



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

A Word from Wes

These are trying times....

Thus it has been in various ways over many years.

In the most recent days, attention is focused on various ethnic and religious controversies which go to the heart of how we have understood ourselves to be. It is easy to lose sight of the genius of our way of life which has allowed for the freedom of expression and of conscience. When there is uncertainty and when there is economic insecurity, we can begin to be distracted and to find targets for our frustration and fear. Gaining perspective and remembering the lessons of history is important for such circumstances.

This month before our Church Council meeting, I shared a piece that I read long ago. It seemed appropriate given the current climate. The words are attributed to Gandhi and entitled “the Seven Deadly Social Sins” which read as follows:

Politics without principle
Wealth without work
Commerce without morality
Pleasure without morality
Education without character
Science without humanity
Worship without sacrifice.

Now, as we deal with the issues of the day and we struggle to find the best about who we are and what we are to be, it might be good to be reminded of such wisdom. Tempering our discourse with the perspective here quoted may be helpful as we learn and grow in this moment as citizens of this nation and of the world.

Jesus cautions his followers in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) to be those who are discrete in matters of judging others and to be those who break the cycle of violence and retaliation through love and hope. In this way we are also reminded that we have a citizenship that transcends worldly imperatives. We are called to live in God’s realm and in God’s ways.

By being people who draw on the strength of God’s Spirit within and among us, we can be those who bear witness to God’s grand alternative in these trying times.

Wes

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, Sandra Paran.

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

New Addresses: Kim Gardner, 9130 Ramsdell St, Huntley IL , 60142 AND Fran McEvoy, 18210 N. 104th Ave, SUN CITY, , AZ 85351

Audrey Holtz became a great grandmother earlier this month! Her granddaughter Sarah and her husband had a baby girl named Naomi Katelyn Wilson! Blessings!

Please keep all those who are traveling this month in your prayers.



Happy September Birthdays!

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| September 2 | Jerri Poe |
| September 4 | Glenn Craig |
| September 5 | Ralph Charlick
Laura Burleigh
Katherine Stewart |
| September 6 | Caryn Craig
Patty Babian |
| September 18 | Margery Dennis |
| September 21 | Doris Myers |
| September 23 | Esther Houstina |
| September 25 | Art Kaczmarek |
| September 26 | Elizabeth Lin |
| September 27 | Tyler Black |

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**Adult Learning Community:
Fall Offerings**

Phyllis Bourgois will continue her class through the end of October and it is very likely that one additional class will be offered after church on Sundays. Join a class and re-commit yourself to learning and the Bible. In addition, Choir meets each Sunday morning as well as on Wednesday evenings.



A Look at the Financials

As of July 31, 2010

Pledged Income Actual	\$ 97,091
Pledged Income Budget	<u>\$103,952</u>
Pledged Variance	(\$6,861)

YTD Total Actual Income	\$156,108
YTD Total Actual Expenses	<u>\$163,363</u>
Variance	(\$ 7,255)

Wednesday Morning Fellowship Tim Begins Again

Pastor Babian has begun again the Wednesday morning fellowship time at Avenue Restaurant. All are welcome to join him each Wednesday at 8AM.

Friendship House News

1,115 people received food from FH in July. WOW! Read the latest news from Friendship House in the newsletter posted in the Welcome Center. Also, the organization is requesting back-to-school backpacks! Can FBCB help?



Attention Out-of-State SoJournal Recipients

Email Vs Snail Mail ~ If you are receiving this newsletter in the regular mail but you have email and would like to receive the newsletter that way, please contact the church office. Email versus snail mail saves money and is more ecologically friendly. The version is better too!

Hygiene Kit Follow-up

This spring as part of our Maundy Thursday service with Second Baptist Church we put together close to 100 hygiene kits to be sent to Haiti. Church World Service announced in their most recent newsletter that the response for help was overwhelming. Congregations from all over the state answered the call to help. Church World Service collected 4,827 hygiene kits, 504 Baby Care Kits, 320 School Kits and 18 Emergency Clean-up Buckets. These kits were sent to New Windsor, Maryland where they were to be forwarded on to those in need. Thanks to all who helped with this mission. (Submitted by Leona Frost)



The Lunch Ladies News
 Our next venture will be on: Tuesday Sept. 21 at 11:45AM at Macy's Restaurant at Oakland Mall. Can anyone say ... "Maurice Salad?!" Come and join the fun!

Pastor Babian's Bible Study Classes to Begin Again

Tuesday morning and Thursday evening Bible studies will begin on September 14 and September 9, Tuesday's group meets at 10AM and the Thursday evening class meets at 7PM. Please call the church office for locations. All are invited to join in for fellowship and learning!

Camp Lael will be hosting its **Second Annual 5K Walk/Run Fundraiser** at the camp on Saturday, September 11, at 11:00am until 3:00pm. Last year's event raised over \$5,000. Proceeds from the Walk/Run will be used for summer camp scholarships in 2011.

- Registration fee: \$25 minimum.
- Fee includes a T-shirt and lunch.
- Kids under 10 and adults over 70 are free
- Registration begins at 10:00am
- Start times at 11:00am and 12:00noon
- Prizes will be awarded for: total donations, single highest donation, most sponsors, fastest runner times
- Family picnic lunch: \$5 for non-participants
- Poster and sponsor sheets are available at www.campael.com
- Register online also available.



The Public Is Invited...

The Race Relations and Diversity Taskforce invites the public to its program titled: **Is Our Freedom Protected?** Monday, September 13, 8AM. Are our constitutional rights more or less safe following the US and Michigan Supreme Court decisions of the past year 2009-2010? No charge. Presented by: Dan Korobkin, ACLU, Staff Attorney



An All-Church Picnic is scheduled for September 12, directly after church at Springdale Park. Please bring a place setting and a dish to pass. Grilled meats and beverages will be available! Come One Came All! To this happy and fun annual event as a Rally and get ready for the coming year!

Relief For Pakistan

Please consider a gift for the Pakistani Flood Relief effort being managed through Church World Service. The Church will accept financial gifts, and then send them on to CWS. Please note "Pakistan Relief" on your check.



Tonight!

6PM Jack Ellis will lead us in a Taize worship service.

If you are new to the church or simply have never attended one of these services, we hope you find the time to join us for an incredible experience.

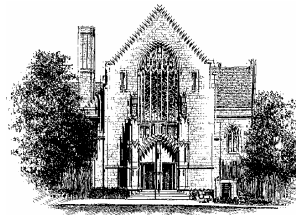
Dentist's Book Recounts Tales of 30 Years of Mission Trips

Dr. Richard Charlick, long-time member of West Highland Baptist Church, Milford, (and brother of FBCB member Ralph Charlick) has written a memoir of his 30 years of ministry as a dentist and witness for Christ around the world. *Mission Possible: Introducing Jesus to the Unreached* provides an inspiring, detailed account of his often exciting and sometimes daring healthcare adventures. His personal ministry has taken him to more than a dozen countries, involved 350 other volunteers, and given him a leadership role with Health Teams International. How did this happen? Dr. Charlick says, "I said yes to becoming a missionary's helper and ended up the president of a large evangelistic missionary organization, leading more than 35 mission trips where I have personally seen more than 15,000 unreached people ask Jesus into their heart." Dr. Charlick writes with the enthusiasm of a man happy and fulfilled in what he's been able to do. His book is published by Xulon Press and available at Amazon and Borders. (abc-mi.org/ELink)



In the month of September we will collect a Communion Offering for in **Bacone College**

Bacone College is a four year Liberal arts College that is associated with, and had its beginnings with the American Baptist Church. Founded in 1880 as a college for Native Americans it serves students from all regions and nations. This historic college has the distinction of being the oldest college practicing continuous education in the State of Oklahoma. Founded by Almon C. Bacon for the "education of Native Americans according to Christian principles" the college retains its Christian heritage and connection today.



Visioning @ FBCB

Vision Sunday on September 26, 2010 will give us all an opportunity to give crea-

tive expression to question of our vision for our future in mission and ministry. This will include our vision for the congregation but also to consider our personal vision of God's call in our lives. The scriptures for the day are particularly suited to lead us in this consideration. Come prepared to "think outside the box" as we prepare to reach out to others with the love of God in Christ.

Delegates Needed: We will need five delegates to attend the ABC-Michigan Annual Meeting in October. Proposed changes to By-Laws will be voted on and we need to make sure we have representation, and that FBCB's voice is heard. Information on the meeting and the bylaws are available on the Welcome Center for review. Please contact Pastor Babian if you are able and willing to attend.

The next newsletter will be available on September 26

Bell & Chancel Choir Practice Begins Again

Participation in these opportunities are a wonderful chance to meet new people and offer your gifts to the church. Please, don't be shy! Let us come together and lift our voices and music up in the Glory of God! Bell choir practices on Wednesday at 6:30PM and Chancel Choir will meet Wednesdays at 7:30PM. Call the church office for exact dates.

“Got Style?”

A personality based Evangelism Seminar presented by AMC-MI Metro Area Directed for Pastors and Lay Leaders. On September 10 & 11 at First Baptist Church of Detroit. Keynote speaker: Jeffrey Johnson, National coordinator for Evangelism, American Baptist Home Mission Society. Information and registration packets are available in the Welcome Center.

ABC-MI Annual Meeting

Plans are underway for worship at the 2010 Annual Equipping Event, Friday, October 22 - Saturday, October 23 to be held at the First Baptist Church of Charlotte. Individuals or groups interested in offering their musical gifts should contact Pat Hernandez (phernandez@abc-mi.org) as soon as possible.

ABWomen Upcoming Events ...

- September 18 is ABW Women's day at Greater New Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Detroit. Call the Church office for further details.
- Baptist Women's Day of Prayer on October 1 at First Baptist Church in Southfield.
- Christmas Event, December 4th. More details forthcoming.
- ABC-MI Women are collecting money for Beds For Haiti. \$200 provides for a completed bed and linens. We are trying to purchase 20 beds!

South Oakland Shelter Celebrity Fundraiser Announced

Dancing With The Stars will be held on November 6 from 7PM to Midnight at The Reserve, 325 Eton Street in Birmingham. \$150 per person.

A dazzling evening filled with dancing, music, auctions, food and more! Metro-Detroit media personalities, politicians, musicians and pro athletes will pair up with professional dancers from area dance studios for a *spectacular celebrity dance competition!* Wear your dancing shoes... the floor is yours after 9:00 pm! Contact SOS directly for ticket purchase.



Opportunities @ Green Lake

Green Lake Conference Center continues to offer wonderful programs throughout the year. Examples include:

- Green Lake Chautauqua: Strength for Living These Days ~ October 10-14 ~ Inspirational speakers, music, golf, shopping, fall leaf watching and a tour! \$378.50 per person includes double occupancy room, meals and program fees. Call 920-294-3323 to register.
- Winter Blast for Youth is being offered December 27-31 ~ Join over 300 youth during Christmas break for great praise and worship, singing and small groups, a day at a water park or downhill skiing and tubing! Geared for youth 6-12 grades. \$205, per person, \$35 deposit due by November 30.



September 19, 2010
4 to 6PM

Note time change for this season

**A Salute to the
Great Jazz Clubs of Detroit
Past and Present**

Presented by The Scott Gwinnell Dectet

James Hughes- alto sax, Steve Wood- tenor sax,
Keith Kaminski- baritone sax, Patrick Hession and Paul Finkbeiner-
trumpet, John Rutherford- trombone, Brad Felt- euphonium,
Scott- piano, Jordan Schug- bass, and Scott Kretzer- drums

International Missionary Update

Check out the Welcome Center bulletin board for recent journal entries from missionary Dan Buttry. One of the goals of American Baptist International Ministries is to help people to pursue peace, justice and reconciliation through ministries of conflict transformation and education, as well as by standing with and serving the victims of conflict. This goal is led by Dan Buttry, who serves as an International Ministries global consultant for peace and justice. Dan works with International Ministries missionaries and national church partners around the world to deal constructively with conflict situations. These conflicts may be social and political conflicts within a country, or they may be conflicts within the national church bodies that negatively impact Christian witness.



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.

August 29, 2010

Christ, our loving host, open our hearts to accept your invitation to true community in God's reign. Assure us of our place at God's open table, and help us make certain that no one is excluded from dining there. Amen.

September 5, 2010

God, you have known and loved us; you have made us wonderfully and fearfully. May this growing knowledge from a new sense of who we are in you. Guide us to embrace a new vision of our identity that is grounded in justice and compassion for all. Amen.

September 12, 2010

O God, as you seek out those who are lost and lonely, find us. As we live in your loving presence, lead us to ultimate joy and freedom. May this good news stir our great desire to seek you and your ways. Amen.

September 19, 2010

Just and loving God, open our imaginations to catch your vision of all people living together in wholeness and harmony. Strengthen our leaders to work for justice and peace, so that all people may be brought to live in your reign of shalom. Amen.

Upcoming Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 AM

September 5, 2010
“A New Identity” ~ Philemon 1:21

September 12, 2010
“Growing In God’s Love” ~ I Timothy 1:12-17

September 19, 2010
“Prayerful Living” ~ I Timothy 2:1-7

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