

# First Baptist Communiqué

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March 2015



## Theme

**“I Have Other Sheep That Are Not of This Fold”**

## Conference Verse

“<sup>16</sup>And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.”  
John 10:16 (ESV)

## 2015 MISSIONS CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

### Sunday, March 1st

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Flag Ceremony

Missions Message - John Kresge, Elder -- AM Service

Ethnic/International Potluck - following the AM Service

NO PM SERVICE

### Sunday, March 8th - Turn Clocks Ahead One Hour!!

David Taylor - United States Center for World Mission

(Jr. High-Adults; Sunday School will meet in the auditorium)

### Sunday, March 15th

Missions Speaker from SEND International

(Jr. High-Adults; Sunday School will meet in the auditorium)

### Sunday, March 22nd

Brad Gill - Frontier Mission Fellowship

(Jr. High-Adults; Sunday School will meet in the auditorium)



# Missions Conference



## **MISSION PROJECT**

During the entire month of March you may give money towards a special missions project.

This year we would like to provide special weather-resistant Bibles for the Yembiyembi Tribe.

Please mark your giving envelope "Missions Projects" and put it in the offering plate.



## **Tool Shower**

Here are suggestions of items needed:  
Craftsman tools are always welcome because of the warranty on their tools.

Skill Saw  
Cordless Drill 12V or more  
Wire Connectors  
Electrical Testers/Ohmmeters  
One Hand Quick Clamps (very popular)  
Metric Tape Measure  
Socket Sets - metric or standard  
Wrench Sets - metric or standard  
Stud Finder  
Tool Box

Drill Bits  
Flashlights

## **GIFT CARDS**

You may also give Amazon or Pre-paid Visa gift cards or gift cards to Lowe's, Home Depot, and Sears.

There will be a box, similar to the box we use for the Missionary Christmas Offering, on the Missionary Closet or Tool Shower Table in the gym for two Sundays, March 8th and 15th. You may also place your gift card in the offering plate in an envelope marked "Missionary Closet" or "Tool Shower."



## **Missionary Closet Shower**

Twin & Queen-size sheet sets  
Socks (all sizes and sports type)  
Mattress pads  
Hand or Body Lotions or Creams  
Modular Storage Sets (Name Brands)  
Kitchen Utensils (Scissors, rubber spatulas, thermometers, scrubbies, etc.)  
Dishtowels  
Travel Games for children

You may give these items to Laurie Ordway or place them on the Missionary Closet Table in the gym for two Sundays, March 8th and 15th.

**GIFT CARDS** - You may give a gift card (suggestions: Amazon, Pre-paid Visa, or gas cards.) There will be a box on the Missionary Closet and Tool Shower table. You may also place your gift card in the offering plate in an envelope marked "Missionary Closet" or "Tool Shower."



Book Table

## **Book Table**

We have new books for Adults and Children. The tables will be set up Sunday, March 8th, and Sunday, March 15th in the gym.

Here is a preview of the new books and new additions available this year. The series The Christian Heroes: Then and Now for all ages has two new volumes: David Bussau and Klaus-Dieter John. From Uncle Charlie's Children's Bible Hour we have Lost in the African Bush normally \$10 for \$3. Capturing Jasmina and Buying Samir are from a new series for teens. Wind in the House of Islam, Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus and Adventures in Saying Yes to God for Adults. All books are 20 to 50% off list price.

Want to adopt a child from Compassion International? Forms will be available. Action Packs to fill and mail for Voice of the Martyrs will be on the book table as well.



# MISSIONS



## Daylight Savings Time Begins

Don't Forget to Turn Your Clocks AHEAD One Hour  
Saturday Evening  
March 7th!!

## SAVE THE DATE



Sunday, April 12th,  
AM & PM Services

Jeff Totten,  
SCORE Ministries



Time for another Church Pictorial Directory. We will be using Life Touch again. These are the dates pictures will be taken at the church:

June 2-6 and June 11-13

VBS  
June 16-20



## Beacon of Hope Update

### Critical Need for Volunteers

**Women Advisors:** Advisors meet one-to-one with participants to develop relationships with them, discuss their Bible study lessons, and help them understand God's plan of salvation.

- You **DO NOT** need to be: a Bible scholar, perfect, a trained counselor, or a certain age.
- You **DO** need to be: a member of FBC, a sinner saved by grace, and someone who cares about people.

If the Lord has been working on your heart about becoming an Advisor, please feel free to stop by Beacon any Tuesday evening to learn more or contact Karen Leif.

**Playroom Helpers:** Supervise and play with children in the play area. Must meet requirements of First Baptist Child Protection Policy.

**Learn & Earn Store:** Volunteers are needed on the 4th Tuesday of the month. Older teens are welcome for this job.

### Bibles Needed

If you have copies of the NIV 1984 version of the Bible that you don't need any more, Beacon of Hope will take them. All Beacon Bible studies are based on this version and it is getting harder to get it. Also, Large and Giant Print NIV 1984 Bibles would be especially appreciated.

## “BY THE WAY, WHAT IS OUR POLICY ON.....”

### SOUND AND MULTI-MEDIA EQUIPMENT

God has been very gracious to our church in acquiring the necessary equipment for our ministries to function at their highest level. Through the work of many dedicated volunteers, we have appropriated top-notch equipment through the years. In order for us to steward wisely the resources that we have been given, it is the desire of the church that this equipment not be used by people who have not been **properly trained**. Therefore, unless you are a qualified sound team member, please stay out of the sound desk area. If you need assistance, please contact the church office.

To ensure that our equipment lasts as long as possible, sound equipment is **not** to be used for non-church related events outside of the church property. This includes all sound systems and microphones as well as video projectors and multi-media equipment.

Because a wedding is considered a church-related function, sound equipment is available to brides and grooms if they are married at our church. If the wedding ceremony is held at our church, but the reception is held off-site, you may use sound system equipment at the reception if one of the church's sound technicians physically takes the equipment to the reception and is responsible for the equipment during the reception, and then returns it to the church building following the reception.

If you plan on using any multi-media presentation for your wedding, you must have a multi-media/lighting person as well as a sound technician. They must be people who are our regular sound/multi-media church people.



There were 54 Mighty O.A.K.S. present at our luncheon on Feb. 10th. We all enjoyed a delicious meal catered by Rae-Rae's Barbeque-A.K.A. Jimmie Harps. Pastor Ron reminded us of God's instructions for loving our spouses and then we had a "LIVE" Game Show - "The Not So Newly Wed Game". Dick & Marie Woodhams received 1st Place with Pastor Ron & Pam Sischo tied with Gary and Pam Snyder for Second Place.

Join us Tuesday, March 10th, at 12 noon in the Gym for Soup, Salad and Dessert. Help us celebrate St. Patrick's Day by wearing green. We will be taking a trip around Ireland - passports will not be needed! Come, join the fun!! Sign up at the Information Area. Couples should bring two dishes, singles should bring one dish to pass. Beverages and table service are provided.

### SAVE THE DATE!

Trip to Historic Sauder Village and Museum  
Archbold, Ohio on May 12, 2015

There is room for 56 people on the Motorcoach. Approx. cost for the Motorcoach @ 56 people is \$25 per person. Approx. cost for the Museum and Supper - \$26.25 per person, includes tax and tips and cost of Lunch. Watch for more information and sign up.



### Clinton County Right to Life Annual Banquet

When: Thursday, March 26th  
Where: First Baptist Church Gym

If you would like to attend, please call Mary Beth Elstro at: (989) 227-0088.





# FIRST BAPTIST THIS 'N' THAT

Please make these changes to your  
FBC Phone Directory:

- Gerry Arnett  
new phone number:  
989-307-8576
- Jeremy & Emily Brun  
new address:  
3754 E. Walker Road  
St. Johns, MI 48879



## New Freedom Car A Van Drivers Needed

This non-profit organization, made up of dedicated volunteers, provide special transportation for frail and disabled passengers living in Clinton County to medical appointments. The program is in its fifth year and the demand continues to grow in the senior and disabled population of our county. Last year they provided 2,486 trips and the last four months have shown a sharp increase in applications for new riders.

They need volunteer drivers. Training is provided. Whether it is one day per month or many days per month, any amount of time would be greatly appreciated.

If you are interested, or would like more information about this organization, please contact them at (989) 668-0617.



## Fresh & Healthy Produce

*Receive Nutritious Fruits and Vegetables*  
(Additional products may also be available)

**1st, 3rd, & 5th (if applicable) Thursdays  
of each month**

**Come between 9am-1pm to receive a number.**

**Produce is handed out at 1pm  
(for those who have a number)**

**AT**

*Beacon of Hope Family Care Center*

*No Income Qualification  
Must be a Resident of Clinton County  
Must have Photo ID*

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*St. Vincent dePaul Society*  
**THRIFT STORE**  
*Neighbors Helping Neighbors*


## St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store-St. Johns

This store continues to be blessed with shoppers who help support the store's mission of helping those in need. They could use our help. They need gently used clothing and household items you no longer need. If you have usable furniture to donate, but can't get it to the store, please call (989) 292-7057 and they will schedule a time to pick it up. The store is located at 1009 S. US-27 in the Southpoint Mall. Store hours are: Monday-Friday 10am-5pm and Saturday 10am-1pm.

All proceeds from the sale of items in the store are used to help people with housing evictions, utility shut-offs and other emergency needs for the people in Clinton County.

If you or someone you know needs emergency type assistance, please call the helpline at (989) 292-7057.

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# MISSIONS UPDATE

## BUSY HANDS FOR MISSIONS

On February 3rd there were eight ladies present and we were able to tie one quilt and “string” 75 ditty bags. These bags are waiting for washcloths. If you would like to purchase them, the least expensive are the 18 packs at Walmart. We’ll be needing toothbrushes as well.

We were able to give 275 pair of new and used eyeglasses to Brooks and Nina. Thanks to those who donated them.

We now have 234 pillowcase dresses and about 100 pair of shorts to send to Brandon and Rachel. I have checked with the Post Office and it will cost \$91.00 to ship 15 pounds to Wewak in PNG. If you know of a less expensive way to send them or would be willing to “adopt a box”, we would love to hear from you. Brandon and Rachel say they are excited to present these items to the children of Biem. Special thanks to those who sewed all those dresses...they are beautiful! Thanks to all who have contributed items in the past.

Our next meeting will be March 3, at 9:30 AM. Hope to see you there! In His service, Dee Chapman

## MAILINGS IN JANUARY

Mailings: Your missionary care dollars mailed the glasses that were collected; all in hard cover cases (makes them more rat proof) to San Diego for Brooks and Nina. The unused soft cover cases were donated to the Lions Club. Lori Kresge had a birthday this month and a gift of a candle, dish cloths and towel, note cards and hand cream were mailed to her along with some used children’s books for her grandchildren and the children of visiting families.

## MISSIONS CLOSET

Missions Month is an ideal time to gift the Missions Closet. A list of items needed is on page 2 of the Communiqué.

## USED ITEMS WE ARE COLLECTING

Used items to collect: Used old jewelry, cancelled commemorative stamps, unopened Happy Meal toys, children’s magazines, and clean plastic pill bottles with labels removed.

## THANK YOU'S

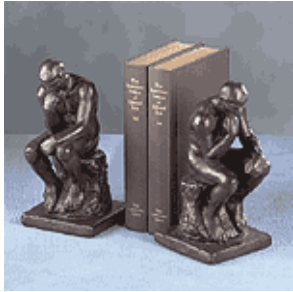
Brooks, Nina and Beau were guests at the mission’s storage area where they went through the boxes and chose the following items to take back to Wewak, Papua, New Guinea: Twin, full and queen size sheet sets, mattress pad, socks, potholders, dish cloths, 2 Tupperware modular sets (all hers have chewed areas from the rats), Rubbermaid storage set and stackable storage set, Visa Pre-paid Gift Card, Pampered Chef Dill spice (YEAH!), kitchen scissors, scrubby, spatulas, frying mat, covered glass baking dishes, hand cream, note cards, a large candle, protective glasses, utility knife, Velcro, work gloves, tape measure, volt meter, 21 drill bit set, crowbar, long nose pliers, warm gloves, a pair of used shoes for Beau, and a warm scarf for Nina.

We list these items so that you may know how your gifts are appreciated and how delighted they are to find these things that meet their needs and are such a great help to them. They repeatedly express how thankful they are and how an item may be exactly what they could use. THANK YOU for being a Blessing!

## CITY RESCUE MISSION OF LANSING

Why does the Mission need socks? The City Rescue Mission of Lansing has the largest shelters for men and for women and children in Michigan’s capital area. They provide shelter to more than 1,600 individuals every year. Because many of them have limited income (or no income at all!), they also provide hygiene items and clothing necessities, as they are able. New socks and new underwear are a great need but not often donated. **Epecially in the colder seasons, socks are a much needed item for men, women, and children.** If you would like to donate new socks, please place them in the yellow container in Scott Becker’s Small Group Classroom.





## Six Observations about Speaking to Pastors Right Before They Preach

By Thom Rainer

*Thom S. Rainer is the president and CEO of LifeWay Christian Resources. Prior to LifeWay, he served at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary for twelve years where he was the founding dean of the Billy Graham School of Missions and Evangelism.*

For most pastors, preaching is one of the most important facets of their ministries. It is that time when they get to expound on God's Word. Much of their training has focused on preaching, and they often spend 15 to 20 hours preparing each sermon.

Pastors, with few exceptions, love their church members. They desire to serve their congregants well. They desire to be gracious and friendly to those who approach them. That is why most of them would be highly reticent to say what I am about to say.

Many times pastors get very distracted and even discouraged when someone speaks to them right before they preach. Let me elaborate in my usual fashion by making six observations.

1. **The time right before pastors preach is a time of prayerful focus for them.** They have put hours into the message. They have prayed that God will use their message. That is the frame of mind where you will find most pastors right before they preach.
2. **If you speak to the pastor at that time, consider giving a word of encouragement or prayer support.** I still remember to this day Frances Mason speaking to me right before I preached when I was a pastor in Birmingham. She would typically say something like, "Pastor, I prayed for a special anointing for you this morning." I could feel my spirits being lifted immediately after she spoke to me.
3. **Consider holding back any criticisms of your pastor right before the sermon.** Can you imagine how you would feel if someone said something very critical of you right before you spoke? It happens to pastors all the time. If you feel like you must criticize your pastor, please consider doing so at another time.
4. **Consider holding back your request of your pastor to make an announcement.** Pastors are intensely focused on what they are about to preach. It can be a difficult distraction for them to remember your announcement even if you write it out for them. Indeed, any last minute announcement request is likely not a good idea.
5. **Consider asking someone other than your pastor to handle a problem right before the sermon.** One of my most memorable (but not pleasant) moments as a pastor was a lady running up to me as I was approaching the pulpit to preach. She had one thing to say to me: "You need to do something. The toilet is overflowing in the ladies restroom."

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## **Food for Thought...A Challenge to be Thinking Christians...(Cont.)**

6. **If possible, consider introducing people to your pastor after the sermon.** I understand that such a practice is not always possible. Sometimes pastors have to move from one service to the next, and they are not able to speak to people after the service. Again, hold off the distraction of introducing people unless there is no other opportunity.

Please understand my perspective. I am writing as a former pastor and not on behalf of anyone who has asked me to write on this topic. Most of our pastors are godly and gracious, and would never ignore someone who approached them. I am simply requesting that you consider the timing and content of such conversations.





# CALENDAR

- Sun., Mar. 1** **NO Sunday School.**  
**AM Service - Flag Ceremony, Missions Conference Speaker - John Kresge.**  
**Ethnic/International Potluck - After the AM Service**  
**NO PM Service**
- Mon., Mar. 2 Shuffleboard -- 10:00am (Gym)  
Men's Basketball -- 6:30pm (Gym)
- Tues., Mar. 3 Busy Hands for Missions -- 9:30am (Lower Level-Room #15)
- Wed., Mar. 4** **AWANA -- 6:30pm** (Children's Wing)  
**24-7 Jr. High -- 6:30pm** (Youth Wing)  
**Bible Institute -- 6:30pm** (Lower Level-Adult Wing)  
**Prayer Meeting -- 6:30pm** (Office Wing-Classroom #1)  
**High School Bible Study -- 6:30pm** (Youth Wing)
- Sun., Mar. 8** **Daylight Savings Time Begins - Set clocks AHEAD ONE HOUR Sat. Night**  
**Missions Conference Speaker, David Taylor (USCWM) -- SS, AM & PM Services**  
**World Missions Prayer Meeting -- After the PM Service (Lower Level-Room #13)**
- Mon., Mar. 9 Same as March 2nd
- Tues., Mar. 10 Mighty O.A.K.S. Luncheon -- 12noon (Gym)
- Wed., Mar. 11** Elders Meeting -- 9:30am (Conference Room)  
**AWANA -- 6:30pm** (Children's Wing)  
**24-7 Jr. High -- 6:30pm** (Youth Wing)  
**Bible Institute -- 6:30pm** (Lower Level-Adult Wing)  
**Prayer Meeting -- 6:30pm** (Office Wing-Classroom #1)  
**High School Bible Study -- 6:30pm** (Youth Wing)
- Fri., Mar. 13 Renee Kresge/Mark Fortner Wedding/Reception -- 7:00pm
- Fri./Sat., Mar. 13-14 GARBC Church Ministries Conference -- Calvary Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, MI
- Sun., Mar. 15** **Missions Conference Speaker from SEND International -- SS, AM & PM Services**
- Mon., Mar. 16 Same as March 2nd
- Wed., Mar. 18** **AWANA -- 6:30pm** (Children's Wing)  
**24/7 Jr. High -- 6:30pm** (Youth Wing)  
**High School Bible Study -- 6:30pm** (Youth Wing)  
**Bible Institute Classes -- 6:30pm** (Adult Wing)  
**Prayer Meeting -- 6:30pm**
- Thurs., Mar 19 Deacons Meeting -- 6:00pm (Rm. #8-Lower Level)
- Fri., Mar. 20 Released Time Class -- 12:30 pm (Youth Room)
- Sun., Mar. 22** **Missions Conference Speaker, Brad Gill (Frontier Mission Fellowship) --**  
**SS, AM & PM Services**
- Mon., Mar. 23 Same as March 2nd
- Wed., Mar. 25** **AWANA -- 6:30pm** (Children's Wing)  
**24/7 Jr. High -- 6:30pm** (Youth Wing)  
**High School Bible Study -- 6:30pm** (Youth Wing)  
**Bible Institute Classes -- 6:30pm** (Adult Wing)  
**Prayer Meeting -- 6:30pm**
- Thurs., Mar. 26 Clinton County Right to Life Annual Banquet -- (Gym)
- Sun., Mar. 29** **Palm Sunday, Communion -- PM Service**
- Mon., Mar. 30 Same as March 2nd



# march BIRTHDAYS

02	Aubree Loznak Mary Whitelock	11	Betty Foster Santos Garcia Leah Robbe Josh Sawyer Rebekah Snyder	21	Savannah Prince
03	Katie Fore Esther Lichte			22	Adam Gudbrandson
04	Caleb Becker Isabel Staib	12	Brian Prince	23	Grace Rosbury
05	Duane Schafer	13	Connor Ostrander Evelyn Peterson	24	Tom Moldenhauer Janice Snyder
06	Kiah Becker	14	Madison Van Zee	25	Michael Gudbrandson Silvio Iung
07	Peyton Nichols Mary Simon	15	Walt Knaus Jody Ostrander	26	Debi Davis
08	Ruth Feliu Inge Haneckow Kristy Mullikin	16	Nicole Craven Tim Duffield Benjamin Kresge	27	Bob Wallis
09	Jerry Bishop Sarah Snyder	18	Craig Simon	29	Paul Case Valorie Iung Ellen Morse David Peters
10	Tom Barks	19	Sharon Speck	30	Nathanael Konieczny
		20	Cameron Brush Cheryl Haviland	31	Sharon Debar



# SCHEDULES FOR MARCH

## NURSERY

- 01 AM Carrie Schmidtman, Kim Painter, Kay Schmidtman, Linda Kresge  
 PM No Service
- 04 Awana Lori Knaus, Sue Bishop, Carolyn Henning
- 08 SS Lori Knaus, Sarah Thomas  
 AM Sarah Thomas, Valorie lung, Isabel Staib, Linda Kresge  
 PM Combine with Toddlers
- 11 Awana Jen Simon, Eileen Feldpausch, Carolyn Henning
- 15 SS Patti Nichols, Becky Becker  
 AM Becky Becker, Susan Marcotte, Rebekah Becker, Linda Kresge  
 PM Combine with Toddlers
- 18 Awana Lori Knaus, SuAnn Prince, Carolyn Henning
- 22 SS Eileen Feldpausch, Bernadette Richardson  
 AM Becky Peterson, Grace King, Rebekah Painter, Linda Kresge  
 PM Combine with Toddlers
- 25 Awana Jen Simon, Trisha Feldpausch, Carolyn Henning
- 29 SS Lisa Crandall, Helen Kresge  
 AM Sue & April Mullikin, Yvonne Sischo, Linda Kresge  
 PM Combine with Toddlers

## GREETERS

- 01 Foyer Tim & Debbie Fair  
 Office Tom & MB Moldenhauer
- 08 Foyer Ron & Jill Keilen  
 Office Gary & Pam Snyder
- 15 Foyer Mike & Tammy Underwood  
 Office AM-Joel Seling  
 PM-Diana VanOrsdol
- 22 Foyer Bryan & Trisha Feldpausch  
 Office Chris & Sarah Bouck
- 29 Foyer Roger & Rosanne Schafer  
 Office Sharon Ashenfelter

**\*Foyer-Stay until Sermon**

**\*AM Greeters please be at your door by 10am.**

**\*Everyone Greets in the PM Service Unless otherwise stated.**

## TODDLERS

- 01 AM Vicky Ondrusek, Cathy Mc Cune, Lori Knaus  
 PM No Service
- 08 AM Pamarie & Pearl Nichols, Courtney Schneider  
 PM Mary & Erin Simon, Laurie Ordway
- 15 AM Ted & Michelle Beck, Anna Ordway  
 PM Grace Kresge, Andrea Bancroft, Sarah Snyder
- 22 AM Tim & Sharon Becker, Sarah Wood  
 PM John & Karen Leif, Carol Dush
- 29 AM Patti Nichols, Cassie Sischo, Ellen Kresge  
 PM Dennis & Annette Wood, Cheryl Haviland

## TODDLER COOKIES

**Please mark your calendar. This is the only notice you will get aside from the schedule you should already have.**

- 01 Dar Kirby  
 08 Andrea Bancroft  
 15 Kendel Darragh  
 22 Lisa Crandall  
 29 Deb Fair

## USHERS

- 01 AM \*Scott McCorvie, Derrick Ostrander, Andrew Davis, Phil Burkhart, Duane Schafer, Dennis Eilert  
 PM \*Jim Ashenfelter, Nick Bancroft
- 08 AM \*Julius Motz, Mark Lutz, Shane Kidd, Norm Moinet, Rick Davis, Billy Gillean  
 PM \*Louie Simon, Dean Feldpausch
- 15 AM \*Tim Fair, Chris Bouck, Harold Lichte, Carl Hyzer, William Kidd, Ryan Shackelford  
 PM \*Dell Schmidtman, Doug Merignac, Dave Halfman
- 22 AM \*John Leif, Jeremy Thomas, Jason Holben, Austin Davis, Jimmie Harps, Jim Cyrus  
 PM \*John Glerum, Walt Knaus, Ted Loznak, Aaron Davis
- 29 AM \*Scott McCorvie, Derrick Ostrander, Andrew Davis, Phil Burkhart, Duane Schafer, Dennis Eilert  
 PM \*Jim Ashenfelter, Nick Bancroft

\*Captain

