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“Sharing God’s Love, Grace, and Truth.”

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Notes From the Pastor

Dear Church Family,

Recently I went to the doctor and had my “20,000 mile check-up.” You know what I am talking about: I had my blood pressure taken and my weight was recorded; my health history was analyzed and some blood work was ordered. These are just normal things that we all need examined from time to time.

I was really excited about this visit because I found out that I was doing better than I thought...but I still have some things to work on (yes, Dr. Jenny, I’m working on them 😊). It is vital for each of us to have these regular physicals as a part of being a good steward of all that God has given us (yes, stewardship even includes our health).

As faithful stewards, it is equally vital that we undergo periodical check-ups of our spiritual lives, both individually and corporately. As a church dedicated to “sharing God’s love, grace and truth” with all people, it is important that we continuously consider our effectiveness in living up to the mission that we are called to carry out.

There are many areas of our congregational life that we must frequently examine. One that is often taken for granted is what Richard Southern and Robert Norton calls our “Welcoming Quotient” (WQ) or how well we are at welcoming and including others in the life of our church...you know, good old-fashioned hospitality.

The Apostle Paul talks about the necessity of our love being sincere (Romans 12:9) and then he lists various ways to apply this in our dealings with others. Following admonitions to “be devoted to one another” and to honor others before ourselves (to name just a few; please read Romans 12:9-13 for the full list), this passage

ends with two words: “Practice hospitality” (12:13).

Now, we all have a mental picture of what that word “hospitality” means (in my mind it has a lot to do with good eating!), but let’s make sure that we are on the same page. According to the Oxford English Dictionary it is “the friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests or strangers.” The Greek word that is translated here in Romans 12:13 (philoxenian) comes from two words fused together that literally means “love of strangers.”

I have never known a church that does not believe that it is friendly to those who are newcomers in the Sunday worship hour. After all, “we shake their hands and say howdy, and we don’t run them off do we?”

But Southern and Norton reminds us in *Cracking Your Congregation’s Code*, that being welcoming is more than polite gestures. These insightful authors note that being “welcoming really has five parts” (pages 48-49):

1. Understanding that welcoming is more than a handshake and a smile; it requires spiritual preparation.
2. Attracting newcomers to your spiritual community.
3. Knowing something about who the newcomers are and what they are seeking.
4. Exploring visitor-friendly welcoming.
5. Establishing follow-up methods for the newcomers’ visits.

So, how do we “check-up” on how welcoming we are? One way is to use this questionnaire that Southern and Norton designed to uncover our WQ. These thirty questions are adapted from the material on pages 175-177 of *Cracking Your Congregation’s Code*:

How Welcoming is Your Church?

—Circle Yes or No for each question listed—

- Y N Are your outdoor signs visible, eye-catching, informative, properly placed, and easy to read, especially as one drives by?
- Y N Is it easy for a first-time guest to know which door/doors should be used to enter your building?
- Y N Is there activity outside your church building on Sunday morning and other meeting times that indicates a vital and active congregation to those who drive by?
- Y N Do you have clearly marked guest parking close to the church building?
- Y N Do you greet people—especially newcomers—outside the church building (in the parking lot, for example) before the worship service?
- Y N Do you distinguish between hosts/greeters and ushers? What is the difference in your church?
- Y N Do you provide training for all hosts/greeters and ushers?
- Y N Do you include children accompanying adults as hosts/greeters and ushers?
- Y N Do you have an easily accessible information center that includes welcoming materials for newcomers? Is that center staffed? By whom?
- Y N Do you provide a thank-you gift or remembrance for newcomers? If so, what is it and how is it given?
- Y N Is your Sunday bulletin or program easy to follow and relatively free of church jargon (language or abbreviations that newcomers don't understand)?
- Y N Do you include the words of commonly used music and prayers (such as the Doxology and the Lord's Prayer) in the bulletin or power point if you use them in the service?
- Y N Do you have a quality sound system in your sanctuary or worship space?
- Y N Are restrooms, nursery, child care space, Sunday school rooms, offices and other rooms clearly indicated by signs and listed in the bulletin or information center materials?
- Y N Do you provide baby changing stations in women's restrooms? In men's restrooms?
- Y N Is your welcome for newcomers separate from the various announcements?

- Y N Does the sermon or message focus on the relevance of the topic to everyday life?
- Y N Do trained “aisle hosts” welcome newcomers after the service?
- Y N Do you offer an after service social hour where newcomers may meet others from the church?
- Y N Are directions to the after service social hour provided—either in the bulletin or verbally?
- Y N Do your notices and bulletin boards reflect the life and work of your community of faith?
- Y N Do you provide for the needs of persons with physical and hearing disabilities participating in worship celebrations?
- Y N Do youth and children participate actively in worship and in worship leadership at least several Sundays during the year? How do they participate?
- Y N Is drama occasionally included in your worship services? What other ways does your church provide for a variety of worship styles, use of gifts, and preferences?
- Y N Do you send informational mailings to newcomers and others, at least quarterly?
- Y N Do you schedule outreach Sundays to invite the larger community to join you in worship and fellowship?
- Y N Does a layperson make a follow-up contact within forty-eight hours to thank first-time guests for attending the service and answer questions about the church?
- Y N Is a card or letter, with the pastor’s signature, sent out to first-time guests to thank them for attending the service?
- Y N Does a lay person make a follow-up contact within seven days to thank second and third time guests for attending the service?
- Y N Does your telephone answering system (and your website, if you have one) give directions to the church, mention the hours of services and other opportunities, and say whether you have child care?

Total circled yes: _____ Total circled no: _____

Perhaps you read some things that you have not considered before (I know I did) as you answered

these questions. And that’s good...it is my hope that this survey will stretch us and give us some

new ways of looking at how welcoming we are (I'm guessing that you could even add a couple of questions to this list).

I would love to know how you responded to these various questions. Please feel free to make a copy of this and give it to me so that we can discuss your insights. I want us to spend some in depth time as a church pondering these question and your observations would really be of help to me.

How important is it for us to “practice hospitality?” Let’s me share one more Greek word from Romans 12:13 that will help us to grasp the seriousness with which we are to approach this God-given mission.

We all know what it means to practice something. We do it over and over and over and over and over and...you get the idea...until we get it right. But I want you to understand that the word translated as “practice” in verse 13 is more than just repetition, it is primarily about how we approach this task. The original word (diokontes) conveys the passion we must demonstrate in our hospitality—it can be translated with words such as “to pursue,” “to follow eagerly,” and “to endeavor earnestly.” A. T. Robertson notes that the Romans were called upon to “pursue hospitality” in the same way that “their enemies pursued them” (*Word Pictures in the New Testament*; volume 4, page 405)!

Just like that medical physical, I suspect that when we check-up on our WQ we will find that we are doing better than we think, that we are pretty hospitable. I also believe that we will find there are some areas that we need to be more earnest in pursuing.

As we check-up on our spiritual “life together,” it is my prayer that we will continue to grow as servants and stewards that passionately “share God’s love, grace and truth” with all people.

With God’s Love for You All,

Pastor Tim.

Perception and Reality

In a paper for a business class I was taking I wrote about the difference between perception and reality. I wrote that perception is not always reality and this can cause problems. If a person perceives that I am unfriendly, they have certainly perceived wrong because the reality is that I am very friendly. When I received my paper back from my professor, he had written a response saying, “What someone perceives is reality to them.” This is very true.

The pastors of the Clinton Baptist Association and their spouses, recently met for dinner and after the meeting there was a time of devotion and discussion. Also present was Rev. Mark Click and his wife Kathy, and ABC/Ohio’s Executive Minister Dr. Larry Swain and his wife Linda. Linda Swain shared with us how she often feels like the “secret customer” when it comes to churches. She said that often when she and Larry enter a church, he will go to meet with the pastor and she will simply find a seat. She has found that sometimes few people will talk to her until they find out who she is, and then most of the congregation will come to greet her.

Linda also shared of a time when she visited a church which proclaimed on their bulletin that they were a friendly church. She sat down in a pew and watched as people began to come into the sanctuary. Linda noticed a lady walking toward her. This made her think this lady was going to greet her. The lady’s greeting consisted of telling Linda how long she had been a member there and that Linda was in her seat.

On Sunday morning when we play and sing as the congregation greets one another, it is easy to think of how warm, welcoming, and friendly we

are. But is my perception reality? Does the first or second time visitor get a warm and welcome greeting? What is their perception? Their perception is the one that really matters.

Your Brother in Christ
Pastor Mark Current

Thank you Notes

Dear FBC Family,

Kelli and I want to send our heart felt Thanks and appreciation for the wonderful celebration that FBC Greenfield gave us at our farewell service. I have always been so at home when it came to the fellowship of the FBC Greenfield family. The dinner was wonderful, the song by Dave and Stephanie was hilarious, and the video by Greg was wonderful. All of which we will never forget.

We want to thank you all for everything you have done. From the prayers for us to become parents, to the help you gave me as I began the path through the Lay Pastors Training program. I will forever be grateful to you. May God Bless you as you continue to seek His will and move into the future following His plans.

In His Service and Love,
Joe, Kelli, and AJ Rhonemus

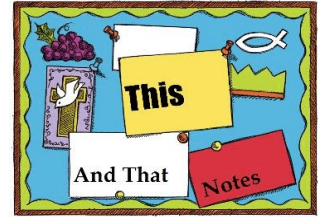
I would like to thank Pastor Mohon and Pam and my church family for their support and kindness when my mother Sylversia Bowles went home to her Heavenly Father.

I appreciated your prayers, visits, cards, and delicious food and the people who prepared it.

May God Bless you all
Pat Miller and Family

Church Postings

Anyone wishing to go to Bell Tower for Dinner on Friday, November 20 at 6:00 PM, please contact Jean Savage. There will also be a sign - up sheet in each of the Sunday School classrooms with more information.



The Helen Barrett Montgomery Missionary Circle will be meeting on Saturday, October 17 at 12:00 Noon. Shirley Brickey will be bringing the program as we will be making Christmas cards.

The Helen Barrett Montgomery Missionary Circle will be spending a day of fun and fellowship at the Longaberger basket factory in Dresden on October 13th. We will meet at the church at 8:00am. Please contact Mary Boldman at 981-4085 if you plan to go. All women of the church are invited to go.

Mary Boldman will be hosting a Pampered Chef party in the Fellowship Center on October 24th from 2-4pm. All profits from this party will go towards the purchase of kitchen items for the Fellowship Center.

The Helen Barrett Montgomery Missionary Circle is still collecting Campbell soup labels. Please continue to place them in the large Campbell soup can in the back of the sanctuary.

Stewardship Report of Time, Talents and Gifts for September

	6th	13th	20th	27th
Sunday School	88	66	78	86
Early Worship	48	39	42	57
Late Worship	115	129	113	143
<u>Wednesday Night Live</u>	26	115	123	
Offering total for the month	\$16,669.40			

Greeter Schedule for October

4 th	8:30	Janet Beatty
	10:40	Jim and Sandy Weller
11 th	8:30	Randy and Lori Clouser
	10:40	Dave and Stephanie Lanning
18 th	8:30	Greg and Robin Garman
	10:40	Helen Kennedy and Shirley Sparks
25 th	8:30	Jason Allison and Family
	10:40	Larry and Sue Royce



Children's Church Leaders

4 th	8:30	Lee Ann Everhart
	10:40	Hannah Bean and Bethany Penwell
11 th	8:30	Spring Colburn and Caleb Savage
	10:40	Hannah Bean and Bethany Penwell
18 th	8:30	Cyndy Creachbaum and Adrian Weller
	10:40	Hannah Bean and Bethany Penwell

Nursery Worker's

4 th	8:30	Kris and Logan Greene
	10:40	Melissa McCray and Rachel Onusko
11 th	8:30	Mike and Melissa Jeffers
	10:40	Hope and Kaci Monroe
18 th	8:30	Donnie Yates and Isaac Savage
	10:40	Lori Myers, Caleb Mootispaw and Evan Onusko
25 th	8:30	Karen and Kristen Barr
	10:40	Janelle Allison, Bethany Penwell, and Kali Osborne



September Board Report

First Baptist Church Board Meeting

September 14, 2009

The church board met in the Fellowship Center at 7 p.m. Those in attendance were Bill Carson, Dave Lanning, Stephanie Lanning, Lori Mick, Evelyn Wiseman, Helen Kennedy, Michelle Hatch, Libby Bartley, Floyd Bartley, Ira Savage, Pam Bean, Lori Bitzer, Pastor Tim Mohon, Tommy Creachbaum, Pastor Mark Current, Ed Onusko and Donnie Yates.

Moderator Ed called the meeting to order. Pastor Tim gave a devotion and opening prayer.

Ed then asked for the financial secretary's report that was given by Bill. For August, the actual income was \$23,792.51 while the budgeted income was \$28,391.50 leaving a difference of -\$4,598.99. Ed then asked for the treasurer's report that was given by Evelyn. For August, the total income was \$23,778.58. Expenses for the same period were \$20,129.67. For the year to date, total income is \$175,331.89 and total expenses are \$195,336.63 leaving a difference of -\$20,004.74.

Ed then reviewed the spiritual leadership tasks for the budget committee. The committee consists of Ed, Ira, Kim Mick, Libby, Floyd and Pastor Tim and they met on 8/17, 8/24 and 8/31 along with doing individual work. A commitment to prayer is first and foremost. Communication with the congregation is needed and will be in the September newsletter and needs to continue. Weekly budget goals will restart in the bulletin. Outside leadership and education with Rev. Archie Snedegar is scheduled September 19th and 20th. Presentation of the 2010 budget is due at the quarterly business meeting on October 28th. This proposed budget needs to be approved by the board at the October 12th meeting.

Pastor Tim then reviewed the detailed recommendations from the Budget committee for

reducing expenses immediately. They advise that we need to consider the potential for continued reduction in giving based on the economy and have set a goal of reducing expenses by \$1,800 per month. After much discussion, the board approved the following ten recommendations unanimously:

1. Decrease monthly building loan payment to the amount required. This would result in a decrease in expenses of \$633 month, or \$7,596 per year. In March 2005 the interest rate on the loan was decreased but we elected to continue to pay the same monthly payment in an effort to pay off the loan early. When our financial situation improves, we can resume making higher payments.
2. Establish a Legacy Fund, the Bob and Agnes Head Fund, for estate planning and other donations toward debt reduction. Any undesignated memorial donations received by the church will go toward debt reduction.
3. Increase the annual deductible on the property insurance with Church Mutual to \$1,000 (saving \$640 a year on the premiums).
4. Reduce our contents coverage on each building to \$100,000, if the Church Mutual underwriter will allow us to do so. If we are able to do both of these things (Recommendations 3 and 4), this would result in an annual premium of \$4,825 (a savings of \$848 off the upcoming increase or \$297 more than last year's amount). We are continuing to talk with Church Mutual and other insurers about our auto coverage, which is due for renewal in January.
5. Change communication to email whenever possible to reduce expenses, which is being implemented with the October newsletter.
6. Eliminate the parsonage waste removal pickup (already paid for the months of August-October).
7. Change contract for church building waste removal from Waste Management to RLS. There will be an expense for breaking the contract with Waste Management and a startup fee for RLS,

but the new service will be less expensive in the long run and will provide weekly service (present service is bi-monthly) and will include a lock out bar. Further recommend that these amounts be taken from the Building Improvement savings account.

8. Pay current mission giving using the Mission Fund savings account until it is used up. This will reduce expenditures from our checking account for 2009 by \$2,558.91.

9. Freeze all wages for 2010, with benefit costs to be reviewed.

10. Complete job descriptions and employment agreements for all employees in 2009. This will specify costs for health care insurance, mileage reimbursement, social security offset, cell phone, etc.

The committee made this additional recommendation:

Reduce mission giving to 10% of income, effective January 1, and monitor quarterly (current giving is budgeted at 12% of expenses). Set up a separate mission checking account which will receive a monthly deposit based on actual received income, with disbursements written from that account.

After considerable discussion, an amended motion was made:

Reduce mission giving to 12% of income, effective January 1, and monitor quarterly (current giving is budgeted at 12% of expenses). Set up a separate mission checking account which will receive a monthly deposit based on actual received income, with disbursements written from that account. Motion carried.

Pastor Tim noted that our building loan requires payments on the eleventh of each month, but we have an auto pay set up for the second of each month. With this schedule, payments are occasionally taken out twice in the same month (when the date falls on a weekend or holiday it is processed on the previous work day). He asked for a letter authorizing him to change this date to the fifth of the month to rectify this situation and

to decrease the auto pay, as already approved by the board (first recommendation). Lori B. moved to do so with a second by Tommy. Motion carried.

Ed then broke the group into committees. Upon returning to a full group session, Ed reconvened the meeting in prayer.

Ed gave the Worship and Outreach Committee report:

Old Business

- A. Policies are still being updated.
- B. FBC 180th Anniversary Celebration is in progress.
- C. A bonfire is scheduled at the home of Ira and Jean Savage on Sept. 26th at 5:30pm.
- D. The Family Financial Weekend is scheduled with Rev. Archie Snedegar for Sept. 19th at 6:30pm in the sanctuary and Sept. 20th at noon in the Fellowship Center with a carry in dinner.
- E. Pastor Tim will be on vacation Sept. 21st-27th. Pastor Mark will preach on Sept. 27th.

New Business

1. The Fellowship Fund Balance is \$2,571.69. This does not include September's collection.
2. Email communication will be utilized as much as possible to help decrease the cost of postage.
3. The budgeted item of video licensing will be removed. It has not used in 2009.
4. The Clinton Baptist Association will be meeting on Sept. 27th at 5pm at The Sugar Creek Baptist Church in Washington Court House.
5. The Helen Barrett Montgomery Missionary Circle requests use of the vans on October 13th for a day trip to Longaberger. They will pay for gas expenses. The committee approved this.
6. A Cub Scout den is meeting in the church basement each Thursday evening and wishes to continue this (Mike Jeffers is the leader). The committee recommended

this and asked the full group to vote. Evelyn moved to approve this with a second from Libby with board approval.

Stephanie gave the Christian Education Committee report:

Old Business

- A. The October Women's Conference has been postponed due to difficulty finding a speaker.
- B. Wednesday night youth activities will resume on Sept. 16th. The workers met on Sept. 9th.
- C. Wednesday evening meals will continue for those attending activities. A donation of \$3 per regular attending adult was suggested. We will not be requesting a grant this year because some of the limitations impact the cost of providing this meal. No opposition was heard regarding the suggested donation or not seeking the grant.

New Business

1. Sunday school cost adjustments will save the church \$100 per quarter beginning immediately

Dave gave the Property and Finance Committee report:

Old Business

- A. No current parsonage repairs are pending.
- B. The baptistery project is on hold. Themed painting of the nursery has been completed by the Greene family and friends. Thank you to them. A baby-changing area has been requested in the balcony.
- C. The replacement of the stove has been tabled. Supplies to repair the rim and backboard are here. Matt Myers will be doing the repairs. Safety receptacles will be placed in kid-friendly areas.
- D. Evelyn will be assisting Bill in getting the ChurchPro software running on his computer.

- E. Employee job descriptions are pending.
- F. Dave is working on updating the list of van drivers along with the van liability insurance.

New Business

1. The committee asks that all board members keep an eye on the church by turning off unneeded lights, air conditioning when left on if noted when driving by at night or when leaving any church activities or any other adjustment that will save the church's energy costs.

Evelyn moved to accept the committee reports with a second by Bill. Motion carried.

Lori B. gave the secretary's report, which was printed in the September newsletter. Pastor Mark made a correction. The reference to the 5th and 6th grade classes meeting with the junior high grades until other arrangements were made was for Sunday school and not Wednesday night as the minutes indicated.

Lori B. moved to adjourn the meeting with a second by Bill with all in favor. Pastor Mark gave the closing prayer.

Moment of Missions

The Missions Committee would like to thank everyone who helped donate items for our shoeboxes! It was a great success as we were able to put together 71 boxes! God has truly blessed this mission. Thank you Ira, Jean, and Lori for helping assemble these as well. We have some extra items in the back of the sanctuary as well as some extra shoeboxes. Please help yourselves to these to fill your own shoeboxes.

Mission is valuable, important and worth giving your time and effort to.

Why?

Because Jesus told us to do it, because it changes the world and because it can change you too.

Now is the perfect time to start your

shoeboxes before the rush of the holiday season. If each family donates just two boxes filled with toys and God's love, we would be able to double the shoeboxes from last year. This is your opportunity to make a difference in a child's life and bring a smile to their face. What are you waiting for? Start filling those boxes today!

Operation Christmas Child – Shoe Boxes



One of the first Bible verses that many of us learned as children is John 3:16. *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (KJV).* That verse provides the inspiration behind Operation Christmas Child, the unique worldwide outreach of Samaritan's Purse. Each year, they share God's love with millions of poor, sick, and suffering children by hand-delivering shoe boxes filled with toys, school supplies, candy, and other gifts. These Christmas presents not only bring great joy to precious girls and boys, they also open hearts to hear about God's greatest gift – His Son, Jesus Christ. You can take part in this exciting project simply by following these instructions for filling a shoe box and praying for the child who will receive your gift. With you help, we can bring the Good News of God's love to millions of hurting children and their families.

Find a Shoe Box – Use an empty shoe box (standard size, please) or a small plastic container. You can wrap the box (lid separately), but wrapping is not required.

Pray for the child who will receive your special gift.

Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Cut out the appropriate label from the back of a brochure (located in the back of the

sanctuary), tape it on the top of your box, and mark the correct age category.

Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child.

Gift Ideas

TOYS --small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES – pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

HYGIENE ITEMS – toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

OTHER – Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

A PERSONAL NOTE – In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

Do Not Include: – Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snowglobes or glass containers; aerosol cans

Include Your Donation – Please donate \$7 or more for *each shoe box* you prepare to help cover shipping and other project costs. **Write a check to Samaritan's Purse** (note "OCC" on memo line: *Please do not make checks out to the church*) and place it in an envelope on top of the gift items inside your box. If you or your family are preparing more than one shoe box, please make one combined donation.

For more information regarding Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes or to see some very

moving videos and testimonials regarding the shoeboxes please go to [http://www.samaritanspurse.org/index.php/OCC/Pack A Shoe Box/](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/index.php/OCC/Pack_A_Shoe_Box/)

Bring your shoe box into the church and place it in the boxes located in the back of the sanctuary
The Deadline November 23rd.

October Birthdays and Anniversaries

Hello again. Here are this month's birthdays and anniversaries. We would like to congratulate everyone who is celebrating this month and hope that your special day will be great.



Oct-02 Danny Shelton
Oct-03 Elizabeth Murphy
Oct-03 Jeannette Morgan
Oct-03 Stephen Williams
Oct-04 Jim Brammer
Oct-04 Amy Lewis
Oct-05 Jean Brumfield
Oct-05 Polly Dillon
Oct-06 Greg Barr
Oct-06 Timothy Clouser
Oct-08 Douglas Miller
Oct-10 Ronald Brickey
Oct-12 Glenna Barr
Oct-16 Lori Anderson
Oct-16 Hannah Bean
Oct-16 Chloe' Bender
Oct-18 Rachel Wiseman
Oct-19 Barbara Lutz
Oct-20 Martha Gregg
Oct-21 Deidra Carr
Oct-21 Rodney Stith
Oct-22 Rick VanMatre
Oct-23 Max Colburn
Oct-23 Matthew Jeffers
Oct-23 Lori Myers
Oct-23 Kelli Rhonemus

Oct-23 Bobbie Savage
Oct-24 Landen Juschka
Oct-25 Logan Wise
Oct-26 Brett Johnson
Oct-26 Janet Novotny
Oct-26 Adrian Weller
Oct-26 Connie Wile
Oct-27 Dean Mick
Oct-27 Leah Perie
Oct-28 Jerry Savage
Oct-30 Ronald Brickey Sr.
Oct-31 Lori Bitzer

Anniversaries

Oct-09 Faitha and Danny Shelton
Oct-15 Charles and Catherine Clouser
Oct-16 Tommy and Cyndy Creachbaum
Oct-23 Fredd and Sandra Osborne
Oct-26 Steve and Connie Wile
Oct-27 Kim and Brian McNeal
Oct-27 Leah and Jim Perie
Oct-28 Greg and Karen Barr
Oct-31 Frank and Johna Crump



Welcome to the Family

by Earlene Scott

Welcome
to our Church

A great interest in and love of people and places, best describes the adventurous couple that are new members to Greenfield First Baptist Church. Larry, a retired Engineer, Baptist Minister and Hospital Chaplain, and Sue, a retired social worker, came to Greenfield from Florida to be near one of their children. Hunting and fishing were big attractions for our area as well as thoughts of retirement. Little did they know after living throughout the US, including Minnesota, Michigan, Washington DC, and Florida, that life could be pretty exciting in Ohio.

Larry was a bi-vocational career man. He served as an engineer for General Motors for over 35 years before he retired. One of his major projects was development and testing of the "Moon Buggy" used during the space program Apollo Missions. He moved a considerable number of times during that career. It was during that time

that he felt called of the Lord to become a minister and attend seminary. He then was able to work with churches in need but still be able to support his family.

Sue was a mother of 6 children, and a social worker. Later she worked for the police and sheriff's department in Florida. She has many hobbies, especially the love of traveling, gardening, embroidery, knitting, even riding horses and hiking. She says, "Every time I see a beautiful horse, I just have to comment what a good ride that would be." Those words would become today's reality if it wasn't for age and arthritis. If attitude was all it took we would see Sue galloping up for Sunday Church on a mighty steed!

Larry and Sue were widower and widow when they met over 10 years ago in Florida. "Self-avowed to remain in that state," proclaims Larry, "it was Sue that changed the rules." Here is Larry's version of that story. "I served over 40 years in the ministry and especially enjoyed helping in church plantings or serving as a church consultant. My wife had died and I was able to travel to the needed locations without inconvenience to anyone. I could still serve the Lord and had developed the "Three M's of my Life." First was the matter of "Marriage". I had a good marriage and had never planned to remarry. The second "M" was "Mating". That was for a married man and woman and therefore would not be a part of my life. Thirdly came "Money" and my thoughts were that my money was my business."

Larry continues, "it so happens that I went to First Baptist Church, Kissimmee Florida and in joking with the Sunday School Teacher, gave him quite a hard time. In comes Sue and a friend and other than speaking a welcome greeting, I just didn't have anything else to do with them. Really I sort of ignored them. Apparently Sue was insulted and intended to let me know just what she thought about that but her friend intervened. That didn't stop Sue as she asked the

Lord for a chance to meet me again and tell me what she thought of me.

That chance for a meeting came. The seniors met for breakfast monthly and I attended, sitting with a friend. Sue came in and seeing an empty place asked to join us. Of course as gentlemen, how could we refuse? I offered her a seat beside me in the booth. Shortly thereafter Sue placed her elbow in my side rather quick and hard, then she slid over. I found myself looking up at her from the floor. A rather rough start to the day I thought, so imagine my surprise when she asked if I was going to take her to lunch. I told her I would and then listened to her explain to me that she would pay her own way! It was then that I told her I would pay, but as insurance I told her about my "3 M's". A year later we were planning a wedding.

The wedding was held more than 10 years ago! Between then and now are countless stories such as an attack by hornets, lots of visits with grandchildren, hunting and fishing, even part time jobs. Now retirement is really here and it is time for more travel. Don't be surprised if Larry and Sue volunteer to plan a few outings for seniors.

One other thing. Larry no longer lives by his original "3 M's" but instead finds God's love and grace is sufficient to meet every need. God's way is best!

Larry and Sue usually attend 2nd worship service. Please take time to meet them and welcome them to our Church family.

Office Hours



We just wanted to make sure that everyone is aware of our normal **Church office hours**:

Monday	8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Tuesday	8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday	8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Thursday	Closed
Friday	8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

If you call after hours please leave a message and we will call back as soon as possible (937-981-2705). Don't forget that you can always send an e-mail to Annette in the office at firstbaptist_greenfield@verizon.net if you have access to the internet.

Pastor Tim and Pastor Mark keep slightly different hours for being in the office for drop in visitors. You are always free to come by, but it is a good idea to call first to make sure that we are here when you come. Please remember that emergencies and meetings do come up and that someone else could have set an appointment for the same time that you came by:

Pastor Tim

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Monday	9:00 a.m. - Noon
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. - Noon

Wednesday	9:00 a.m. - Noon
Thursday	9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Friday	Off

Pastor Mark

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Monday	9:00 a.m. - Noon
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. - Noon
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. - Noon
Thursday	Off
Friday	9:00 a.m. - Noon.

These hours are not the only ones that the pastors work during the day (don't worry we do work many more hours). It is in those non-posted hours that we are working on sermons, Bible studies, keeping scheduled appointments (and if you need one during afternoon hours we are happy to work with you), making visits, attending meetings, etc.

Thank you for helping us as we seek to be responsible stewards of the time needed to minister and lead in Christ's name.

Pumpkin people

How is being a Christian like being a pumpkin?

God sees us, picks us out of the dirt, cleans us off, takes the yucky material out of us by forgiving us, puts a smile on our faces and places a shining light within us for others to see.



Jesus said: "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16, NRSV).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>October 2009</h1>						
				1	2	3
						12:00 Fellowship Building Reserved
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
4 – Communion - 8:30 Early Service 9:40 Sunday School 10:40 Late Service 5:30 Bon-Fire at Ir and Jean Savage's	6:30 Cub Scouts Meeting 6:30 Budget Committee Meeting 8:00 AA Meeting Pastor Current on Vacation 10/5 – 10.11		6:15 Fellowship Meal 7:00 Youth & Children's Ministries 7:00 Adult Prayer/Bible Study 8:15 Worship Leaders Practice	6:30 GLOW TLC		8:00 Men's Prayer Breakfast
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
8:30 Early Service 9:40 Sunday School 10:40 Late Service	6:30 Cub Scouts Meeting 7:00 Board Meeting 8:00 AA Meeting	Helen Barrett Montgomery Missionary Circle to Longaberger	6:15 Fellowship Meal 7:00 Youth & Children's Ministries 7:00 Adult Prayer/Bible Study 8:15 Worship Leaders Practice	6:00 JOY TLC ABC/OHIO Annual Gathering in Columbus	1:30 Greenfield Area Christian Center Food Distribution ABC/OHIO Annual Gathering	12:00 Helen Barrett Montgomery Missionary Circle ABC/OHIO Annual Gathering in Columbus
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
8:30 Early Service 9:40 Sunday School 10:40 Late Service	8:00 AA Meeting		6:15 Fellowship Meal 7:00 Youth & Children's Ministries 7:00 Adult Prayer/Bible Study 8:15 Worship Leaders Practice			
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
8:30 Early Service 9:40 Sunday School 10:40 Late Service 3:00 Mission to Edgewood Manor – Covenant Keeper's TLC 6:00 Community Worship at FBC	8:00 AA Meeting		7:00 Adult Prayer/Bible Study 7:30 Quarterly Business Meeting 8:15 Worship Leaders Practice			

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Prove **me**,
O LORD, and
try **me**;
test my **heart**
and **mind**.

PSALM 26:2, NRSV