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The Messenger
May 2015

*Those who are suffering will eat and be nourished; those who seek Him will praise the Eternal.
May your hearts beat strong forever! Those from the farthest reaches of the earth will remember
and turn back to look for the Eternal; All the families of the nations will worship You...
Our children will serve Him; future generations will hear the story of how the Lord rescued us.
They will tell the generations to come of the righteousness of the Lord, of what He has done.
– From Psalm 22, The Voice*

“Treading Water”

Last month, the Greemore family watched the 1982 movie *Annie* for the first time. The occasion came on the recommendation of a welcome face in the FBC community, Paul McDonald (for those who have not met Paul, he is a delightful man who keeps FBC staff up to date with the latest world and religious news, an avid theatre and cinema appreciator, and an all-around phenomenal volunteer!). It seems like almost everyone has heard of Annie, the orphan girl who went from rags to riches (like an American *Cinderella*). My daughters hadn’t, which prompted the question, “Daddy, is Annie a real girl?”

There’s a scene mid-way through the movie where Daddy Warbucks, Annie’s *soon-to-be-adoptive-father*, is floating face-up in his enormous swimming pool. Annie’s dog Sandy (whom Annie rescues early in the movie) jumps headlong into the pool, intending to save the apparently drowning billionaire, much to his chagrin. Shouting ensues, during which it is made abundantly clear to Annie that her dog is to get out of the pool; Warbucks is not drowning, but merely exercising.

I find that sometimes this can be the case in life. We find ourselves treading water (physically, economically, spiritually, relationally) and it becomes difficult for the average-onlooker to tell whether we are enriching our lives with much-needed exercise or struggling to keep our heads above water.

As it turns out, Daddy Warbucks does need to be rescued in his own way, just like Annie and Sandy, only he doesn’t yet realize it. Because of his insular focus, he cannot perceive his own need to be delivered from this self-focus so that he can enjoy a deeper sense of community. Treading water is not a bad thing in his case, only he needs to learn to do it with others. When Daddy Warbucks begins to think more of others, eventually adopting Annie as his own, his soul is nourished in ways he could never have imagined. The hungry are fed, the suffering comforted; it’s a heartwarming realization of Psalm 22.

Now the month of May is upon us. It is a month of promise and possibility, as in “may” your horizons be expanded, and “may” your sphere of influence stretch outward to envelop others its kindness, consideration, and grace. Consider what activities you are now doing that you might share with someone. Are you bearing a burden alone that another could help to shoulder? Think of what great work you are currently doing that someone else may just be waiting for the word from you to join!

Prayer: *God of all comfort, you remind us that you care for us and long to abolish suffering. May we experience abundant living through you. Grant that we may think of others, as you think of us, with goodness and tenderness. May we share with all tales of the good things you have done with us in community. Amen.*



*Striving to serve our
neighbors, community,
and world with open
hearts and open doors
for over 150 years.*

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Sunday:
Sunday School - 9:00 am
Worship - 10:15 am

Rev. Joe Greemore
Pastor

Rev. Carol Teare
Pastor

Susan Price
*Office Manager/
Christian Ed. Director*

Don Huff
Lay Minister

Dr. Randall Harlow
Organist/ Accompanist

Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday
9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Come Worship With Us

May 3 - Holy Communion

Message by Pastor Joe Greemore
Text: John 15: 1-8
Music by Sanctuary Choir

May 10 - Youth Sunday/Mother's Day

Worship Service led by FBC Youth
Music by Celebration Choir & Bells
Graduation Recognition

May 17 - Ascension Sunday

Message by Pastor Carol Teare
Text: Acts 1: 1-11
Music by Sanctuary Choir

May 24 - Pentecost Sunday

Message by Pastor Joe Greemore
Text: Acts 2: 1-21
Music by Band of Light

May 31 - Message by Pastor Joe Greemore

Text: Isaiah 6: 1-8
Music by Jeff McKelvie, trumpet

CHURCH WORKDAY - SATURDAY, MAY 2

8:00 am - Noon

Come and help maintain our beautiful church building and grounds.



Sisters in the Spirit Spring Trip Saturday, May 2nd Dubuque & Galena

Join our group of great women for the caravan to Dubuque to see the Tiffany stained glass windows at St. Luke's United Methodist Church and then on for lunch and shopping in Galena. ALL women of the church are invited and welcome. We will leave at 8:00 am and return around 5:00 pm.



Sunday, May 10

Youth Sunday

**Graduation Recognition
Teacher Recognition**

Come to First Baptist on Sunday, May 10th when we recognize and thank our teachers, leaders and graduates and the youth of our church lead the morning worship service. With music by the Children's Celebration Choir and Bells of Praise.

Spring Church Leadership Retreat Sunday, May 17, 2015 - 12:00 p.m.

ALL returning members, new members and those leaving their teams are asked to attend this important retreat in the life of the church leadership and future planning. A light lunch will be provided.

IRVING FALCON FEST

THURSDAY, MAY 21

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Volunteer to help with games, food or ticket tables.

Volunteers needed for two shifts:

5:00-6:30 p.m. and 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Contact Susan Price to volunteer at our Partner in Education School!

Community Meal - Wed., May 27, 4:30-6 pm

Sign up to help prepare the meal, serve food or bring a salad or dessert to share. Invite your friends & neighbors to fellowship together.

Retirement Lunch for Pastor Mulock

Pastor Skip Mulock is retiring from Unity Presbyterian Church (Hammond & Mitchell) on Sunday, May 31 with a potluck at 11:30 am and Program at 1 p.m. Pastor Mulock is the former pastor at our Church Row neighborhood church, Bethel Presbyterian Church.

The Five Love Languages

by Dr. Gary Chapman

What time: Sunday mornings at 9:05

When: May 3 through June 7 (except May 10)

Where: FBC Chapel

Who: All are invited and welcome to attend.

Led by Pastor Joe

"Many of the millions of readers of the Five Love Languages credit Dr. Gary Chapman with saving their marriages by showing them simple and practical ways to communicate love." - Find out more information at www.5lovelanguages.com.

Sign up under **Activity #1** in worship for this class.

Teacher & Graduate Recognition

Sunday, May 10, 2015, 10:15 a.m.

All Sunday School teachers, Wednesday night leaders and Bible study teachers are asked to come and be recognized for their faithful leadership this year. We will also congratulate our high school and college graduates Shaylynn Cobb, Alex Chandler, Kent Isaacson, Chrissy Fahlgren, Michaela Illig and Bonnie (Drewes) Robinson.

Friends in Fun and Fellowship (FFF)

June 8 - July 10

Come and be a part of our summer children's program by volunteering a day or two of your time to help in the learning centers. FFF provides a safe and loving environment for our neighborhood, community and church kids. We are also a free breakfast and lunch site with the Waterloo Schools. Bettina Taylor and Susan Price are co-directing the program and have added a 4 & 5 year old preschool class this year.

We are also seeking volunteers to help distribute FFF flyers in our church neighborhood on Sat., June 6th at 10:00 am and Sunday, June 7th after church. Please contact Susan or Bettina for more information or questions.

.Only eight weeks until Mission Summit 2015!

You are invited to attend the Biennial Mission Summit, June 26-28, 2015, in Overland Park, Kansas! Individual registration is only \$40.

More information can be found online at www.americanbaptists2015.com.

Will You Give to ONE GREAT HOUR?

It's that time of year again when we are given the marvelous opportunity to share in the abundance of needs by contributing to One Great Hour of Sharing. As the Church in the world, through One Great Hour of Sharing, we have the opportunity to act in one accord as the body of Christ, to ensure that all of God's children have what they need.

This offering reaches those near and far, sometimes changing the life of someone in distress in your own congregation or community, and at other times impacting the lives of those we may never meet but who are in desperate need of our compassion and generosity. God provides the gifts and resources so that we can give back. It's not the size of the gift that matters; it's that we give of what we have.

Together, we will achieve a fair balance, giving right back to God what God has so richly bestowed upon us.

Please prayerfully give towards our goal of \$1,000.

Sincerely,
Mission Ministry Team



April Team Meetings Reports

Christian Education

- * Youth raised \$195 from the Easter brunch for their trip to the Mission Summit.
- * Recruiting FFF volunteers in May.
- * Youth & Graduation Sunday May 10.
- * Friends Club & Youth Bowling Party on Wed., May 13 to end the year.

Diaconate

- April 26 Music Festival in worship with special fellowship time following.
- Leadership Retreat after church on May 17
- Church Website update with Hellman

Mission

⇒ Planning Mission Sunday for April 19 with lunch and Mission Fair after worship.

Trustees

- ◇ Church Workday Sat., May 2
- ◇ Graffiti on building being cleaned up and cement on sidewalk to be repaired.

“Celebrate Spring”

Saturday, May 16, 10:00 a.m.

Calling all AB women and Girls of Faith to come **Celebrate Spring** on May 16th. The women will be hosting a special event with a time for sharing, getting to know others in the church and celebrating this beautiful time of year. There will be a memorial service for the women who have passed away this year, a time for devotions, and treats to eat. Come to FBC at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 16th and sign up on your attendance card under **Activity #2** or call the office. There will be childcare provided.

The Daily Walk Bible Reading Plan

May Reading Plan

May 1	Ezra 1-3	May 16	Job 1-3
May 2	Ezra 4-6	May 17	Job 4-7
May 3	Ezra 7-8	May 18	Job 8-10
May 4	Ezra 9-10	May 19	Job 11-14
May 5	Nehemiah 1-2	May 20	Job 15-17
May 6	Nehemiah 3-4	May 21	Review
May 7	Review	May 22	Job 18-19
May 8	Nehemiah 5-8:1	May 23	Job 20-21
May 9	Nehemiah 8-10	May 24	Job 22-24
May 10	Nehemiah 11-13	May 25	Job 25-28
May 11	Esther 1-2	May 26	Job 29-31
May 12	Esther 3-4	May 27	Job 32-34
May 13	Esther 5-7	May 28	Review
May 14	Review	May 29	Job 35-37
May 15	Esther 8-10	May 30	Job 38-39
		May 31	Job 40-42

Bible Check-up Class will be held Sun., May 10 @ 9 am

Thank You, Choirs!

This is the time of year to say a word of thanks to all our children and adults who gave so much of their time and talent to lead us in music each Sunday over the past year. Your hours of practice each week gave us the gift of praise and prayer. While this is your gift to God first and foremost, it is also a gift to our congregation.

At the end of May the choirs will take a well-deserved summer recess from the loft, and we will have the opportunity for musicians and instrumentalists from our church and community to share their talents with us.

Dr. Linda Sharp will be our summer organist as Randall Harlow will be studying in Germany from June through August. Jeff McKelvie will begin the summer season as our trumpet soloist on May 31st.

May 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering received this month.					1 11:30 Church Women United @ First Methodist	2 8 am Workday 8-5 Sisters in the Spirit Spring Trip
3 9 am S. School 10:15 Worship/ Holy Communion Noon Coalition 1:00 Chin Church	4 7:30 pm NA	5 9:45 Staff Noon-Quilters 6 pm Masons 6:30 Prayer Shawl Ministry	6 Noon Bible Study 4:15 Baptism Class 4:30 Bells of Praise 5-7 Dinner, Friends Club & Youth Group 5:30 Mom's Group	7 6:00 pm NA	8	9
10 Mother's Day 9 am S. School/ Bible Check up 10:15 Worship- Youth led 1:00 Chin Church	11 7:30 pm NA	12 Noon-Quilters	13 Noon Bible Study 4:15 Baptism Class 5-7 Friends Club & Youth Bowling Party	14 5:45 pm Unity Circle @ Beck's 6:00 pm NA	15	16 10:00 am ABW Spring Program 3 pm Wedding Rehearsal
17 Ascension 9 am S. School 10:00 Worship Leadership Retreat 1:00 Chin Church 3:00 Chin Wedding & Reception	18 1-4 pm Staff Retreat 7:30 pm NA	19 9:45 Staff Noon Quilters Noon Pastors' Lunch	20 4:15 Baptism Class 6 pm Adult Choir Picnic	21 5:30-7:30 pm Irving Falcon Fest 6:00 pm NA	22	23
24 Pentecost 10:15 Worship/ Baptism 1 pm Chin Church	25 OFFICE CLOSED 7:30 pm NA	26 9:45 Staff Noon Quilters	27 4:30 Community Meal	28 6:00 pm NA	29	30
31 10:15 Worship 1 pm Chin Church						

May Birthdays

4 - Roxane Baldwin	19 - Rye Lange
5 - Larry Moser	20 - Robert Jenkins
5 - Verner Nelson III	20 - Mike Van Gorder
7 - Shirley Baldwin	21 - Sheleah White
7 - Oliver Eason	22 - Dianne Van Gorder
8 - Samantha Satterlee	23 - Chris Iehl
10 - Merle Ridder	24 - Addyson Greemore
10 - Marshall Walker	26 - Erma Cowlshaw
11 - Dennis Johnson	26 - Karen Hoppes
12 - Maxine Stone	26 - Clare Palmer
16 - Carly Turner	31 - Jayda Haywood

Worship Leaders

May 3 - Don Huff
May 10 - Youth Group
May 17 - Wanda Hoepfner
May 24 - Toby Teare
May 31 - Dwayne Price

Coffee and Fellowship

May 3 - Trustees Team
May 10 - Christian Education Team
May 17 - Unity Circle
May 24 - Friendly Stars Circle
May 31 - Diaconate Team

Greeters

May 3 - Keegan & Natasha Marquart
May 10 - John & Kim Chandler
May 17 - Chris & Brenda Lemper
May 24 - Chuck & Pat Stilwill
May 31 - Helen Hannan & Marcia Street

Please sign up to host Sunday coffee & fellowship during the summer months on the sheet located outside of office.

Financial Report (as of 3/31/15)

Checking/Savings \$115,951.65

RBC \$58,344.56

Foundation \$59,130.42

March Contributions \$18,115.00

March Expenses \$16,719.94

May Anniversaries

14 - Becky Twaites & Joe Kendall
19 - David & Liz O'Malley
21 - Kim & John Chandler
30 - Anne & Rye Lange

Thank you...

Thanks to all the church family for prayers for Randy's recovery. We appreciate the phone calls, hospital visits, flowers & prayer bracelet. You all are wonderful examples of God's love.

Donna & Randy Schmitz

Condolences to...

- the family of Shirley Roof
(Rev. Bob Roof's wife)
- the family of Ramez Rafai
(Jerri Iehl's nephew)

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP

Sign up to host a Sunday fellowship time this summer. Do you have a special birthday or anniversary coming up? How about getting your family together to host or a group of friends?

The sign up sheet is located on the hallway table outside of the church office.

"The Invisible People: Begging to Be Heard..."

May 8 & May 9, 2015 7:00 p.m.

Waterloo Center for the Arts

Tickets \$15

Doors open at 6 p.m. with a Silent Auction to benefit Cedar Valley Hospitality House, a daytime shelter for the homeless.

A theatre production based on the true stories of homeless people in the Cedar Valley.

Church Officers & Ministry Teams 2015-2016

Ministers

Rev. Joe Greemore & Rev. Carol Teare

Church Moderator

Bob Jenkins

Church Clerk

(not filled yet)

Finance Committee

Steve Harty, Bob Jenkins, Gene Van Gorder

Church Historian

Steve Harty

Diaconate Team

Expires 2016 - Terri Anderson, Rye Lange, Lizzie Zondo, Chris Iehl, Chuck Stilwill

Expires 2017 - Vicki Hembree, Margaret Kauten, Pat Stilwill

Expires 2018 - *Don Huff, Sue Harty, Wini Dewey, Debbie Foust*

Trustees Team

Expires 2016 - Gene Van Gorder, Toby Teare

Expires 2017 - Rick Anderson, Merle Ridder

Expires 2018 - *Dave Schlette, Larry Moser*

Christian Education Team

Expires 2016 - Kristin Stanford, Anne Lange, Heidi Iehl

Expires 2017 - Clare Palmer, Donna Huff, Kim Chandler

Expires 2018 - *Keegan Marquart*

Mission Team

Expires 2016 - Bruce Foust, Janell Ridder

Expires 2017 - Keith Dewey, Dianne Van Gorder

Expires 2018 - *Natasha Marquart, Shirley Baldwin*

A church member vote was held on April 19th for those names that expire in 2018. There were no changes.

Graduation Open House

Alex Chandler

Class of 2015

Waterloo East High

Come and help Alex celebrate on

Saturday, June 6th

1:00-5:00 p.m.

FBC Social Room



SUMMER CAMPING

Dayton Oaks and Forest Lake Camp forms are now available. Camp scholarships are also available if you register by May 6th. Contact the church office for registration forms.

