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Regardless of darkness and deception in the Washington political arena, the prayers, and compassionate actions of God's people are challenging the hideous monster that is abortion, and winning. The front line battle for the soul of America and the lives of our most vulnerable citizens – helpless unborn children, is being won. Minds are changing, hearts are being touched, lives are being saved, and eternal souls are being impacted.

The number of induced abortions reported in Michigan in 2009 decreased 13.9 percent from 2008. Since 1987 (the year with the largest number of induced abortions) there has been a 54.4 percent decrease in the number of Michigan abortions.

In 2009, 52.2 percent of women who received abortions in Michigan were under 25 years of age, and 18.8 percent were less than 20 years old. These are much smaller proportions than the 64.6 and 30.6 percent observed, respectively, in 1985.

These are very important statistics. They reflect opinion polls that have reported that more than 50% of Americans now claim to be pro-life,

and that the largest shift in this trend has been among young people.

35 abortion workers have quit their jobs at abortion mills across the nation where the *40 Days for Life* organization has held prayer vigils over the past four years. One of those is Abby Johnson, a former Planned Parenthood director who experienced a profound conversion, left the abortion industry, and has become a dynamic champion in the fight to end abortion in America.

Scores of babies have been saved during these prayer vigils as well. Women with baby killing appointments at the "clinics" saw people praying, changed their minds, and received kind and compassionate help to choose life. They were directed to centers like Alpha Women's Center of Lowell where they could receive emotional, spiritual, and physical help in carrying the pregnancy to birth and beyond.

Several Planned Parenthood abortion mills across the nation have closed their doors.

The clay legs of the abortion mon-

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News From the Maturity Team

We have a few new people helping with the nursery coordination. Karol Burnham remains as the lead person, making sure a schedule is put together that meets the needs of all our church services. New to her team are Tiffany Blanchard and Lorri Gabrion. Gail Blanchard has taken the summer off, but will return in the fall. These workers make sure the nursery is staffed, cleaned, laundry is done each week, snacks are ready, toys are clean, and that the nursery is kept in good order for the youngest members of our church. Thanks for your ministry!

IlaJean Pomeroy has taken on a leadership role with the Prime Time ministry. She will coordinate monthly programs, ministry opportunities, and various activities associated with the senior members of our congregation and community. Pray with her that her ideas and activities will be an encouragement to those who attend.

Transformed

Most people know the Wesley brothers transformed some barroom melodies into beautiful hymns. Another unusual twist to their transformations is the unique desk that John Wesley used to accomplish such tasks. The desk in his study, which is on display at his old home in London, once belonged to a bookie. The desk was originally designed for taking bets, but it was transformed into a place of holy words. The same wood that handled the bets of men was used to pen some of the greatest sermons about God's wager against sin. What is true of Wesley's desk can be true of anyone who allows the Carpenter of Nazareth to refinish their life

Candy Jar Contest Winners

Winners of the candy jar guessing games at the patriotic picnic were:

Children's jar: Dustin Kosbar who guessed 120; actual was 120!

Adult jar: Lynn Mitchell who guessed 189; actual was 188.

Congratulations to you both!

I Wish You Enough

Recently I overheard a Father and daughter in their last moments together at the airport. They had announced the departure of her plane.

Standing near the security gate, they hugged and the Father said, "I love you, and I wish you enough."

The daughter replied, "Dad, our life together has been more than enough. Your love is all I ever needed. I wish you enough, too, Dad."

They kissed and the daughter left. The Father walked over to the window where I was seated. Standing there I could see he wanted and needed to cry. I tried not to intrude on his privacy, but he welcomed me in by asking, "Did you ever say good-bye to someone knowing it would be forever?"

"Yes, I have," I replied. "Forgive me for asking, but why is this a forever good-bye?"

"I am old, and she lives so far away. I have challenges ahead and the reality is - the next trip back will be for my funeral," he said.

"When you were saying good-bye, I heard you say, 'I wish you enough.' May I ask what that means?"

He began to smile. "That's a wish that has been handed down from other generations. My parents used to say it to everyone..." He paused a moment and looked up as if trying to remember it in detail, and he smiled even more. "When we said, 'I wish you enough,' we were wanting the other person to have a life filled with just enough good things to sustain them." Then turning toward me, he shared the following as if he were reciting it from memory:

"I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright no matter how gray the day may appear.

I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun even more.

I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive and everlasting.

I wish you enough pain so that even the smallest of joys in life may appear bigger.

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I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.

I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.

I wish you enough hellos to get you through the final good-bye.”

He then began to cry and walked away.

They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them; but then an entire life to forget them.

TAKE TIME TO LIVE....

I WISH YOU ENOUGH.

- Author unknown

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ster are crumbling and it is sinking into the quicksand of its own lies.

All of this is happening because:

- God's people prayed
- God's people got involved
- God's people said “enough”
- God's people made a difference
- YOU were God's people

Pray and pray and work and work to end this dark blight on our nation.

You could put legs of gold on your prayers by volunteering at Alpha Women’s Center of Lowell or getting involved in the Fall campaign of 40 Days for Life, in Grand Rapids, September 22 to October 31.

All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing. – Edmond Burke

By Earl Pomeroy
Chairman of the Board of Alpha Women’s Center of Lowell

PRIME TIME

There is a special group of people within the body of our church called Prime Timers. At least that is what I call them because we have worked hard to reach the time in our lives that is really **PRIME**.

Because we are in our Prime, oh what fun and fellowship and yes, food we can have together. This coming fall is no exception, programs are lining up, people are in the process of being contacted, trips are being planned, testimonies being prepared and yes, the comedian is at hand ready to do his thing. So with that in mind, think about your friends that you might like to invite to join us in the fun, food, and fellowship of the Prime Timers for the 2010-2011 season.

Your coordinator,
IlaJean

One In Heart

Don't forget to check the **One In Heart** board in the foyer regularly. In the last month there have been offers of free **books, Christian and secular CDs, videos, computer ink, sterling silver cross necklaces, sterling silver rings, restaurant coupons and more!** If you are cleaning house, be sure to remember that you can post items for others to have. The only restriction is that they be free to the recipient. Thanks for being good stewards of what God provides.

FBC Family Challenge....Getting to Know You.

Who *are* these people? Any ideas yet?

Are you getting to know your church family better?

Final Clues: #3

Caring is contagious!



1. I love sharing God's Word with children and leading them to Christ.
2. I play guitar.
3. Use multi-million dollar government satellites to find Tupperware hidden in the woods.
4. I never touched a banjo before I was 50.
5. I tried out for the Showboat when I was 12. P.S. I quit guitar when I was 13.
6. I've been baptized four times.
7. A missionary
8. I like the Victorian Times period and volunteer at our local museum.
9. Born in Abilene, TX on Dyess AFB (Air Force Base)
10. Sang with the Sweet Adelines.
11. I was raised in Sparta and went to Sparta Baptist church from 6 weeks until the age of 18 when I swore I would NEVER step into another Baptist church.
12. I am the smallest member of the choir.
13. I have eaten food that was featured on "Fear Factor."
14. Married 13 years; 72 years old.
15. I am a NASCAR fan.
16. I have been an O.K. (ordinary kid), M.K. and a P.K.: also spent a summer in British Columbia on two Indian reservations working with children and a summer working with missionaries in Italy.
17. I am a BIG fan of a college football team!
18. Played guitar in a school talent show and received a standing ovation.
19. If we are friends, it is a good friendship!
20. The first fish I ever caught was a 13" white crappie.
21. Raised on the Old Mission Peninsula-Traverse City.
22. I am centered at the cross thanks to my Swedish grandfather.
23. I have children living in Dallas TX, upstate NY and Vermont.
24. In my teens, I was in a car accident and had a skull fracture. I saw double.
25. I've spent a lot of time with my favorite "little people." They don't say anything even if I have a stick in my hand.
26. The principal called me Sparty.



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- 27. I love to iron and am handy with my hands.
- 28. I have been in the cave on the island of Patmos where John wrote the book of Revelation. I have also been to Ephesus in Turkey and the home of Mary.
- 29. I am a second generation member of FBC, but I was the first to become a member. I am the only one of my family left here (except my spouse).
- 30. I still have creative writing assignments I wrote in high school. I also have the drawings for the house I designed in architectural drafting class.
- 31. Played the violin in high school and college.
- 32. I lived in 4 states in my lifetime.
- 33. I played on an All-Star team in softball when I was 30.
- 34. I went to Pensacola Christian College and have 4 children ages 1-15. One of my children had a miraculous healing.
- 35. I am the grandmother of six.
- 36. I used to drive my motorcycle to school for cheerleading practice, and I wore zebra fur bellbottoms when I played in a 60s rock band.
- 37. I have been working for the same place of employment for 37 years since college.
- 38. I have a certificate of completion from an anger management course.
- 39. In my spare time, I love to play video games involving Mario or destroying aliens.
- 40. My family comes from four continents.
- 41. Received a ticket for driving with an entire basketball team in my Dodge Rambler.

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Watch for the poster that will appear on the foyer sometime soon with the correct answers.

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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.

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

Name	Happy Birthday to..	Happy Anniversary to..
Daniel Gerard	8/01	
Bob & Kathy McComb		8/03
Todd & Heather Mikelson (Missionaries)		8/03
Brent & Andrea Bradley		8/05
Andrew Johnson	8/05	
Reece Fox	8/07	
Matt Gregory	8/08	
Joyce Oberlin	8/08	
Melanie Thomas	8/09	
Donna Tyler	8/09	
Tricia Yonker	8/09	
Zachariah Yonker	8/09	
Pastor Phil & Sandy Severn		8/10
Victoria Fleenor	8/11	
Steve & Brenda Nauta		8/11
Amanda Crain	8/12	
Sam Long	8/13	
Marilyn VandenAkker (M.)	8/13	
Bob & Janel Berrington III		8/14
Ann VanderMeulen	8/14	
Robert & Linda Walbridge		8/14
Mary Cooper	8/15	
Aaron Tenney	8/15	
Bob & Patty Copeland		8/16
Michael Pasquale	8/16	
Dale & Juanita Sprague		8/16
Roger Thomas	8/16	
Rich & Karyn Visser (Missionary)		8/16
Lynn Green	8/17	
Ernie & Gail Blanchard		8/19
Jordan Blanchard	8/19	
Carolyn Cavanaugh	8/19	
Steve Mayo (Missionary)	8/20	
Dawn Milley	8/21	
Tiffany Blanchard	8/22	
Phil Ritchie	8/22	
Herb & Cheryl Haines		8/23
Laura Roberts	8/25	
Chris Self (Missionary)	8/25	
Karol Burnham	8/26	
Stephen Yonker	8/26	
Don & Donna Gerard		8/27
Mark & Judy Rosenberger		8/27
Ben & Angie Ingram		8/28
Doris VanLaan	8/28	
Maxine Margesson	8/29	
Eileen Beach	8/30	
Sue Mayo (Missionary)	8/30	
Mary Intrain	8/31	

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