

January 5, 2010



# Steeple Notes

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

*"Believing in Christ, Belonging to Christ, Becoming like Christ"*

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### SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

9:30 AM Sunday School  
10:40 AM Morning Worship  
6:00 PM Discipleship & Teamkid  
7:00 PM Evening Worship

### MONDAY, JANUARY 11

2:00 PM Crabapple Devotion  
7:00 PM Karen Cowin group, Judy Sullivan's

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

1:15 PM Jerry Cowin group  
6:30 PM Finance Committee

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

7:00 PM Business Meeting, Youth, CiA  
8:00 PM Welcome Committee

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

7:00 PM Prayer Meeting

#### January 10 Workers

**Babies:** Marilyn Milburn & Sylvia Storie  
**Toddlers:** Rod & Tina Starks  
**Truth Time:** Mendi Enloe  
**Deacon of the Week:** Joe Pierce 629-1381  
**Welcome Table:** Roy & Barb Williams

#### January 10 Homebound of the Week

Edna Haynes  
P.O. Box 87  
Ironton, MO 63650

*Christian Sympathy* is extended to Richard Dierker and family in the loss of his brother, Rick Dierker..  
*Christian Sympathy* is extended James and Jill Plymale in the loss of James's brother, Lowell Plymale, Jr.

**New Address** Beulah Wideman  
New Haven Care Center  
9503 Highway 100  
New Haven, MO 63098

**Congratulations** to Margie Watts in the birth of her great-great grandson, born to Eric & Heather Wilken.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

9:30 AM Sunday School  
10:40 AM Morning Worship  
3:00 PM Deacon's Wives at Patty Stockton's  
6:00 PM Discipleship & Teamkid  
7:00 PM Evening Worship

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

5:45 PM WMU Council Meeting  
7:00 PM Prayer Meeting, BYW, Youth, CiA

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

6:30 PM Radiant Women, Connie Pul's

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

4:30 PM Youth leave for Winter Jam

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

7:00 PM Prayer Meeting

#### January 17 Workers

**Babies:** Brad & Jennifer Pierce  
**Toddlers:** Joe & Laura Pierce  
**Truth Time:** Sarah Barns  
**Deacon of the Week:** Ralph Pierce 629-7680  
**Welcome Table:** Ron & Janet Hofer

#### January 17 Homebound of the Week

Bro. Milo Haynes  
P.O. Box 87  
Ironton, MO 63650



There are a lot of **NEW BOOKS** in our church library! Stop by and "check them out"! The library is open on Sunday Mornings.



#### Association Men's Fish Fry

**NEW DATE:** February 6<sup>th</sup>  
Dinner is at 5:00 PM with program to follow. RSVP to association office by Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 636-583-2639

#### For Your Health

First Baptist Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. **Life Line Screening**, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive health screenings on 3/8/2010. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries, abdominal aortic aneurysms, which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs, which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat, which is tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package with Heart Rhythm for \$149. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Call 1-888-653-6441 for more information or to pre-register.



#### Attention all Girls in grades 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>

#### It's time to register for Retreat!

We'll be attending Bates Creek Baptist Camp in Potosi, MO April 30th - May 1<sup>st</sup>. See Michelle Pierce or Dawn Rost for info

The **Olan Mills church directories** have arrived! If you had pictures taken by Olan Mills, You may pick up your free directory on Sunday or stop by the office. If you did not have Olan Mills take your picture, you may purchase a directory for \$5.

#### Mugs, Muffins and Missions!



Ladies, please bring your favorite mugs and your favorite mission stories to our meeting,

January 27, at 7:00 in the fellowship hall. We'll fill your mug with something hot to drink and give you muffins to munch on while we share our stories. We're particularly interested in hearing the stories you liked best from your 2009 *Missions Mosaic* magazines.

If you do not have any *Missions Mosaic* magazines, then come anyway and be a good listener. Every story teller needs listeners; it takes both talking and listening to have good fellowship, and we plan to have both at this meeting so it will be the kind of fellowship you won't want to miss.

#### Missouri Baptist Evangelism Conference

January 25-26, 2010  
First Baptist Church, Branson, MO

Please see "The Challenger" our Association newsletter, contact the Missouri Baptist Convention at 1-800-736-6277 Ext. 651 or mobaptist.org for more information.

*The Pastor's Page*

With a new year come new challenges. Sometimes old challenges become new challenges, especially when one has not been doing much to address the old ones. The primary challenge of any church is bearing witness of the saving grace of Christ and leading lost people to trust Him as Savior. The Lord's commission to His church is to make disciples, bear witness to every individual, begin where we are, realize that we are sent, and go in God's power.

There are 5.8 million people in Missouri that encompasses 2.3 million households. One study determined that up to 4.3 million residents are lost, 2.7 million do not claim any faith, and less than 20% attend any church weekly.

We are invited to participate in a Missouri Baptist Convention initiative this year that will give us direction for attacking this challenge. It is called **GPS**, or **God's Plan for Sharing**. It has four phases. The Preparation phase (January and February) is a time to organize, determine target areas, initial prayer for those areas, and prepare for those who may respond to our ministry later. Phase two is Prayer Walking (March 6 and 13). We will be challenged to walk or drive through chosen areas praying for God to bless those families and open hearts to the Gospel. Then comes the Distribution phase (March 20 & 27) when we are to return to the prayer walked areas and place a plastic bag on each door with a written Gospel presentation and a brochure inviting people to worship Easter Sunday with us on April 4.

The Follow-Up phase is from Easter through Mother's Day (April 4 - May 9) and will include follow-up on those who attended Easter Sunday and responded to the Gospel brochure.

It may seem too simple to be effective, but countless churches have experienced the powerful movement of God in evangelism when they have prayer-walked areas and made simple gospel overtures to those prayed for. Will we rise to the challenge?

I will address this challenge Sunday morning and

ask the church to adopt GPS at our monthly business meeting January 13. Will you join the challenge group? Please ask the Lord to guide your decision.

*Bro. Phil*

**YOUTH LINK**

Happy 2010! It's amazing to think about how fast 2009 came and went. We had a great year with the youth, and we are looking forward to the New Year.

To celebrate the New Year, we held a youth lock-in. We had almost 30 kids participate. It was a lot of fun and, we were very tired when Saturday came around. I'd like to take a minute to thank everyone who helped with the lock-in in any way. We had a number of people who donated money and food to keep the kids energized through the night. Thanks to Hope and Pat Presley for organizing the food. Also, I'd like to thank Donna Coleman and the Rost's for coming to hang out with the kids. And a special thanks to Hope Presley and Deanna Wirt for staying up all night with us.

We have two major upcoming events on the schedule. In January, we are going to Winter Jam, an evangelistic Christian concert held in St. Louis every year. Then, in March we have our big trip to Dare2Share. Please continue praying for the youth group and specifically for these two big events.

Stacey and I wish you blessings in the New Year.

*Bro. Tommy*

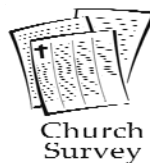


There are **Offering Envelopes** for 2010 available on the table behind the elevator, located in the back foyer.

Please return your

**Lifeway survey,**

there is a box on the table in the back foyer. Additional copies are available in the back foyer



**IMMEDIATE PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Barnes-Jewish, St. Louis** Tony Perrin  
**Capitol Regional, Jefferson City** Helen Fisher  
**Home:** Ray Antonnaci, Steve Britton, Jeremy & Lucy Bruce, Bucky Bruns, Causey Family, Gladys Edwards, Mechelle Enloe, Vicki Enyart, Bruce Gratzner, Stella Hinson, Sue Krouper, Vivian McCaughn, Clark Palmer, Jill Plymale, Mary Ann Reed, Bea Sanders, Gwen Seay, Carolyn Stahlman, Mary Wall, Katie Whited, Orono Wideman, Chloe Williams

**SHORT TERM PRAYER REQUESTS**

Kennedy Simcox

**LONG TERM PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital** Shelby Aholt  
 Marissa Bethel, Mary Bragg, Jim Hoff, Sarah Mier  
**NURSING HOME/ ASSISTED LIVING/HOMEBOUND**  
 Opal Ashworth, Alice Banderman, Louise Crews, Hazel Crow, Dorothy Dixon, Roy & Francis Hall, Bro. Milo & Edna Haynes, Wilma Hickey, Bill Kopf, Dorothy Minks, Louise Mothershead, Betty Patzke, Etta Pederson, Mary Reece, Lonnie Robbins, Hazel Sohn, Alice Wideman, Orono & Beulah Wideman

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT - Dec. 20, 2009**

Sunday School Attendance	136
Discipleship Attendance	24
Budget amount needed week	\$5,333.25
Tithes Received	\$4,230.50
Amount under budget	-\$1,102.75
Special Offerings Received:	
Assoc. Building Fund	\$160.00
Lottie Moon Offering	\$370.00
Christmas Baskets	\$20.00
Total Received for Gen Fund	\$4,780.50
Designated Funds Received:	
Old Building Maintenance	\$62.00
Total Designated Funds Received	\$62.00
Total Tithes & Offerings for the wk	\$4,842.50

There are **THANK YOU'S** on the bulletin board in the back foyer from Bea Sanders and Gladys Wideman

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT - Dec. 27, 2009**

Sunday School Attendance	99
Discipleship Attendance	0
Budget amount needed weekly	\$5,333.25
Tithes Received	\$4,716.00
Amount under budget	-\$617.25
Special Offerings Received:	
Assoc. Building Fund	\$160.00
Lottie Moon Offering	\$85.00
Youth Pastor	\$20.00
Total Received for Gen Fund	\$4,981.00
Designated Funds Received:	
Old Building Maintenance	\$50.00
Total Designated Funds Received	\$50.00
Total Tithes & Offerings for the wk	\$5,031.00

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT - Jan 3, 2010**

Sunday School Attendance	105
Discipleship Attendance	24
Budget amount needed weekly	\$5,333.25
Tithes Received	\$5,541.54
Amount over budget	\$208.29
Special Offerings Received:	
Assoc. Building Fund	\$210.00
Lottie Moon Offering	\$82.46
Stove	\$5.00
Youth Ministry	\$50.00
Haiti Mission Trip	\$100.00
Total Received for Gen Fund	\$5,989.00
Designated Funds Received:	
Old Building Maintenance	\$236.00
Total Designated Funds Received	\$236.00
Total Tithes & Offerings for the wk	\$6,225.00

**Thank you so much!**

The Widows of the church have placed a book in our library in honor and appreciation of the Deacon's Wives, for all they have done. The book Shades of Blue by Karen Kingsbury is available now.

