

Bridge Builders Newsletter

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Search Committee Update

On Sunday May 5th, our Congregation voted unanimously to offer our pastoral position to Jon Self. May 16th Jon accepted the position. and today, June 5th, he announced his starting date with First Baptist Church of Macomb will be July 8, 2019!

Please pray for Pastor Claudia, CAM Team, Fellowship Team, Pastoral Search Committee and all others preparing for the transition from Interim to Pastor. Please pray the Congregation prepares itself.

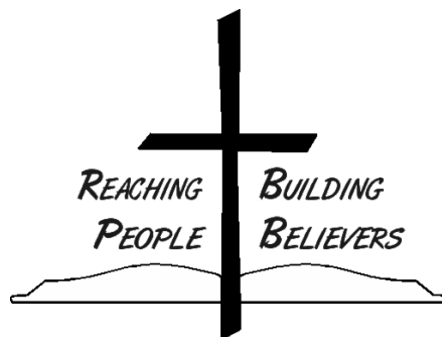
Please keep the Glaue family in prayer. May they continue to receive God's blessings for safe travels and rejuvenation.

Please continue to lift up in prayer Pastor Jon, his wife Maggie and their son, Ryan as they leave friends, colleagues and church family to join ours.

1 Peter 1:8-9 New International Version (NIV)

⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

On behalf of the Pastoral Search Committee,
Sharon Sample, Secretary



Interim Pastor's Article

Opening Prayer Leaders

June 2

Richard Hurt

June 9

Lora Wallace

June 16 (Father's Day)

Rob Wallace

June 23

Jim Richardson

June 30

Christina Harman

July 7

Jane Coplan

July 14

Bob Babcock

July 21

Justin Derry

July 28

Judy Hurt

Candle Lighters

June 2

Deena Mangalaraj

June 9

Celena Mangalaraj

June 16 (Father's Day)

Abigail Wallace

June 23

Grace Chenoweth

June 30

Deena Mangalaraj

July 2

Celena Mangalaraj

July 14

Grace Chenoweth

July 21

Jaydn Glaue

July 28

Mykel Glaue



One Great Hour

O F S H A R I N G

God is Doing More than We Can Imagine

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21 (NRSV)

Everywhere we turn, it seems there are communities in conflict and chaos around our world. We hear of families being separated from their homes or each other because of disasters. Maybe it is because of a volcano erupting in Indonesia, or because of wars and political turmoil in Syria and East Africa, or because of violence in Central America, or because of tornadoes and flooding in the Midwest. Daily we hear of such news and our hearts break for those involved.

In the midst of suffering and uncertainty, God pulls us, calls us and uses us to be His hands and feet. We, the Church, are called to be God's compassion at work in the world, helping to rebuild and create a better world for all. The world we are being called to create may seem beyond what we can imagine. But it is a world that God has imagined.

Through our gifts to the *One Great Hour of Sharing* offering, we are creating, together, a world where families have access to clean water, education and medical care — where they can find new homes without persecution; it is a world where there is shalom (peace). And you are making that possible when you give to the *One Great Hour of Sharing* offering. You are helping to make what God imagines for this world a reality.

During the month of June, you will have the opportunity to give to the *One Great Hour of Sharing* offering. Please pray and ask God how He wants you to participate. Together, we can transform lives in ways that *accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine*.

To God be the Glory!

Claudia McCain
Interim Pastor

Sermon Series

A Life of Many Colors Message Series

When you think of the clothing described in the Bible, what comes to mind? The dress of the priests and high priests? John the Baptist's camel-skin outfit? Joseph's amazing technicolored dream coat? When it comes to Joseph's coat, the Bible describes it as a coat of many colors, an ornate robe, or a long coat with sleeves. We do not know how colorful it actually was, but we do know that Joseph's life was colorful and that will be the focus of this series of message. Joseph lived a life sprinkled with green for envy, red for passion, blue for despair and hope, and white for forgiveness. Join us during this next few weeks as we explore Joseph's life and in so doing, perhaps see a colorful reflection of ourselves.

June 2	<i>Blue (Despair & Hope)</i>	Genesis 40-41
June 9	<i>White (Forgiveness)</i>	Genesis 50:19-20

Father's Day

June 16	<i>Through the Eyes of a Daughter</i>	Mark 5:21-24, 35-43
June 23	Jim Richardson Preaching	
June 30	<i>The Wedding at Cana</i>	John 2:1-11
July 7	<i>The Last Message</i>	Ezekiel 36:26, Isaiah 43:19

Church Board Summary

The Board met on May 14th at 6:30 pm. After a devotional and opening prayer, the following items were discussed/completed this month:

- Normal financial and church business.
- Working with Pastor Jon on an agreement and assisting with the transition to Macomb.
- Continued work on updating job descriptions and forms for evaluations.
- Working on updates for the policy manual.
- There is a need for a van driver for Sunday mornings. If you can consider helping with this ministry, talk to Leann to get information on what it entails.

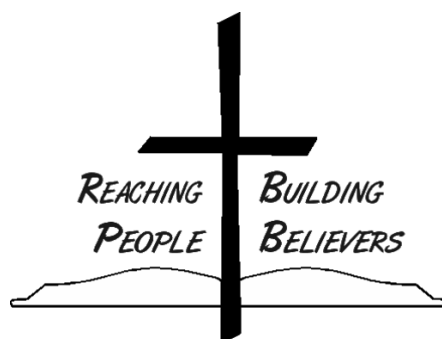
The board would like to thank you for your prayers as we conduct the business of your church. Please continue to pray for the board, the church and the transition of Pastor Jon and his family.

Rich Sample
FBC Board Chairperson

General Income & Expense Summary

Month	Income*	Expenses
January	\$12,044.52	\$11,018.12
February	\$15,169.16	\$10,561.24
March	\$18,706.40	\$14,923.04
April	\$11,783.65	\$12,026.76
May	\$16,945.25	\$10,303.90

- Includes Tithes, Offerings, Gifts, & Interest



June

4—Annetta Holt
12—Sharon Brown
14—Allen Walters
16—Deena Mangalaraj
17—George & Pam Sewell (a)
Rob & Lora Wallace (a)
18—Eva Molina
19—Bennie & Alice Arvin (a)
Cavitt & Ruth Hollis (a)
Gerald & Pat Jones (a)
25—Russell & Gee Min Glaue (a)
29—Pastor Claudia McCain
Joseph & Cassandra
Shoemaker (a)

July

2—Pastor Wally & Annetta (a)
9—Russell Glaue
10—Gee Min Glaue
11—Jane Coplan
15—Keith & Susan Rose (a)
18—Toby Cale
Mike Coplan
Tayler Richardson
21—Daisy Barr
22—Mike & Jane Coplan (a)
Justin & Kenzie Derry (a)
23—Marilyn Bourn
Pat Jones
27—Emily Richardson

Building Update

Looking for a volunteer opportunity? Come volunteer on Saturday mornings or check with Rich Sample to see what can be done through the week. Installing the grid for the ceiling tile, trim, caulking cracks outside, and cleaning are just a few of the tasks needing to be completed.

The commitment total for our 2018 Vision 4 Tomorrow campaign is \$307,275.00. As of May 31, 2019, \$81,043.87 has been given toward this campaign. Every dollar given to the building fund goes to our monthly loan payment of \$6640.12 or to completion of Phase I. If you have not made a commitment but would like to be a part of this campaign, you can do so at any time. Simply contact Leann in the office for either a commitment card or tell her the total you would like to commit. All commitments are confidential.

You are also welcome to give to the campaign without making an official commitment. Simply write your amount on the "Building Fund" line of a giving envelope or in the memo line of your check.

"They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share . . . "
1 Timothy 6:18

Judy Hurt
Capital Campaign Follow-up Director

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your prayers, visits, phone calls, and cards during Wayne's passing and my illness. I am truly blessed to have such a wonderful church family.

Lou Melvin

Transportation Ministry

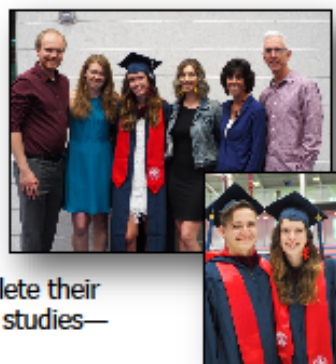


We are in need of van drivers. The driver picks up people on Sunday mornings and then also takes them home. If you are interested please call the church office at 309.833.2479.

Grace & Peace

News from Alan & Whitney Brown in Athens Greece May 2019

We apologize for the delay in getting out this newsletter, but you can see why we wanted to wait until after Nadia's graduation from Liberty University! We are thankful that we could all be there to celebrate with her, even with the rainstorms and chaotic traffic! It was a special treat for her class to have Vice President Pence as their commencement speaker (hence the chaotic traffic problem...!)



We are very proud of her accomplishments (and her boyfriend Luke's!) and are excited to see where God will lead her and how He will use her for His glory. They both ask for your prayers as they complete their summer internships and look for jobs in the fall related to their field of studies—"Strategic Communications." We suggest you Google it ...

We were in the States for just a week, so please forgive us for not reaching out and letting you know. The return flight was longer than desired, making the jet-lag that much harder this time around (or maybe it is just our age..?). We are thankful to be back and are looking forward to serving our guests this summer. We are completely booked for June and July, except for a couple of days in-between for us to clean and rest up for the next guests.

In April and May, we had one single woman, one couple with a child, and one young couple come for debrief and restoration. We are so blessed to serve and encourage those who are serving! We continue to be amazed that PAPA uses our experiences and journey to help others. Here are some of their comments about their time at the **Aegean Oasis**:

"Great experience and great people! Praise the Lord for this place of rest."

"I am very thankful to Alan (and especially) Whitney for helping me process through my mission experiences. No subject was off limits, and I appreciated her listening and offering up advice at a time when I most needed that. Thx very much to the Browns!"

How can you pray for us?

Please **pray** for us to continue to hear and be led by the Holy Spirit every day! PAPA reminds us often how much we need to cling to Him, listen to Him and trust Him. We are reading an excellent book in addition to our daily Scripture and prayer time, called **The Rest of the Gospel** by Dan Stone. We highly recommend it if you have ever asked the question "Am I missing something?"

Pray for the churches as they come together for a time of Prayer, June 9th, especially for God to humble, unite and empower believers here in Athens.

Pray for our landlords, Elias and Vicky, as well as her elderly father George. We feel strongly that PAPA is wanting us to share His love and truth with them. Pray they will be open and believe!

Thank you for praying for and with us!

Alan & Whitney

Gifts can be given directly online to:
<https://lifeimpactministries.kindful.com/?campaign=297521>



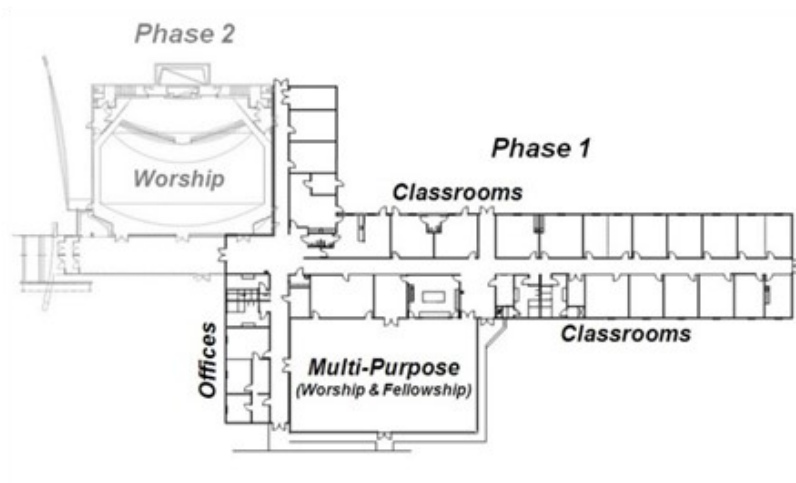
June 2019							Jul 2019 ▶
◀ May 2019	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
							1 ABW Annual Conference, Bloomington 8:00 a.m. – Work Day at FBC
	2 9:00 a.m. – Prayer in Room 11 9:30 a.m. – Worship 2:00 p.m. – Worship at Grand Prairie	3 6:30 p.m. – CAM Mtg. Rm 11	4	5	6 8:00 a.m. – Breakfast at El Jarochito 9:00 a.m. – Volunteer at the Salvation Army 6:00 p.m. – FBC Praise Team Practice	7 12:00 p.m. – Office Closed	8 8:00 a.m. – Work Day at FBC
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	16 Father's Day 9:00 a.m. – Prayer in Room 11 9:30 a.m. – Worship	17	18	19 11:30 a.m. – Lunch at Gelsosomo's 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. – Crown Reunion Group Women's Emmaus Bible Study in Room 11	20 8:00 a.m. – Breakfast at El Jarochito 9:00 a.m. – Volunteer at the Salvation Army 6:00 p.m. – FBC Praise Team Practice	21 ABCUSA Bi-Annual, Virginia Beach, VA (Pastor Claudia going) 12:00 p.m. – Office Closed	22 ABCUSA Bi-Annual, Virginia Beach, VA 8:00 a.m. – Work Day at FBC 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. – Birthday Party in room 21
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Our Mission
Reaching People—Building Believers

Our Vision and Purpose
*To encourage and empower changes within ourselves
to meet the needs of the congregation,
community and the world
Philippians 4:13, James 2:26*

Please Join Us!

Worship—Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School—On Summer Break, Will return in the fall

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