

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

## A Word from Wes

“Taken, Blessed, Broken, and Given” is the theme for this year’s stewardship emphasis. It comes from the story of the feeding of the five thousand as found in John’s gospel. This story seems very appropriate as we look at the challenges that are faced by many people in this moment in time who wonder about the resources they have in relation to the needs that they face. We can easily identify with the disciples who looked at the multitude and questioned Jesus when he expected them to make provision for the crowd that day on the hillside.

All that could be found among the throng was a boy’s meager meal of five loaves and two fishes. Yet, he offered this to Jesus who took the loaves and fishes, blessed them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples. In the distribution all were fed and twelve basketsful were left over.

This past summer our children and youth spent an afternoon making cookies for a bake sale that was to provide funds for the Backpack Project at Friendship House. They baked 33 dozen cookies and were able to make possible the purchase of 40 backpacks with the \$180.00 that was raised.

The group, also, considered the story of the Feeding of the Five Thousand and related that story to their efforts. In such times as these, we are all given the opportunity to set priorities and think creatively about ways to share with others.

The difficult economy and the real issues that it raises make us look more closely at what we are responsible for. It calls for discipline. The disciplines of the faith include the practice of stewardship. We give our financial gifts to the church not to raise funds for a budget, but out of our commitment to God’s mission in the world around us. We practice the discipline of stewardship as well in order to learn the lessons of trust in God and faithfulness to God.

Your commitment to our ministry is one that is deeply valued and respected. This congregation is both accountable and responsible in the management of the gifts that have been entrusted to us. As you offer to the Lord that which is yours to give, it is “Taken, Blessed, Broken and Given” in faith, hope, and love, touching lives in ways that defy the imagination.

# 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, Frances Bramblett, Patty Babian, Margaret Edgington.

Long-time church member, Dorothy Bermingham passed away earlier this month. We keep the family in our prayers.

Congratulations to Marcia Bonds who was ordained at Hartford Memorial Baptist Church earlier this month.

We keep Nancy Nabors in our prayers as she recovers from burns on her hands from steam. Feel better soon!

Phil Lett has moved to Texas to be closer to his family. We keep him in our prayers.



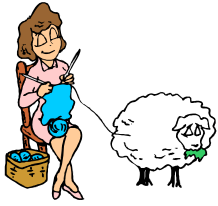
## Happy November Birthdays!

- November 5 Ray Sharp
- November 6 Chris Olsen
  
- November 7 Marjorie Chartier
- November 9 Paige Moore
- November 13 Lisa Horikawa
- November 14 Griffin Sharp
  
- November 15 Tom McCandlish
- November 16 Hazel Boltwood  
John Voepel
  
- November 21 Thelma Black
- November 23 Paul Lin
- November 24 Patty Trask
  
- November 25 B.J. Benda  
Frances Bramblett
  
- November 29 Scott Michael

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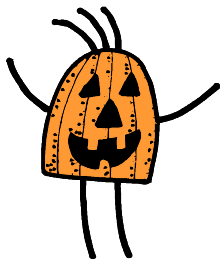


### Prayer Shawl Knitters

Our wonderful Quilters & Prayer Shawl

ministry group has begun to meet again. They come together on the first and last Tuesday of the month, 11AM to 3PM. The group meets in the Conference Room.

Join us!



### Kids and Teens!

All-Youth Halloween Party Sunday, Oct. 25, 5-6:30 pm Food, Games, Music Invite a Friend. Wear a Costume.

Bring a used costume of other Halloween item to donate to the Friendship House. FUN! FUN! FUN!

### Attention Teachers & Group Leaders:

There are a lot of arts & crafts and learning supplies in the spare, upstairs Pastoral office for your use. Take a moment and check it out!



### Don't Forget!

Daylight savings time begins Sunday, November 1. Fall back early Sunday morning!



### A Look at the Financials

As of September 30, 2009

Pledged Income Actual	\$133,865
Pledged Income Budget	\$146,285
Pledged Variance	(\$ 12,420)

Please continue to keep current with your pledges.



### CROP Walk

Thanks to all who contributed to the CROP Walk, either by walking or by donation. This year saw fewer walkers than in the past. The weather did not cooperate, but those who walked have helped many in our community and the world over. Final dollar figures are not in yet, but as soon as they are we will let you know.

### GLOBAL GIFTS

The Holiday season is around the corner. we will open on the first of November. if you have bags or tissue paper you would like to donate please bring them to the church and hang on the door to global Gifts. On another note concerning Global Gifts, seven volunteers shared their day at the church for ART in the PARK (ing lot). Global Gifts was open and we raised \$414.00! Thanks to all who helped! The gift shop is a mission of social justice and economical equality.

### Playground Progress!



We are making good progress on the south side playground. The new cement path has been laid, and a new west stairway is in initial building stages, removing the old, rusty and very steep old stairwell. The fountain, benches and planters that were in the space before are placed in temporary storage until final location can be determined.



## November Communion Offering Designated to ...

The Aqua Clara / Living Waters Foundations. Both of these charities exist to assist poor communities to obtain and sustain clean water for their villages and cities. See the bulletin board in the Welcome Center for more details. Please prayerfully consider your gift.

## FBCB Continues to Provide Support to Non-Profit Organizations and the Community

- On October 19, we offered meeting space to The League of Women Voters. The **League of Women Voters** is a nonpartisan organization established in 1920 to encourage citizen participation in government. It never supports or opposes any political party or candidate but does advocate on selected issues. Membership in the League of Women Voters is open to anyone who supports the principles and purpose of the organization.
- On Saturday, October 24, we hosted a public forum in Fellowship Hall on Public Transportation with the M.O.S.E.S. organization. Several government officials, the media, local advocates and neighbors were in attendance. Leona Frost was instrumental in this effort.

### Please Note:

There is a Congregational meeting scheduled for this afternoon.

## A Celebration!

Next Sunday we will celebrate Jack and Jo Ellis' 20th Anniversary here at First Baptist Birmingham! Please be sure to join us for the celebration reception following the worship service. We are collecting a Love Gift for the Ellis to show our appreciation for their many years of service to this congregation. Please make your check payable to "First Baptist Church", with "Ellis Love Gift" in the memo.



Detroit Association cordially invites you to the 2009 Annual

## FALL DINNER

Hosted by the American Baptist Men of the MDAABC

Saturday, November 14, 2009

Doors Open at 6:30P

Dinner at 7:00P

\$10 per person

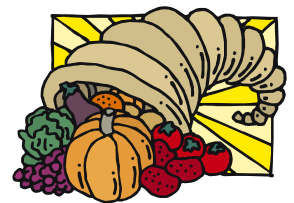
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Save The Date- Flyer

More Information coming soon!

## Will Olsen In-Gathering: A Wonderful FBCB Tradition!



Scheduled for Sunday, November

22, the congregation is invited to support this annual outreach effort. Each year, we gathering food and pantry items to assistant families at the Judson Center. Please bring your gifts to church on November 23. Items needed include: canned goods, canned meats, coffee, tea, juices, oatmeal, peanut butter and jelly, spaghetti sauce, soups and dessert mixes. All food items must be non-perishable & have a valid expiration date.



## Plan Early for Winter Camp at Lael

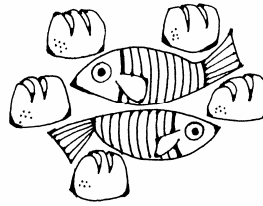
“My Comfort, My Shelter”  
2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Dates:

February 5-7 Family Camp  
February 12-14 Junior weekend for 3-6 grade  
February 19-21 Junior/Senior High  
February 26-28 Junior/Senior High  
Speakers and Music leaders to be announced.

Cost: \$75 for students, \$65 for adult Chaperones.

Cost includes two overnights, four meals, snacks, lodging and program.



## Annual Stewardship Campaign

The congregation will be sent annual Stewardship Campaign materials later this week. Please prayerfully consider your gift to the church this year and return Commitment Cards before November 8. We will gather on Sunday, November 8 for our annual Stewardship Dinner and to receive a report on the campaign results. Tickets to the dinner will be available shortly.

## 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.



## THANK YOU FROM CHIN BAPTISTS IN BATTLE CREEK

Chin Baptist Pastor Van in Battle Creek was delighted with the delivery of sheets, pillows, blankets, towels, dishes, flatware, rice cooker, infant car seat, diaper bags, suits, winter clothing, shoes, boots etc. donated by this congregation and friends to help Burmese refugees. “We have four new families with babies,” said Rev. Van looking at the car seat, “we can really use these things. There are more people coming, and most times when they get off the plane, they have nothing but the clothes on their backs. Did you know,” he continued, “that it is because of American Baptist missionaries that 90% of the Chin people are Baptist? REALLY! Please tell your congregation, “thank you” for these gifts.”

If you or your neighbors or friends have gently used items such as winter clothing, coats, hats, gloves, linens, dishes, car seats, anything that might be of use to newly arriving Chin Baptist refugees, please organize them and contact Henry or Nancy Nabors who are hoping to take another load of goods to Battle Creek before Thanksgiving.

**All FBCB'ers are invited** to celebrate Virginia Brisendine's 95th birthday along with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren at an Open House on Saturday October 31st from 1:00-5:00pm at Pattie & Nick Darin's 3935 Elk Ct Rochester 48306

*The Global Gifts  
and Craft Shop  
is open for business!*



### Advent Play Practice Begins

First Baptist children and youth are invited to participate in a short Advent play with music called "The Grumpy Shepherd." Everyone is welcome!

Practices need to begin now, so a schedule will need to be set. Possible practice times include: Sunday evenings; Wednesday evenings; Saturday mornings. We want to bring our genuine message of hope and love with this gentle, simple play.

Short informational meetings will be after church on Sunday, October 25 and Sunday, November 1 in Room 6 (educational part of the building next to the choir room).



Please join the  
**RACE RELATIONS  
& DIVERSITY TASK FORCE**  
at The Community House

### The New Deal: A Debate

Tuesday, October 20, 7:00 PM,  
at Baldwin Public Library

Was FDR's enormous public works program a boom for the country or a bust? Come hear Detroit journalist and professor Jack Lessenberry and Hillsdale College professor Burton Folsom debate this very question.

### Looking Back at Michigan and Birmingham in the 1930's

Thursday, October 29, 7:00 PM  
at Baldwin Public Library

Professor Greg Sumner will use the Federal Writers' Project volume, Michigan: A Guide to the Wolverine State, to describe the state of our state during the Great Depression. Bill McElhone, Director of Birmingham's Historical Museum and Park, will give us a snapshot of Birmingham at the same time. Membership in the Task Force is open to all individuals and/or representatives of organizations, who live, work or serve in the metro Detroit area.

Reservations are not necessary. No charge.

### Participation Welcome & Encouraged!

- On Sunday, November 1 we will celebrate Jack and Jo Ellis' 20th Anniversary at First Baptist Birmingham. All are welcome to attend a reception after worship service. A love gift is currently being collected to show our appreciation to their work and long time commitment.
- Pastor Babian has announced a Day of Discernment on Wednesday, November 4, from 5 to 7PM.
- All-Church Fall Workday has been scheduled for Saturday, November 7.
- Celebrity Benefit for South Oakland Shelter Saturday, Nov. 7th, 7pm - Midnight, at The Reserve, 375 S. Eton Street, Birmingham.
- On Friday, November 13 we will offer the first of several Discipleship Events. We will travel to Temple Emmanuel to observe the worship service that begins at 8PM. Sign up outside the church office to attend. Extend your Faith Journey!





Sunday, November 15, 2009, 6 to 8PM

Metro Jazz Voices render jazz standards, popular favorites and obscure gems in sophisticated four-part harmony, backed by one of the best rhythm sections in Metro Detroit. Selections come from all eras of the Great American Songbook, and are both joyous and sentimental, even inspiring. The sound is, at once, comfortable and yearning, the harmonies sweet and fascinating. Voice tones are turned in by Meri Slaven, Nicci Der-Stapanian, Carl Cafagna and Jeremy St. Martin, and the instrumental support provided by Scott Gwinnell, piano, Jordan Schug, bass and Mike Higgins, drums. This is a musical feast that is both fine art and entertainment.

### Pastor Vacation

Pastor Babian and his wife, Patty will travel to North Carolina for a short visit with heir son, daughter-in-law, grandson and new granddaughter. They will leave Wednesday, October 28, returning on Saturday, October 31. We wish them safe travels and a wonderful trip!



### 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.

November 1, 2009

We give thanks, O God, for your presence in our lives wherever we go and for people in our community who bear your presence to us. In turning us toward you, O God, turn us toward one another. Amen.

November 8, 2009

God of hope, lead all who are vulnerable to places of sanctuary where life may be sustained and hope may be found. Bind us together in love as a community of your people, and make us bold to offer such restoration. Amen.

November 15, 2009

In moments of distress, or joy, or hope, O God, hear us as we cry to you. Comfort us with your presence, and fill us with visions of your world to come. Amen.

November 22, 2009

Holy God, your reign weds justice and love, grace and truth, wisdom and compassion. Help us to listen for your voice that claims us within your reign. From such grace of belonging, launch us to bear witness to your realm with the whole of our lives. Amen.

## Upcoming Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 AM

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November 1, 2009  
“Wherever You Go” ~ Ruth 1:1-18

November 8, 2009  
“Risk and Restoration” ~ Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

November 15, 2009  
“Praise the Holy One” ~ I Samuel 1:4-20; 2:1-10

November 22, 2009  
“A Wise Reign” ~ John 18:33-37

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