

Ushers For November - Dean & Bev Robison  
 Deaconesses For November - Judy Feist & Betty Coventry  
 Deacon For November - Ben Guyot  
Special Promotions For November 2008  
 Thanksgiving Potluck at Noon - November 23  
 Community Thanksgiving Service - PM November 23  
 Decorate Church - November 29  
 First Sunday of Advent - November 30



Ushers For December - Marv & Betty Mode  
 Deaconesses For December - Judy Feist & Betty Coventry  
 Deacon For December - Paul Feist  
Special Promotions For December 2008  
 Christmas Program - December 14  
 Christmas Eve Service - December 24 at 6:30 PM

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**F r i e n d s**

Choose friends from among those who are faithful to God and to themselves, for they will also be faithful toward others.

(Author Unknown)

A friend is a present you give yourself.

(Robert Louis Stevenson)

Oh, loving words are not hard to say if the heart be loving too,

And kinder the thoughts you give to other,

The kinder their thought of you.

(Author Unknown)

**Greater love hath no man than his,  
 That a man lay down his life for his friends.**

**John 15:13**

Friendship Cup to Share During the Holidays

**Lifesavers** - to remind you of the many times others need your help and you need theirs.

**Rubber Band** - reminder to always be flexible.

**Candy Kiss and Hug** - we all need kisses and hugs.

**Paper Clip** - to help hold it all together.

**Candle** - a reminder to share your light.

**Marble** - to help you keep rolling (in case you lose one).

**Sweet and Sour Candy** - to help you accept and appreciate the difference of others.

**Happy Face** - smiling not only increases your face value, it is contagious.

**Band Aid** - for healing hurt feelings-yours and someone else's.

**Recipe** - when you want to do something special for someone.

**Eraser** - to remind you that you can start over with a clean slate.

**Friendship Cup** - to always look at everyday full of possibilities.

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**For God alone my soul waits in silence; from Him comes my salvation.**  
**Psalm 62:1**

**Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray.**  
**Proverbs 22:6**

**Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.**  
**1 Peter 5:7**

## Quarterly Business Meeting

October 19, 2008

Moderator Don Rogers opened the Business Meeting with prayer. There were 22 members present.

The minutes for July 13, 2008, were approved. No correspondence was reported.

The updated list for October 2008 has been placed in the Membership Records book in the church office.

Active members total 80; inactive members total 120; non-members (friends) total 35; and total church participation is 235.

Roger Hughes presented the Treasurer's Report. 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 Membership Record Book is in the Church office.

**The following committee reports were presented:**

Pastor's Report for July-August was provided.

Deacons Report by Paul Feist - none

Trustees Report by Jim Stathers - none

Christian Education by Mary Ellison

Youth Group kick-off was held, Youth Groups have started, and Christmas Program will be planned.

Memorial Committee by Pam Guyot

They are planting four trees at the parsonage. The funding is from Nolan Hower and Carl Elder memorials.

**Unfinished Business:** There was none.

**New Business:**

The Proposed Amendments to the Church Constitution were presented and discussed.

Article V: Membership – The membership of this church shall also include persons transferring by letter of membership from other churches, those persons who believe in Christ as a personal Savior and have made public confession of such, have been baptized by any method acceptable by the former member church doctrine, and have been received by vote of this church into membership.

Article X: Pastor – The pastoral connection to this church may be dissolved at any time by the formal request of the Pastor or by the formal vote of the church members. Any vote of dissolution must be announced two Sundays prior to the vote and have a two-thirds majority vote of the defined regular quorum of voting members.

Article XIII: Standing Committee – 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.

Article XIV: Subcommittees - 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.

**New Section**

Article XIV: Subcommittees – 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.

**New Section**

Article XIV: Subcommittees – 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.

**By-Laws**

Regular worship services shall be held Sunday morning. Regular worship services shall be held Sunday evening. The Deacons shall use information concerning weather conditions and attendance to modify the yearly schedule regarding Sunday evening services.

**By-Laws**

Adult Bible study shall be held Wednesday evening. The Deacons shall use information concerning weather conditions and attendance to modify the yearly schedule regarding Wednesday Adult Bible study.

**By-Laws**

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 and older.

A motion was made by Paul Feist and seconded by Jackie Godfrey to accept the proposed amendments and by laws changes. The motion passed. The Constitution Committee was commended for their work.

**2009 Budget Proposal was presented.**

Account	2008 Budget	2009 Budget
Ministry Sub Total	\$2,300	\$3,100
Minister's Sub Total	\$43,400	\$45,500
Sub Total Expense	\$23,265	\$24,745
Total Expense	\$68,965	\$73,345

A motion was made by Pam Guyot and seconded by Betty Coventry to accept the 2009 Budget Proposal. The motion passed. The Finance Committee was commended for their work.

**2009 Nomination of Officers and Committee Member List was presented.**

Moderator	Don Rogers
Vice-Moderator	Fred Sebens
Church Clerk	Linda Watson
Church Treasurer	Teresa Crawford
Asst. Church Treasurer	
Financial Secretary	Pam Guyot
Asst. Financial Secretary	Karen Stathers
Building Fund Treasurer	Ben Guyot
Sunday School Superintendent	Jackie Godfrey
Asst. Sunday School Superintendent	Leslie Patient
Contact Communicator	Linda Watson
Deacons	Ben Guyot, Fred Sebens, Don Rogers, Paul Feist
Honorary Deacons	Bob Patient, Clint Fultz
Deaconesses	Betty Coventry, Judy Feist, Joyce Hower, Ruth Miller, Carroll Sebens, Nylene Hughes
Honorary Deaconesses	Mary Dugan, Erma Short, Lillian Schmidt
Trustees	Roy Book, Pam Guyot, Roger Hughes, Brian Crawford, Paul Riley
Flower Committee	Nylene Hughes, Donna Sparrow, Ina Waggoner
Christian Education Committee	Brandy Trussell, Heidi Feist, Leslie Patient, Mary Beth Dedman, Karen Stathers, Jackie Godfrey
Finance Committee	Teresa Crawford, Linda Watson, Pam Guyot, Mary Beth Dedman, Ben Guyot, Don Rogers
Entertainment	Patti Patient, Betty Mode, Karen Stathers, Sharon Dinger, Wanda Wiseley, Susan Matusas
Music Committee	Marilyn Book, Patti Patient, Nancy Vail, Linda Watson
Service Committee	Marilyn Book, Roy Book, Nancy Miller, BJ Miller, Ruth Miller, Lucy Fultz, Clint Fultz, Shirley Rogers, Nylene Hughes
Nursery	Ruth Miller, Ella Norris, Kathy Porter, Karen Stathers
Library	Karen Hughes, Anyssa Riley, Bev Robison
Ushers	Roy & Marilyn Book, Crawford Family, Riley Family, Frank & Mary Ellison, Paul & Judy Feist, Nylene Hughes & Family,

A motion was made by Ben Guyot and seconded by Shirley Rogers to accept the Nominating Committee List of Officers and Committees. The motion passed. The Nominating Committee was commended for their work.

## 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**

“Break the Chain”  
Remember to give  
this fall!

**Ann Judson Society meets the first Monday of each month.**  
 The ABW theme for this year is “Come To The Edge”.

## Ann Judson Meetings

November 3 ..... Women’s Day of Prayer  
 December 7 ..... Fruit & Cookie Plates 6:00 PM  
 January 10..... Meeting at Parsonage 4:00 PM  
 January 10..... Picnic at Parsonage 5:00 PM

### Suggestions for Shoe Box Gifts for Operation Christmas Child

Necessities	School Supplies	General	For a Boy	For a Girl	No-Please
Underwear	Coloring books	Hard candy	Nerf balls	Baby dolls	War toys
Socks	Crayons, markers	Gum, bubble gum	Soccer ball w/pump	Barbie dolls	Liquids
T-shirts	Pens, pencils	Sunglasses	Small cars or trucks	Toy jewelry sets	Medicine
Combs, brushes	Erasers, scissors	Small picture books	Legos, Yo-Yos	Jumping rope	Glass items
Soap, washcloths	Writing paper	Wind up toys	Baseball caps	jacks	Chocolate
Deodorant	Rulers, glue sticks	Play-doh	Wallets, watches	Hair bows/clips	Used or worn items
Drinking cup	Stamps & ink pad	Puzzles	Paddleball set	Music box	

Collection week is 17-24. Please fill your box and bring it to the church by Nov. 9th.

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

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

#### YOUTH IN SCHOOL COLLEGE STUDENTS

Liz Garvey, Kyle Ingram, Leslie Patient, Brandy Trussell, Holly Matusas  
**HOME BOUND**

Betty Dedman, & Wilma Fishel

#### NURSING HOME

Bernice Franklin, Ola Grubbs

#### THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS		NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES	
Matthew Klukis	11-02	Ed & Gladys Courtright	11-06
Jennifer Klukis	11-04	Ivan & Mary Dugan	11-06
Dick Watson	11-09	Ben & Pam Guyot	11-17
Virginia Butler	11-12		
Heidi Feist	11-24		
Aaron Richardson	11-26		
Don Rogers	11-29		
Kendal Patient	11-29		

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Please contact Karen Stathers if  
we have missed anyone.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS		DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES	
Mary Beth Dedman	12-04	Bob & Fern Patient	12-16
Betty Coventry	12-05	Dick & Linda Watson	12-19
Marv Mode	12-09	Frank & Mary Ellison	12-30
Cindi Klukis	12-21		
Ruth Miller	12-26		
Roger Hughes	12-26		
Susan Matusas	12-31		

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
Thank you!

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE**  
Thank you!

**CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE**  
Thank you!

**Thank you to everyone who answered  
"yes" to the Nominating Committee.**

**Thank you to all who served as a church officer or committee member during 2008.**

**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 728-7445
- 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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*And The Angels Were Silent*  
*The Christmas Box Miracle*  
*Fireside Christmas*  
*Hidden Motives*  
*Danger In the Shadows*  
*The Marriage Wish*  
*Protector*  
*The Negotiator*  
*The Truth Seeker*  
*The Healer*  
*The Guardian*

Max Lucado  
Richard Paul Evans  
Kristin Billerbeck  
Carol Cox  
Dee Henderson (Dee grew up in Moultrie County.)  
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Sanctuary decorated for VBS



ABW Sunday



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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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