



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

A WORD FROM WES

I have not ever heard anyone say that they liked to change their clocks from Standard Time to Daylight Time and, then, the reverse in the fall. While the added light at the end of the day is enjoyable, it is never easy to get one's biological clock back in sync. I know I am often tired and out of sorts for the first week or so after the change in the hours.

In a way, that is small example of how change can affect us.

As friends are making decisions to move closer to family members, as others are taking up residence in different places, as we see our metro area experience the hard transition of the economic forces in play, and as we are seeing new faces in worship due to a whole host of circumstances, we are dealing with adjustments.

It takes time to adjust.

One of the passages for a recent Sunday was, “I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” (Isaiah 43: 19) There in those words is

the promise of God's faithfulness ...and even more, God's claim of being the bringer of change.

Think about the mind shift that occurred at the Resurrection of Jesus. Those first followers were understandably overwhelmed by the news and, then, the encounters with the Living Christ. Talk about an adjustment! Yet, that event and its message of love and hope is the touch stone of our faith.

It is easy to be caught up in the struggle of adjusting to new situations. However, by keeping our perspective and by being patient and hopeful, we can come to see the possibilities for life and growth that are in front of us.

Change is constant and, often, seems ambivalent. Learning to look for what the possibilities are makes all the difference.

I know: easy for me to write....doing so...is another matter! God grant us all the wisdom and courage necessary to face these times of change.

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.

Congratulations to Tim Olsen and his fiancée Shelley who will be married at FBCB on July 24.

Charles and Frances Morse have moved to Florida to be closer to their family. Our prayers are with them.

Jerry and Midge Mills, and Harriet and Katherine Stewart, are traveling to Florida for vacation. Safe travels!

Audrey Holtz continues to prepare for her move to upstate New York. We keep her in our prayers.

Congratulations to Lindsay Cannon who will be married at FBCB on October 9th.

We keep our snow birds in our prayers.



Happy April Birthdays!

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| April 1 | Thomas Howard |
| April 2 | David Van Doorne |
| April 4 | Kathy Charbeneau
Leona Frost |
| April 5 | Mac Schaffer |
| April 8 | John Trask |
| April 12 | Luke Murphy
Lynn Blocher |
| April 14 | Donna Ritchie |
| April 16 | Lyndsay Bennett
Mike Cannon |
| April 19 | Linda Sackett |
| April 20 | D J Martin
Midge Mills
Carolyn Switzer |
| April 22 | Donna Klipfel-Tuka
Madison Schaffer |
| April 28 | Keith Howard |
| April 29 | Tim Olsen |

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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.

Funding Mission Efforts @ FBCB

- We continue to receive a small, but consistent amount of money from the Accidental Bakers, who use our commercial kitchen. These funds are set aside to support ministry throughout the world!
- Pastor Babian continues to work with persons wanting to have Weddings at FBCB. A portion of the fee will go directly to mission projects in the USA and throughout the world.
- Our high schoolers have collected enough supplies for TWENTY Hygiene Kits for Haiti. Well done! Way to keep your hearts in Mission! Also, our kids are collecting birthday party supplies for Friendship House. Donation box is in the Welcome Center. Thank you for your gifts!



A Look at the Financials

As of February 28, 2010

Pledged Income Actual	\$32,084
Pledged Income Budget	<u>\$23,246</u>
Pledged Variance	\$ 8,838
YTD Income Actual	\$47,859
YTD Expense Actual	<u>\$47,366</u>
Variance	\$493



Haiti Work Projects

Many of our American Baptist congregations have given generously to assist our Haitian sisters and brothers in this great time of need ABC churches have given more than \$1.2 million so far.

Some churches have asked about the opportunity to send mission work teams to assist in a “hands-on” way. American Baptist International Ministries tells us that our Haitian friends will soon be ready to receive small work teams. The deployment of such teams will be coordinated by Angela Suderman, our American Baptist coordinator for Volunteers in Global Mission. Ron Cary of our Region staff also has some information that will be helpful in planning the deployment of volunteer work teams. Here are some details available at the moment:

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- The place: Grand Goave, Haiti (about 90 minutes west of Port au Prince)
- The time: Any time after April 3
- The work: Medical or construction
- Team size: 6-8 people

Training materials are available to train your teams and prepare them for the experience. Costs for projects are still being determined. For more information, and to discover the best time to send a team from your church, contact:

Angela Suderman, Coordinator Volunteers in Global Mission, American Baptist Churches

Ron Cary, Region Staff American Baptist Churches of Michigan 1-800-636-2671

(Ref: abcmi.org/ELink)

Congratulations!



Our own **Brian Blaesing** is being honored as a Diversity Champion by the Race Relations and Diversity taskforce this year. He will be honored at a community-wide breakfast on Thursday, April 29, 8AM at The Community House. Cost: \$25

HOLY WEEK at FBCB



Today, Palm Sunday. A procession of palms, a time of reflection, and recognition of the journey of Holy Week to Good Friday and on to the Good News of Eater!



Maundy Thursday Service will begin at 6PM on April 1 in Fellowship Hall. We will share a light meal with our friends from Second Baptist Church of Detroit. We will also prepare a mission project of Hygiene Kits for Haiti.



Good Friday Service will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Birmingham from Noon to 1:30PM. Rev. Jack Harnish and the First United Methodist Church Choir will participate from Noon to 12:30PM, Pastor Babian and the First Baptist Church Choir will lead us from 12:30 to 1:00 PM, and Rev. John Judson and the First Presbyterian Church Choir will conclude the service from 1:00 PM to 1:30PM. Also, our sanctuary will be open to the public for prayer and meditation.



Easter Sunday: Join us on Sunday April 4 as we share the beginning of the day with our friends at Second Baptist Church for a special sunrise service. We will return to FBCB for a 9AM Continental Breakfast in Fellowship Hall, as well as enjoy a special program performed by our children and youth. We begin clean up at 9:45 AM, the choir will begin rehearsal. 10:30 Easter Worship, the Easter Egg hunt for the kids will be held during Children's Church. Join us for a wonderful day!

Please R.S.V.P.

Next to the church office, sign up to attend the Maundy Thursday service that will be held in Fellowship Hall on April 1.

Weekly Fellowship Group Meets

All are welcome to join a FBCB group on Wednesdays at 8AM at The Avenue Restaurant on Woodward Ave. just north of 13 Mile Road. A fellowship gathering with Pastor Babian.

**Concert
for
HAITI**

**Relief
Recovery
Rebuilding**

The Paul Keller Trio
presenting an afternoon with
a toast to The Nat "King" Cole Trio

- Paul, bass
- Steve Richko, piano
- Ralph Tope, guitar

**Sunday April 25, 2010
4 to 6PM**

**\$20 tickets at the door
at First Baptist Church
Birmingham, Michigan**

Happenings @ FBCB!

Maundy Thursday Mission Project!

We are collecting items for **Hygiene Kits**, including colorful hand towels, to send to Haiti, for a Maundy Thursday project. Also included in the kits will be:

One hand towel measuring approximately 16" x 28" (no fingertip or bath towels), One washcloth, One wide-tooth comb, One nail clipper, One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper) , One toothbrush (in original packaging) , Six standard size Band-Aids® . All donations can be placed in the collection box in the Welcome Center noted "Hygiene Kits for Haiti".

FBCB Downtown Readers Begin New Book!

All are welcome to join the FBCB Downtown Readers Group for learning and fellowship! We meet every other Friday at 12:30PM at Borders Bookstore. We are starting a new book, "Einstein's God", a perfect time to join us! All welcome! Our next meeting is scheduled for April 16.

Experience A Catholic Mass!

Pastor Babian is planning another Discipleship Event for next month. We will go to Holy Name Catholic Church here in Birmingham and experience a Catholic Mass Service. More details will be available soon. Children, youth and their families are especially encouraged to participate. April 14, 4PM.

The Lounge To Get A Facelift!

The Educational Ministries Team is looking at giving the Lounge and a facelift and is re-thinking the function of our lower classrooms! See the design board in the Welcome Center for details on the Lounge! If you have questions you can speak to anyone on the Educational Ministries Team (Harriet Stewart, Emma Olsen, Keely Tyson, Jodi Bly and Phil Babian). Church council will authorial these changes.



Here Come The Gardens!

The new south side (courtyard) Play-ground will begin planting flowers and vegetables this Spring! Keep your eyes open, and watch as this newly designed space comes alive with children and gardens!

Spring Workday is in the planning stages. Join us on April 24, 2010.



Headin' To Camp Lake Louise!

Camp Lake Louise Brochures have arrived. This year's theme is "Headin' For Home" based on John 14:2-3. Pick up a brochure to see the many offerings this camp in Boyne falls, Michigan. Scholarship are available.

Detroit Town Hall Meeting on Public Defense and Potluck

Saturday, May 8 2010 @ 1:00pm- 4:00pm

Come join the Campaign for Justice, the National Lawyers Guild, HOPE and others to share stories about experiences with Michigan's failing public defense system and discuss the growing movement for reform

Location: to be determined

Contact Person: Amit Weitzer Consultant/Organizer Michigan Campaign For Justice
403 Seymore Ste 201
Lansing MI 48933 (517)372-3050





Upcoming Youth Events

- 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

Amer. Baptist Men & Youth Event
April 24 ~ 2 to 4PM
First Baptist Church of Detroit
No charge. Pizza and drinks provided



April Communion
Offering:
White Cross

Gearing Up For Camp Lael!

May 14-15 Work Weekend (All Ages)

Arrive Friday night to get acquainted or arrive Saturday morning for breakfast. Work groups begin at 9AM. Projects will include window and screen repair, painting, picnic table repair, yard maintenance, drainage improvement. Plan to get dirty. \$25 per person. Reservation required.

June 25-27 Kid's Camp (Grade K-2 with Adult)

Swimming, crafts, campfires and much more! \$90 per person

June 27-30 Introductory Camp (Grades 3-4)

Three nights, four days of fun and games and enjoying God's creation. \$140 per person

June 20-25 and June 27-July 2 5th and 6th Grade Camp

Meaningful Bible lessons, crafts, boating, swimming, sports, fun and fantastic food! \$280 per person

June 20-25 and July 4-9 Junior High Camp (Grades 7-9)

Grow your faith through lessons with the camp pastor. Enjoy campfires, and talent show! Meet new friends and make great memories! \$280 per person.

July 11-16 Senior High Camp (Grades 9-12)

Make this a wonderful week with God through worship and amazing messages. Make memories with friends, reconnect with old friends and make new ones! \$280 per person

July 9-11 Family Camp Weekend

Camp Lael is a great place to share wonderful moments as a family together. Enjoy water sports and games. Very affordable! \$175 Max.

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!



Sunday April 18, 2010

The Brad Felt NuQuartet Plus
 Will perform a program of all original,
 euphonium-driven modern jazz on the
 theme of: "Extending the Detroit Jazz
 Tradition."

Brad Felt, Euphonium
 Steve Wood, Reeds
 Gary Schunk, piano
 Nick Calandro, Bass
 Bill Higgins, Drums

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We raised over \$2,500 for Haitian Relief in
 our special communion offering!
 Thank you for your generosity!



**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.

Palm Sunday, March 28, 2010

Blessed are you, Holy One, for your coming among us in Jesus as one humble in power, as one gentle in strength. Loosen our praise this day. And remind us such praise cries out for your saving ways that beckon us to follow Jesus into this week. Amen.

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010

God of joy and delight, open our hearts to receive the risen Christ with hope in the new life you promise. Calm our fears and free our voices to sing out for all to hear: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Sunday, April 11, 2010

Make us witnesses, O God. Free our words and deeds to faithful obedience. Make us bold to tell the good news of the risen Christ, inviting others to join with us as followers in Jesus' way. Amen.

Sunday, April 18, 2010

Show us the way forward, O Christ. Send us the Spirit, that we might perceive you in the words and deeds of others. Journey with us while we are becoming faithful witnesses to your wise and transforming ways. Amen.

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Upcoming Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 AM

March 28, 2010

“Into Jerusalem” ~ Luke 19:28-40

April 4, 2010

“Resurrection Joy” ~ John 20:1-18

April 11, 2010

“Resurrection Witness” ~ Acts 5:27-32

April 18, 2010

“The Way Forward” ~ Acts 9:1-6