

Ushers For May - Nylene Hughes
 Deaconesses For May - Nylene Hughes & Carroll Sebens
 Deacon For May - Fred Sebens
Special Events for May
 Blanket Sunday - May 3
 Ladies Night Out - May 9
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Ushers For June - Frank & Mary Ellison
 Deaconesses For June - Nylene Hughes & Carroll Sebens
 Deacon For June - Don Rogers
Special Events for June
 Women's Conference - June 5-7
 Celebration of Life - June 13



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I Remember...By Fern Patient
 Rev. Francis Strobel

Rev. Francis Strobel was called as pastor for the Sullivan and Cooks Mill churches in September 1938. He and his wife Ethel moved into the parsonage at the Pleasant Grove church in Cooks Mill. They had two small daughters, their names were Lois, and Mildred (called Pat).



He did his calling in Sullivan on Wednesdays, Fridays, and preached a sermon on Sundays. Two Sundays a month, we had a morning sermon and the other two were Sunday night sermons. His wife served as pianist during his pastorate. He was a dedicated man of God. He always wanted meals together (potlucks) and spent much of his time visiting with his church members. He was known to roll up his sleeves and help with any work that needed doing in the church or homes of the members. He was a very caring and compassionate person and always had a pleasant smile.

One summer he visited his brother in Trenton, New Jersey; and during his visit, a tragedy happened to his family back home. His wife and two daughters with two ladies and their daughters from the Pleasant Grove church attended a ladies conference at Centralia. On the way home, they were involved in a car crash. One lady and two young girls were killed. Lois Strobel (age 12) was killed in that car accident on August 12, 1941. Lois is buried beside the other little girl in the cemetery at the Pleasant Grove church. The triple funeral was held in the Mattoon First Baptist church. Rev. Strobel resigned as pastor in March of 1944.

Their daughter Mildred (Pat) has written many articles that have been published in the **Secret Place**.

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First Baptist Church welcomes our newest members:

**John Ingram
 Donna Holland**

APRIL 19, 2009 QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Moderator Don Rogers opened the Business Meeting with prayer. There were 21 members present. The minutes for January 18, 2009 were read and accepted. Correspondence was reported. The updated membership list for April 2009, has been placed in the Membership Records book in the church office. Active members total 80; inactive members total 94; non-members (friends) total 31; and total church participation is 230. Treasurer's Report and Building Fund Report were presented. 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, February, and March was presented.
2. Deacons Report by Paul Feist – John Ingram will be recommended for membership.
3. Building Fund Report by Ben Guyot
4. Sunday School Treasurer Report by Mary Beth Dedman
5. Trustees Report by Roger Hughes – Elevator issues will be addressed, baptistery needs attention, and May 2nd will be workday.
6. Vision Team Report by Linda Watson
7. Christian Education Board by Jackie Godfrey – Youth Group events, camp dates, and bus service on Sunday morning were reported.

Unfinished Business:

There was none.

New Business:

A motion was made by Clint Fultz and seconded by Jackie Godfrey to accept John Ingram into full membership of First Baptist Church. The motion passed.

Replacing the carpet in the office area and library was discussed. A donation was made toward this project. The motion was made by Paul Feist and seconded by Fred Sebens to grant permission to purchase and install the carpet for the office and library. The motion passed.

A discussion was held concerning a rummage sale in the Fellowship Hall. A motion was made by Clint Fultz and seconded by Roger Hughes to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was dismissed with prayer.

MONTHLY CHURCH ATTENDANCE - 2009			
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
83	53	44	52
57	50	58	100
47	50	57	55
57	58	47	69
		51	
Average for month 61	Average for month 53	Average for month 51	Average for month 69

AVERAGE SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE				
CLASSES	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
Kdg	4	3	3	5
3-5	5	4	2	4
Jr & Sr	4	2	2	4
Married or Not	5	4	3	5
Seekers	3	2	1	2
Berean	9	10	8	10
Young at Heart	8	10	10	12
Class with highest monthly average	Berean	Berean & Young at Heart	Young at Heart	Young at Heart

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD REPORT-APRIL 19, 2009

1. Leslie Patient is the teacher for junior-senior high Sunday school class.
2. There will be no youth groups when the temperature is below 0°. This rule will apply regardless of school in session.
3. Valentine's Day party was held during youth groups. Cards and flowers were made for Titus Home.
4. America for Christ offering will be during June.
5. A candy ministry will be used to promote youth activities and VBS. Bundles of candy will be distributed during the July 4th parade. Titus Home women and youth groups will assist in making the bundles.
6. Camp dates are August 2-5 for grade 2nd through 5th. If paid in full before May 21, there will be \$15 deduction. The church will provide transportation to Lake Springfield Camp.
7. Youth group closing will be April 29th from 6:00-7:30 PM. Guest speaker will be Jennifer Brady from Lake Springfield Camp.
8. VBS will be July 26th through July 31st. The theme is Son Rock Kids Camp.
9. There is a discussion about providing bus service on Sunday mornings. Drivers who meet the church insurance requirement will be needed.

VISION TEAM REPORT

Vision Team

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	728-8803	

Vision

The vision team would like First Baptist Church to:

1. be financially viable
2. have increased attendance
3. be more active
4. be more friendly and make everyone feel comfortable
5. be more visible in community affairs
6. have young children become excited about coming to First Baptist Church

Purpose

The vision team will:

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

First Meeting – Thursday, February 26, 2009

1. Look at survey results.
2. Discuss purpose of vision team. The team will look at ways to improve First Baptist Church. The team will not be responsible for implementation of suggestions and ideas.
3. Suggest ideas for a vision

Suggestions considered:

Suggestions	Facilitators
Ask kids the question, "What would you want us to do?"	Christian Education Board
Have an Open House	Entertainment Committee
Distribute flyers	Communication (Linda Watson)
Invite guest speakers	Deacons
Hold a job fair or gathering to help people in community	Trustees, Entertainment Committee
Construct informational sign	Trustees
Change what we do and the way we do with Sunday school, church service, and youth groups	Deacons, Christian Education Board
Have Kid's Worship Service	Deacons
Provide a break between Sunday school and church occasionally for coffee and greeting new members.	Trustees, Deacons, Entertainment Committee

WORSHIP TOGETHER



WALK IN FAITH



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.
 Monthly meetings are announced in church bulletin.**

Special Events for Ann Judson

1. Blanket Sunday will be on May 3rd.
2. Ladies Night Out will be on May 9th. The theme is *Keep a Song in Your Heart*. The entertainment will be a concert by Cathy J. Reynolds. Meal will be catered by KFC.
3. Mother's Day will be on May 10th.
4. GRR-ABW Annual Retreat will be June 5, 6, & 7, at Lake Williamson Conference Center, Carlinville, IL.
5. **Items are needed for the Annual Retreat-Please place in Pastor's office.**
 - Second Hand Rose Jewelry Shop would like donations of jewelry that is clean, shiny, and in good condition. Please place in plastic bag and mark suggested price.
 - Gently Used-But Greatly Loved Christian Book Store would like donations of cherished paperback or hard cover books. Books should be of Christian content and in good condition. All proceeds will go to the "Breaking the Chains Project".
 - White Cross Project will include new washcloth, new toothbrush, lip gloss, toothpaste, and bar of soap.

Remembering Our Members Who Are Now With The Lord (2008) David Spellman, Duane Bragg, Edna Matheson, Betty Dedman

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

COLLEGE STUDENTS

Kyle Ingram, Corey Ingram, Brandy Trussell, Leslie Patient, Holly Matusas

HOME BOUND

Wilma Fishel, Mary Dugan, Dorothy Feezel, Lillian Schmidt

NURSING HOME

Bernice Franklin, Ola Grubbs

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Harrison Austin, Stephanie Austin, Nick Booker, John Booker, Courtney Booker, Jake Hughes,
 Brandon Davis, Josh Collins, Hywel Foley, and 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.

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 BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

Ella Norris	6-1	Jim Stathers	6-18	Dean & Bev Robison	6-7
Joey Sims	6-1	Jared Hughes	6-23	Fred & Carroll Sebens	6-24
Ray Vail	6-1	Debbie Brownlee	6-26	Jim & Karen Stathers	6-26
Carroll Sebens	6-2	Roger Dedman	6-27	Sam & Jennie Sims	6-30
Ola Grubbs	6-3	Ed Courtright	6-30		
Deacon Patient	6-4	Karen Hughes	6-30		
Debbie Booker	6-6				
Daniel Richardson	6-7				

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Please contact Karen Stathers if we have missed anyone.

Blessings and Thank-You Notes to First Baptist Family

Choir

Wonderful music during the service!

Van Drivers

You are the greatest!

Youth Group Leaders

Thank you for serving our youth!

First Baptist Church Family

You are special!

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



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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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