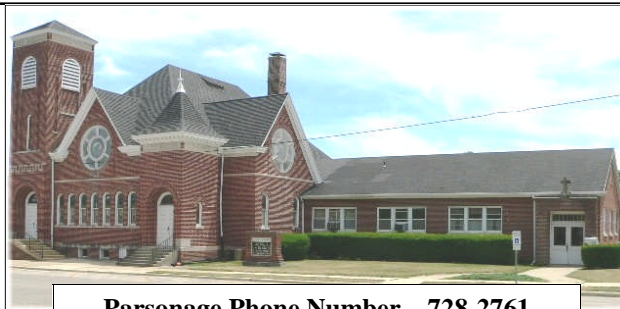


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Ushers For December - Jim & Karen Stathers
Deaconesses For December - Judy Feist & Betty Coventry
Deacon For December - Paul Feist
Special Events for December
Christmas Potluck and Program - Dec. 13 at 5:00 PM
Christmas Eve Service - Dec. 24 at 6:30 PM

Ushers For January - Wanda & Ryan Wiseley
Deaconesses For January - Joyce Hower & Ruth Miller
Deacon For January - Fred Sebens
Special Events for January
Quarterly Business Meeting - Jan. 18 at 6:00 PM
Planning Council Meeting - Jan. 22 at 7:00 PM

December 2009 Sermon Titles and Scriptures

Nov. 29	First Sunday of Advent (Hope) "Hope in the Grace"	Jeremiah 33: 14-17
Dec. 6	Second Sunday of Advent (Peace) "Peace in Your Heart"	Philippians 4: 4-7
Dec. 13	Third Sunday of Advent (Joy) "Prince of Peace"	Philippians 1: 3-11
Dec. 30	Fourth Sunday of Advent (Love) "A Mother's Love" Choir Cantata	Luke 1: 46b-56
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Service (More Love) "Love for Us All"	Matthew 2: 1-11
Dec. 27	"Being About God's Business"	Luke 2: 41-52

Special Events Planned for December 2009

- Ann Judson Fruit and Cookie Plates on Dec. 6
- Christmas Potluck and Program ("Cathy J. Reynolds" Concert) on Dec. 13
- Christmas Caroling on Dec. 20
- Christmas Eve Service on Dec. 24 at 6:30 PM
- New Years Eve Party on Dec. 31

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First Baptist Church Welcomes our New Members in 2009:
Nick Kelsey
John Ingram
Donna Holland
Bill Holland
Christina Whitfield
Barry Featheringill
Judy Featheringill



OCTOBER 18, 2009 QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Moderator Don Rogers opened the Business Meeting with prayer. There were 25 members present. A quorum for voting is 20.

The minutes for July 19, 2009, were read and accepted. Correspondence was reported. A letter from Ben Guyot, Deacon provided a list of voting members wishing to have their AYE votes placed in the record for voting recorded at the July 19, 2009, church business meeting.

The updated membership list for October 2009 will be placed in the Membership Records book in the church office. Active members total 78; inactive members total 124; non-members (friends) total 31; and total church participation is 233.

Treasurer's Report and Building Fund Report were presented. The financial reports were accepted. Both financial reports are posted on the hall bulletin board each month. Sunday School Treasurer's Report was submitted.

The following committee reports were presented:

1. Pastor's Report for July, August, and September was submitted.
2. Deacons Report – Barry and Judy Featheringill will be recommended for membership.
3. Trustees Report – Flashing on Bell Tower is leaking. No report was made on the baptistery. Plans are being completed to install carpet in the library and office.
4. Vision Team Report – Church calendar was distributed. Church directory options are being considered.
5. Christian Education Board Report – Youth groups will have Contemporary Service on the last Wednesday of each month. An offering will help pay for the weekly meals.

Unfinished Business:

There was none.

New Business:

A motion was made by Shirley Rogers and seconded by Clint Fultz to accept Barry and Judy Featheringill into full membership at First Baptist Church. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Marilyn Book and seconded by Lucy Fultz to accept Christina Whitfield into full membership at First Baptist Church. The motion carried.

The 2010 Church Budget was presented. A motion was made by Ben Guyot and seconded by Clint Fultz to accept the 2010 Budget. The motion carried.

The Nominating Report was presented. A motion was made by Roy Book and seconded by Fred Sebens to accept the report. The motion carried.

Ben Guyot presented a "Thank You" from the Sullivan Sophomore Class for the use of the garage during Homecoming.

A motion was made by Sharon Dinger and seconded by Roger Hughes to adjourn the meeting. Pastor Gene dismissed the meeting with prayer.

MONTHLY CHURCH ATTENDANCE - 2009			
JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
83	53	44	52
57	50	58	100
47	50	57	55
57	58	47	69
		51	
Average for Jan. 61	Average for Feb. 53	Average for March 51	Average for April 69

MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
63	58	65	78
66	57	52	70
63	71	61	74
57	53	63	44
52			
Average for May 60	Average for June 60	Average for July 60	Average for Aug. 67

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
44	50	64	
45	62	61	
52	51	58	
54	61	65	
Average for Sept. 49	Average for Oct. 56	Average for Nov. 62	Average for Dec. 69

Congregation—We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry; the expenses of the church; the relief of the poor and the spread of the Gospel through all nations.

AVERAGE SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE				
CLASSES	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
Kdg	4	3	3	5
3-5	5	4	2	4
Jr & Sr	4	2	2	4
Married or Not	5	4	3	5
Seekers	3	2	1	2
Berean	9	10	8	10
Young at Heart	8	10	10	12
Class with highest monthly average	Berean	Berean & Young at Heart	Young at Heart	Young at Heart

CLASSES	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
Kdg	3	3	3	3
3-5	2	2	2	2
Jr & Sr	1	1	1	1
Married or Not	4	5	4	5
Seekers				
Berean	7	10	8	10
Young at Heart	11	10	12	14
Class with highest monthly average	Young at Heart	Berean & Young at Heart	Young at Heart	Young at Heart

CLASSES	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Kdg	2	2	3	
3-5	1	1	2	
Jr & Sr	2	1	1	
Married or Not	5	5	7	
Seekers				
Berean	10	8	10	
Young at Heart	13	18	15	
Class with highest monthly average	Young at Heart	Young at Heart	Young at Heart	

(Left) Portion of our Church Covenant

VISION TEAM REPORT

Vision Team Members

Mary Ellison	753-6540	
Sharon Dinger	728-8110 (cell 201-8110)	sadoce@mchsi.com
Gene Godfrey	728-2761 (church 728-8252)	genegodfrey@hotmail.com
Jim Stathers	728-8896	nowon@mchsi.com
Jamie Stathers		
Brian Crawford	728-4420 (cell 273-4420)	Bugubrian420@gmail.com
Teresa Crawford		
Linda Watson	543-2360 (cell 454-0196)	Lwatson51@hotmail.com
Fern Patient		

Vision

The vision team would like First Baptist Church to:

- be financially viable
- have increased attendance
- be more active
- be more friendly and make everyone feel comfortable
- be more visible in community affairs
- have young children become excited about coming to First Baptist Church

Purpose

The vision team will:

- conduct a survey when necessary
- study ways to accomplish the vision
- make suggestions to committees, boards, and officers of the church

Third Meeting – Thursday, August 13, 2009

1. Social hour before service is continuing. Discussion included ways to encourage everyone to participate.
2. Another survey will be conducted at the end of the year.
3. Member of Vision Team should attend Planning Council Meetings.
4. Suggestions included:

Suggestions	Facilitators
Have "mix-up" Sunday on one Sunday to encourage worshiping with others in different Sunday School classes.	Mary Ellison will discuss with CE Board and teachers of Berean, Young at Heart, and Married or Not Classes.
Potlucks (4) Have each class plan the program. Thanksgiving, Christmas, Spring, and Summer.	Present idea to Planning Council.
Church Calendar will be used as the welcome packet.	Linda Watson
Plan Church Directory	Sharon Dinger
Survey	Mary Ellison

The Vision Team will plan a fourth meeting in January 2010.

Budget Comparison for First Baptist Church

2009 - 73,345

2010 - 72,895

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES FOR 2010

2010 Officers

Moderator
 Vice-Moderator
 Church Clerk
 Church Treasurer
 Asst. Church Treasurer
 Financial Secretary
 Asst. Financial Secretary
 Building Fund Treasurer
 Sunday School Superintendent
 Asst. Sunday School Superintendent
 Contact Communicator

Ben Guyot
 Fred Sebens
 Linda Watson
 Sharon Dinger
 Roger Hughes
 Pam Guyot
 Karen Stathers
 Ben Guyot
 Jackie Godfrey
 Leslie Guyot
 Linda Watson

Deacons

Ben Guyot
 Fred Sebens
 Don Rogers
 Paul Feist

Honorary Deacons

Bob Patient
 Clint Fultz

Deaconesses

Betty Coventry
 Judy Feist
 Joyce Hower
 Ruth Miller
 Carroll Sebens
 Nylene Hughes

Honorary Deaconesses

Mary Dugan
 Erma Short
 Lillian Schmidt

Trustees

Roy Book
 Pam Guyot
 Roger Hughes
 Brian Crawford
 John Ingram
 Bill Holland

Flower Committee

Sharon Dinger
 Nylene Hughes
 Ina Waggoner

Christian Education Board

At Large
 At Large
 SS Superintendent
 Asst. SS Superintendent
 SS Treasurer
 Sunday School Secretary
 Bus Recruitment Chair

Brandy Trussell
 Heidi Feist
 Jackie Godfrey
 Leslie Guyot
 Mary Beth Dedman
 Heidi Feist
 Karen Stathers

Finance Committee

Church Secretary
 Church Clerk
 Financial Secretary
 Sunday School Treasurer
 Building Fund Treasurer
 Trustee Chair
 Deacon Representative
 Moderator

Sharon Dinger
 Linda Watson
 Pam Guyot
 Mary Beth Dedman
 Ben Guyot
 To be appointed
 To be appointed
 Ben Guyot

Entertainment Committee

Patti Patient
 Betty Mode
 Sharon Dinger
 Wanda Wiseley
 Shirley Rogers
 Susan Matusas

Music Committee

Marilyn Book
 Patti Patient
 Nancy Vail
 Linda Watson

Service Committee

Marilyn Book
 Roy Book
 Nancy Miller
 B. J. Miller
 Ruth Miller
 Lucy Fultz
 Clint Fultz
 Shirley Rogers
 Nylene Hughes

Nursery Committee

Ruth Miller
 Ella Norris
 Karen Stathers
 Library Committee
 Judy Featheringill
 Bev Robison
 Shirley Rogers

Ushers

Roy & Marilyn Book
 Crawford Family
 Riley Family
 Frank & Mary Ellison
 Paul & Judy Feist
 Nylene Hughes & Family
 B. J. & Nancy Miller
 Marvin & Betty Mode
 Dean & Bev Robison
 Wanda & Ryan Wiseley
 Barry & Judy Featheringill
 Dean & Kathy Mitchell

Financial Review

Roger Hughes
 Jim Stathers

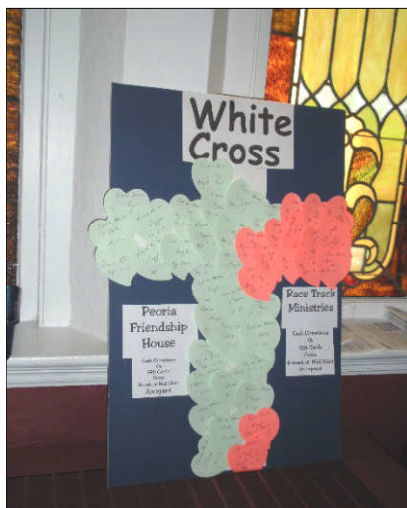
Nominating Committee for 2010

Don Rogers
 Roger Hughes
 Paul Feist
 Betty Coventry
 Sharon Dinger

Ann Judson Officers

President Carroll Sebens
 Secretary Wanda Wiseley
 Treasurer & Love Gift Coordinator Joyce Hower
 Personal Development Ministries Fern Patient
 Missions Coordinator..... Marilyn Book
 White Cross Coordinator Jackie Godfrey

Ann Judson Society meets the first Monday of each month.
 Monthly meetings are announced in church bulletin.



(Left)
 White Cross hearts for
 Friendship House
 donations.



(Right)
 Collection for van for
 Alaskan Missionary
 work.

Remembering Our Members Who Are Now With The Lord
 David Spellman, Duane Bragg, Edna Matheson, Betty Dedman (2008)
 2009
 Donna Holland

Please remember the following with your prayers, visits, cards, and phone calls:

COLLEGE STUDENTS

Kyle Ingram, Corey Ingram, Brandy Trussell, Leslie Patient, Holly Matusas

HOME BOUND

Wilma Fishel, Mary Dugan, Dorothy Feezel, Lillian Schmidt

NURSING HOME

Bernice Franklin, Ola Grubbs

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Harrison Austin, Stephanie Austin, Nick Booker, John Booker, Courtney Booker, Jake Hughes,
 Brandon Davis, Josh Collins, Hywel Foley, and Mike Sims

First Baptist Church Tape Ministry Contact Don or Shirley Rogers

A complete tape of our Sunday Service is available. The tape is a cassette tape. A tape recorder will be provided.

A DVD of the Sunday Service will be available. Please notify Don Rogers one week in advance if you are interested in a DVD. The DVD will play on most DVD recorders and computers.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Beth Dedman	12-04	Ryan Wiseley	12-23	Bob & Fern Patient	12-16
Betty Coventry	12-09	Ruth Miller	12-26	Dick & Linda Watson	12-19
Marvin Mode	12-09	Roger Hughes	12-26	Frank & Mary Ellison	12-30
Brian Crawford	12-13	Susan Matusas	12-31		
Cindi Klukis	12-21				

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

Michael Butler	1-2	B. J. & Nancy Miller	1-14
Kevin Brownlee	1-23		
Jeanne Anne Dugan	1-27		
Dean Robison	1-29		

Updated: August 2008 Please contact Karen Stathers if we have missed anyone.

Blessings and Thank-You Notes to First Baptist Family

Everyone Who Said "Yes!"

Thank you for saying "yes" when asked by the Nominating Committee.

Social Time Before Service

Vision Team appreciates everyone that volunteers for the refreshments.

Nominating Committee

Thank you for your work.

Sunday School Teachers

Youth Group Leaders

We love you!

PRAYER CHAIN FOR FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

If you have a prayer request please call the parsonage first **(217) 728-2761**.

If there is no answer, please call the next person and keep trying down the list until you reach someone. Please contact Karen Stathers for online prayer concerns.

DAY TIME PRAYER CHAIN

- Gene Godfrey 728-2761
- Shirley Rogers 728-7792
- Fern Patient 728-8803
- Wilma Fishel 728-8145
- Lucy Fultz 728-4477
- Pam Guyot 728-7734
- Marilyn Book 728-3134
- Lillian Schmidt 728-4548
- Mary Dugan 728-4548
- Carroll Sebens 728-8037

NIGHT TIME PRAYER CHAIN

- Jackie Godfrey 728-2761
- Karen Stathers 728-8896
- Judy Feist 728-4997
- Wanda Wiseley 294-0006
- Brandy Trussell 521-4696
- Nylene Hughes 728-7645



MISSION OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF

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WORSHIP SERVICES
SUNDAY SCHOOL-Sunday 9:00 A.M.
CHURCH SERVICE-Sunday 10:00 A.M.
BIBLE STUDY-Wednesday 6:30 P.M.
YOUTH GROUPS – Wednesday 6:00 P.M.

WELCOME!
Church Van is Available for Rides!

CHURCH MISSION

The mission of First Baptist church, Sullivan, Illinois is to increasingly know God as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and to continually make Him known through worship, witness, nurture and ministry.

YOUTH MINISTRY MISSION

The purpose of the First Baptist Youth Ministry is to invite young people into God's presence, minister to the young people's needs, stretch young people's faith while providing support from the church body and to worship God in all that we do.

**Pastor Gene Godfrey
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