

Ushers For May - Nylene Hughes Family
 Deaconesses For May - Lucy Fultz and Carroll Sebens
 Deacon For May - Fred Sebens
Special Promotions For May 2008
 Blanket Sunday on May 4th
 Ladies' Night Out on May 10th
 Recognition Service on May 25th



Parsonage Phone Number—728-2761

First Baptist Website

<http://www.fbc61951.org>

American Baptist Churches Website

<http://www.abc-usa.org>

July Events

4th of July Parade - Thursday, July 4th

July 19 - Ice Cream Social and "Remembering"

July 20 - Service, Potluck at Noon,
 and Music Performance by Brad Brown

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION
 SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2008**

Pictured Below (l to r): Pastor Gene Godfrey, Fern Patient, and Don Rogers
 First Baptist has received special recognition for their 125th Anniversary

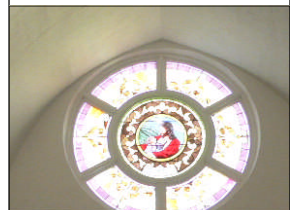


A special recognition service will be held on Sunday, May 27, 2008, at First Baptist Church. Rev. Randy McNeeley, Area IV President will be the guest speaker. A potluck dinner will be held in the Fellowship Hall following the service. Please plan to attend.

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The Word of God is living and active.
Hebrews 4:12



First Baptist Church of Sullivan, Illinois
Remembering Dr. Reverend Joseph R. Hoy
By: Fern Patient

Have you noticed the stained glass window over the choir loft carefully? Do you remember to whose memory it is dedicated? Dr. Reverend Joseph R. Hoy was called as pastor for the Sullivan and Cooks Mill (Pleasant Grove) Baptist churches on September 10, 1944. He served both churches for several years. He resided in the Cooks Mill parsonage along with his family, wife Jesse, and two children Dorothy and David. He commuted to Sullivan for one service on Sunday, Wednesday prayer meeting and for visitation in the community on Fridays.

He felt very strongly that Sullivan needed a full time pastor in the field. He told the church board, if they would rent him a house in Sullivan, he would accept a call as full time pastor for our church at a salary of \$32.50 a week. Rev. Hoy encouraged our church to become independent of state aid from our denomination. This was a great step forward for our church body to undertake. Rev. Hoy became our first full time pastor in 1949.

Mrs. Jesse Hoy was our church pianist, and she was also an accomplished violinist. She gave violin lessons in her home, as well as acted as chauffeur for her husband who no longer drove.

Rev. Hoy passed away on September 1952, in his home. Mrs. Hoy moved to Mattoon after accepting a position of church secretary at the First Baptist Church.

During Rev. Hoy's pastorate a new parsonage was built and dedicated. This was another giant step forward for our church due to the encouragement of this pastor.

Tenure of Pastors (from 1994 Church Directory)

Rev. Harold Raney	1933-1937	Rev. Norris Hamlin	1969-1973
Rev. Francis Strobel	1938-1944	Rev. Gary L. Warner	1973-1976
Dr. Joseph Hoy	1944-1952	Rev. James LeMat	1976-1977
Rev. Richard Krell	1953-1959	Rev. D. Scott Johnston	1978-1982
Rev. Donald Brown	1959-1963	Dr. T. Wayne Turner	1983-2000
Rev. Fred Schmidt	1963-1967	Rev. Gene Godfrey	2001-

March 20, 2008

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Dear Members and Friends,

This is the year of our 125th anniversary at First Baptist Church. We are planning a special celebration in July and we hope you will make plans to join us.

The two-day celebration will begin on Saturday, July 19, with an ice cream social and fun night from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. On Sunday, July 20, our regular church service will begin at 10:00 AM with Dr. Mac Shotwell as guest speaker. Special music for the church service will feature Mr. Clyde Oathout. Following service, there will be a dinner in the church Fellowship Hall. After the dinner, there will be a special performance by Brad Brown and Full Circle. You will enjoy their wonderful gospel music.

We hope you will plan to be a part of our celebration and we look forward to hearing from you. Our contact persons are Mrs. Fern Patient, Mrs. Shirley Rogers and Mrs. Linda Watson. Please call or email to let us know if you plan to attend the celebration.

If you have memories or artifacts about First Baptist, please send them.

Mrs. Fern Patient (217-728-8803)
Mrs. Shirley Rogers (dsrogers61951@netzero.net)
Mrs. Linda Watson (lwatson51@hotmail.com)



Pictured Left

**Brad Brown and
Full Circle in Concert at
First Baptist Church**

Quarterly Business Meeting

April 20, 2008

Mary Ellison, Sunday school superintendent opened the Sunday school meeting with prayer. She presided over the Sunday school meeting portion of the quarterly business meeting and provided minutes of the Christian Education meetings.

- ◆ Youth Group Closing will be April 30 and plans are to have a guest speaker.
- ◆ June 1st will be Youth Sunday.
- ◆ Vacation Bible School will begin on July 27th.
- ◆ Church Camp needs sponsors. There is a \$15 discount if the camp fee is paid in full by May.

Moderator Don Rogers opened the Business Meeting with prayer. There were 18 present.

1. The minutes for January 20, 2008, were approved. No correspondence was reported.
2. The updated list for April 2008 has been placed in the Membership Records book in the church office. Active members total 84; inactive members total 127; non-members (friends) total 30; and total church participation is 241.
3. Roger Hughes' Treasurer's Report was provided. Ben Guyot presented the Building Fund Report. The financial reports were approved. Both financial reports are posted on the hall bulletin board each month.

The following committee reports were presented:

1. Pastor's Report for January – March was provided.
2. Deacons Report – none
3. Trustees Report by Jim Stathers
Insurance for van, church, and parsonage is being reviewed
4. 125th Anniversary Report – Fern Patient
July 19th (Saturday) will be the ice cream social and social event
July 20th (Sunday) Service will include Musical Praise by Clyde Oathout and
Guest Speaker will be Dr. Mac Shotwell.
July 20th (Sunday) A noon potluck will be held in Fellowship Hall
Special Music at 2:00 PM by Brad Brown (Full Circle).

Unfinished Business:

There was none.

New Business:

1. Pastor Gene presented the Area IV documents since there was no Area IV meeting. The proposed budget was \$4,800. Nominations for officers were included. A motion was made by Shirley Rogers and seconded by Jackie Godfrey to approve the nominations and budget. The motion passed.
2. Don Rogers requested that our next business meeting be changed to July 13, 2008 at 7:00 PM.

A motion was made by Paul Feist and seconded by Wanda Wiseley to adjourn. Pastor Gene dismissed the meeting with prayer.

First Baptist Church Welcomes You!



A beautiful church with beautiful windows



Wonderful music from a great choir



Loving Pastor and Caring Jackie

Friendly Congregation who loves God



**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.
 The ABW theme for this year is "Come To The Edge".

Library Corner Titles

- Redeeming Love* by Francine Rivers (Fiction)
- Troubled Waters* by Rene Gutteridge (Fiction)
- God's Guidance, A Slow and Certain Light* by Elisabeth Elliot (Christian Living)
- Walking with Christ in the Details of Life* by Patrick Morley (Christian Living)
- The Prayer of Jabez* by Bruce Wilkinson (Devotional)
- I'm Still Learning Lord, Prayers for Women* by Betty Steele Everett (Devotional)
- STRESS and The Woman's Body* by w. David Hager, MD (Marriage and Family)
- SPEAKING of Women's Health, The Book* by Staff of Women's Health (Marriage and Family)
- Illinois Tid-Bits* by Lynn Huntsburger (History)
- Complete Book of Bible Trivia* by J. Stephen Lang (Church Resources)
- 44 Ways to Expand The Teaching Ministry of Your Church* by Lyle Schaller (Church Resources)
- Instant Cartoon for Church Newsletters* by George W. Knight (Church Resources)
- A Message in a Minute* by William D. Wolf and Sheryl Anderson (Church Resources)
- Sacred Chow* by Adell Harvey and Mari Gonzales (Church Resources)

Remembering Our Members Who Are Now With The Lord (2008)
David Spellman

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

**YOUTH IN SCHOOL
COLLEGE STUDENTS**

Kyle Ingram, Brandy Trussell, and Matthew Richardson

HOME BOUND

Lillian Schmidt, Betty Dedman, Mary Dugan, Edna Matheson
and Wilma Fishel

NURSING HOME

Bernice Franklin, Ola Grubbs

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Nick Booker, Courtney Booker, Jake Hughes, Derek Ingram,
Josh Collins, Hywel Foley, and Mike Sims

MAY BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

Jackie Godfrey	5-17	David & Ruth Miller	5-16
Frank Ellison	5-19	Roger & Karen Hughes	5-28
Fern Patient	5-25		
Tosha Brownlee	5-27		

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Dean & Bev Robison	6-7
Fred & Carroll Sebens	6-24
Jim & Karen Stathers	6-26
Sam & Jennie Sims	6-30

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Joey Sims	6-1	Zack Winnings	6-13
Ella Norris	6-1	Derek Richardson	6-14
Ray Vail	6-1	Duane Bragg	6-17
Carroll Sebens	6-2	Jim Stathers	6-18
Ola Grubbs	6-3	Jared Hughes	6-23
Deacon Patient	6-4	Debbie Brownlee	6-26
Debbie Booker	6-6	Roger Dedman	6-27
Daniel Richardson	6-7	Ed Courtright	6-30
Wanda Wiseley	6-8	Karen Hughes	6-30

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Blessings and Thank-You Notes to First Baptist Family

Youth Group Leaders

Thank you for your service and dedication to the children.

Fern Patient

Thank you for providing us with so much history and information about First Baptist.

Chair & Tables for Fellowship Hall

Chair rack given by Virginia Butler
Tables in memory of Junior Elzy
Chairs in memory of Clovis Franklin,
Pearl Miller, and Carl Coventry

Ann Judson Society

Thank you for all the wonderful events you sponsor for our church.

125th First Baptist Church Anniversary

Thank you to everyone who is volunteering to help with this special event.

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
Lillian Schmidt	728-7445
Mary Dugan	728-4548
Fern Patient	728-8803
Cindi Klukis	728-2354
Marilyn Book	728-3134
Lucy Fultz	728-4477
Carroll Sebens	728-8037



NIGHT TIME PRAYER CHAIN

Jackie Godfrey	728-2761
Shirley Rogers	728-7792
Pam Guyot	728-7734
Karen Stathers	728-8896
Judy Feist	728-4997
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 6:30 P.M.

WELCOME!

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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