

OCTOBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

# the FIRST Edition

AT THE HEART OF THINGS DOWNTOWN



## ✘ From the Pastor ✘

*“For I am a great king, says the LORD Almighty, and my name is to be feared among the nations.” Malachi 1:14*

As people observe your walk with the Lord, what would they determine about the greatness of your King? As others watch you carry out your Christian commitment, what would they determine about your fear of the Lord?

We live in a deteriorating moral climate. Scripture warns us not to conform to the ways of the world. But often, those who have called upon the name of the Lord get caught up in the current of the culture and become casual in their Christianity.

Thankfully, we serve a merciful God who longs to forgive. We serve a great King who is holy and loving. During the month of October, we set some time aside for revival services. It is an opportunity for the church to return to the Lord and to experience His grace. It is an opportunity for the church to rid herself of things that are displeasing to the Lord, those choices in life that diminish the greatness of God in the eyes of others. What do we need to do to prepare for this time? Pray. Repent. Come. Respond.

Would you make October 9-12 a priority on your calendar to be present during this time while the church seeks the face of the Lord? Would you make it a priority to be present for each service? On September 11, we had our highest Sunday School attendance in five years with 423. But in worship attendance, we were at 348. What an encouragement it would be if everyone would commit to both hours. We serve a great King! He is worthy of a better commitment.

In Christ,  
*Michael*

***October 2011 Bible Reading Challenge – Ezra & Colossians***

## ***REVIVAL SCHEDULE***

Sunday, October 9, 10:45 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Monday through Wednesday, October 10 – 12: 6:30 p.m.

Cobbler Fellowship following the evening service on Sunday.

50+ Potluck Luncheon at noon on October 10

Free meal for everyone on Wednesday prior to the 6:30 p.m. service.





## Children's Happenings and Updates

I am so glad fall is here! I am ready to enjoy the leaves changing colors and the cooler weather. Our annual Funny Face Festival is just around the corner, and we are preparing for another year of Trunk or Treat. This year it is on Sunday, October 30, and will be held from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. (This event will serve as our evening worship service.) We are asking every Sunday School department to commit to decorating at least two cars as we reach out to those in our community. We are also beginning to gather candy and small toys to give away as treats. Last year we reached so many, and I hope that continues with this event. As I was thinking about Funny Face and remembering those from years past, one thing that has

always been stressed is "no scary costumes". On a practical level this is a family event, and we don't want a mob of distressed preschoolers. Spiritually, there is also something to be said for not indulging fear in any aspect of our lives. 1 John 4:18 says there is no fear in love, and perfect love casts out fear. As we come to know and trust the complete love of Christ, He eases our fears and increases our faith. The bottom line is when we come to know and understand the perfect and complete love of God, we have nothing to fear.

Finally, let me thank those of you who gave to sponsor a child for our Great Escape Weekend! We had so many kids who were able to attend thanks to your generosity. In addition, we have almost doubled our Good News Club attendance, and we are asking that you prayerfully sponsor a child and/or provide rides on Sundays. (We especially need a sponsor for some children who live on the north side by the zoo.) Thank you all for your tremendous support!

Blessings,  
*Stacy Adamson*

## Overflow Student Ministry

Fall brings life into ministry! So many things are happening with revival, discipleship, and youth trips! Our students have been praying together with thousands of other students across the nation for God's will and revival. "See You at the Pole" has just happened in September and "Fields of Faith" is coming on October 12. "Fields of Faith" is an attempt to bring students together from across this region to pray and worship! The evening is hosted at Hammonds Field by the local FCA chapters. We will be joining them on Wednesday October 12th. We will carpool from FBC at 6:10 pm and return at 8:30.

There is no cost, and parents are encouraged to come. This month we are also planning a trip to The Maize in Verona on the evening of October 22. We will leave from FBC at 5:30 pm and return around 9:00 pm. Families are welcome to join us; however, any child under 7th grade must be accompanied by a parent. The cost is \$6 to enter the maze but you may want to plan to have a little extra to spend on other activities. We will supply s'mores and drinks at the bon-fire. One last reminder - please get your student registered for our Winter Retreat. I must have the \$50 paid for or arranged by November 1. Space is limited, and you can get all the details from Brock or in our student newsletter. If you would like to receive our newsletter, please email Brock your contact information at [bkennedy@fbcspringfield.com](mailto:bkennedy@fbcspringfield.com).



In His Service!  
*Brock*

## Church Golf Tournament at Rivercut

Our fall golf outing will take place on October 15. The round will start at 1:00 pm and will be a 4-person scramble format. You may form your own team or sign up as an individual to be placed on a team. This is open to men or women with all abilities. Rivercut costs \$48 for 18 holes and a cart. Each person will pay the course fee when arriving that day; however, the deadline to sign up is Monday, October 10 at Noon, which gives us time to reserve enough tee times for our group if you plan to participate.



## “Introducing Kate Schenk”

Hi! My name is Kate Schenk and I am excited to introduce myself as the new Executive Director of Lighthouse Child & Family Development Center. Some of you may have met Erica Harris, our previous Executive Director when FBC first entered into an exciting partnership with LCFDC. I am excited to follow in the footsteps of a leader who cared so deeply for the mission of the organization.

I too share a passion for LCFDC's mission of assisting families in their efforts to become more informed and self-sufficient members of this community through the provision of quality childcare, intensive case management, individualized goal setting, family education, accountability and empowerment. For five years, I served as the Youth & Family Minister at Messiah Lutheran Church, and during that time played a pivotal role to establishing the partnership with LCFDC to form a partnership center within that congregation. Later, I served on the Board of Directors of LCFDC and was excited about the opportunity for LCFDC to connect with FBC and establish a partnership to provide care for 45 children while allowing FBC to continue its long-term commitment to serving families in need in the center city area.

As a woman of faith and a busy mom of four, I recognize the need for quality affordable childcare, centered in christian teachings and a family centered approach. As you get to know me, I am sure you will see that this is work I feel passionate about and called to do. I am excited to have this opportunity to work together with the congregation of First Baptist Church to make a difference in the lives of children and families in this community. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions, concerns or ideas concerning this important ministry and partnership with FBC.

Kate Schenk  
Executive Director  
Lighthouse Child & Family Development Center  
[kateaschenk@gmail.com](mailto:kateaschenk@gmail.com)

## “Quest for Romance... Intimacy with God”

Final payment for the retreat and breakout signups are needed by Sunday, October 9. Please signup on board located across from elevator. Please note that you must sign up for a session from each row. Be sure to not duplicate your choice! Letters containing specific retreat details will go out to all participants a week prior to the retreat. We have 62 ladies going this year and we are very excited for this great response. Begin praying now that we will renew an intimate relationship with our Father.

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# REMEMBER, REBUILD...

# RENEW, REJOICE!

## CAMPAIGN UPDATE

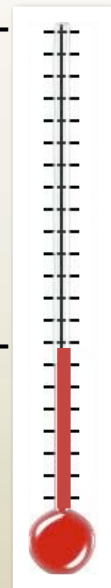
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*“The God of heaven will give us success.”*

*Nehemiah 2:20*



## “Fall Revival” – October 9-12, 2011

**Sunday at 10:45 am and 6:00 pm & Monday-Wednesday at 6:30 pm**

**Bert Spann, Pastor of Fellowship Baptist in Saline, Michigan, will be our speaker.**

For the weeks leading to revival, we are asking members of the church to prayerfully consider participating in a fast following Tuesday dinner. The Chapel will be open at 5:00 p.m. each Wednesday for a time of prayer for revival. We will break our fast at 5:30 p.m. as we eat together in Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, October 9, 9:30 a.m., Bible Study for Adults - All adults are invited to meet in the Worship Center for Bible Study with our revival pastor, Bert Spann.

Sunday, October 9, Cobbler Fellowship - Please bring your favorite cobbler to Fellowship Hall to share after the evening service.

Monday, October 10, 50+ Luncheon with Bert Spann - This will be a potluck luncheon. Drinks will be provided.

Wednesday, October 12, 5 p.m. - Free Ham & Beans supper, You will need to make a reservation by Monday, Oct. 10, at 5 p.m.

## “Youth Bible Studies & Events”

Guy's Bible Study - Thursday nights at 6 pm

Girl's Bible Study - Friday nights at 6 pm

Both are at Brock and Elaina's Home

Corn Maze - October 22, Verona, Missouri

We will take a trip to Verona to get lost in a corn field! This trip is open to families with students in the youth ministry. However, please plan to accompany any children under 7th grade.

## “2011 Rheubin L. South State Mission Offering”

This offering provides support for missionaries, church planters, colleges, and agencies as they further the Lord's kingdom in Missouri. Our church goal is \$3,500 with 100 participants. To date, we have received \$2,870 with 42 participants.

## “Do You Think You Can Cook?”

No, this isn't a new reality television show; this is a plea for two more teams to prepare, serve, and clean up for a Wednesday Night Meal. This is a meal that is prepared for approximately 125 people. There are some restrictions that have to be followed, so if you are interested in forming a new team, please contact Sheila or David Nolte and present your idea to them. All menus must be approved. Thank you so much!

## October Birthdays at First

1-Oct	Carol Killian		Sheryl Moore	17-Oct	Charles Chapman		Nancy Eslick
2-Oct	Kristen McCrary		Zoe Prevette		Helen Epps		Liz Phipot
	Robert Philpot	11-Oct	Steven Durham		Wanda Rueter		Annette Rhine
3-Oct	Sarah Hall		Garrett Golik	18-Oct	Helen Jaco	25-Oct	Patrick Cross
	Clydola Patterson		Ronald Hill		Austin Lyon		J.J. Fureigh
4-Oct	Carla Nibert		Michael Overton		Ruby Rose		Maxine Murray
5-Oct	Millie Davidson		Gertha Stark		Jim Tharpe	27-Oct	Nick Roberts
6-Oct	Jessica Cooper		Ferris Wilkerson	19-Oct	Emily Cuatt	28-Oct	Steven Becker
	Carl Montgomery	12-Oct	Jennifer Gould		Jason Hahn	30-Oct	Luke Stufflebeam
	Eileen Stott		Susie Lyon		Sig Hamilton		Katy Welker
8-Oct	George McGriff		Jason Roddy		Russell King		Beth (Welker) Wildgen
	Don Simmons	13-Oct	Jeremy Welker	20-Oct	Alecia Smith	31-Oct	Roger Burbee
9-Oct	Stanley Gould	14-Oct	Ricky Rook	22-Oct	Arlene McFarland		Freeman Lee
	Brian Sanders		Rayven Saunders	23-Oct	Sue Freize		Bertha McBride
10-Oct	Linda Duncan		Alta Fae Simmons	24-Oct	Cindi Anderson		Ken McClure
	Kent Frieze	16-Oct	Marita Johnson		Lucille Brown		Jim Stufflebeam

## October 2011 Church Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
-Ladies' Bible Study 4:30 PM	Senior Adult Retreat/B...	-Men's Prayer Brkft 6:45 AM -Ladies' Bible Study 10:00 AM -Craft Class 6:30 PM	-Good News Club 3:30 PM -Prayer/Fasting 5:00 PM -Music/Missions 5:45 PM -Momentum 6:00 PM -Focus@First 6:30 PM -"The Invitation" 7:00 PM	GCBA Annual Meeting	LCFDC Development ... -1st Friday Art Walk 6:00 PM	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
-Finance Committee 4:30 PM -Fall Revival 6:00 PM -Cobbler Fellowship 8:00 PM	-Fall Revival 6:30 PM	-Men's Prayer Brkft 6:45 AM -Fall Revival 6:30 PM	-Good News Club 3:30 PM -Prayer/Fasting 5:00 PM -Fall Revival 6:30 PM	-Lighthouse Family Night 6:00 PM	-50+ Stained Glass Theater 7:00 PM	Golf Tournament 1:00 PM (Rivercut)
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
-Ladies' Bible Study 4:30 PM		-Men's Prayer Brkft 6:45 AM -Ladies' Bible Study 10:00 AM -Craft Class 6:30 PM -Deacon's Meeting 7:00 PM	-Good News Club 3:30 PM -Music/Missions 5:45 PM -Momentum 6:00 PM -Focus@First 6:30 PM		Ladies' Fall Retreat	Corn Maze -College Fellowship 4:00 PM
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
-Ladies' Bible Study 4:30 PM -Business Meeting 7:00 PM		-Men's Prayer Brkft 6:45 AM -Ladies' Bible Study 10:00 AM -MOPS 6:00 PM -Craft Class 6:30 PM	-Good News Club 3:30 PM -Trustees 5:00 PM -Music/Missions 5:45 PM -Momentum 6:00 PM -Focus@First 6:30 PM			
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No PM Service -Trunk N Treat 3:00 PM	MBC Convention/Osag..					

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**CHURCH INFORMATION**

*Worship with us at 10:45 am & 6:00 pm Sundays*

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9AM - 5PM

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**THE RECORD SPEAKS**

	9/4	9/11	9/18	9/25
ATTENDANCE	350	423	352	325
<b>FINANCIAL</b>				
WEEKLY OFFERINGS	\$26,683	\$19,508	\$15,463	\$12,528
MONTHLY TITHES TO DATE.....	\$74,182			
MONTHLY BUDGET TO DATE.....	\$69,622			
MONTHLY NEEDED TO DATE.....	\$4,560 OVER			
RECEIVED YTD.....	\$717,450			
BUDGETED YTD .....	\$704,853			
YEARLY NEEDED.....	\$12,597 OVER			

**YOUR CHURCH STAFF**

SENIOR PASTOR .....	MICHAEL OVERTON
PASTOR OF WORSHIP & ADMINISTRATION .....	DAVID NOLTE
YOUTH PASTOR.....	BROCK KENNEDY
CHILDREN'S MINISTER.....	STACY ADAMSON
COLLEGE PASTOR.....	SCOTT BRYANT
FINANCIAL.....	RON CONN
PASTOR'S SECRETARY.....	JANE ADAMSON
ADMINISTRATION SECRETARY.....	BETTY AUSTIN
RECEPTIONIST/MUSIC SECRETARY.....	VALERIE MCBRIDE
ORGANIST.....	BLYE MOORE
PIANIST.....	JANICE BRANDENBURGH
MAINTENANCE.....	DOUG MCKINNEY
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