



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

### ***A Word from Wes***

It has been fun to see our children and youth and adults getting involved in a project to build familiarity with the Bible by creating connections across the generations. The adults are being invited to share their favorite Bible verses and the younger set are being challenged to learn the verses and other things about the Bible and the faith we share.

Keely Tyson has worked with the children in this activity during their Learning Community time on Sunday mornings. They are preparing for a BIG GAME SHOW as a part of the Easter Breakfast on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Vanna White won't be there, but you should be! It has been fun to see the interest and energy for this.

Keely has asked those adults providing the verses to share why these “favorites” are important to them. I have had the privilege to see what is being written. The depth of thought and meaning that the words of Scripture have for the respondents is quite moving. I am grateful to see the level of connection that is present by our people

with the texts and with one another. For the young people, this can be a wonderful opportunity to learn and to grow.

Memorizing Bible verses seems a simple thing to do; and, in these days, memorizing anything seems out of fashion. However, over the years, the words learned in our youth or even in our adulthood can become such a part of us that they give us perspective and hope in the hours of greatest need.

There are times when we may be called to make our account and to stand for justice, peace and love. There may be times when we are called to make our witness to the great work that God is doing through Jesus the Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. In those times being rooted and grounded in that love and in the word will bring the fruit of God's purpose to our lives and to those around us.

Wes

**SENDING PRAYERS TO OUR FAMILY OF FAITH**

Please remain in prayer for these people who are or have been under doctor's care: Patty Babian, Ray Sharp, Collin Trask, Kelly Kestel, Vicki Schettling, Sandra Paran, Barbara Diederich and Ester Houstina.

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

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We continue our prayers for Patty Babian as she is being scheduled for admission to Karmanos Cancer Center on March 29 for treatment for myelodysplastic syndrome.

We keep Collin Trask in our prayers as he continues to work with doctors.

Norma Moore is under hospice care. We send her our prayers.

Keep the Horikawa family in your prayers as they were in Japan when the earthquake hit. They were unharmed.

Keep the people of Japan in your prayers these days.

Ruth Copley presented herself for membership on March 6. Blessings!

*Happy April Birthdays*

- April 1 Thomas Howard
- April 2 David Van Doorne
- April 4 Kathy Charbeneau  
Leona Frost
- April 5 Mac Schaffer
- April 8 John Trask
- April 12 Luke Murphy  
Lynn Blocher
  
- April 14 Donna Ritchie
- April 16 Lyndsay Bennett  
Mike Cannon
  
- April 19 Linda Sackett
- April 20 D J Martin  
Midge Mills  
Carolyn Switzer
- April 22 Donna Klipfel-  
Tuka  
Madison Schaffer
- April 28 Keith Howard
- April 29 Tim Olsen

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**GLOBAL GIFTS GOES ON THE ROAD!**

On March 18<sup>th</sup> East Hills Middle School in Bloomfield Hills hosted their Third Annual Multi-cultural event. Global Gifts was invited to attend. Paige Moore and Leona Frost brought an assortment of merchandise from the shop, information about Fair Trade and luckily information about the recent Water Seminar hosted by our church on March 24. I say luckily because the class project of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade class was clean drinking water and how to bring it to those without.

This school is multi-cultural, forward looking and engaged in world issues. Paige and I had a wonderful time explaining some of the products we sell in Global Gifts. The big sellers were jewelry, books, Za ‘atar seasoning mix from Gallilee, jam from Swaziland, and scarves from India. It was a multi-cultural event and Fair trade was well represented. What a joy it was for me to see young people engaged and committed to making our future a better place for all.

(submitted by Leona Frost)

**A Look at the Financials**

As of February 28, 2011

Pledged Income - Actual	\$27,747
Pledged Income - Budget	<u>\$33,671</u>
Pledged Variance	(\$5,924)
Income YTD - Actual	\$45,361
Expenses YTD - Actual	<u>\$50,310</u>
Income/Expense Variance	(\$4,949)

**Youth News...**



On March 26 our youth travelled to The Islamic Center of America in Dearborn. We had lunch together in an ethnic restaurant after the tour. 10AM to Noon.

Then on April 15 we will gather together to watch a movie in the youth lounge! Mark your calendars!



**Race Relations & Diversity Task Force  
Upcoming Programs**

Our own **Kathy Charbeneau** is being honored as a Diversity Champion by the Race Relations and Diversity taskforce this year. He will be honored at a community-wide breakfast on Thursday, April 28a , 8AM at The Community House. Cost: \$25

Seniors and Tomorrow ~ May 19, 8AM ~ As we move to having 57 million people over the age of 65 what is being done to prepare? The Task Force will ask the directors of the local senior centers to share their thoughts.

**All-Church  
Workday**  
is scheduled  
for  
April 30.  
Refreshments  
will be served!

## Evangelism Seminar, Part II on April 10

The Metro Detroit Association is offering the second portion of the "Got Style" evangelism seminar on Sunday, April 10, from 3:30 to 6:00 pm, at First Baptist Church of Birmingham.



Seminar leader is Dr. Jeffrey Johnson, ABC National Coordinator for Evangelism.

The first evangelism training seminar

led by Dr. Johnson held last November focused on "personality-based evangelism." Part II will provide specific training in **Relational** and **Incarnational** evangelism. The training is based on the concepts found in Dr. Johnson's book, *Got Style? Personality-based Evangelism*. Participants who arrive at 3:00 will have an opportunity to take the inventory survey found in the book. Join us for an exciting afternoon of training in faith-sharing. There is no cost for the seminar. For more information call the MDA office at 1-248-443-6888.

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## Library News

There's a great new book in the FBCB library entitled *The Story of the Bible* by Larry Stone (my college roommate, by the way). It is the

fascinating history of the Bible's writing, translation and effect on civilization and contains over 90 illustrations and 24 life-size pull-out pages with reproductions from the world's most important Bibles.

No book in history has been so studied, so used and so abused as the Holy Bible. But its message stands or falls on its authenticity. It is indeed the Word of God or some fraudulent work of a few who claimed divine inspiration? Well, *The Story of the Bible* offers a captivating account of the history of the Bible from parchment to print, and from its English translation to over 2,400 languages. It shows how the biblical documents have withstood the most scrutinizing analysis ever imposed on any manuscript and have emerged with compelling authenticity and authority.

If you are interested in where the Bible came from, how it was written and preserved, when and how it was translated and printed, and want to know how the Dead Sea Scrolls impact the biblical authenticity, then this book is not to be missed. (Submitted by Brian Blaesing)

Did you know that Judson Press has begun having free webinars for some of their new publications? Wednesday, March 30th at 1:00 - 2:00 (Eastern time) there will be a webinar on one of the new books in our Church Library...*Making Your Church a House of Healing* by Michael Gemignani. This is a great way to learn about the book and the author. You can register for this webinar by going online to [gotomeeting.com/register/356732305](http://gotomeeting.com/register/356732305).

*The Story of the Bible* and many other volumes new to our church library can be found on the Current

## Local Author to Make Presentation at FBCB

We will host John Gallagher, author of *Reimagining Detroit* at our church on **May 12 from 7 to 9PM**.

Reimagining Detroit presents a wealth of ideas and strategies for making Detroit a smaller yet a better city. It explores issues surrounding urban agriculture, economic revitalization, governance models, and much more. It is written in an easy, accessible style, and it aims to contribute to a broad public debate about the potential for reinventing Detroit. Plan to attend and bring a friend! (Ref:

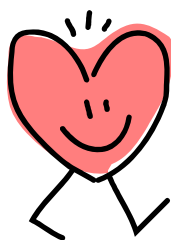


## Still Making Good Progress!

We have raised \$15,560 (60% of our \$26K Goal) as of 03.20.11 in our Organ Renovation Campaign.

Thank you to all who have made commitments. For those of you who have not yet pledged please prayerfully consider your gift.

*Together we can complete this project!*



## First Baptist Birmingham Delivery Meets Grandma with Hospitalized Grandchildren

Dave Brault, a member of First Baptist Church of Birmingham, delivered six bags of donated clothing from the congregation just as a grandmother was walking out the door. When she saw that there were winter jackets sticking out the top of a bag, she turned around and waited until the donations were counted. She shared her family's heartbreaking story while she waited. Her daughter confronted the thugs in her neighborhood, and in retaliation, they threw a Molotov cocktail through her front window in the middle of the night. All four of the woman's grandchildren suffered burns and smoke inhalation, but all escaped. The six year old has severe burns on an arm, leg and face and will require quite a bit of rehabilitation and plastic surgery. The family lost everything of material value in the fire. Grandmother was able to pick up a winter coat for each child, plus a few other items for her daughter and family. It had to be a "God thing" that Dave Brault arrived at the "fullness of time" to help this particular family. (ref: FH website)

## Building Project

We will finish the planting project on the north side of the building this spring. The entrance renovation to this space began under the leadership of past PR Chair Carol McWilliam, with asphalt removal, new paver installation and shrubbery and tree planting. Current Chair, Jerry Mills will guide the process



### Friendship House News... 3rd Annual Comedy Fundraiser Brightens the February Gloom!

About 225 people gave up a cozy night at home wrapped in a Snugglie in front of the tube to support Friendship House and Camp Lael on February 10. Mark Ridley's Comedy Club arranged for headline comic, Jeff Caldwell, to entertain us with riffs on tech support, managing finances, multiple social security cards, remaining childless and more. Two other "warm up" comics shared their own unique takes on life. Will any of us look at a UPS truck driver in quite the same way?

Not all the ticket money is in yet, but we think the event raised \$3,600. Those funds will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the First Baptist Church of Royal Oak Mission Fund. That means that Camp Lael and Friendship House will each get \$3,600. Thanks to the planning team: **Wendy Beguhn, Linnea Berg, Betsy Connolly, Carole Curley and Gloriane Wiley.** Extra special recognition is due to **Betsy Connolly** who worked like a crazy person to secure silent auction donations, printed up the bid sheets and arranged the auction layout. We hope the readers who attended had a "laughter vacation." (ref: FH

### HOLY WEEK at FBCB



Palm Sunday, April 17. A procession of palms, a time of reflection, and recognition of the journey of Holy Week to Good Friday and on to the Good News of Easter!



Maundy Thursday Service, April 21, will begin at 6PM on April in Fellowship Hall. We will share a light meal with our friends from Second Baptist Church of Detroit. We will also prepare a mission project of First Aid Kits for Friendship House. These kits to include the following:

- Band-Aids in different sizes
- Multipurpose antibiotic cream
- Alcohol wipes
- Roll of gauze or 4" gauze pads
- Plastic gloves
- Instant cold pack (optional)
- Tweezers (optional)
- Ace bandage (optional)
- Little packets of aspirin or Tylenol or ibuprofen (optional)



Good Friday Service, April 22, will be held at First Methodist Church in Birmingham from Noon to 1:30PM. Pastor Babian and our choir will participate at 12:30PM.



Easter Sunday: Join us on Sunday April 24 as we share the beginning of the day with our friends at Second Baptist Church for a special sunrise service. We will return to FBCB for a 9AM Continental Breakfast in Fellowship Hall, as well as enjoy a special KNOW YOUR BIBLE VERSES QUIZ SHOW for our children and youth. We begin clean up at 9:45 AM, the choir will begin rehearsal. 10:30 Easter Worship, the Easter Egg hunt for the kids will be held during Children's Church. Join us for a wonderful day!



Join us at our next Vespers on  
Sunday, April 17 from 4 to 6PM.

Details are posted  
in the Welcome Center.



The **Worship Flower Calendar** is  
now posted in the lobby. Purchase  
Sunday flowers in honor or memory  
of a loved one! \$35.

### Newsletter News

We are beginning to process to provide an  
electronic only newsletter. If the church has  
access to your email you will no longer receive a  
paper version.

*Particular to out-of-state recipients*, please share  
your e-mail with the church office as soon as  
possible. If you no longer wish to receive the  
newsletter please call the church at 248-644-0550.

### Daily Prayers For This Month

Each morning when you get up, take a brief  
moment to sat 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.

March 27, 2011

God, our Rock, your love revives our  
thirsting souls. Restore us so that,  
renewed by your grace, we may be  
strengthened to bring others to the living  
water given to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

April 3, 2011

Shepherd of All, bring us safely through  
the dangers that threaten us and restore  
us to wholeness of life. Prepare a table and  
call us to your banquet. Strengthen us by  
your grace to care for your flock that all  
may share in your promises. Amen.

April 10, 2011

Enlivening God, you bring life to dry  
bones and weary hearts. We cry out from  
the depths—help us! Pour your Spirit in  
our hearts so t hat, trusting in your power  
to forgive and restore, we may rejoice in  
the hope you set before us. Amen.

April 17, 2011

God of mercy, gird our hearts to be wholly  
present in the events of Jesus' final days.  
Open our hearts to sing your praise, and  
use our tears to water lives committed to  
working for your reign on earth. In  
Christ, Amen.

## Upcoming Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 AM

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March 27, 2011

“Thirsty Voices” ~ Exodus 17:1-7

April 3, 2011

“Restored” ~ Psalm 23

April 10, 2011

“Breath of Hope” ~ Ezekiel 37:1-14

April 17, 2011

“Palm / Passion Sunday” ~ Matthew 26:14—27:66

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