area and it's been a blessing to FBC. Do we need more workers? Yes. But not necessarily getting the ball fields ready. There are countless opportunities to share your faith. As you listen to the stories of pain and suffering some of these families are experiencing, you know we have the answer.

Football season is coming. There will be a new set of lives that God is sending. A new set of people who have needs in their lives that God can take care of. Are you the person God is calling to get involved? Even if it's just sitting in the bleachers watching a group of kids play that you don't know, listening to their parents talk, prepared to share your faith. That's the kind of help we need.

Think all of this sounds crazy? Let me leave you with an excerpt from an e-mail I was sent last week thanking me for the baseball program.

"I wanted to thank you for running the baseball league. My son had a good time and received some good experience catching older pitchers. He also learned and asked questions about your pregame devotions. More times than not he would ask about something you said on the way home as opposed to talking about the game or Star Wars as he normally would after a game. Normally we would attend church in Romeoville and he rarely asked about what was said or talked about, so I was never sure how much actually stuck with him."

Folks, God is working in people's lives, even on the ball fields.

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.

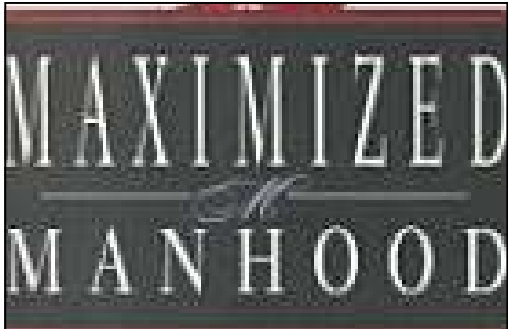
*Have you ever felt helpless? Scared?
 Wish you knew a little more about self defense?*

October 2nd from 8:00-4:00 you can learn how to be more proactive in protecting yourself. The cost is only \$11.00 and you must be registered by September 9th. See Jenn Terry for more information on this exciting class. It will be conducted by Sergeant James Pozen of the Channahon Police Department. You may also contact Sergeant James Pozen at 815-467-8358.

Business Meetings

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

Hope to see you there!!!



This is the title of the new Men's Bible Study. Meet with them on Tuesdays Sept 14th & 28th @ 7:00p.m. to begin tackling the tough topics that affect men today.

THANK YOU!!!



**Meals for workers,
 You've heeded the call**
(from Audrey)



**We couldn't have done it without you all
 Pulled Pork, Meatloaf, Cookies and Cakes
 We can tell by their waistslines,
 We've taken a look,
 You all sure know how to cook!!!**

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

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

They go to the people we are trying to seek

To not only 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 Kernal Corn & Cut Green Beans

Cranberry Sauce

Gravy Mix

Dessert Mix

Coffee

Beginning Sept. 12th you will be able to purchase a Thanksgiving dinner for someone in need. Look for the display at the back of the sanctuary.



Community Health Screening September 30th Arrowhead Community Center

**For more information you can contact
Stephanie Benedict-Regional Inside Sales Representative
www.lifescreeing.com
Cell # (206) 341-8797**

Help Wanted

How 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.

Vending machines both need to be filled once a week. Can you do that??

Do you have a "Green Thumb"? The plants in the foyer need some TLC on a regular basis. Yup, you know who to call.

Help Found

Living Manna needs help on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Thank you Mary H., Jess L., Mindy C., Trisha C., & Steve S.

Think you are a pew stuffer? Can you give about 15 minutes a week?

Thank you Teri Heck

Budget\$

Weekly Budget	20in10 Budget
\$8,650.00	\$1,695.00

As of 8/22/10 we are slightly above our projected weekly budget for the year. Continue to obey God's word and see how He continues to bless us.

Our 20in10 budget is slightly below our projected budget. We are averaging \$1335.00 per month. **If you have not yet committed to the 20in10 campaign it is not too late.**

Stitches of Love classes meets at 1:00 until 2:45 here at the church. If you are interested, you are welcome!!!



Do you have a
passion for prayer?

Prayer Team

Do you love to
pray?

If answered Yes to those questions, please join the most exciting team at FBC! See Karen!

PRAYER AS A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

God created us to live in fellowship with Him. Like any loving relationship, it takes time, fellowship and intimacy to grow in knowledge of the one you love. Unfortunately, in our hectic, fast paced lives, we forget what prayer is really all about. Sometimes it seems our prayers are focused exclusively on requests for the needs of others, our own needs, the unsaved and needs of our local church and community instead of prayers of praise, worship and intimacy with God. Don't misunderstand, we are required to intercede for the needs of others, but, prayer is much more than just talking to God about requests and petitions. Prayer is the concrete expression of the fact that we are engaged in an intimate relationship with God.

David, the man after God's own heart, earnestly sought a love relationship with God.

“As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?” Psalm 42:1-2

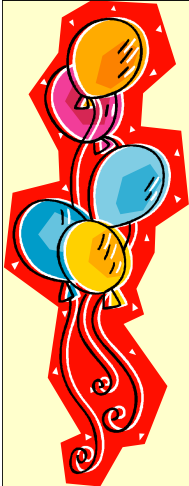
David looked forward to his time of prayer and intimacy with God. His soul thirsted for those times with God. David delighted in prayer with his creator.

“Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.” Psalm 37: 4.

What does prayer primarily accomplish? It develops a love relationship with the Creator God, the One who has given us eternal life. In addition to all the other wonderful things that prayer does and accomplishes, perhaps *the greatest work of all is the knitting of the human heart with the heart of God.*

PRAYER FOCUS FOR SEPTEMBER

Pray for the teachers, administrators and students at Families of Faith Christian Academy (FOFCA) as they begin this new year of school.



Do you remember the official ground breaking ceremony?

October 16 we will celebrate our 8 year Anniversary and your invited.

Meet out at the pavilion at 3:00 for some good ol story time, tours of the new church and school, and of course one of our famous pot lucks. The celebration won't be complete without you.

Coming Soon...Small Groups

“Preparing to Cross the River”

As the years & months are finally down to weeks & days now is the time to delve into bible study with other believers. We need to commit to have our minds and hearts ready as we go into the new church just as Joshua did when God told him to go into the promised land.

Are you committed to “Cross the River”

Our web site recently underwent some major changes. A school dad does web page design and he offered to re-do ours for free.

He's completed the changes, trained us on how to update material ourselves, and the new look site is up and running with some great new features.

- We have the ability to blog and get comments
 - Video, it's much easier to add video
- Online updates, we can update the site from any internet location anywhere in the world
- And much more. We're still familiarizing ourselves with the new software and are sure to find more new features in the coming weeks.
 - Check us out at fbcchannahon.org

Coughing, Sneezing, Fever and Chills

Aches and pains & all those ills ?

Flu season is near

That' s why Minooka Pharmacy is coming here!!!

Need A Shot?

This year we are making it super simple for you to get your flu shot. All you have to do is show up here at FBC.

Minooka Pharmacy will be here to administer the shot on Thursday Sept. 23rd at 1:00. Call Kellie at 815-467-6846

Ever been in a pit? In a pit now?

Well, it's time to **GET OUT OF**

THAT PIT. Come join Pastor

Randy as he dives into Beth Moore's excellent study on Wed. @ 6:30, beginning Sept 15. This is one you won't want to miss!!!

6Th Annual Grundy County Regional Job Fair connecting employers and job seekers.

When: Wednesday Sept 15 3:00-6:00

Where: Saratoga School District

4040 Division Street in Morris

Resume required for entrance

Professional attire is strongly preferred

If there was more courting in marriage, there'd be fewer marriages in court.

Date your mate. Today.

WHATS GOIN ON ???

MEN'S MINISTRY

Band of Brothers meets on Tuesday Sept. 14th & 28th 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 following the evening service.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Adult Bible Study meets 6:30—8:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights at FBC.

Childcare is available.

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.

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

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, Sept 11 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

Come Face to face with Mary & Martha at the Women's Bible Study on Tuesday Sept 14th & Sept. 28th at 7:00. For more information contact Harriett Honaker @ 815-467-4359

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—8:00. For more information contact Andy Terry at 815-325-1788

We are excited to present to you the following teachers for our 2010-2011 school year!

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Church</u>
F	Rachal Ayers	Pre - K 3	FBC Channahon
	Kay Bradley	Pre- K 4	FCC Morris
O	Stephanie Pratt	Kindergarten	Grace Bible Minooka
	Connie Reiter	1 & 2 Grade	FBC Channahon
F	Ronda Myers	3 Grade	FBC Channahon
	Sherry Blan	4 & 5 Grade	FBC Channahon
C	Laurinda Bestler	6,7,8, & 12 Grade	LaGrange Bible
	Steve Hinkle	High School	Istoria Church Joliet
A	Clark Llewellyn	H S & Principal	FBC Channahon
	Karen Blan	H.S. & Admin	FBC Channahon
	Chris Blan	Secretary	FBC Channahon

Want to make a difference to your school???

Just 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

"Standing Room Only"

The Village Board of Channahon addressed the water tap-on and permit fees billed for our new facility at two board meetings in August. The original costs were a \$24,000 fee for permits and a staggering \$96,000 fee to tap onto the village water supply! We are required to construct a large water main across our entire property which can then be continued by the Village to supply the subdivision behind us. The substantial costs involved in the installation will be paid by the church, but the fees were felt to be excessive. Pastor Randy and a large group of FBC/FoFCA supporters appealed to the board to reduce or waive the fees at the August 2nd meeting. While the board postponed a decision on that issue, they did allow a change in the system we install which will better accommodate our largely volunteer work force. In preparation for the August 16th Village Board meeting, many church and school supporters – as well as several Village officials backing our request – wrote letters and made numerous phone calls encouraging a decision in our favor. At the next meeting, we were represented by a “standing-room-only” crowd of about 70! The board addressed our concern quickly and voted to reduce the tap-on fee to \$8,400 – similar to charges paid by other area churches. While the permit fees were not changed, the decision reduced our cost by nearly \$90,000!!

Our amazing God has provided for us yet again!!

NEW CHURCH Update



I-55 Construction A Blessing???



If you are among the hundreds of people suffering through miles of standing traffic on I-55, consider it a blessing! Sound crazy!?! Well, you know all the pavement that IDOT is grinding off that highway? Guess where it is going – underneath our new parking lot!! The gravel base for our lot and roadways was going to cost us an estimated \$80,000-\$100,000! Because we were delayed by the fee requests with the Village, we did not order the gravel when we expected. The Village Board reduced our fees on Monday the 16th. We received the building permits on Thursday. And on Friday, **we were contacted** about the highway grindings to see if we could use them!! God used the water fee issue to not only show His provision and power in our Village government, but to save us another huge sum of money as well!! The gravel being replaced is just what we need and is already being delivered to the jobsite. So the next time you are sitting in the construction on I-55, instead of complaining in frustration, **thank God for the miraculous way He works everything out for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose!!!**

Interstate 55 being
dumped behind our
new church



All for FREE



September Schedules

8:00	<u>USHERS</u>	10:45
Sue R. & Kim T.	Sept 5	Sarah A. & Luke S.
Mike G & Sue G.	Sept 12	John P., Barry H., Calab & Cody
Jeff & Nick T.	Sept 19	Brett, Brig, Luke S. & Sarah A.
	Sept 26	John C. & Cathy B.

8:00	<u>NURSERY</u>	10:45
Sue Gubbins	Sept 5	Donna & Connie R/ Angie B & Jodi K.
Juanita McCoy	Sept 12	Harriett & Tammy B/ Rina & Girls
Kim Toepper	Sept 19	Mary H & Karen B./ Amanda H & Julia
You????	Sept 26	Joiners/Jenn T & Kiera & Cori

Leader	<u>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</u>	Helper
Mindy	Sept 5	Rose
James	Sept 12	Sarah
Jess L.	Sept 19	You???
John C.	Sept 26	Cathy B.

Men	Sunday Morning Prayer Warriors	Women
John C./Andy	Sept 5	Audrey K./ Kay
Wayne/Andy	Sept 12	Karen/Kay
Gabe/Joe	Sept 19	Karen/Jenn
Mike B./Joe	Sept 26	Jenn/Donna