



A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Good Morning, Church Family,

It has been a season of firsts for me. My first time moving the family across the country. My first time changing a tire on the interstate with a bunch of dogs in the car. My first couple of days in the office at First Baptist. And it's my first newsletter article for FBC.

The firsts are exciting, but I am most thrilled about everything that comes next. If I have learned anything after being in one church for over ten years, it is that the best moments only come with time. The best ministry happens after seasons of living together, worshipping together, and serving one another. The firsts are great, but the sweet stuff comes with investment!

The first miracle that Jesus performed was turning water into wine. If you will recall, he was being pushed by his mother to fix a serious social problem at a wedding. The hosts ran out of wine! Running out of wine for your wedding guests amounted to a faux pas that no one sought to endure. So Jesus stretched out, popped his knuckles, and started directing the wait staff around. And as they followed Jesus, the water simply turned into wine. But not just any wine, into fine wine.

Normally the best wine was served first, with the cheap stuff coming out later. But Jesus wasn't going to make cheap wine. Jesus' miracles are not cheap. They are powerful, life-changing, fine-wine kind of miracles. And with this miracle, Jesus was announcing to the world that the good stuff had arrived. The very Son of God was amongst creation. The Messiah was here, and the universe would never be the same again.

Jesus' wedding miracle is an enormous thing, but it pales in comparison to the amazing things that would come later. The feeding of thousands, the raising of Lazarus, the resurrection and ascension of Jesus. Just like the wedding, there would be no cheap wine at the end of Jesus' story. It would be the finest of wines served, nothing less.

There are many more firsts to come for First Baptist on our journey together. Our first Christmas hymns sung together, my family's first snow in the Midwest, and our first Easter celebration together. Those moments will be great, but the fine wine—the good stuff—is just around the corner. Just keep remembering that. Our best is not behind us; it is right in front of us. The fine wine is just now being served. The party is just getting started. And the best is yet to come!

Just a Ragamuffin,
Pastor Rob Collins

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WORSHIP SERVICES

10:00 A.M. WORSHIP & CHILDREN'S SS ■ 11:00 A.M. FELLOWSHIP TIME

OCTOBER 14, 2018 "ONE LAST THING"

Mark 10:17-22

The story of the rich young ruler speaks to us all, regardless of our age, social status, or wealth. This man was holding something back, he was holding something higher than the kingdom. Let's explore what our "one last thing" might be, and how we can let it go.

Music: "Cornerstone" - Youth Band

Sanctuary Flowers on October 14th will be donated by The Fredell Family in loving memory of Jim Fredell and Kathy Fredell-Grubbs.

OCT. 21, 2018 "THE UPSIDE DOWN KINGDOM"

Isaiah 53:4-6; Mark 10:43-45

Have you ever spent an afternoon shopping at a used bookstore? If so, then you probably got a crick in your neck. The only way to read all those titles is to turn your head sideways. Jesus has this affect as well, turning the world upside down so that you have to flip over to see the beauty of God's Kingdom.

Music: A guest performance by members of the Penguin Project

CONDOLENCES

We offer sympathy and prayers for Jan Olson and her family on the death of Jan's husband, Marvin Olson. Marvin passed away on October 6, 2018. A Celebration of Life service is being planned for Saturday, October 13th, at a time to be determined.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Mark Grizzard	Jim Russell	Charlie Heathcoat
Char Austin	Helen Nicol	Sharon Stanard
Rose Kimpling	Pam Orrill	Jim Ashton
Rosemary Walk	Alyssa Russell	Wally Webber
Mary Hinch	Jacquelyn Kellogg	
Don Middleton (Jim Middleton's son)		
Dick Sternberg (Jo Sternberg's husband)		
Peter (Grandson of Brenda Shay)		
Stephanie George (Brenda Shay's daughter)		
Mark Huddle (son of Mike & Cheryl Huddle)		
Ray Piersall (Deb & Tom McGlothlen's brother)		



The Next Chapter

As we enter this year's Stewardship Campaign, we hope you will prayerfully consider "The Next Chapter" in our church's history.

"Based on the gift each has received, use it to serve others, as good managers of the varied grace of God." —1 Peter 4:20

"Each person should do as he has decided in his heart — not reluctantly or out of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver." —2 Corinthians 9:7.

Please plan to join us on Consecration Sunday, which will be celebrated on November 11th.

Paul & Nancy Phillips

Contemporary Issues Class

Our fall session resumes on October 14 with a very important topic – "All Kids Need Help Growing Up." But kids need more help if they don't have enough food, if their neighborhoods aren't safe and if their families are struggling. Lesley Matuszak, chief professional officer of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Peoria, will speak about what that organization does to help some 1,500 local children stay safe and healthy and become productive and responsible citizens. She is eager to share with us her passion for her work. The class will meet at 11:15 in the sanctuary.

Barb and Bernie Drake

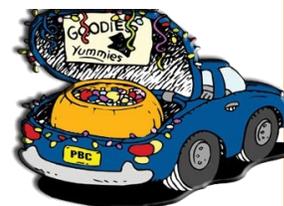


FBC TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, October 28th

4:30—5:30 p.m.

Your car and candy are needed. Costumes are optional.





HEALTH TIPS: Flu Season

Since flu season will be upon us soon, here is some information from the CDC regarding flu/vaccination:

“While seasonal influenza (flu) viruses are detected year-round in the United States, the flu viruses are most common during the fall and winter. The exact timing and duration of flu seasons can vary, but influenza activity often begins to increase in October. Most of the time flu activity peaks between December and February, although activity can last as late as May.

How Flu Spreads:

Person-to-Person: People with flu can spread it to others up to about 6 feet away. Most experts think that flu viruses spread mainly by droplets made when people with flu cough, sneeze or talk. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. Less often, a person might get flu by touching a surface or object that has flu virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose or possibly their eyes.

When Flu Spreads:

People with flu are most contagious in the first three to four days after their illness begins. Most healthy adults may be able to infect others beginning 1 day **before** the symptoms develop and up to 5 to 7 days **after** becoming sick. Children and some people with weakened immune systems may pass the virus for longer than 7 days.

Symptoms can begin about 2 days (but can range from 1 to 4 days) after the virus enters the body. **That means that you may be able to pass on the flu to someone else before you know you are sick, as well as while you are sick.** Some people can be infected with the flu virus but have no symptoms. During this time, those people may still spread the virus to others.”

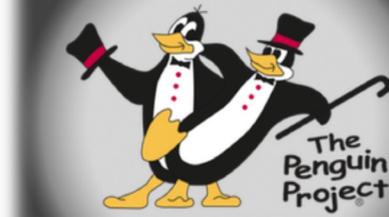
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ABW OCTOBER BRUNCH

SATURDAY, OCT.13TH, AT 10:00 A.M.

The program will be on physical therapy. Kathi Thornburg, who is a physical therapist and also teaches Tai Chi & other classes at First Methodist Church. The cost is \$4 at the door by the soda machine. Please feel free to bring guests. Just make sure you make reservations with Carolyn Ihnken by phone at 685-1388 or e-mailing at csimk@comcast.net.

COMING SOON TO FBC PEORIA



Established in 2004, The Penguin Project has evolved into a national program, with chapter sites throughout the United States. The program provides a supportive environment for children with disabilities to explore their creative talents. It has also demonstrated that participation in the performing arts has therapeutic value by enhancing social interaction, communication skills, self-confidence and self-esteem. The impact of the program has reached beyond the stage to create a social network for children who previously had very few friends and limited social opportunities. For more information, visit their website at penguinproject.org.

Performers from the Penguin Project will participate in our worship service on **Sunday, October 21st**. We hope you will attend services to help us welcome these remarkable young people as they share their talents with us. It will be a great service....invite your friends!

ABW OCTOBER CIRCLES

Circle of Friends will meet on Tuesday, October 16th, at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Evening Literature Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 16th, at 7:00 p.m. in the church parlor. The book to be reviewed is Beartown by Fredrik Backman.

WILL IT PLAY IN PEORIA?

Dr. Kennedy has compiled his sermons here at First Baptist Church into book format. The finished product will be two soft-cover volumes. A limited number of the books will be available for purchase here at the church at a cost of \$30 for the set.

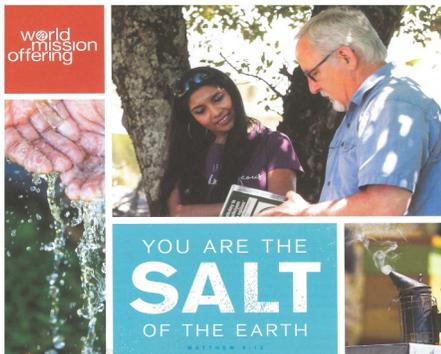
To reserve your books, please contact the church office by e-mail to office@fbcpeoria.com or by phone to (309) 682-5491.

We will contact you when the books arrive...hopefully next week.


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THE MISSION OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IS TO MINISTER TO OUR CONGREGATION, THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD, SO THAT ALL MAY EXPERIENCE THE LOVE AND GRACE OF GOD.



This year's World Mission Offering theme is "You are the Salt of Earth." It is taken from Matthew 5:15, which says, "And Jesus said to them, 'You are the Salt of the Earth.'"

Although we are not working physically in International Ministries, we have chosen to contribute financially to those global servants, Christian partners and volunteers who serve in the field.

Our goal for the World Mission Offering this year was \$2,000. As of September 30th, we have collected \$1,924 towards that goal.

If you haven't given yet to support the good work of the people doing God's work around the world, please do so. If you have, please consider giving a little more to help us meet...or exceed...our goal.

—Bev Searcy, Mission Board