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Ushers For March - Crawford Family
Deaconesses For March - Ruth Miller & Joyce Hower
Deacon For March - Ben Guyot

Special Events for March

Palm Sunday March 28

Ushers For April - Riley Family
Deaconesses For April - Joyce Hower & Ruth Miller
Deacon For April - Paul Feist

Special Events for April

Maundy Thursday April 1
Easter Sunday April 4
Quarterly Business Meeting April 18

Sermon Titles and Scriptures for March and April 2010

March 7	“Sinners Saved By Grace”	Ephesians 2: 1-10
March 14	“Life Changing Moments”	Isaiah 6: 1-8
March 21	“Glory and Honor”	John 12:23-30
March 28	<u>Palm Sunday</u>	
	“Fair Weather Fans”	Mark 11: 1-11
April 1	<u>Maundy Thursday Service</u> 6:30 PM	
April 4	<u>Easter Sunday</u>	
	Easter Choir Cantata “I Know My Redeemer Lives”	John 20: 1-18
April 11	“I Doubt It”	John 20: 24-31
April 18	“What a Difference a Week or Two Makes”	Luke 24: 36-49
April 25	“Thinking of Doing”	2 Corinthians 8: 1-15
April 25	Quarterly Sing at First Baptist Church of Arcola	

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Special Events Planned for March and April

- Area IV meeting in Centralia March 20
- Dinner for America for Christ March 28
- Community Service at Solid Rock Church April 3 (6:30)
- ABW Spring Rally at Olney April 10
- Work Day April 17
- Quarterly Business Meeting April 18
- GRR Mission Conference at Springfield April 23 & 24
- Quarterly Sing April 25
- Youth Group Closing April 28

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

January 17, 2010 QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Moderator Ben Guyot opened the Business Meeting with prayer. There were 23 members present. A quorum for voting is 20.

1. The minutes for October 18, 2009 were read. A motion was made by Fred Sebens and seconded by Paul Feist to accept the minutes as read. The motion carried. No correspondence was reported.
2. The updated membership list for January 2010 will be placed in the Membership Records book in the church office. Active members total 79; inactive members total 123; non-members (friends) total 31; and total church participation is 234.
3. 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.
4. Sunday School Treasurer's Report was submitted.

The following committee reports were presented:

1. Pastor's Report for October, November, and December 2009 was submitted.
2. Deacons Report – There was nothing to report.
3. Trustees Report was presented by Brian Crawford. Repair work on the Bell Tower will be completed. Repair of the baptistery is on hold due to the high cost. A new heat control switch is being installed in the South Texas Room. New carpet will be installed in the church library and office by this summer.
4. Vision Team Report was presented by Mary Ellison. A meeting is planned for Thursday, January 28 at 6:00 PM. The three projects being considered are social hour, church directory, and survey.
5. Flower Committee Report was presented by Nylene Hughes. There were five flower arrangements sent in 2009.

Unfinished Business:

There was none.

New Business:

1. The 2009 Annual Reports booklet was prepared and distributed by Karen Stathers. Karen always provides a neatly bound booklet and we thank her for her work.
2. A discussion was held concerning the purchase of a PC/notebook and printer for the church treasurer. The Trustees will determine the best option for this request.
3. Ben Guyot informed the members that the Vision Team would now report to the Deacons.
4. Marilyn Book stated that we should remind everyone to sign the registration book that is passed during Sunday Church Service. Lillian Schmidt uses the lists to send correspondence. This list provides a reliable crosscheck for new addresses.
5. Ben Guyot clarified that the inactive list is when a member does not attend for three consecutive months and does not contribute for three consecutive months.

Pastor Gene dismissed the meeting with prayer.

VISION TEAM REPORT

Vision Team Members

Mary Ellison	753-6540	
Sharon Dinger	728-8110 (cell 201-8110)	sadoce@mchsi.com
Gene Godfrey	728-2761 (church 728-8252)	genegodfrey@hotmail.com
Jim Stathers	728-8896	nowon@mchsi.com
Jamie Stathers		
Brian Crawford	728-4420 (cell 273-4420)	Bugubrian420@gmail.com
Teresa Crawford		
Linda Watson	543-2360 (cell 454-0196)	Lwatson51@hotmail.com
Fern Patient		

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

Fourth Meeting – Thursday, January 28, 2010

1. Social hour before service is continuing. Discussion included ways to encourage everyone to participate.
2. Vision Team members will seek questions from committees and boards for the survey.
3. Church Directory will be introduced during April Quarterly Business Meeting under new business.
4. Discussion about how to define the vision for FBC was held.
5. Suggestions included:

Suggestions	Facilitators
Provide supplies for the Social Hour. Supplies include creamer, sugar, cups, plates, forks, spoons, napkins, table cloth, coffee	Linda Watson
Church Calendar will be used as the welcome packet.	Linda Watson
Church Directory	Introduce at Quarterly Business Meeting and seek committee to facilitate if accepted.
Survey Questions are to be submitted to Mary Ellison	Mary Ellison



Members of the Adult Sunday School Class

Front Row (L - R) Marvin Mode, Betty Mode, Bev Robison, Bob Patient, Judy Featheringill, Ruth Miller, Nylene Hughes, Lucy Fultz, Carroll Sebens.
 Second Row (L - R) Barry Featheringill, Dean Robison, Fern Patient, Fred Sebens, Paul Feist, Clint Fultz.

Fern Patient celebrated a special occasion with us. It was 73 years ago when she gave her life to Christ.

DUTIES OF COMMITTEES FOR 2010

Specific Duties as Stated in Constitution (Revised October 19, 2008)

ARTICLE XII PLANNING COUNCIL

The Church Planning Council shall consist of the Moderator, the Church Clerk, the Sunday School Superintendent, the Church Treasurer, the Financial Secretary, the Building Fund Treasurer, and one representative from each of the following groups: the Deacons, the Deaconesses, the Trustees, and each standing committee.

The Church Planning Council will meet semi-annually to coordinate the events and projects of the church and to place those projects on a six-month calendar. The Pastor shall preside.

ARTICLE XIII STANDING COMMITTEES**Finance Committee:**

The Church Treasurer shall chair the committee, which includes the Financial Secretary, Church Clerk, Sunday School Treasurer, Building Fund Treasurer, and the Chair of the Trustees.

The committee duties include preparation and proposal of a yearly budget and recommendation of compensation packages for all paid church employees.

Christian Education Committee:

The Sunday School Superintendent shall chair the committee, which includes the Assistant Sunday School Superintendent, the Sunday School Secretary, Sunday School Treasurer, Bus Recruitment Chairperson, and two elected At-Large members.

The committee duties include promotion of the Christian Education for the Sunday school and the Youth Groups Program; recruitment and selection of teachers and assistants for Sunday school classes and Youth Groups; administration of Vacation Bible School; and guide, train, and encourage all teachers and assistants.

Entertainment Committee:

The committee shall consist of at least five elected members.

The committee duties include coordination of congregational meals at the church. Housing and meal arrangements for evangelists and visitors will be a shared responsibility with the Evangelism Committee.

The committee duties include Church Homecoming events, which will be planned for the fourth Sunday in September in those years ending in zero or five. A special subcommittee may be appointed by the Moderator to help the Entertainment Committee plan meals, speakers, music, and invitations to former members and pastors.

Flower Committee:

The committee shall consist of three elected members.

The committee duties shall include sending flowers in the name of the congregation upon the death of church members or their immediate families and to arrange for the weekly presentation and care of flowers within the Sanctuary.

Ushers Committee:

The committee shall consist of at least six pairs or twelve individual elected members.

The committee duties include welcoming persons enter the church, distribution of bulletins, seating the congregation, registration of guests, collection of tithes and offerings, and procuring acolytes.

Acolytes must be at least 10 years of age and collection ushers must be at least 14 years of age or adults.

(By-Laws – 12) Ushers will choose acolytes from responsible youth of the church. Ushers will choose collection ushers from the adults present and from those responsible youths of approximately 14 years or older.

Music Committee:

The committee shall consist of at least five elected members including the music staff.

The committee duties include recruitment of appropriate pianists, organists, choir directors, supervision of the maintenance of musical instruments, and planning for the musical selections used during the church services.

Service Committee:

The committee shall consist of five elected members.

The committee duties include arrangement for serving a meal for the family of members lost to death, when desired by the family.

Nominating Committee:

The committee shall consist of five members appointed by the Moderator.

The committee duties include preparation of a slate of nominees for all officers and committees as required by the church constitution and to present a nominee for any necessary office or committee vacancies, which occur during the year.

(By-Laws – 3) Committee will present a slate of officers and committees for the New Year at the October business meeting.

Library Committee:

The committee shall consist of three elected members.

The committee duties include supervision of the maintenance and use of the church library including arrangement of purchase of new materials conducive to spiritual growth of all members.

Nursery Committee:

The committee shall consist of four elected members.

The committee duties include supervision of nursery-sitters and assistants and maintenance of the nursery supplies.

Helpers and Assistants:

Committees may enlist additional helpers upon approval of the Deacons.

Helpers are not committee members and have no voting powers.

ARTICLE XIV SUBCOMMITTEES (Committee Duties Continued)

Church Vehicle:

The subcommittee shall consist of at least two adults appointed by the Trustees.

The subcommittee duties include recruitment of drivers for Sunday school and Youth Group pickup for the riders. Vehicle maintenance will be supervised by the Trustees.

Memorial:

The subcommittee shall consist of three adults appointed by the Trustees. One subcommittee member shall be appointed Memorial Fund Treasurer.

The subcommittee duties include administration of the funds resulting from memorials established within the church and seeking appropriate projects to reflect the wishes of the established memorials.

Evangelism:

The subcommittee shall consist of one Deacon, one Deaconess, and as many as four adults appointed by the Diaconate.

The subcommittee duties include overseeing and directing the evangelistic ministry of the church, establishing a visitation program, planning and promoting revivals, and planning programs of encouragement for new members and those persons seeking church membership.

Tape Ministry Committee:

The committee shall consist of no less than two elected members responsible to the Deacons.

The committee duties include taping church services and distribution of copies of the services to interested persons.

Sound System:

The committee shall consist of no less than three members responsible to the Deacons.

The committee shall oversee operation of the sound system in the Sanctuary.

Financial Review:

The committee shall consist of no less than two members responsible to the Finance Committee.

The committee shall inspect the financial records maintained by the church treasurer and the financial records maintained by the building fund treasurer.

**Ann Judson
Officers**

- President Carroll Sebens**
- Secretary Wanda Wiseley**
- Treasurer & Love Gift Coordinator Joyce Hower**
- Personal Development Ministries Fern Patient**
- Missions Coordinator Marilyn Book**
- White Cross Coordinator Jackie Godfrey**

Ann Judson Society meets the first Monday of each month.

**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, Brandy Trussell, Leslie Guyot, Holly Matusas,
Phillip Matusas, Sam Richardson

HOME BOUND

Wilma Fishel, Mary Dugan, Dorothy Feezel, 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.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

Ivan Dugan	3-06
Amy Winings	3-09
Nancy Vail	3-11
Jordan Richardson	3-13
Bob Patient	3-17

John Ingram	3-21
BJ Miller	3-21
Nylene Hughes	3-25
Josh Winings	3-26

APRIL BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

Jamie Stathers	4-06
Leslie Guyot	4-07
Susan Dedman	4-08
Mary Dugan	4-09
Teresa Ingram	4-25

Kyle Ingram	4-27
Sam Richardson	4-28
Lucy Fultz	4-29
Trenton Guyot	4-20
Matthew Richardson	4-30

Don & Shirley Rogers	4-13
Marvin & Betty Mode	4-25

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

Blessings and Thank-You Notes to First Baptist Family

Members and Friends
Thank you for all you do for
First Baptist Church

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

Ushers
Thank you for your work.

Sunday School Teachers
Youth Group Leaders
We love you!

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
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