

From the Pastor's Desk...

BOLD FAITH INITIATIVE begins! The month of February features many important events! Ground Hog Day. Valentines Day. President's Day. Birthdays of some famous Americans, like George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King, D L. Moody and Tim Lynch! And while all those events are significant, a primary focus for our church family in February will be the BOLD FAITH INITIATIVE.

Our local minister's organization C.A.M.A. has invited local churches to unite around the theme of BOLD FAITH and join together as we encourage our congregations to go to the next level in terms of trusting God to do big and mighty things in our individual lives, in the life of our churchy family, and in our community, as well. Watch for the signs across Branch County as believers lock arms and carry our faith forward.

Our Pastor's have even written a Daily Devotional for our congregations, and it's available online at www.boldfaithinitiative.wordpress.com.

We'll be announcing details for a joint Unity Service on the last Sunday of the month.

Jesus has some powerful words for His followers regarding unity (read John 17) and we are challenging our congregations to look beyond some of our individual and denominational distinctive and to embrace the cause of Christ as we seek to influence the world around us. Jesus said that the distinctive identifying marks for us are that the world will know us by our love.

GOD'S STILL "WHISPERING": I HOPE MANY OF YOU FOUND OUR January Sermon series on "WHISPERS" helpful to your walk with Christ. And I hope as you are more aware of God's promptings and leadings that you'll share your stories with me. Maybe before Easter we could have a Sunday of testimonies? If you have an experience you'd like to share, send me an email at pastordp@fbcofcoldwater.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY IS ALIVE AND WELL: A recent article in "The Daily Reporter" has created a little confusion about the youth ministry at FBC. You all know we are in a transition period and our search for a new Youth Pastor has been re-started. The ministry has been carried on by a small group of volunteers led by Kip and Keri Gordon, and Joe and Penny DeWitt. We can't thank them enough for their labor of love and commitment to the youth! Our former Friday Night Alive ministry has undergone considerable changes as we try to offer a quality and manageable program to minister to Junior and Senior High students. For correct news, watch our weekly church bulletin and newsletter!

Pastor Dave Pierce

Worship Service Times

Sunday Traditional Worship:
8:30 a.m.

Sunday School:
9:45 a.m.

Sunday Contemporary Worship:
11:00 a.m.

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Birthdays

01 — Margie Carrington	10 — Tim Lynch	15 — Mike Wood	25 — Linda McLaughlin
01 — *Zach Stevens	10 — *Alex Noh	16 — Dennis Babjack	25 — Emily Swan
03 — Elise Groholski	10 — Chris Stevens (M)	17 — *Allysa Stevens	26 — Steve Covell
03 — *Abigail Harmon	11 — Pam Cole	18 — Gretchen Ennis	26 — *Hannah Houck
05 — Melissa Sussex	12 — Duane Furney	18 — *Bianca Houck	26 — Bryan McKeon
06 — Stacy Gillette (F)	13 — Sue Rubley	19 — Ellen Wilkinson	27 — Buss Bassage
07 — Randy Rose	14 — William Langwell	21 — Bill Carlson	27 — Nancy Roby
08 — Elizabeth Snyder	15 — Ron Drzweicki	21 — Ken Marcereau	27 — Jim D. White
09 — Kristi Gatke	15 — *Dayton Ennis	22 — Lowell Maxson	28 — Kurt Miller
10 — *Blade Bovee	15 — Ken Kurtz	23 — Kathy Ferguson	

(F) = Female (M) = Male * = Under 18 yrs. Old √ = Turning 18



Anniversaries...

03 — Tyler & Brooke Longstreet	14 — Glen & Nancy Roby	23 — Smith & Doris Ferguson
05 — Dennis & Vicci Waters	14 — Bill & Sue Trebilcock	
10 — Buss & Margarette Bassage	22 — Joe & Sonya Wilkins	

Calendar of Events...

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6 pm Dinner 7 pm Classes	2 10 am Precept 7 pm Choir 7 pm Praise Team Practice	3 "Friday Nite at the Rock"	4
5 Baptism	6 6:30 pm ABW All Church Birthday Party	7	8 6 pm Dinner 7 pm Classes	9 10 am Precept 7 pm Choir 7 pm Praise Team Practice	10 "Friday Nite at the Rock"	11 8 am Men's Breakfast
12	13 6:45 pm Board Meetings	14	5 6 pm Dinner 7 pm Classes	16 10 am Precept 7 pm Choir 7 pm Praise Team Practice	17 Youth Retreat @ Camp Selah	18 Youth Retreat @ Camp Selah
19	20 Newsletter info deadline Circles Meet	21	22 6 pm Dinner 7 pm Classes	23 10 am Precept 7 pm Choir 7 pm Praise Team Practice	24 "Friday Nite at the Rock"	25
26	27	28	29			

A recent article in the Coldwater Reporter was in our opinion misleading as to the Friday Night Alive program at the First Baptist Church of Coldwater. However "accurate" the story was intended to be it clearly left the reader to believe there would no longer be a Friday Night program at the First Baptist Church for area youth. We the leaders of the Middle School and High School programs at FBC would like to take this opportunity to set the record straight.

On Friday nights the First Baptist Church of Coldwater will be opening its doors wider than ever to area youth. Through prayer and seeking God's direction we feel it is His will to let the Eby Kline center continue with the Friday Night Alive venue as it has operated for years and for FBC to expand its Friday Night offering to youth to include a time of worship as well as in-depth Bible study while still providing a time of open fellowship (Friday Night Alive style).

As a church that preaches the gospel of Christ we (the youth leaders) believe we are held at a higher standard to introduce youth to the life changing relationship found only through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior and to help them mature in that relationship. To that end we will strive to reach area youth for the Kingdom of God through our expanded Friday program "Friday Night at The Rock" based on Psalm 18:2: The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. NASB.

Friday Night at The Rock will be open to all middle school and high school students from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. every Friday that school is in session. If you have a child who will attend Friday Night at The Rock and would like to stay up to date on what's happening, become a fan of our facebook page "Friday Night at the Rock". For further information feel free to contact the church office at 517-279-7912.

Respectfully, Kip Gordon, Keri Gordon, Joe Dewitt, and Penny Dewitt.

Youth Schedule...

Sunday...9:45 a.m. Sunday School in Room #17

Wednesday...6:00 p.m. Family Dinner; 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday Nights the youth room is open for all 6th-12th grade students to come for a time of fellowship with each other and the youth leaders. This is also a good time to get some one-on-one time with the leaders for help with any struggles you might be facing. Service outings will be held on Wednesday Nights also.

New "Friday Night at the Rock"...Friday Night at the Rock is a mixture of that same Wednesday Night fellowship times, food, worship and praise, lessons designed to help youth grow through things they are facing today, and just plain fun. Times will run from 6-9 p.m. for grades 6th-12th grade. Facebook page is Friday Night at the Rock.

Youth Worship Retreat...Friday, February 17th 6 p.m. to Saturday 6 p.m. We will be going to Camp Selah. Watch for details on what time we will leave and what you will need to bring. This will be a time of worship, team building, fun and fellowship. Cost is \$25 (but don't let money stop you, see Kip or Keri for further information).

Love is patient; love is kind. Love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrong doing, but rejoices in truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things. And now faith, hope, and love abide, and the greatest of these is love. I Corinthians 13

Why SUNDAY SCHOOL...

The responsibility of the Christian Education Team at First Baptist is to provide opportunities for all those attending to grow in their knowledge of Jesus Christ so that they can "become conformed to His image (Romans 8:29). We feel that Sunday school is the best possible tool we have available to see that spiritual growth is taking place for those of us who have been called to be His. Our teaching program is here to meet people's needs. We can best meet social outreach, evangelism and teaching needs by providing a place for every age group with teachers equipped to deal specifically with the age group they are teaching. The Bible is our textbook and is central to all the teaching at First Baptist. God has promised to bless the teaching of His word, not our opinions or experiences. The foundation of all we teach is the Bible.

Our purpose in providing classes for all ages can be stated as follows " Better Teaching for More People". We can't go wrong if we keep that purpose in mind for everything we do through the Sunday school.

AND YOU CAN'T GO WRONG IF YOU MAKE ATTENDING SUNDAY SCHOOL PART OF YOUR WORSHIP EACH SUNDAY.

Adult Sunday School Classes...

Sunday 9:45 a.m.

Discipler's Class meets in the Conference room off the Activity Center; Crusader's Class meets in Room 16, downstairs; Kids Over 50 (formerly known as Leaders Class) meets in Room 9, upstairs; LifeLine Class meets in Drop-Inn Center downstairs

Children's Classes...

Sundays 9:45 a.m.

Tiny Timers ages 2-4 in Rm. #6; Pre-K-K Rm. #14; 1st-2nd grade in Rm. #11/13; 3rd-4th grade in Rm. #18; 5th-6th grade in Rm. #15; 7th-12th grade, Rm. #17

Wednesdays Family Dinner 6:00 p.m.; Buzz Club 6:40 p.m.



"And this is our newest support group, but by far the smallest."

Operation Christmas Child..

Visit in the snow... Jane Turner was part of the team who visited Belarus in Dec 2010 to distribute shoeboxes.

"I took part in a family visit in Marina Gorka. It was snowing as we arrived at the partner's church. We had planned to travel by mini bus rather than coach because of the weather, but ended up going by horse-drawn sleigh which sped its way through the snow-lined track to the house carrying three of the team and the gift filled shoe boxes. It was a wonderful experience just getting to this remote house in a snow storm and it just shows how Samaritan's Purse can reach out to where they are needed.



"We were warmly welcomed at the house. I had a beautiful box for a girl aged 2 -4 but was slightly concerned when I saw two older children and a baby of 9 months called Alisa, but shouldn't have worried as the box was extremely appropriate for such a young child. Her hat fitted perfectly and there was also a lovely large teddy bear, a toddler's wooden jigsaw and toiletries suitable for a baby. I really felt that God knew the destination of that box. I had time to hold and rock Alisa who was very contented as Serge one of our partners played and sang.

"The family appeared to be very touched by our visit and the love and gifts which we brought. We left the house in a heavy snow fall although this time it was by more conventional transport. I will never forget this day and feel very privileged and blessed to have been there."

For the Month of February we will be collecting either wooden cars or "Hot Wheels" for our Operation Christmas Child. There will be a box to put them in. Lets see how many we can collect!!!!

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As an American Baptist Church, we contribute annually to four different denominational support offerings.

1. America for Christ offering is the response of needs of home missions. It is used to help fund home missions, education and local community ministries. AFCO is highlighted in March.
2. June features "One Great Hour of Sharing". This is the response to worldwide disaster relief and development. OGHS is often used in cooperation with other denominations for national and international aid in times of crisis.
3. World Mission Offering is the focus in October. WMO responds to the needs of international missions, in partnership with other National Baptist Churches in other countries.
4. Since 1935, ABC has contributed to the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering. This offering is taken in December. It provides emergency assistance and a "Thank You" gift to retired ministers and missionaries or their widowed spouses.

When you see the special offering envelope within the church bulletin, please consider a gift. Know that you gift will be helping spread the "Good News of Jesus Christ", and that it will help touch many lives.

Your Mission Board

*FBC's library* is located in the Narthex area outside the sanctuary and contains resources to help in our everyday lives or if you just like to read. We have books on being a wife, husband, parenting, for children's ages and etc. We also have DVD's, CD's and VHS Tapes that can be checked out to view and return.

### NEW DVDS AND BOOKS FOR THE FAMILY...

Whether you have already seen it or not, you won't want to miss sitting down with your family and watching it again.... *Courageous* is finally here, check it out at the library.

**GRACE CARD**...A well crafted movie with a powerful message of redemption and forgiveness. This movie stars Michael Joiner, Michael Higgenbottom and Academy Award winner Louis Gossett, Jr.

Every day we have the opportunity to rebuild relationships and heal wounds by extending and receiving God's grace. Offer the *Grace card* and never underestimate the power of God's love.

**CHOOSING TO SEE**...Written by Mary Beth Chapman this is the heart wrenching story of the tragic accident that took the life of their little Chinese daughter. It is a journey of struggle and hope and you will appreciate Chapman's honest as she works through why God allows terrible things to happen and how you survive hard times. No matter where you find yourself in your own life story, you will treasure the way Mary Beth shows that even in hard times, there is hope if you choose to SEE.

**OVERCOMING NEGATIVE EMOTIONS**...Overcoming negative emotions isn't easy, but freedom and confidence await as you place your trust, hope and faith in God. Annie Chapman understands as she writes about putting the principles to work in her life that freed her from violence, bitterness and anger.

**THE LAST JIHAD**...Not a new book, but one you won't want to miss reading before you go on to the next in this riveting series by Joel Rosenberg. After you read this series you won't want to miss *THE TWELTH IMAM* and then... brand new in our library....

**THE TEHRAH INITIATIVE**...What if Tehran were set to launch a genocidal war against Israel? New York Times best selling author, Joel Rosenberg, returns with his most exhilarating political thriller to date.. a pulse pounding tale of international intrigue that will keep you on the edge of your seat and wondering what if this worst case scenario comes true? Would Israel launch a massive preemptive military strike against Iran.. or would Washington order the CIA to intervene before events in the Middle East spin out of control... you won't want to miss this right out of the news book.

**RESOLUTION FOR MEN... RESOLUTION FOR WOMEN**...From the creators of the movie *Courageous* comes a book for both men and women that give you the principles you need to have a Christ filled marriage. ... to be the parents God wants you to be.

## Upcoming Events...

**Branch Area Women's Gathering**...February 4<sup>th</sup> at East Ovid United Brethren Church located at 274 Quimby Rd. Can register at the door if you have not yet registered. Cost is \$15 which includes a luncheon. Guest Speaker is Jennie Afman Dimkoff. 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call 517-227-6734 for more information.

**ABW All Church Birthday Party**...ABW invites everyone to the All Church Birthday Party on **Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 p.m.** Everyone is invited - men, women, children, young and old. This is a potluck meal but no need to bring a dessert - birthday cakes will be provided. Sign-up in the narthex before and after church services.

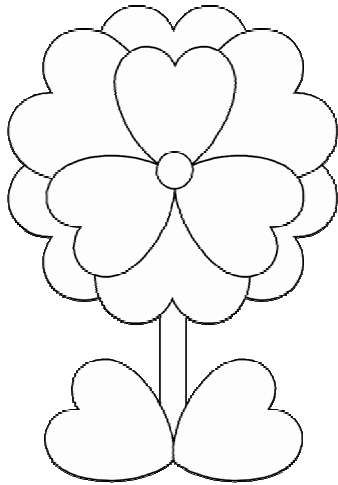
**Men's Second Saturday Breakfast**...February 11<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m.

**Circles Meet February 13<sup>th</sup> ...Martha**—7 p.m. at FBC; **Mary** — 7 pm @ Julie Pierson's, 528 Sonet Lane.

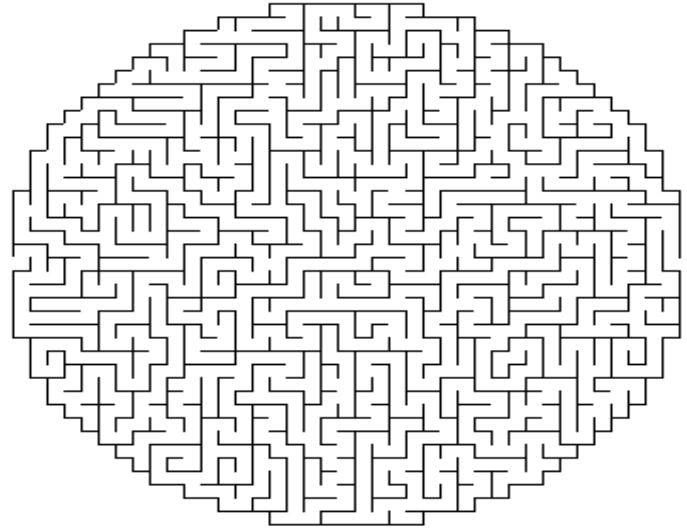
| FEB | USHERS<br>8:30 AM                                              | USHERS<br>11:00 AM                                           | Information Station<br>8:30 AM | Information Station<br>10:00 AM        |
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| 05  | Dewey Harris<br>Marvin Merkle<br>David Numbers<br>Jill Numbers | Tom Miller<br>Al Carpenter<br>Jeff Gilchrist<br>Duane Wagner | Jack & Kathy Ferguson          | Kevin & Michelle<br>Sheppard           |
| 12  | Dewey Harris<br>Arn Reger<br>Glen Roby<br>Tom VanDosen         | Chris Dow<br>Paul Beckhusen<br>Chris Mead<br>Ralph Paradine  | The Numbers Family             | Gretchen Ennis<br>&<br>Mary Jo Johnson |
| 19  | Dewey Harris<br>Leroy Dow<br>David Dunn<br>Joe Wilkins         | Tom Miller<br>Rob Rzepka<br>Buzz Sharpley<br>Brian Stroble   | Marvin & Susan Merkle          | Terry & Carrie Welsh                   |
| 26  | Dewey Harris<br>Terry Edmonds<br>Dave Kreiger<br>Harold Massey | Chris Dow<br>Pete Talbot<br>Dan Taylor<br>Duane Wagner       | Deanna Sharp                   | Buzz & Janice Sharpley                 |



| FEB | Nursery<br>11:00 AM | Tiny Timers<br>11:00 AM                                                                                            | SonSeekers<br>11:00 AM                             |
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| 05  | Sue Wagner          | Matt & Kayleen Bovee<br>Brianna Covell<br><i>Greeter: Linda Jent</i>                                               | Lesa & Kelsey Winn                                 |
| 12  | Brianna Covell      | Christy Dow<br>Gretchen Ennis<br>Marena Hickey<br>Andrew Barnes<br><i>Greeter: Mary Jo Johnson</i>                 | Sheila Taylor<br>&<br>Heidi Holicki                |
| 19  | Consuelo Clark      | Natalie Forrester<br>Cameron Barnes<br><i>Greeter: Linda Jent</i>                                                  | Sheila Taylor<br>&<br>Heidi Holicki                |
| 26  | Domenique Bacca     | Jason & Darci Trumbower<br>Anna Trumbower<br>Andrew Barnes<br>Kyleigh Scheidler<br><i>Greeter: Mary Jo Johnson</i> | Michelle Sheppard<br>Marcy Mead<br>Donna Heinemann |



Color Me...



**How to teach your child to pray...**

1. Let your child trace his hand on a sheet of art paper.
2. Tell your child that he can use his fingers to remember how to pray.
3. Over the thumb, write "Praise".
4. Tell your child to start her prayer by praising God in words or song.
5. Over the first finger, write "Thanksgiving".
6. Tell your child that next she can thank God for something He has done.
7. Over the second finger, write "Confession".
8. Tell your child that, in prayer, it's good to tell God the things he has done wrong.
9. Over the third finger, write "Petition".
10. Tell your child that next she should ask God for the things she needs, including asking for forgiveness for the things she confessed.
11. Over the fourth finger, write "Intercession".
12. Tell your child that he can close his prayer by asking God to help others who need Him.
13. Put the picture up where it can be seen and remembered. When your child has it memorized, she will have the steps in prayer with her all the time.

**Riddle of the month...** What do you call a fairy that hasn't taken a bath?

Answer:  
Strikerbell

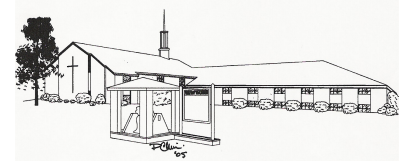
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**February Puzzle**

Try to fill in the missing numbers.  
 Use the numbers 1 through 9 to complete the equations.  
 Each number is only used once.  
 Each row is a math equation. Each column is a math equation.  
 Remember that multiplication and division are performed before addition and subtraction.

**January Solution**

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| 1  | 4  | 8  | 5  |  | 18 |
| 9  | 3  | 2  | 3  |  | 17 |
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