

FBC MACOMB

Monthly Newsletter

2019 November



Central Baptist Church, 501 S 4th Street, Springfield IL 62701

Cost is \$20/person

ABCGRR is hosting Springfield Vision Day, presented by Fresh Expressions U.S. Vision Day is a one-day training event that provides an opportunity to discover what it means to be the Church in new and creative ways, hear from Fresh Expressions practitioners, learn how to renew existing congregations through fresh expressions of church, and discern what this could mean for your region, community, or neighborhood. There is active discussion as well as opportunity to build networks and relationships among those in your area.

Schedule

- 9:00 a.m. Gathering Time – Coffee & Refreshments
- 9:30 a.m. Welcome & Worship
- 10:00 a.m. Session # 1 – Movement: How Fresh Expressions Is Changing the Landscape
- 10:45 a.m. Break
- 11:00 a.m. Session # 2 – Need: Why Fresh Expressions Matter for the Church
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch Break
- 12:45 p.m. Session # 3 – Form: Creating Fresh Expressions in Context
- 2:00 p.m. Break
- 2:15 p.m. Local Story Interview & Q&A
- 2:50 p.m. Session # 4 – Action: How It's Happening and How You Can Get Involved
- 3:30 p.m. Closing

Register at: FreshExpressionsUS.org/event/VisionDaySpringfield

Words from Pastor Jon

Every so often a study is done to see how children view the divine. In the most recent study, the children gave some entertaining descriptions of God's appearance. A sketch artist would draw what they described looking for clarity along the way to make sure the child's image was brought to life.

For example, one child said that God has a frog's body with a lion's head. Another child said God sports an awesome Mohawk haircut. My favorite is the child that said God has wings with attached hands which hold a hot dog, in case God gets hungry because we all know you are not you when you are hungry.

In adulthood, we know intellectually that God is Spirit and that God in a bod lived, died, and rose from the dead for us. No language has words precise enough to describe God's physical form. So, even if we could comprehend God, our limited language cannot precisely explain God.

God in a bod spoke favorably about child-like faith. The imagination of a child is immeasurable. Children describe God using language & images with which they are familiar. As adults, we know there is no true way to describe God to others. So, we rely on our faith, knowledge, and experience to speak of our Creator. As we strive towards the holidays, may we remember to have adult faith but never lose the wonder of a child.

Grace and Peace,
Jon Self (@pastorjonself)



November Sermons

November 3—*Life in the Light* (Ephesians 5:8-14)

November 10—*Question Everything* (Ephesians 5:15-17)

November 17—*Being Subject to One Another* (Ephesians 5:21-33)

November 24—*The Struggle is Real* (Ephesians 6:10-20)



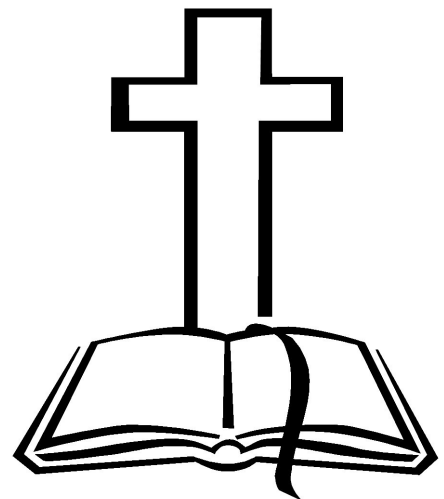
November Candle Lighters & Opening Prayer Leaders

November 3—Grace Chenoweth & Jane Coplan

November 10—Jaydn Glaue & Bob Babcock

November 17—Kyler Glaue & Justin Derry

November 24—Abigail Wallace & Judy Hurt



Church Board Update

The Board met on October 9 at 6:30 pm. The meeting was opened with devotion and group prayer. After the prayer the following business was conducted...

- ◆ Normal financial and church business.
- ◆ Reports were presented.
- ◆ The board spent the majority of the meeting going over income and expenses to date. From this information most of the budget has been revised.

The Board thanks each of you for your prayers as we conduct the business of the church.

Rich Sample
FBC Board Chairperson



October 31 marks the end of the first year of our Vision 4 Tomorrow campaign. Good progress has been made toward meeting our campaign commitment total of \$307,275.00. Our total giving for the end of this first year is \$120,528.87. And as the year draws to a close, remember that your gifts are tax deductible.

Every dollar given to the building fund goes to our monthly loan payment of \$6,366.88 or to completion of Phase I. To contribute to the reduction of the church loan simply write your amount on the "Building Fund" line of a giving envelope or in the memo line of your check. You can also make an official commitment to the campaign by contacting Leann in the office. All commitments are confidential.

More rooms are being utilized at the east end of the building as we close in on completing the construction work. Volunteers have saved the church thousands of dollars in construction costs. New volunteers are always welcome to help with this work. See Rich Sample for ways you can help.

Judy Hurt
Capital Campaign Follow-up Director

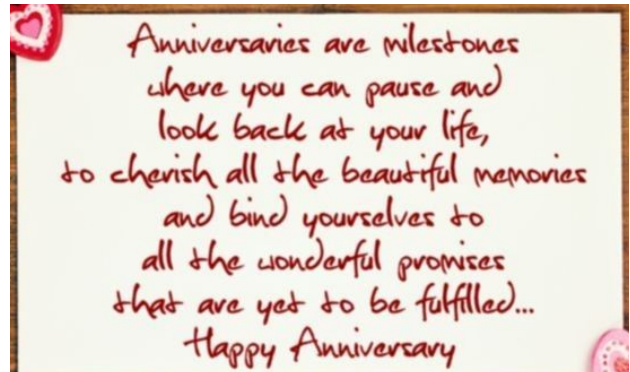
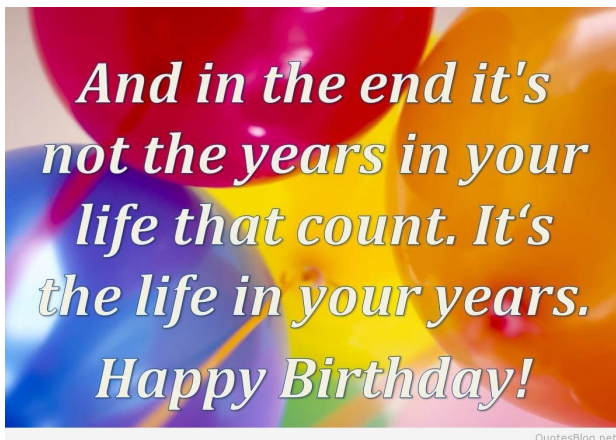
Birthdays & Anniversaries

November

4—Donna McMahon
11—Donna Marlowe
13—Ginny Doxstader
18—Allen Black
20—Ian Molina
26—Ozden Cale
29—Eli Foulk
30—Isa Molina

December

2—Susan Rose
3—Ramona Barr
6—Damaris Hanson
12—Mary Hainline
14—Paula Black
16—Allen & Leann Walters (a)
19—Jim Richardson
22—Lou Melvin
25—Brooks Wallace
29—George & Johnsy Mangalaraj (a)
31—Maggie Self



Deacon Meal Boxes

The Deacons will be working on Christmas Meal Boxes in December. If anyone knows of someone who could use a box, let a Deacon know so they can be added to the list. Also we are collecting non-perishable food items so watch the bulletin for details on when and where to drop off your donation.



Operation Christmas Child



If you would like to bring items to fill a shoebox, please bring them, clearly marked Boy/Girl and the Age Group, and postage (\$9) to the church office no later than Wednesday, November 13. If you would like to give monetarily, \$9 per shoebox, please put OCC in the memo portion of your check & put in the special line of your giving envelope OCC. Thank you!

Tuesday, November 19 come and help pack the shoeboxes starting at **8:00 a.m.** with prayer and fellowship in room 11.

Volunteer to Ring the Salvation Army Bell

Saturday, December 7, 2019

9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. at Hy-Vee (indoor location)

Sign up on the sheet by the front entrance to ring the Salvation Army Bell at Hy-Vee, 1600 E. Jackson St. Sing Christmas carols or play a musical instrument. Have fun while helping a worthy cause in our community.



Upcoming Events at a Glance

Wednesday, November 20, 11:30 a.m.—Join us for lunch at Gelsosomo's Pizzeria on the East side of Chandler Park the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Everyone is welcome. Come-Fellowship-Laugh.

Thursday, November 28—Thanksgiving Day—Church Office Closed

Friday, November 29—Church Office is Closed

Happy
Thanksgiving





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Calendar of Events: <http://fbcmacomb.com/Calendar/index.html>

Please Join Us!
Worship is Sunday Mornings at 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Bible Studies
8:00 a.m.—Early Bird Adult
10:45 a.m.—For All Ages

Find us on the web at www.fbcmacomb.com

Podcasts of the weekly message can be heard or downloaded by clicking on the Podcast link on the home page.

Senior Pastor
Jon Self

Director of Christian Education
Gee Min Glaue

Administrative Assistant
Leann Walters

Custodian
Lisa Barker

