

2009	Oct. 18	Oct. 25
General	\$5,228.81	\$5,426.61
Student Fund	\$450.00	\$65.00
Missions	<u>\$1,600.00</u>	<u>\$1,025.00</u>
Total	\$7,278.81	\$6,516.61

8:15 AM Worship	68	57
10:30 AM Worship	192	185
Sunday School	137	154

Ever Ready	9	10
Beau Knot	37	50
S.T.P.	8	8
Harvest Seekers	18	19
Young Adults	14	10
Officers	1	1
High School	13	12
Junior High	7	6
Middler/Juniors	10	14
Primary	4	4
Kindergarten	8	11
Nursery	8	9

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Elders & Staff Retreat at Oil Belt Camp, November 13-14 *The Puzzle of Leadership*

Special Guests: Don Green & Barney Wells

Registration Deadline: \$20 by Friday, November 5

Rob's Ramblings...

I am once again humbled by the kind words, cards, and gifts which many of you have given to me and my family for Minister Appreciation month. Words cannot express how blessed we feel for being allowed to serve with you for the last 13 years! I remember coming here as a 28 year old kid. You were VERY patient with me as I have gotten older and (hopefully!) wiser as a pastor, father, husband and friend. Notice I didn't say that I have grown more mature....

We had a great time Sunday night at the Buzz-R. Thanks to the Children's Ministry team and all of the FISH Group volunteers for hosting a fun event for our kids. The kids were told to come dressed as their favorite minister, so one of my boys wore a Purdue shirt and the other wore a Dallas Cowboys jersey. I think they were trying to dress up like Bill and Ben! (Just kidding, boys. Dad was proud of you!)

Buckle up and get ready for the ride. The next two months are going to go FAST! There will be family time, football, holiday preparations, football, Christmas shopping, football, school programs, and FOOTBALL! There will also be high school and junior high basketball, and a host of other community events. So, we have planned our church events for November and December knowing that you will be very busy and we don't want to bury you under more activities. We have carefully designed our calendar of events to include a few experiences that will be significant and meaningful. Look for the Southern Illinois Christian Teen Convention, The National Missionary Convention, a VERY special holiday program here at FCC (details to come soon!), the Children's Christmas program, and our traditional Christmas Eve services.

As always, I look forward to sharing the coming holiday season with all of you. It is great to serve the Lord with so many close friends. Thanks again for all of the kind words of encouragement and prayers you have offered on my behalf.

See you Sunday! Rob

"BUZZED"



A Children's Ministry Hour Sunday nights from 5-6 pm for K-5th Graders.



Ski Lift 2010

January 15-18 is the date. This will be our third year of attending a retreat in Michigan with several area churches to worship, fellowship and SKI! We have a limited number of spots, so if you are interested, get \$130.00 together, give it to Ben and he will take care of the rest. You will need to commit and pay by December 6.

National Missionary Convention

November 19-21

Peoria Civic Center - Peoria, IL



CAMPBELL'S CORNER

The revival services are over. They are complete. Done. Finalized. And we had three great days together. But the revival actually begins now. In other words, our lives should give evidence of the revival that has taken place this past week. To be revived means we've been renewed and reawakened spiritually out of sleep. This prepares us to get on with God's mission and message in our time, and right here in our community. For people need the Lord. People all around us need Him. They desperately need Him. Will you be God's person to disciple someone, beginning today? Lead that person to Christ? Show him or her the way? Teach this individual the basics of Christianity? Equip her or him to then disciple someone else? You can do it. I have the material to help you. Let me know if you wish to enter into the discipling ministry.

Preaching is a privilege. An honor. More importantly, preaching is an act of worship for both preachers and hearers. For preaching enables each believer to move into a much more dynamic and

vital relationship with Christ Jesus. This intimate relationship with our Lord will only take place, however, when our hearts, ears, and mind are open to the truth God has for us. But are you open to God's truth? Ready for it? Receptive? Willing to be transformed by God? Nothing about you will ever be changed or improved if you've closed your life to God's blessings.

Please note my sermon topics for the next two weeks at FCC. On **November 1st** I plan to share with you on the theme, "**Becoming Childlike.**" My text for this message will be taken from **Luke 18:15-17**. On **November 8th** I will direct our attention toward, "**How A Little Man Becomes A Big Man.**" **Luke 19:1-10** will be my Scripture text for this message. Don't miss sharing in these sermons at either **8:15 or 10:30 AM**.

Oprah Winfrey offers this counsel: "**Keep a grateful journal. Every night, list five things that you are grateful for. What it will begin to do is change your perspective of your day and your life.**" Very true! Start your journal today! Bill

OPERATION CHRISTMAS STAR

FCC has been asked to furnish 150 boxes of Instant Potatoes. A box is in the Narthex for your donation.

MEMORIALS

To Oil Belt Camp in memory of:

- ...Ross Luzadder by Gene/Anne Venable
- ...Gene Ray by Kenny/Vernal Roush
- ...Delores Slover by Kenny/Vernal Roush
- ...Bill Dannells by Kenny/Vernal Roush

To General Fund in memory of:

- ...Bill Dannells by Don/Jody Peavler

To Building Fund in memory of:

- ...Bill Dannells by Gene/Anne Venable

November Birthday Wishes

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| 1-Tammy Fender | 2-Lindy Brentlinger |
| 3-Patsy Conley, Meg Hout | 5-Alice Casolari |
| 6-Tom Allen | 7-Darrin Hout |
| 8-Bill Campbell, Jean Leathers | 13-Joe Behnke |
| 18-Robert Mosbarger | 19-Naomi Nakajima |
| 21-Phyllis Moats, Bud Bassett | |
| 22-Tom Abner, Kristine Sampson | |
| 23-Nichole Perry, Brenda Miller | |
| 24-Yvonne Guinn, Ann Hout | |
| 25-Klay VanDyke | 28-Melissa Brink |
| 30-Athena VanDyke, Chuck Aumiller | |



DOUBLE BABY SHOWER NOV. 1

The congregation is invited to an Open House on Sunday, November 1, from 2:30 - 4:30 pm in FCC's Fellowship Hall. There will be a double baby shower for Kari Thackrey and for Ginger Koontz. Kari and Ginger are registered with Wal-Mart and at Target. Ginger & Bret will be having a little girl and Kari and Evan have chosen to be "surprised."

If you plan to bring a card, please take another look, I would like to learn my ABC's from your favorite storybook. Please sign your name as your personal touch.

**A special Christmas Celebration
for our Congregation....**

Saturday, Dec. 12!

Watch for more details!!!



Our sympathy to the family/friends of Norma Blackledge upon her October 17, 2009 passing.

Sympathy to Kelly Kaufman & Kelly/Kurt English and family upon the passing of wife and mother, Dora Kaufman, October 25, 2009.

Sympathy to Ronnie/Trudy Hurd and to Eddie/Linda Hurd and families upon the October 17, 2009 passing of their sister, Barbara Cannon.

THANK YOU

The light of God's love shines through you and your every kindness. Thank you for the prayers, cards and the memorials for my brother, Bill, during his illness and death.

Bob & Janice Hagen

We would like to thank everyone for their acts of kindness during Gene's illness and passing - the food, gifts, flowers, memorials and most of all the prayers. The Ray Family

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the many cards I received for my birthday! I enjoyed each one and appreciate each of you!

Love, Frances Reed

Thank you to the church family for the cards, prayers and calls for our family and the family of Deb Hinman Murbarger. Heather Young Porter is needing continuing prayers.

Harlan/Marilyn Young & Bud/Linda Lents



Baby Congratulations

to Ryan/Nichole Perry & family upon the Oct. 20, 2009 birth of Jackson Ryan Perry - 8

lbs 4 oz, 20". He is welcomed home by Allison & Mason. Happy Grandparents are Sonny/Brenda Perry. Also rejoicing are Aunt Jessica Perry, Uncle Jacob Perry, Great-Grandparents, Ken/Jodi Windle, Georgianna Feagans, Shirley Burdine & Great-Great Grandmother, Geraldine Stanley.

November 2009 Serving Assignment

Elders Serving 8:15/10:30 AM (Dec 6 S. Perry)		Elders Meeting		Flora Care-4th Sun					
1 J. Conley 8 R. Mosbarger 15 P. Leib 22 B. Forth 29 K. Ord		3:30 pm - Sunday, 8th		2 pm - Jr/Sr High					
<p>(J. Chaney 662-2399) Before services, check in with the Captain. Communion Servers CAPTAIN: J. Conley</p> <p>1 L. Strange 2 P. Leib 3 J. Brentlinger 4 R. Rudy 5 B. Pieplow 6 J. Mann 7 8</p> <p>Bapt. Servers K. Halsey Prepare Comm. K. Halsey</p>		<p><i>Meet in kitchen before leaving</i> Nursing Homes/Hospital 1 R. Clifton/H. Clifton 8 V. Brentlinger/B. Chaney 15 R. Mosbarger/P. Walker 22 T. VanDyke/H. VanDyke 29 D. Gorrell/B. Pieplow</p> <p>Heritage Woods/Homes 1 J. Stanfield/C. Cordrey 8 S. Perry/L. Strange 15 J. Thatcher/B. Thatcher 22 K. Ord/R. Ballard 29 B. Forth/J. Buckley</p>		<p>8:15 Off. Prayer 1 B. Forth 8 B. VanHynning 15 J. Brentlinger 22 B. Campbell 29 R. Clifton Dec 6 J. Earleywine</p> <p>10:30 Off. Prayer 1 B. McKnelly 8 J. Conley 15 J. Mann 22 J. Meyer 29 J. Stanfield Dec 6 J. Thatcher</p>		<p>AM Ushers T. Abner 662-6021 T. Abner K. Kaufman J. Moats B. Forth G. Dickinson</p> <p>Narthex Hostesses 1 G. Hamilton 8 M. Jones 15 E. Hockman 22 B/D Pemberton 29 J. Slover Dec 6 G. Hamilton</p> <p>AM Library D. Pemberton 662-8114 D. Pemberton</p>			
<p>Nursery T. Koontz 662-2797</p> <p>S.S. 0-1 Yrs. B. Kuhlrig SS 1½ -4 Yrs. Pieplow/Landreth</p> <p>SS/AM Beginners SS T. Igeft AM A. Brentlinger</p> <p>AM 0-1 Yrs. T. K. Scarbrough 8 J. Brentlinger 15 R. Barbre 22 P. Luzadder 29 J. Clifton</p> <p>AM 1½ -4 Yrs. M. Welshans N. Perry P. Conley TBA A. Pool</p>		<p>Greeters</p> <p>1 NE SE SW V. Forth</p> <p>8 NE SE SW T/R Barbre</p> <p>15 NE SE SW Casolari/Ray</p> <p>22 NE SE SW B/N Bassett</p> <p>29 NE SE SW</p>		<p>8:00 AM</p> <p>V. Forth</p> <p>T/R Barbre</p> <p>Casolari/Ray</p> <p>B/N Bassett</p>		<p>9:00 AM</p> <p>S/E Hockman K Halsey</p> <p>S/E Hockman J/P Conley S/B Perry</p> <p>C/M Cordrey</p> <p>Walker/Misenhimer</p>		<p>10:10 AM 665-4630 C/M Cordrey</p> <p>D/E Gorrell</p> <p>C/M Cordrey J/S Speiser</p> <p>R/N Perry G/D Hamilton R/D Mosbarger</p> <p>E/K Thackrey C/M Cordrey</p>	

MISSION MOMENTS BY MARY ANN BRENTLINGER

Christians are being persecuted in many parts of the world. They need our prayers.

C. Y. and Patricia Kim, who work with "Christ Reaching Asia Mission Worldwide Inc," have saddened hearts because their male secretary's mother is behind bars. Why? Jacob's mother was teaching the Word to a group of students and helping defectors to freedom in the Northern Country. Her sentence was for ten years but the family decided to take it to Higher Court so they prayerfully await the outcome. C.Y. and Pat Kim also ask for prayers as they try to listen in decision making and oversight of this, His work, in China and North Korea.

The current times we're experiencing affects most of the world's nations. Such hardships can mean the difference between life and death for many who never have known prosperity. Ten percent of American families are suffering because of unemployment but in Haiti, two-thirds of the labor force do not have formal jobs. Home foreclosures in the U.S. have reached an all-time high but in India eleven million "street children" spend their nights sleeping without shelter or huddled in abandoned buildings.

We remain a very blessed people even though we are hurting. Our food pantries across America are seeing their shelves empty as quickly as they can be refilled. Yet somewhere in the developing world a child dies from hunger every five seconds. God uses difficulties to fill our hearts with great compassion to help our next door neighbors as well as our neighbors half a world away.

IDES (International Disaster Emergency Services) is an excellent opportunity to share what we can and rest assured that every cent will be used to help the needy. They have planted trees in Myanmar where the summers are very hot. They lost 60% of their giant shade trees to cyclone Nargis. A missionary in India reports "Without the water from bore wells (provided by IDES donors) we would have lost mango, lime, coconut and shade trees during a prolonged drought."

Whatever need it be, medical care, medicine, blankets, mosquito nets, Bibles and teaching materials, or famine and hunger in Africa, IDES contributed \$4,000 in matching funds for a hunger project in Kenya with John Abell and Hazel Dell Christian Church in Carmel, Indiana.

Surely we are a blessed people with a great opportunity to help through IDES! Their work is not only overseas but right here in America! A U.S. flood victim says, "If your group had not helped I still do not know where I would be."

By His infinite grace, may God use our present difficulties to fill our hearts with greater compassion. May He move us to help our neighbors wherever and whoever they may be! They need Jesus and we need to show them His love!

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