

August 2010  
September 2010

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SULLIVAN, ILLINOIS**

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Ushers For August - BJ & Nancy Miller  
Deaconesses For August - Nylene Hughes & Carroll Sebens  
Deacon For August - Paul Feist  
Special Events for August  
Planning Council - August 19th at 7 PM  
Promotion Sunday - August 22

Ushers For September -  
Deaconesses For September—Judy Feist & Betty Lambdin  
Deacon For September - Fred Sebens  
Special Events for September  
Finance Committee Meeting  
Youth Group Kick-Off  
Choir Practice Begins



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**First Baptist Website**  
<http://www.fbc61951.org>  
**American Baptist Churches Website**  
<http://www.abc-usa.org>

**Sermon Titles and Scriptures for August**

August 1	“The Reason”	Ephesians 3: 6-12
August 8	“No Ordinary Power”	Acts 8: 14-25
August 15	“God’s Vision”	Isaiah 55: 1-9
August 22	“Pressing Forward”	Philippians 3: 4b-14
August 29	“Do We Really Care?”	Psalms 30
April 11	“I Doubt It”	John 20: 24-31

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**Homecoming at First Baptist Church**

**Homecoming will be Sunday, October 24, 2010**

Events Planned:

Church Service at 10 AM with guest soloist - Clyde Oathout

Potluck in Fellowship Hall at noon



**Blanket Sunday in May**



**Don Rogers - Children's Service**

**First Baptist Church Welcomed New Members in 2009**  
Nick Kelsey  
John Ingram  
Donna Holland  
Bill Holland  
Christina Whitfield  
Barry Featheringill  
Judy Featheringill

**Members in 2010**  
Cheyanne Willoughby  
Hunter Trussell  
Skylar Trussell

## JULY 18, 2010 QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Vice-Moderator Fred Sebens opened the Business Meeting with prayer. There were 26 members present. A quorum for voting is 20.

The minutes for April 18, 2010 were approved as read. No correspondence was reported.

1. The updated membership list for July 2010 will be placed in the Membership Records book in the church office. Active members total - 84; inactive members total - 123; non-members (friends) total - 34; and total church participation - 242.
2. Treasurer's Report and Building Fund Report were presented. The financial reports were accepted. Both financial reports will be placed on file for audit. The financial reports are posted on the hall bulletin board each month.
3. Sunday School Treasurer's Report was submitted.

### **The following committee reports were presented:**

1. Pastor's Report for April, May, and June 2010 was submitted.
2. Deacons Report by Paul Feist – Three prospective members will be recommended for membership.
3. Trustees Report by Roger Hughes was presented.
  - Plans are continuing on repair work for the Bell Tower.
  - Plans are continuing on repair of the baptistery.
  - The leak in the library will be addressed and plans are continuing for the installation of carpet for library.
4. Vision Team by Mary Ellison
  - Survey results will be distributed during church on July 25. The number of surveys returned was good.
  - Regular meeting will be held on third Tuesday of alternating months.
  - A suggestion box will be placed in the back of the Sanctuary.
5. Christian Education Committee was presented.

April: Mother's Day gifts, youth group closing, John Ingram and Wanda Wiseley co-chair youth group events during summer, senior high class will meet during summer, classroom rules, discussion on ways to promote VBS

The Homecoming committee will be meeting to discuss possible date and activity for the event.

### **Unfinished Business:**

There was none.

### **New Business:**

1. A motion was made by Shirley Rogers and seconded by Linda Watson to add Barry Featheringill to the list of Deacons. The motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Paul Feist and seconded by Marilyn Book to accept Skylar Trussell, Hunter Trussell, and Cheyenne Willoughby into full membership to First Baptist Church. The motion carried.
3. Sharon Dinger presented options for the church directory. Members present decided that pictures for the directory would include members and friends of First Baptist. Those present at the meeting agreed that names and addresses included in the directory should not be sold or distributed by the company.
4. Fred Sebens announced the nominating committee members for 2011. They include: Shirley Rogers, Pam Guyot, Nancy Miller, Barry Featheringill, and Jim Stathers.

Paul Feist closed the meeting with prayer.

<b>MONTHLY CHURCH ATTENDANCE - 2010</b>			
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
61	52	64	84
44	51	43	62
61	48		55
59	52		62
44			
<b>Average for Jan. 54 (61)</b>	<b>Average for Feb. 51 (53)</b>	<b>Average for March (51)</b>	<b>Average for April 66 (69)</b>

<b>AVERAGE SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE</b>				
CLASSES	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
Kdg	3	3	3	5
3-5	0	0	0	
Jr & Sr	0	0	0	1
Married or Not	7	7	7	8
Berean	10	7	10	9
Adult	15	15	15	16
Class with highest monthly average	Adult	Adult	Adult	Adult

MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
73	44	52	
59	71	55	
64	57	60	
63	69	55	
<b>Average for May 60 (60)</b>	<b>Average for June 60 (60)</b>	<b>Average for July 55 (60)</b>	<b>Average for Aug. (67)</b>

CLASSES	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
Kdg	6	3	4	
3-5				
Jr & Sr	2	4	2	
Married or Not	6	6	5	
Berean	9	8	10	
Adult	14	13	15	
Class with highest monthly average	Adult	Adult	Adult	

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
<b>Average for Sept. (49)</b>	<b>Average for Oct. (56)</b>	<b>Average for Nov. (62)</b>	<b>Average for Dec.</b>

CLASSES	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Kdg				
3-5				
Jr & Sr				
Married or Not				
Seekers				
Berean				
Adult				
Class with highest monthly average				

(2009 Average Church Attendance)

**Budget Comparison for First Baptist Church**

**2009 - 73,345**

**2010 - 72,895**

## VISION TEAM REPORT

## Vision Team Members

Mary Ellison	753-6540	
Sharon Dinger	728-8110 (cell 201-8110)	<a href="mailto:sadoce@mchsi.com">sadoce@mchsi.com</a>
Gene Godfrey	728-2761 (church 728-8252)	<a href="mailto:genegodfrey@hotmail.com">genegodfrey@hotmail.com</a>
Jim Stathers	728-8896	<a href="mailto:nowon@mchsi.com">nowon@mchsi.com</a>
Jamie Stathers		
Brian Crawford	728-4420 (cell 273-4420)	<a href="mailto:bajabrian420@gmail.com">bajabrian420@gmail.com</a>
Teresa Crawford		
Linda Watson	543-2360 (cell 454-0196)	<a href="mailto:Lwatson51@hotmail.com">Lwatson51@hotmail.com</a>
Fern Patient	728-8803	

## Vision

The vision team would like First Baptist Church to:

- be financially viable
- have increased attendance
- be more active
- be more friendly and make everyone feel comfortable
- be more visible in community affairs
- have young children become excited about coming to First Baptist Church

## Purpose

The vision team will:

- conduct a survey when necessary
- study ways to accomplish the vision
- make suggestions to committees, boards, and officers of the church

## Meeting – Thursday, July 22, 2010

1. Surveys were tabulated and results will be distributed on Sunday, July 25, 2010.
2. The Vision Team will begin work on developing a Vision Statement that reflects the survey results.
3. The Vision Team will meet on the third Tuesday of alternating months. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, Sept. 21 at 6:30.
4. A “Vision Team Suggestion Box” will be placed in the back of the Sanctuary. Suggestions and comments are welcomed.

## Results of First Baptist Church 2010 Survey

Number	Survey Question	YES	None/Other Response	NO
1	Church on more positive track	27	7	14
2	Social Hour	40	5	3
3	Church picture calendar	37	5	6
4	Songs from old and new hymnals	45	2	1
5	Video with Easter Cantata	40	5	3
6	Children's time during service	43	3	2
7	Contemporary worship service once a month	27	1	20
8	Adult classes meet together occasionally	26	1	11
9	Meal program for Youth Groups	40	2	6
10	Continue to support meal program	41	2	5
11	Help with Youth Groups	19	8	21
12	Have any talents/skills to offer in maintaining church	5	9	34
13	Help with maintenance of church	10	6	32

## NEW BOOKS FOR CHURCH LIBRARY

When Love Comes Home	Arlene James
Beauty for Ashes	Dorothy Clark
Apple Blossom Bride	Lois Richer
Restless Hearts	Marta Perry
Could I have This Dance?	Harry Kraus, MD
Over the Waters	Deborah Raney
From This Day Forward	Irene Hannon
Fair Warning	Hannah Alexander

**CHRISTIAN LIFE**

God Uses Cracked Pots	Patsy Clairmont
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**FICTION BOOKS**

Over What Hills	Effie Leland Wilder
Out to Pasture	Effie Leland Wilder
Together for the Holidays	Margaret Daley
A McKaslin Homecoming	Jillian Hart
Forever Friends	Tamela Hancock Murray
Wild Rose	Ruth Axtell Morren
The Hamilton Heir	Valerie Hansen
A Cowboy's Heart	Brenda Minton
Double Take	Jeness Walker
Tides of Hope	Irene Hannon
Snowbound Colorado Christmas	Susan Page Davis
The Light Behind the Star	David Johnson
The Enduring Faith Series (four books in one)	Susan Feldhake

**Five Books in the Song of Acodia Series by Janette Oke**

The Meeting Place	The Sacred Shore
The Birthright	The Distant Beacon
The Beloved Land	



July 4, 2010 First Baptist Church Float



**Ann Judson  
Officers**

- President ..... Shirley Rogers**
- Secretary ..... Jackie Godfrey**
- Treasurer & Love Gift Coordinator ..... Sharon Dinger**
- Personal Development Ministries ..... Fern Patient**
- Missions Coordinator ..... Marilyn Book**
- White Cross Coordinator ..... Jackie Godfrey**

**Ann Judson Society meetings are printed in the weekly church bulletin.**

**Remembering Our Members Who Are Now With The Lord  
2010**

**Wayne Rollins, Bernice Franklin**

Please remember the following with your prayers, visits, cards, and phone calls:

**COLLEGE STUDENTS**

Kyle Ingram, Corey Ingram, Leslie Guyot, Holly Matusas,  
Phillip Matusas, Sam Richardson

**HOME BOUND**

Wilma Fishel, Mary Dugan, Lillian Schmidt

**NURSING HOME**

Ola Grubbs

**THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY**

Harrison Austin, Stephanie Austin, Nick Booker, Courtney Booker, Jake Hughes,  
Brandon Davis, Jacob Florey, Derek Grace, Josh Collins, Hywel Foley, Mike Sims

**First Baptist Church Tape Ministry  
Contact Don or Shirley Rogers**

A complete tape of our Sunday Service is available. The tape is a cassette tape. A tape recorder will be provided. A DVD of the Sunday Service will be available. Please notify Don Rogers one week in advance if you are interested in a DVD. The DVD will play on most DVD recorders and computers.

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES**

Clint Fultz	9-9
Ruby Elzy	8-10
Charlie Klukis	8-14
Brandon Spellman	8-15
Wilma Fishel	8-16
Jacob Hughes	8-16

David Schmidt	8-17
Pam Guyot	8-19
Holly Matusas	8-19
Bev Robison	8-21
Misty Winings	8-22
Erma Short	8-30

Gene & Jackie Godfrey	8-4-89
Roy & Marilyn Book	8-4-90
Phil & Sue Matusas	8-15

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES**

Lillian Schmidt	9-1
Shirley Rogers	9-1
Cory Matusas	9-1
Phillip Matusas	9-3
David W. Miller	9-4

Karen Stathers	9-6
Brett Guyot	9-7
Mary Ellison	9-8
Betty Jo Spellman	9-12

Doug & Debbie Booker	9-10
Clint & Lucy Fultz	9-20-51
John & Teresa Ingram	9-23-83

Updated: December 2009 Please contact Karen Stathers if we have missed anyone.

**Blessings and Thank-You Notes to First Baptist Family**

**Musical Praises for Summer**  
Thank you

**Social Time Before Service**  
Vision Team appreciates everyone that volunteers for the refreshments.

**Vision Team**  
Thank you for your work.

**Homecoming Committee**  
**Church Directory Committee**  
Thank you for your work.

**PRAYER CHAIN FOR FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

If you have a prayer request please call the parsonage first **(217) 728-2761**.

If there is no answer, please call the next person and keep trying down the list until you reach someone.  
Please contact Karen Stathers for online prayer concerns.

**DAY TIME PRAYER CHAIN**

Gene Godfrey	728-2761
Shirley Rogers	728-7792
Fern Patient	728-8803
Wilma Fishel	728-8145
Lucy Fultz	728-4477
Pam Guyot	728-7734
Marilyn Book	728-3134
Lillian Schmidt	728-4548
Mary Dugan	728-4548
Carroll Sebens	728-8037

**NIGHT TIME PRAYER CHAIN**

Jackie Godfrey	728-2761
Karen Stathers	728-8896
Judy Feist	728-4997
Wanda Wiseley	294-0006
Brandy Trussell	521-4696
Nylene Hughes	728-7645



**MISSION OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF**

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**WORSHIP SERVICES**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**-Sunday 9:00 A.M.

**CHURCH SERVICE**-Sunday 10:00 A.M.

**BIBLE STUDY**-Wednesday 6:30 P.M.

**YOUTH GROUPS** – Wednesday 6:00 P.M.

**WELCOME!**  
Church Van is Available for Rides!

**CHURCH MISSION**

*The mission of First Baptist church, Sullivan, Illinois is to increasingly know God as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and to continually make Him known through worship, witness, nurture and ministry.*

**YOUTH MINISTRY MISSION**

*The purpose of the First Baptist Youth Ministry is to invite young people into God's presence, minister to the young people's needs, stretch young people's faith while providing support from the church body and to worship God in all that we do.*

**Pastor Gene Godfrey  
First Baptist Church  
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