



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

A Word from Wes

Here I am, again, preparing. It is what I do a great deal of and, probably, not well enough.

Lent, Holy Week, and Easter are just around the corner. The plans for the services and activities that are so important to remembering and living those high water marks of faith should be further along than they are. But, the work will be accomplished.

Planning and preparing for the future for our church needs to be done as well. Therefore, before long, you will hear about the initial work of a committee dedicated to that task. We know for sure that we must be looking forward to respond to the inevitable changes that are the horizon for FBCB.

I was chatting with a friend just today and reminiscing about the time I was involved in a major house painting project. From that big job, I learned that one of the most important steps in such a project is preparing the surface. Proper removal of the old paint and other painstaking measures are essential. If one doesn't do that, the paint won't stick! So it is for us in the life of the church and in the life of faith. Preparation is a must.

I am repeating myself, I know. However, unless we surround what we would do and be as a congregation in prayer and seeking God's leading, we may well miss the mark of God's best for us. Join with me in prayer to that end. That is where we must begin.

So, here we are, again, preparing.

Wes Babian, Pastor

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, Patty Babian, Margaret Edgington.

Enid Holliday is back in Michigan. She resides at Baptist Manor in Farmington Hills.

Margaret Chartier had surgery earlier this month. She is now resting at home.

George Weaver is home recuperating.

Lyndsay Cannon will be married here next October. Lyndsay is the daughter of Mike and Terri Cannon.

Chuck Morse is home after a brief stay at Evergreen Nursing Center.

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

We keep Patty Babian in our prayers as she continues under doctor's care.

Audrey Holtz is spending time with her daughter Carol in New York.

Happy February Birthdays!



- February 8 Angie Willingham
- February 10 Ted Staggers
Ethleon Thomson
Kristen Bennett
- February 12 Adam Bennett
- February 14 Nancy Nabors
- February 16 Andrea McWilliam
- February 17 Carson Arnegard
- February 18 Lisa O'Donohue
- February 19 Audrey Holtz
- February 20 Nick Kelly
Kirk McWilliam
- February 22 Philip Babian
Leslie Jaquez
Brian Jones
- February 24 Jerry Mills
- February 27 Emma Olsen
Will Olsen
Werner Schettling

2010 Officers: Moderator: Dave Brault; Vice Moderator: Brian Blaesing; Financial Secretary: Glenn Craig;
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Flower Calendar

There are many Sundays available for congregation members to purchase flowers for the year

2010. Please sign up in the Welcome Center. Make checks payable to FBCB. The church office will call you to confirm type of arrangement you would prefer and the message you want in the bulletin in honor or in memory of a loved one.

**Help! Help!
We need your HELP!!**

We have received a note from International Ministries saying that they have an URGENT NEED for rolled bandages for Haiti. The women of the church will be gathering on Feb. 18th to begin work on the bandages. If you have used sheets you would like to donate for this purpose, please have them at the church before Feb. 18th. Sheets need not be white as in the past; any color will do. Label and leave in the office or place in the ABW cabinet in the Parlor. (NN)

February Communion Offering



In response to the great need for Haitian relief, we will collect funds this month for One Great Hour of Sharing once again this year.



A Look at the Financials

As of December 31, 2009

Pledged Income Actual	\$194,421
Pledged Income Budget	<u>\$200,000</u>
Pledged Variance	(\$ 5, 579)
YTD Total Expense	\$281, 068
YTD Total Income	<u>\$281, 068</u>
Variance	\$0.00

Alternative Spring Break in Detroit: Give It A Thought!

University Baptist Church, East Lansing, in partnership with Detroit-area churches and community organizations, will lead an Alternative Spring Break, March 7-13, 2010. The service opportunity will take place during the normal Michigan State University Spring Break and will be offered as an opportunity for an Urban Immersion Experience. For one week, students, clergy and lay leaders will live and work in a Detroit neighborhood. Service opportunities will be facilitated by partner organizations in Detroit including; Michigan Neighborhood Partnership; Second Baptist Church of Detroit, Friendship House, and The Arden Park - East Boston Historic District.

The Alternative Spring Break will serve as a point of cross-cultural exchange. Some of the MSU students have never visited an inner city or worked to eliminate blight. By spending days and nights immersed in a space of service and learning, the students will be able to learn more about themselves and others. Detroit-based volunteer organizations will also learn more about the service-orientation and selflessness of Mid-Michigan students, churches and citizens.

The churches and community organizations cooperating with University Baptist Church include Second Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan Neighborhood Partnership, Michigan Avenue Baptist Church, American Baptist Churches of Michigan, St. John the Evangelist Church, and the Boston-Arden Park Historic Society.

Cost is \$200 per person, \$50 of which is due with registration on January 24, 2010, and the remainder by February 21, 2010. For information and registration contact, Alex Pickens III, 4608 S. Hagadorn Rd., East Lansing, MI 48823, 517.351.4144 (ELink)



**ABC/USA World Relief Officer,
Lisa Rothenberger Answers Questions
Regarding the Haiti Relief Effort**

Q: People want to know how they can help.
Tell me how people can help today.

A: At this time there are 3 primary ways that
people can help.

1. PRAY for the people of Haiti—and I mean all of the people of Haiti. With the loss of life so great and destruction so vast it is hard to imagine any Haitian not being affected by this tragedy.

2. GIVE to One Great Hour of Sharing. 100% of the gifts given for “Haiti Relief” will go to the relief and rehabilitation of those affected. You can give through your local church or online at www.internationalministries.org

Many people have asked me if there are supplies or material goods that they can gather. I would encourage people who want to do something in addition to giving money to make hygiene or baby kits that are distributed by Church World Service. You can find the details on what are in these kits at churchworldservice.org For those who want to provide medicines, I encourage supporting IMA World Health. They specialize in the IMA Medicine Box which provides 2-3 months worth of medicines for approximately 1,000 people. Their website is imaworldhealth.org

3. PLAN TO GO in future weeks or months. Right now there is need for people with specialized training—doctors, nurses, and search and rescue professionals. We need to wait until the situation stabilizes to send teams to assist with the rebuilding. This time will come, but it’s not in the first weeks after a disaster of this magnitude. Contact Angela Sudermann at angela.sudermann@abc-usa.org for information on how to volunteer. (ELink)



New Telephone Directories Available

New church telephone directories are available at the Annual Meeting. The office can e-mail or mail them if you were not able to attend the meeting.



**AMERICAN BAPTIST MEN OF
THE METRO DETROIT AREA
11th ANNUAL MEN’S PRAYER
BREAKFAST**

For All Men and Boys of the MDA

Saturday, February 20th 2010
8:30AM- 10:30AM

Hosted by
1st Baptist Church of Detroit
21200 Southfield Rd.
Southfield, MI.

(DRESS IS CASUAL)

**“MEN ENCOURAGING MEN”
IN THEIR CHRISTIAN WALK**

Proverbs 27:17

As iron sharpens iron,
so one man sharpens another.

OUR GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE

Rev. Jerome Stevenson
Founder and Pastor
Transforming Ministries, Dayton, Ohio

IN ORDER TO PLAN FOR OUR
MEAL, PLEASE HAVE YOUR RESER-
VATIONS IN BY MONDAY
FEBRUARY 15th BY CALLING THE
METRO OFFICE @
248-443-6888 OR BETHEL BAPTIST
CHURCH @ 734-284-6300.

YOU MAY
ALSO E-MAIL YOUR RESERVA-
TIONS TO bethel1@ameritech.net.
of Metro Detroit

Your 2010 Church Leadership

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Future Missions Team (ad hoc) TBD

Members at Large

Dave Drake
 Paul Tyson

Note: The Celebrations Ministry Team has been consolidated into the Outreach and Deacons teams as per changes in the church constitution.

Let's Have A Terrific 2010!

South Oakland Shelter @ FBCB Feb. 7

This mission work is an all-church effort each year! We house and feed and care for 30 men, women and children.
 Please sign up next to the church office to help in any way that you can.

February is Black History Month.
 Learn more about it at history.com

GLOBAL GIFTS

As a reminder The Global Gift Shop is open after church each and every Sunday! If you have a group of friends, either loosely connected or organized such as a PTA, knitters group, pottery group, book club etc. We would be happy to host them in Fellowship Hall and open Global Gifts. Please spread the word! Contact Leona for details. Last year this mission brought in just over \$10,000. Thanks to all who make a point of visiting the shop.

- Leona Frost.

Let's Get Together!

Ladies of FBCB, mark your calendar for February 18th at 10:00 a.m. when the women of the church will come together for fun and fellowship as we replace missing inserts in the sanctuary hymnals. We will also begin working on our White Cross quota of roller bandages for Congo AND because we have had an urgent plea from IM, we will work on additional rolled bandages for Haiti. Bring a sandwich and a \$2-\$3 donation; when work is done we will enjoy a Soup & Sandwich lunch together. (NN)



Upcoming Youth Events

- Friday, February 5, 2010 ~ Supper at church ~ Make brownies and collect useful items for our SOS Guests ~ Fun and games
- Friday, March 5, 2010 ~ Supper at church ~ Make birthday kits for Friendship House ~ Fun and games
- Friday, April 30, 2010 ~ Camp night/lock-in/overnight at church ~ Bring gently used stuffed animals for donation to Friendship House ~ Fun and games
- Saturday, May 15, 2010 ~ Help church seniors with yard work
- Friday, June 4, 2010 ~ Go to IMAX movie
- June 2010 ~ Do project with Greening of Detroit

Paper Vs. Electronic Newsletter

If anyone receiving a paper version of this newsletter can take it as an emailed electronic file instead, please call Leslie in the office at 248-644-0550 or email her at firstbaptistbirm@sbcglobal.net. Electronic distribution is much more affordable for the church. Thank You!

The Season of Lent

The Lectionary materials suggest that the Season of Lent gifts us with the opportunity to pursue justice and compassion in our lives.

It is a time for each of us to ask, "How might I live in the way of God more deeply so that God's love for all people might shine more brightly?"

The Easter season moves us from reflection to active witness and we look for ways to offer the good news in word and deed.

Finally, on Pentecost we are reminded of God's Spirit among and within us and we are renewed with power to become the living Body of Christ.

SPECIAL DAYS IN LENT:

February 17 is Ash Wednesday. We will gather together for a service of ashes and prayer.

March 28 is Palm Sunday. We will honor the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

April 1 is Maundy Thursday. We will gather together for a shared meal.

April 2 is Good Friday. We will join together in an ecumenical service hosted by First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham for a one-hour service of liturgy and music.

April 5 is Easter. We will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ!

FCC Ruling Requires Churches to Replace Wireless Microphones

The Federal Communications Commission has issued an order that could have far-reaching – and very expensive – consequences for organizations or individuals using wireless microphones. The commission said wireless microphone users have until June 12, to modify or replace equipment that operates on the 700-megahertz frequency. Common users of wireless microphones include theaters, arenas and churches. To see if your microphones are affected, check this list from the FCC. (abc-mi.org/ELink)



February 21, 2010
6 to 8PM

A Post Valentine Day Celebration:
"The Romance of Jazz" presented by
vocalist extraordinaire
Barbara Ware & The Cliff Monear Trio
*Cliff on piano * Nick Calandro, bass
and * Sean Dobbins, drums

Hospitality ...

- the friendly reception and treatment of guests or strangers.
- the quality or disposition of receiving and treating guests and strangers in a warm, friendly, generous way.

Please Note: Annual Giving Envelopes and Annual Reports are available in the Welcome Center.



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.

January 31, 2010

God, sometimes you take our breath away—not so much out of wonder but shock. We find you with ones we did not expect. You do what we would not have chosen. Move our lives to join you on the edge, where holy love stretches out with grace. Amen.

February 7, 2010

Creator God, you have drawn us from deep within ourselves into your loving net of grace. Strengthen us to cast such a net of justice and mercy into the depths of this community and world, that all might feel enfolded by your realm. Amen.

February 14, 2010

God of glory and majesty, bathe us in the bright fire of your transforming love. Gift us with Spirit, that we may live boldly each day as children of your realm. Amen.

February 21, 2010

Journey with us, O God, through this day, through this season. May we follow your leading and draw strength from your presence beside us. And in those times and places we feel alone, help us to trust you still as Companion and Savior. Amen.

Upcoming Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 AM

January 31, 2010
“Prophet on the Edge” ~ Luke 4:21-30

February 7, 2010
“Into the Deep” ~ Luke 5:1-11

February 14, 2010
“Astounding Glory” ~ Luke 9:28-36

February 21, 2010
“Wilderness” Companions” ~ Luke 4:1-13

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