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**FBC 155TH
ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION
AND PICNIC**

The 155th anniversary of First Baptist Church is on the horizon.

DON'T MISS THIS FANTASTIC COMMUNITY CELEBRATION.

September 20th

The Magnification Team will be bringing you a special worship service complete with great music and special guests. Bring your highest expectations for a great time of worship and blessing.

There will be no children's church time/Sunday School or ABFs following the morning service. **It's picnic time!** Nursery and Beginner Department will be in operation.

Plan to enjoy the fellowship of your siblings in God's Family at the pot-luck picnic following the service. Bring you favorite dish to serve 8 or more.

Wanted

More Greeters are needed to make our guests and church family feel welcome. If you love Jesus, can smile, open a door, shake hands, say hello, and be helpful, you qualify. To join this group of happy servers, call IlaJean at 897-6609.

GOD HAD A PLAN

By Lydia Funk (early teens)

*We started happy go lucky
Not knowing what God had in store
We thought, oh this will be easy finish in a month
And have time to build the plane no more.*

*But God had a plan through it all
He knew that sometimes we would stall
He knew what was best took care of the rest
And left us to grow through our falls.*

*The next few weeks in the garage
Barney and Dad would work
I had my school, Mom had her flowers
Days were good in all those hours.*

*But God had a plan through it all
He knew that sometimes we would stall
He knew what was best, took care of the rest
And left us to grow through our falls.*

*After a few weeks more went by
We got pretty anxious to fly
Now it wasn't all so much fun
All we wanted to do, was 'be done'*

*....But how could we do that
When we weren't half-way done yet?*

*But God had a plan through it all
He knew that sometimes we would fall
He knew what was best, took care of the rest
And left us to grow through it all.*

*Me and Barney wanted to go home
Josh felt really alone
There was nothing we could do
But trust God, and let Him guide us through*

*But God had a plan through it all
He knew that sometimes we would stall
He knew what was best, took care of the rest
And left us to grow through our falls.*

*We worked in the hanger
And had laughs and cries through all our labor
Having the devotions on the way
And learning something new each day.*

*...We tried not to give up
but always to look up*

*But God had a plan through it all
He knew that sometimes we would stall
He knew what was best, took care of the rest
And left us to grow through our falls.*

*In the end we had to go home
No plane this year would be flown
God had took us through
But our hearts were cracked and our oil cooler, too*

*But God had a plan through it all
He knew that sometimes we would stall
He knew what was best, took care of the rest
And left us to grow through our falls.*

*Sometimes we don't know what God is doing...
But all our loss, we could toss IF
We would just think of the cross...*

SCRAMBLED COMMUNITY ANSWER SHEET

Below are the unscrambled words and phrases about the One-Anothers of the Bible from last month's newsletter with their references.

1. be at peace with	Mark 9:50
2. wash feet	John 13:14
3. love	John 13:34
4. be devoted to	Romans 12:10
5. honor above yourself	Romans 12:10
6. live in harmony with	Romans 12:16
7. stop passing judgment on	Romans 14:13
8. greet with a holy kiss	II Corinthians 13:12
9. agree with	I Corinthians 1:10
10. serve	Galatians 5:13
11. carry burdens	Galatians 6:2
12. be kind and compassionate to	Ephesians 4:32
13. forgive	Ephesians 4:32
14. speak to with psalms, hymns	Ephesians 5:19
15. submit to	Ephesians 5:21
16. teach and admonish	Colossians 3:16
17. encourage and build up daily	I Thessalonians 5:11 Hebrews 3:13
18. spur on toward love and good works	Hebrews 10:24
19. offer hospitality	I Peter 4:9
20. clothe yourselves with humility toward	I Peter 5:5
21. have fellowship with	1John 1:7

Alpha Women's Center of Lowell 3rd Annual Friendship Banquet

The mission of Alpha Women's Center is to affirm and promote the sanctity of human life, the value of the family, and Biblical sexuality in our community.

You can support this urgently needed work at a time when the value of human life is under governmental attack.

Make your mark for LIFE by attending the Center's fundraising banquet here at FBC on October 29, 2009. Hear guest speaker, Catherine Behrendt, an adoptive mom, tell her personal story. Come prepared to make a financial contribution to this life saving ministry. Invite friends, family, co-workers ... anyone who shares you passion for the sanctity of life.

Please call the Center at 987-9533 if you are interested in underwriting the banquet or sponsoring a table. Information on time, etc. is forthcoming.

The River

Child's play on the reservation

My bike bounced and jerked as I sped down the wooded path to the river. I was going faster and faster and the green leaves passed by me like green streamers at a birthday party. I could hear the splashing of water, the screaming and laughter of my friends who were already there. The wind blowing through the maple trees and with the sway of the branches I could feel their freedom pass on to me. There it was; the old fallen tree that hung over the river. Its rough white bark held on to our towels keeping them in place as they waved in the summer breeze.

The water drifted lazily by the bank. I slid down into the icy cold springs that blocked the entrance to the water. The spring water made my body shiver but it was the perfect way to go from the hot summer air into the cold river water. When I entered the river it felt impossibly warm. The clear water washed over me and reflected the smooth stones below and I could see tiny minnows darting between them. Standing still I felt something brush against my foot, jumping and splashing I realized it was a fish who had decided to swim with me.

Just a short way upriver there were rapids, water crashing against rock after rock fighting its way downstream, but when it got here it was quiet and calm. Ripples appeared along the water's edge beneath the thick underbrush as fish were coming to the top catching flies for their daily food. They paid no attention to me and my friends as we swam and splashed and laughed with delight.

There was a haunting part of the river, it was flat and smooth but cattails and great, tall plants protruded through the surface, slimy growth underneath assured me this was not a good place to be. It attracted huge cranes and other fowl with strange voices that claimed it as their home.

A green and damp odor filled the air near the old water-soaked tree that had fallen over the river many, many years ago. It was this tree that became the diving board for the drop-off. Gritty sand mingled with river rocks would just disappear from under my feet. Only the bravest and best swimmers dared to go that far down river.

It was not a quiet place. Crows flew continuously above, cawing their way through the day. Fish would jump, and turtles warming themselves in the sun would eventually plop back into the water. Leaves rustled, water gurgled along, and then in the distance was the faint sound of a voice and amidst all the sounds of the river I knew it was my mom calling and I had to leave this enchanting place.

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FBC JARGON COUNTER—FALL 2009 UPDATE

Coming to a new church means learning a lot of new things. Do we sing the Amen at the end of a hymn? Is it OK to clap when the choir's done? Can I throw more than 10% into the offering plate? Some churches seem to have a language that's all their own. Can you mash moguls with a Barnabas Board? What's all this about TNT, Ignite, and Explode? Sounds dangerous!

Fear Not. The Membership Team is building a dictionary of terms that are commonly used here at First Baptist. We want our visitors and new members to get right into the swing of things, and our old members to not be embarrassed if a new term has slipped into the church jargon unbeknownst. If you have a term you'd like to have included in our little lexicon, please write it and its definition down and place it in Terry & Carolyn Cavanaugh's mail slot, or email it to Terry7735@gmail.com.

FBC—First Baptist Church

ABF—Adult Bible Fellowship. This is a fairly new concept at First Baptist. The object of ABF is to expand on the traditional Sunday School program for adults to create fellowship among class members. Each ABF has its own name/acronym:

Beach Boys (Men's Class)—in the Fellowship House

Faithful Friends—in the main auditorium

FBC (Fellowship Bible Class)—in the lower level fellowship room

FBI (Faithful Bible Investigators)—in the upper level fellowship room by the nursery

Kaleo (Young Marrieds and Singles who are past college age)—in lower level room 14

LBF (Ladies' Bible Fellowship)—in the lower level room 12

New Directions (College/Career-young 20's)—in the lower level Primary/Junior Dept. room 8

Sunday Early (8:30am)—in the lower level room 12

Awana—The children's ministry program held at the church during the school year on Wednesday nights at 6:15. There are three major divisions in Awana: *Cubbies*, for 3-5 year olds; *Sparks*, for those in kindergarten through second grade; and *TNT*, or Truth 'n' Training, for those in grades 3-6. (Occasionally used as an acronym: AWANA - for Approved Workers Are Not Ashamed, from 2 Timothy 2:15)

Barnabas Board—A bulletin board located outside the auditorium in the foyer. A disciple named Barnabas was known as "the son of encouragement." FBC supplies note stationery and stamped envelopes so anyone can write a note of encouragement to a person who is going through a difficult time, a college student far from home, a member of the Armed Forces, or just because.

EKG—This is FBC's invitational outreach to the City of Lowell and surrounding townships. It stands for Empowering Kingdom Growth.

eXcite—The name of the combined youth program for grades 6-12.

Explode—The youth ministry for senior high schoolers.

The Factory—Used sometimes as the meeting place of the Explode program. It is in the old Newell Manufacturing building, now the home of Pur-Forms, in downtown Lowell.

Fellowship House—The house located just east of FBC, which is also the home of the Alpha Women's Center, the Explode Sunday School class, Beach Boys Men's ABF, and our apartment for missionaries.

Global Hearts—A ministry for people interested in praying for missions.

F.R.O.M.—Flat River Outreach Ministries, a cooperative effort by local churches offering a wide range of benevolent services.

Ignite—The youth ministry for junior high/middle schoolers.

Mail box—The two alphabetized mail slot towers at the north end of the foyer. They are used for everything from Christmas & birthday cards to/from each other, ABF activity notes, to the Community FBC newsletters. These are for regular attendees-member and non-member. If your name is not there, please let the church office know.

The Master's Transit—The white semi-retired school bus with the Awana primary colored stripes down the side that is the flagship of FBC's Bus Ministry. Our new 2008 11 passenger Chevy van is also in the church's fleet. (Your Editor wanted to call the second vehicle "The Holy Roller," but no one else like it. Go figure.)

(FBC Jargon Counter, continued)

M.O.R.E.—The Ministry, Outreach, and Evangelism Team, organizing bridge-building, outreach events, community welcome packets to area new move-ins, and follow-up ministry.

O.C.C.—Operation Christmas Child; under the Folsoms' direction, we participate with Christmas gift shoeboxes through the Samaritan's Purse ministry.

One In Heart—Along with the Barnabas Board beside the foyer Welcome Booth, people can place notes stating what they have that they would like to give away, or what they need that someone else may be able to give to them.

PD—Rev. David O. Sims, FBC's Lead Pastor, known around here as Pastor Dave.

P.I.C. Jesus (Puppeteers In Christ Jesus)—is FBC's puppet ministry. It is run by an enthusiastic group of senior high youth and led by Betty Deans.

Prime Time—A program for the church's senior saints. "Senior saints" can be anyone over the age of '16,' however, most of the Prime Timers seem to drive much, much more carefully than do 16-year-olds.

PT—Rev. W. Lee Taylor, FBC's Pastor of Ministries, also known as Pastor Taylor.

S.B.T. (Standard Baptist Time)—stands for 7:00pm, when meetings always start!

Quizzing Out—Quiz teams are asked to answer a series of twenty questions. A team member "quizzes out" when he has correctly answered five questions.

COMMUNITY TEAM TALK

Membership Team—The team responsible for organizing and staffing church community social events. Terry Cavanaugh team leader.

Magnification Team (a.k.a. the Worship Team)—The team responsible for planning, staffing, and leading our worship services. Dolly Johnson team leader.

Maturity Team—The team responsible for staffing and overseeing the teaching ministries of our church (Sunday School, Children's Ministries, ABFs, Awana, Youth, etc.) Nancy VanLaan team leader.

Ministry Outreach & Evangelism (M.O.R.E). Team—The team responsible for organizing and overseeing outreach activities of the church. Jim Moore team leader.

Mission Team—This team is responsible for oversight of the church's missionaries and missions outreach. Michael Pasquale team leader.

Mercy Team—This team provides physical assistance and encouragement to people in need. Donna Tyler team leader.

Building/Facilities Team—The team that is responsible for building and grounds maintenance and planning. Phil Ritchie team leader.

Tech Team—The team that manages the audio/visual and computer network services for the church. Ben Gerard team leader.

Angel Food Team—The team that handles the monthly ordering and distribution of food from Angel Food Ministries. Earl Pomeroy team leader.

Website Wonders

Have you seen the fabulous new FBC website? Check it out at
www.fbclowell.org

It will knock your socks off. You can send people there and be proud.

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FBC Mission Statement

We endeavor to...

Magnify

The Lord, by bringing people to Jesus Christ and

Membership

In His Family, seeking to develop them to Christ-like

Maturity,

Equipping them for their

Ministry

In the Church.... And their life

Mission

In the world.

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

Name	Happy Birthday to...	Happy Anniversary to...
Joe & Cheryl Runstrom		9/02
George Watson	9/02	
Stephen & Tricia Yonker		9/02
Rich Vorase	9/04	
Earl & Doris VanLaan		9/06
Shannon Mayo (M.K.)	9/07	
Joe Runstrom	9/07	
John & Marilyn VandenAkker (Missionary)		9/07
Bob & Bette Pycraft (Missionary)		9/08
Dave & Betty Deans		9/09
Ed Smith	9/10	
Dave Mersman	9/11	
Kimberly Onan	9/11	
Kim Farmer	9/12	
Kathy McComb	9/13	
Gloria Ossewaarde	9/13	
Ed Schwenke	9/13	
Neil & Kathy Stiver		9/13
Becky VanLaan	9/13	
Xavier Yonker	9/13	
Loren & Fannie Blocher		9/16
Ben Visser (M.K.)	9/16	
Jim & Sue White		9/16
Roger & Ellen Moore		9/17
Bob Berrington	9/18	
Jim Moore	9/20	
Mark VanderHeide	9/20	
Dawn Silva	9/22	
Janel Berrington	9/23	
Steve VanLaan	9/23	
Natasha Eickhoff	9/24	
Bob Oberlin	9/24	
Dale Sprague	9/25	
Kennedy Mitchell	9/27	
Elaine Smith	9/28	
David & Nella Steenwyk		9/28
Patty Copeland	9/29	

*I have set the Lord always before me.
Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.
Psalm 16:8*