



***“SoJourn in this land, and I will be with you, and bless you!” (Gen. 26:3)***

*Where Is Your Treasure?  
The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering*

Dear Friends,

We’re going on a treasure hunt!

We won’t be digging holes around the church searching for buried gold, though. Instead, we’re searching for God’s treasure.

Scripture provides the map. For God, we are treasure: “You are children of the Lord your God...It is you the Lord has chosen...to be his people, his treasured possession.” (Deut. 14:1-2) Although those words were spoken long ago to people in another part of the world, Galatians 3:26 assures us that we are included, too: “For in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.”

One of the gifts of being God’s children is that sometimes we are called to be “treasure tenders” for God. We tend God’s treasure here in our congregation with the love and care we show each other through special meals, visiting the sick, and shut-in, teaching Christians discipleship, and praying for each other. We are also invited to tend God’s treasurers beyond our congregation by participating in One Great Hour of Sharing.

Life can be tough at times. Hurricanes, earthquakes, cyclones, and tsunamis destroy communities. Wars and ethnic conflicts shatter the very foundations of life, shoving people out of their homes and transforming them into frightened refugees. Persistent hunger, drought, poverty, lack of education, and illness shrivel the life and dry the spirit, leaving individuals to crumble from the inside out.

Through One Great Hour of Sharing, we care for God’s treasures. By sharing some of our earthly treasure—our money, our time, our energy—aid is sent when disaster strikes. Refugees receive help in the long term as they rebuild their lives. People receive education, health care, tools, seeds, and resources to improve their communities.

And the sharing is mutual. When we care for people, we can be transformed by experiencing the presence of God. Seeing what others have lost, we are reminded what matters most in life. Seeing what others live through, we are inspired to live courageously. Seeing that new life is possible, our hope rises. Working with others, we realize that God reaches out to all of us. Relying on God for the outcome, our faith increases.

First Timothy 6:18-19a exhorts us “to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up ... the treasure of a good foundation for the future.” Our treasure is doing God’s will, loving God, and loving God’s treasured people, so we all “may take hold of the life that really is life” (1 Timothy 6:19b). Jesus said, “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:21). May you find your treasure, and your heart, by sharing resources and changing lives with a generous gift to One Great Hour of Sharing.

Please use the enclosed envelope for your gift. Additional envelopes are available in the pews on June 7 and the Welcome Center.



Sincerely,  
Robert Washburn, Chair  
Outreach Ministry Team

# SENDING PRAYERS TO OUR FAMILY OF **FAITH**

Please remain in prayer for these people who are or have recently been under doctor's care: Patty Babian, Ray Sharp, Collin Trask, Kelly Kestel, Vicki Schettling.

Please also keep in your prayers our homebound friends: Alice Adams, Enid Holliday, Norma Moore, Ray Sharp, Evelyn Morrell, Phil Lett, Frances Bramblett, Patty Babian, George and Margaret Edgington.

Happy Birthday to Alana Tyson. On May 31 she turned 12!

Carol McVetty has undergone successful surgery. Please keep her in your prayers for a full recovery.

Carol Ege has a new address: Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility, 3201 Bemis Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48197-0911. We are sure that carol would like to hear from her church family.

George Weaver was hospitalized on Saturday, May 23 with a virus. Please keep him in your prayers.

Please keep Dan Buttry in your prayers as he faces an illness.



## Happy June Birthdays!

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|---------|--------------------------------|
| June 1  | Pat Washburn                   |
| June 6  | Scott Ritchie<br>Jamey Sackett |
| June 12 | Roger Edgington                |
| June 15 | Marilyn Howard<br>Carol Olsen  |
| June 16 | Christopher Nabors             |
| June 17 | Doris Fell                     |
| June 18 | Sue Camaiore                   |
| June 19 | John Lin                       |
| June 20 | Jack Casement<br>Jay Sackett   |
| June 21 | Evelyn Morrell                 |
| June 22 | Jeff Sharp                     |
| June 24 | Dave Klipfel                   |
| June 25 | Bob Schaffer                   |
| June 28 | Bill Olsen                     |
| June 29 | Vic Camaiore                   |
| June 30 | Henry Nabors                   |

2009 Officers: Moderator: Joan Trusty Moore; Vice Moderator: Dave Brault; Financial Secretary: Glenn Craig; Treasurer: Carol Olsen; Recording Clerk: Harriet Stewart; Membership Clerk: Kathy Charbeneau  
 2009 Ministry Team Chairs: Jerri Poet (Deacons); Jodi Bly (Educational); Larry Phillips (Human Resources); Carol McWilliam (Physical Resources); Myra Trask (Stewardship); Robert Washburn (Outreach)

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## FBCB Readers Meet Again

The FBCB Downtown Readers group will meet on Friday, June 5 at 12:30PM. We will finishing American Requiem and discuss choices for our next book. All are welcome!



## A Look at the Financials

As of April 30, 2009

Pledged Income Actual	\$59,882
Pledged Income Budget	\$61,984
Pledged variance	(\$2,102)

Please continue to keep current with your pledges.

## From the Library

“Green” is a popular focus this year. Commercials on T.V., radio and in magazines encourage us be “green” by using light bulbs requiring less electricity, turning down the thermostat, taking 3 minute showers, buying organic or at the very least locally grown. These are important ways to save energy, water, and our land. Although the secular world seems to be taking the lead, these issues should be of even more important to us, followers of the one God...those of us who believe that God gave us the responsibility to care for all that God created.



The Church Library has a wealth of new books that can broaden our understanding of stewardship and give new vision to why “green” is important. These books will challenge the “business as usual” school of thought.

- Food and Faith; justice, joy and daily bread(234.2 Sch)
- Simple Living-Compassionate Life; a Christian perspective(234.2 Sch)
- Money and Faith - the search for enough(234.2 Sch)
- One Makes the Difference; inspiring actions that change our world(333.72 Hil),
- For the Health of the Land(333.7 Leo), .A New and Right Spirit; Creating an Authentic Church in a Consumer Culture(262 Bar), .Everything Must Change; Jesus, Global Crises, and a Revolution of Hope (261McC).

These books can be found on the Current Interest shelf in the Library through March. Check one out, read it and let us know your thoughts. Input from the Congregation is welcome!

## Spring Salad-Potluck

Thursday, June 11 - 10:00 to 1:00



Ladies of FBC, it is spring! Let's get together!! It has been ages since we've done lunch, so bring your favorite salad to share and let's catch up. We will have a financial report on ABW Ministries, an update on the state of our missions and lots of conversation! RSVP to the office as soon as possible so that we can prepare you a place!



## June Communion Offering: One Great Hour of Sharing

This annual ABC offering serves people in over 80 countries around the world. Sponsored by nine Christian US denominations and Church World Service, OGHs makes sure that we can respond to needs as soon as they happen and that tens of thousands of people receive support for ongoing relief, rehabilitation, and development. Please give generously.



The Metro Detroit Association of American Baptist Churches Annual Meeting was held at Friendship Baptist Church on Sunday, May 3, 2009. At that meeting Pastor Babian was elected to the position of Association Board Chair and Carol Olsen was elected to the position of Treasurer. FBCB has a major role in Association life as Jerri Poe continues as Co-Chair of the Human Resources Team. The Association Board is strong and the coming year promises to be another time of growth in the shared mission of the congregations in Metropolitan Detroit. Pastor Babian's responsibilities will also include serving on the Region Board of the ABC-Mi by virtue of the office on the Association Board. Please remember in your prayers our sister churches the work God has called us to do together.

### Please Note:

Congregational Meeting June 14, 2009

## Sending Our Thanks...

- Esther Houstina sends many thanks for the prayers, cards and visits during her recent stay in the hospital, with special thanks to Pastor Babian.
- The family of Patricia Camaioire send their thanks for prayers at her passing.
- Many thanks to Carol McWilliam, Art Kaczmarek, Will Olsen, Joan Moore and Leona Frost for their hard work in refurbishing our bathrooms near Fellowship Hall. New paint, wall-paper removal, general repairs and deep cleaning was done. The rooms look terrific!
  - Sending thanks out to Ralph and Sue Charlick who have been planting, weeding and offering general care to our outside grounds, as they do each year. The corner of Willits and Bates Streets looks great!



Dear Friends,

Words cannot express my gratitude for your generosity and kindness as we celebrated my 10th Anniversary here at FBCB. I am grateful and humbled to have been welcomed in to this wonderful community. What a blessing it is to work with so many faithful and loving people. I have learned much over the years at this church.

Each day I am reminded of the value of shared commitment to justice and to love. I am honored and blessed to continue to serve this wonderful congregation, both past and present, and each day I am reminded of the awesome responsibility we all carry. May God continue to bless us.

Sincerely,  
Leslie Eldh Jaquez



## Join the Sunday Morning Bible Study Group!

Church member Phyllis Bourgeois has begun her excellent Bible Study again. Join her and her students today after services in the Fellowship Hall.



## Missionary News

ABC Consultant Dan Buttry will be honored with a Doctor of Divinity (D.D.) degree by Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Shawnee, KS and is delivering the commencement address.

This recognition is being conferred "in recognition of your years of faithful service to American Baptists around the world, your significant contribution in teaching and writing, your exemplary ministry as a pastor, and your concern for the church's larger mission in Christian peacemaking," affirmed the Seminary President, Rev. Molly T. Marshall, Ph.D. in a letter to Dan. The Doctor of Divinity degree is the highest honor bestowed by Central Baptist Theological Seminary. Central Seminary also commended Dan on his planning for the Global Baptist Peace Conference in Italy February 2009, which was co-sponsored by International Ministries.

Dan will be speaking from 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 on the topic "Ambassadors for Christ with Diplomatic Vulnerability." In 2007, Central Seminary and International Ministries joined to create The Alice and Gam Shae Theological Education Partnership, focusing on theological education of pastors and church leaders around the world.

Dan Buttry, M.Div, is International Ministries global consultant for peace and. For the past 20 years, Dan has taught conflict transformation skills to people who are risking their lives in conflict zones worldwide.



MOSES Annual Meeting

Thursday, June 4

6 to 9 PM

Greater New Mt. Moriah MBC

586 Owen St., Detroit

RSVP 313-962-5290 ext. 10

## Mr. Blaesing visits Novi Meadows!!!

Brian Blaesing recently visited a Fifth Grade class at Novi Meadows. He brought with him slides and stories of his trip to Honduras. The fifty-two students have been studying water in science class. Brian's first hand account of people in the world who are living without clean water was a very enriching experience for these future scientists. The children were especially concerned about his photograph's of people playing in the same river they washed their clothes in and drank from. It was a very good time and I thank him for furthering this mission of clean water for all. (Leona Frost)

## Global Gift Shop Is Open

Yes!!!! Consider this a commercial break from your So-Jo! Global Gift Shop remains open after church on Sundays. Please remember to visit when you come to church. Coffee, tea, soup mixes, gifts, chocolate and more, save gas, save time, save a life, save the planet! You may now return to your regularly scheduled reading. Thank you very much!



### FYI B'JV

Celebrating the 13th Season of B'JV:  
Sept. 2008–May 2009

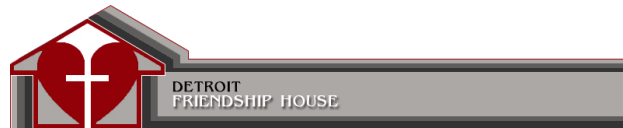
- Average Attendance per Vesper ..... 205
- Average Giving per Vesper ..... \$943
- Average Payout to Jazz Group per Vesper .. \$628
- Average Giving to FBCB per Vesper ..... \$315

#### DID YOU KNOW

It takes 16 jazz lovers to produce B'JV?

These FBCB people are:

- Worship Interlude Arranger: Wes Babian
- Sound Technicians: Scott Ritchie, Bill, Tim & Will Olsen
- Lighting Technicians: Tim & Will Olsen
- PR / Media Relations: Leslie Jaquez, Robert Washburn
- Greeters/Ushers: Leona Frost, David Brault, Henry Nabors, Art Kaczmarek, Harriet Stewart
- Afterglow/Refreshments Coordinators: Nancy Sharp, Keely Tyson
- CD Sales: Leona Frost, David Brault, Patricia Washburn, Henry Nabors, Harriet Stewart
- Producer/Director & Publicity: Robert Washburn, Leslie Jaquez
- AND biscotti baker (and Free Delivery): Barbara Lawler. Barb has been baking and delivering her delicious, homemade biscotti for 12 years or 97 vespers!



## Hold These Dates to Support Friendship House

September 26, 2009

Annual Golf Outing, Fox Creek Country Club, Livonia

October 16, 2009

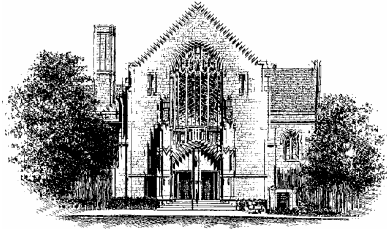
80th Anniversary Dinner for Friendship House at Covenant Baptist Church, West Bloomfield

## South Oakland Shelter Update

Please continue to keep South Oakland Shelter (SOS) in your prayers as they work within the political system at Ferndale. People at SOS are working tirelessly to provide people with assistance as their attention and energy is being diverted to reconcile with a few individuals living in Ferndale.

The Ferndale Planning Commission again met on May 21 to hear public input concerning the move of South Oakland Shelter's (SOS) administrative offices into space at First Baptist Church Ferndale. Residents fear a change in the character of the neighborhood. SOS continues to assure neighbors that fears are unfounded. SOS again offered to open their facilities for tours by anyone who would like to visit. The planning commission and the zoning board are leaning towards approval of this move as long as a few issues can be resolved. First Baptist Ferndale borders a residential neighborhood with its parking lot entrance on Nine Mile Rd. it also borders a business district, with Payless Shoes as its neighbor. Dumpsters will be screened, driveways removed and the grounds spruced up if needed in order to resolve any conflict between the city, the church and SOS.

SOS and First Baptist Ferndale are doing everything being asked of them to make this a smooth transition yet voices remain opposed. Please keep SOS, First Baptist Church Ferndale and the people they serve in your hearts and prayers. (Submitted by Leona Frost)



## Summer Programming Scheduled

“Summer Shorts” at FBCB is not a fashion statement. It is an opportunity to be together for times of learning and vespers worship mid-week in the summer time especially for those who may be away over the weekend or may want to have additional times for exploring the life of faith.

These events will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm as announced.

On Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, the theme will be “Living in Stormy Times”. The next Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> we will share in a time focused on “God’s Healing Grace”.

There will be other Wednesdays in July and August for our “Summer Shorts”. These may include presentation of movies or just fellowship and relaxation. Pastor Babian will lead us. Stay tuned.



### Tea Party!

Birmingham Historical Society will host a Mother/Daughter Tea on Saturday, June 6. There will be two seatings, 1 - 2 PM and 2:30 - 3:30PM. \$10 per person. Tea and edibles with a 1960’s flavor will be served.



## Daily Prayers For This Month

Each morning when you get up, take a brief moment to say the prayer written below. See if, by the end of the week, having made this time for God’s word, somehow, your life has changed for the better, your outlook has become brighter, your spirit, stronger. These prayers are taken from the “Seasons of the Spirit” lectionary materials.

### May 31, 2009

Living God, as you sent your Holy Spirit upon the disciples, strengthening them to preach the gospel to all people, transform us that we may witness to your love wherever we are, drawing all people to you. Amen.

### June 7, 2009

God of mystery and wonder, Holy One of birth and rebirth, Spirit of gentle breath and empowering wind: teach us your wisdom. Open us to trust your world-embracing love, that we may offer the gift we receive from you. In Jesus the Christ. Amen.

### June 14, 2009

God of seed and harvest, whose ways are sure even when they remain matters of hope: prepare our lives for the growth you would bring. Ready us to flourish as your children, whose lives bloom love, justice, and welcome. In Jesus Christ. Amen.

### June 21, 2009

In times of storm and in places of calm: we give thanks, O God, for your presence. In calls to go and in gifts of peace: we give you thanks, O God, for your word. May we follow your leading, as we trust your purposes. In Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Upcoming Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 AM

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May 31, 2009

“Spirit for All” ~ Acts 2:1-21

June 7, 2009

“Mysterious Encounters” ~ John 3:1-17

June 14, 2009

“Flourishing” ~ Mark 4:26-34

June 21, 2009

“In the Boat Together” ~ Mark 4:35-41

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