

FIRST BAPTIST NEWS

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First Baptist Church

THE SACRED WORK OF A GRACIOUS HEART

As we prepare for Consecration Sunday on October 27 I'd like to reflect on the ministry of the past year. First Baptist Church of Peoria is on a grand journey. We're tackling the obstacles of ministry in the 21st century and pushing ourselves to be more Christ-like to all peoples. The work is not easy, nor does it come without cost. But it is a worthy calling, one that First Baptist strives to accomplish.

The idea of consecration stretches across all of Christianity and even into other faiths. It typically means to make something sacred or at least to recognize its sacredness. The ministries of First Baptist carry that same weight. To serve children, to minister to our youth and college students, to gather for book and Bible studies, to share meals in fellowship, to worship together are all sacred moments.

I invite you to join me in reflecting on the past year of ministry. Some of it has been grand and bright, like our Easter service and backpack blessing and baptism. Some of the past year has been tough with loss and shared grief. But all of it is sacred. And all of it is possible through the grace of God, the fellowship of the church, and the giving and support of our congregation.

Colossians 3:16 shares these words:

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God."

These are the words I read as I prepare for Consecration Sunday. I ask you to read them as well each morning, each week. Let us hear the words of this letter and allow them to take root in our hearts. And perhaps, as we worship together and serve beside one another, we will find that our hearts are filled with gratitude.

Serving Together,
Dr. Rob Collins

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WORSHIP

10:00 a.m. Worship & Children's Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Fellowship Time

Sunday, September 29, 2019

"Don't Lose Hope, God is our Refuge"

Psalm 91:1-2, 14-16

God is a refuge and fortress. We are called to find hope in that truth and to embrace the calling of Christ as we live our lives.

Music: "The Lord is My Strength" — Chancel Choir

Welcome Center: Bonnie Connett

Sunday, October 6, 2019

"Faith, the Size of Forgiveness"

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4; & Psalm 37:1-9

Jesus teaches us that faith and forgiveness are directly linked to one another. Join us as we explore the way our faith grows as our capacity to forgive grows.

Music: "King of Kings" — Praise Band

Welcome Center: April Jacobs

CONCERTS IN THE COURTYARD

Our first concert and dinner on September 18th was a great success. We hope you will join us for any or all of the remaining three concerts: Sept. 25—Jasmine Blancaflor, piano; Oct. 2—River City String Quartet; Oct. 9—Leigh Grizzard, soprano. Concerts start at 6:00 p.m. in the courtyard. A light meal will be provided in Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Tom Maulding	Char Austin	Helen Nicol
Sharon Stanard	Rose Kimpling	Mark Stanard
Jim Ashton	Rosemary Walk	Mary Hinch
Jerry Edwards	Alyssa Russell	Karen Vickerman
Jacquelyn Kellogg	Deb Houser	
Leon Vickerman	John Hart	
Ted Osborn (Dr. Osborn's brother)		

DINING OUT

The Dining Out group will be going to Rosati's Chicago Pizza in Pekin at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, September 27th. Please let John or Jen Dusek know if you want to attend: (309) 231-6389 or

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

CWU's 2019 Human Rights Day will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. on October 4th at First English Lutheran Church, 725 East Forrest Hill Ave., Peoria. Brunch will be provided at a cost of \$5.00 each. To make reservations, please call Thelma Hopwood at (309) 657-5476.



This year's World Mission Offering is themed around Jesus' words to the woman at the well, "Whoever drinks of the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (John 4:14)

Every day in countless contexts International Ministries' global servants invite people to draw into a deeper relationship with Jesus by offering them the living water of eternal life. Those who drink are abundantly satisfied and never again have to search for fulfillment.

May we support our International Missionaries and global servants through this special offering on Sunday, Sept. 29.

Bev Searcy
Board of Missions

PRAYER CHAIN UPDATES

Thanks for continuing to keep our Prayer Chain alerted to urgent needs for prayer.

As a general rule, we leave prayer requests "active" for two months. If we haven't gotten an update by that time, we eliminate it from the prayer chain.

So - please update us with any good news -- or if we need to leave your request active beyond the two months. Thank you!

Bonna Zimmerman, bzimmer@aol.com, or call/text 309-657-5480
Gaynell Barton, gsbarton@gmail.com, or call/text 309-231-5561

MEMBER UPDATES

Gloria Graham's home address is in Florida. She is only at the Peoria address shown in the directory for a short time each year. Please update your directory to show her address as:

2423 Davis Circle
Sebring, FL 33870

Wes Prudhoe's son has moved her to Florida to be closer to him. We do not have family permission to publish her new address. If you wish to send Wes cards or letters, you can leave them in the church office, and we will forward them to Wes.

October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>Please bring non-perishable food items on October 6th for the Peoria Area Blind Center.</p>		1 8:30AM FBC Ex. (Chapel) 10AM MUGS (Parlor)	2 5:30PM DINNER 6PM CONCERT IN THE COURTYARD 6:45PM Bell & Chancel Choir Rehearsals	3 8:30AM FBC Exercise (Chapel) 5:15PM Guitar Rehearsal	4	5 8AM Men's Breakfast (Fell. Hall)
6 COMMUNION SUN. 9AM Music Rehrsl. 10AM Worship & Children's SS 11AM Fellowship Time	 7 10AM MUGS2 @ Panera's	8 NEWSLETTER 8:30AM FBC Exercise (Chapel) 10AM MUGS (Parlor) 6:30PM Board Meetings 7:30PM FBC Dartball (Fell Hall)	9 5:30PM DINNER 6PM CONCERT IN THE COURTYARD 6:45PM Bell & Chancel Choir Rehearsals	10 8:30AM FBC Exercise (Chapel) 5:15PM Guitar Rehearsal 6:30PM Diac-nate Mtg (Parlor)	11	12 10AM ABW Brunch (Fell. Hall)
13 9AM Music Rehrsl. 10AM Worship & Children's SS 11AM Fellowship Time	14 10AM MUGS2 @ Panera's 11AM Heart-warming Hats (Conn. Rm.)	15 8:30AM FBC Exercise (Chapel) 10AM MUGS (Parlor) 12:30PM Circle of Friends (Fell. Hall)	16 Rehearsals: 5:15PM Guitar 5:45PM Bell 6:30PM Choir	17 8:30AM FBC Exercise (Chapel)	18	19
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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.

“News Deserts”

What happens to our communities when local newspapers die? Who watches over our city councils, school boards, park boards, politicians? How do we know whom to vote for? Where do we get our news? And the best question: Can we stop this from happening?

Dr. Paul Gullifor, holder of the Henry Means Pindell Endowed Chair of Communications at Bradley University, and Chris Kaergard, Journal Star associate editor, will address these critical issues at our October 20th Contemporary Issues Class. You may remember how long we kept Dr. Gullifor when he spoke about fake news at our March Contemporary Issues Class; we promised he'd come back to focus on local news. And if you read The Journal Star, you are familiar with the work Chris Kaergard does against tough obstacles.

The class will meet at 11:15 in the sanctuary.

Barb & Bernie Drake



TRUNK OR TREAT

Come one come all with your car to Trunk or Treat! Sunday, Oct 27th, from 4 to 5 p.m. We had a huge response last year, and kids were lining up early. So this year we ask you to arrive by 3:30 p.m. to set up your car.

We are going to have a starting line for the kids so they all start the same way. We will have a table set up to hand out a goody bag with our church information at the start.

We appreciated all the church's participation last year when we had over 200 kids! We need everyone of you to participate again this year.

Thank you,
Karen Pilgrim, Board of Education.



OCTOBER CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Circle of Friends will meet on October 15th at 12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Mary Little will be speaking about growing up in Nigeria and all the amazing adventures she had a child. I encourage as many people as I can to attend. I will need a head count at least one week prior, please!! Thank you very much and have a Blessed Month!

Jen Dusek, 309-231-6389.