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# THE HERALD

THE NEWSLETTER OF CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH

**Bringing People In! Lifting People Up! Sending People Out!**

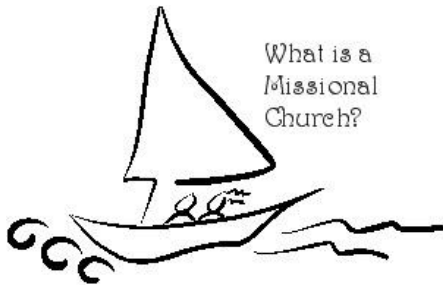
## ESTABLISHED OR STUCK?

Evangelist and Bible teacher, D.L. Moody, once told a story about a man who was asked by his ten-year-old son, "Daddy, why don't you ever go to church with us?" The father replied, "I don't need to go to church, son. My faith is established." Later that day the man drove his horse out of the barn and hitched them to the buggy. As he and his son drove out of the yard, the horses became stuck in the mud. The man tried in vain to free them, but was unsuccessful. Then, he heard his son say: "I don't think they're going anywhere, Daddy. I believe they're established."



*D.L. Moody*

Historic churches, like Central Baptist Church, can become stuck for many reasons: (1) A change in leadership or a lack of inspiring leaders to guide the congregation, (2) Internal conflicts drain the emotional and spiritual energy for ministry and mission, (3) No compelling vision to unite the fellowship with God's work in the world, (4) Members rebel against God by refusing to accept the people the Spirit is bringing into the Church (5) Replacing prayer and discernment with marketing schemes and quick-fix programs, (6) Nostalgia for programs and people which *worked* in the past but causes a disconnection between the modern church and its radically changing neighborhood, (7) Holding to an ideology instead of the Ideal One, Jesus Christ, (8) Moral decay and disobedience to the Word of God, (9) Failure to disciple people to become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ, (10) Dwindling resources and volunteers, etc.



What is a  
Missional  
Church?

The challenge to every generation and congregation is working with the Holy Spirit to discover ways to share the timeless truth of the Gospel with the ever changing generations. Today, many churches are addressing this challenge becoming *unstuck* by returning to the Biblical story of Acts to adopt a *missional model* of evangelism. The church in the first century was confronted with a radically changing world that did not know Jesus Christ or were hostile to the Gospel. Christians were forced to ask simple

questions like: How can I tell my neighbor about Jesus? Is lifestyle evangelism enough or must I use words? When should I talk about my faith in God with someone I know? Are there new ways we can bring new people into the Church? What is the essential content of the Bible verse cultural preferences? After 2000 years of history and 150 years of intense International Mission work, Baptists should be prepared to look at the different generations in North America and discover ways we can reach people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Each generation and emerging immigration group in North America brings their own unique challenges to *missional Christianity*. What generation of people is Central Baptist Church called to reach? What must we do to present the Gospel to the changing generations around us?

- 1. Elders (Civics, Builders, Encore Generation) were born before 1946.** The Key Life Event was the Great Depression and both World Wars. Elders tend to be WW I and WW II veterans; factory workers on the U.S. home-front. They have the attitudes, values and lifestyle of being frugal, patriotic and civil-minded; respect authority, leadership and discipline. Elders built and maintained many of the religious institutions we know as the Mainline or Established churches.
- 2. Baby Boomers (Love Generation, Me Generation) were born 1946-1964.** The Key Life Event was the John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King Jr. assassination, the Beatles' rise to fame. Many boomers grew up during the great social change of the 1960 and 1970s. They are associated with redefining traditional values, more individualistic and optimistic than parents. They believe they have a strong work ethic (sometimes to a fault). Many Boomers left the churches of their parents for Contemporary worship services and religious experiences.
- 3. Gen X (Busters, MTV Generation) was born 1965-1983.** The Key Life Event was the Challenger explosion, fall of the Berlin Wall, Gulf War, Oklahoma City bombing, Columbine shooting. This generation is significantly smaller in population and more ethnically diverse than previous generations. Many put off marriage and family for advanced educations and careers. They possess a high commitment to finding a balance in work and life. Gen X's are generally resistant to authority, seek spiritual experience outside of established religious institutions, and place a high value on friendship.
- 4. Millennial (Gen Y, Gen Next, Mosaics, Echo Boomers) were born 1984-2002.** The Key Life Event was the 9/11 Terrorist Attack, Economic Recession, Asian Tsunami, and Hurricane Katrina. In spite of experience catastrophes, this generation is generally confident. They are self-expressive (creating Facebook profiles and posting videos on YouTube). They're liberal and not religious, and wary of human nature and cautious, yet they are interested in traditional forms of Christian worship and spirituality compared to the Contemporary worship services of their parents and grandparents.

Central Baptist Church can reclaim its *missional* identity if we accept the truth: ***The church and culture has, is, and will change!*** The Good News is God is faithfully the same for "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever," (Hebrews 13:8). The Spirit of God is not stuck in the past! He is establishing the kingdom of God in our midst and in the future! How can we remain faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ while ministering to the changing neighborhood around us?

Your Mission Guide,  
Pastor Ivan



## NEWS IN THE PEWS

**7•7•7 CONCERT OF PRAYER** - For decades, *Concerts of Prayer* have served as a means of calling God's people to prayer together in intimacy and unity. What is a *Concert of Prayer*? A *Concert of Prayer* is a solid block of time spent with the Lord with others in seeking the Lord in prayer. In days gone by, a time and date was set when churches would gather in their appropriate places of worship and pray for the same thing at the same time, thus creating the idea of a "concert" of prayer. It is very much like the idea of the unified prayer and fasting of God's people in the book of Esther. **You are invited to pray at 7 O'clock (a.m. and p.m.) for 7 petitions, 7 days a week. The goal:** our entire church united in prayer for a Harvest.

1. Pray for Personal Cleansing and Preparation
2. Pray as Jesus Directed: For God to Send More Laborers into the Field – Matt. 9:35-38
3. Pray as Paul Directed the Churches: For The Laborers That "Are" - Colossians 4:2-6
4. Pray as Paul's Heart Directed: For the Lost that Burden Your Heart - Romans 10:1
5. Pray for the Laborers that are Present: Praying for One Another - Acts 13:1-4
6. Pray for our City, County, State and Nation
7. Prayer for Christians around the World

**AMERICAN BAPTIST MEN – SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST:** bring your brown bag breakfast and laughter to the Church Parlor on Saturday mornings at 8:00 a.m. for a time of fellowship, storytelling and fun. The men spend time each morning in prayer for celebrations and concerns. Men of all ages are welcome!

### AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S MINISTRY

– Women of all ages are invited to join one of these small groups for devotions, prayer, laughter, hands-on-



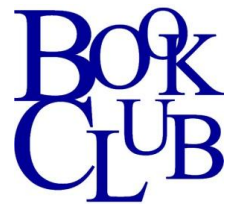
mission work, spiritual encouragement, and fun.

- **"JOY CIRCLE"** – The first meeting of the New Year will be Thursday, February 2 at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor. All are welcome to join. Please contact Nata Selves or Betty Thomas, Co-Chairs.
- **"SARAH CIRCLE"** – The first meeting of the New Year will be Thursday, February 9 at 6:30 p.m. at Donna Baird's home. Contact Peggy Cumby, President of Sarah Circle, for information.
- **"CIRCLE 31"** – All young women of the church are invited to join this small group. The first meeting of the New Year will be Friday, February 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor. Please see Cindy Brown for details.



**BRIDAL SHOWER** – You're invited to a **Bridal Shower for Lacey Little & Andrew Corrigan on February 26 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the Parlor.** They are registered at Kohl's, and Bed, Bath & Beyond. Lacey is the daughter of Bryan & Penny Little. Her grandparents are Frank & Joan Drummond. The shower is hosted by the Co-Builders Sunday School Class.

**CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB** – The Christian Book Club will not meet in February. The book for March is "Nearing Home," by Billy Graham. Graham teaches important lessons on how to view our time here on Earth. Books are available for purchases at the Mustard Seed Christian Book Store or online at [www.Amazon.com](http://www.Amazon.com). The date for March will be announced at a later time. For more information or to suggest an evening time to meet, contact Dr. Ken McNutt.



**CHUPPERS** – Register for CHUPPERS (our Wednesday night common meal) on-line at [www.cbcquincy.org](http://www.cbcquincy.org), on a Friendship Card, or call the Church Office before Wednesday, noon. Cost: Adults \$3.50; Child \$2.00; Family \$9.00. **FEBRUARY CHUPPERS MENU:**

- **FEB. 1 – PORK LOIN**, Potato, Veg., Salad & Dessert (Servers: Shirley Rhodes and Rita Schmidt)
- **FEB. 8 – MAIDRITES OR HOT DOGS**, Mac & Cheese, Salad & Dessert (Servers: Carol Howerter & helper)
- **FEB. 15 – BEEF STEW**, Biscuit, Salad & Dessert (Servers: Pauline Maubach and Fumiko Stuckey)
- **FEB. 22 – CHILI OR CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP**, Sandwich & Dessert (Servers: Glenn and Lareva Glessner)
- **FEB. 29 – CHICKEN STRIPS**, Veg., Salad & Dessert (Servers: Ramona Hochgraber & Marilyn Schrader)

**FREE COFFEE** – Fresh caffeinated coffee is served in the Heritage Room each Sunday morning by the Ministry of Family Life. Please join Pastor Ivan for an informal time of conversation after the service. See Chet Coonrod to volunteer to brew the coffee.



**MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER SERVICE** – Join the Adult Bible study on the **BOOK OF ISAIAH** each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. We will start singing at 6:15 p.m. All adults welcome. This Bible study is free and open-to-the-public.

**MINISTRY MONTHLY MEETINGS:** The Ministries of the Church hold their monthly meetings on:

- **CHILDREN** – on Thursday, February 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor.

- **CHURCH COUNCIL** – on Tuesday, February 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Heritage Room.
- **DIACONATE** – on Tuesday, February 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor.
- **MISSIONS** – on Monday, February 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor
- **TRUSTEES** – on Tuesday, February 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lounge.
- **YOUTH** – on Monday, February 6 at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Room.

All meetings are open to the public and guests are welcome. Financial reports are available in the Church Office.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** – The new box set offering envelope sets for 2012 have been received. You may pick them up in the Heritage Room. Persons wanting Jim Mealiff, Stewardship Secretary, to mail their box sets should contact him at 217-936-2668. Thank you for generously giving to God through Central Baptist.

**A NOTE FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** As we move into the New Year, now may be a good time to review how recent changes in the By-Laws have affected the “term of service” for the various church ministries you may have volunteered to be a part of.

1. The following two ministries have members that are elected for a term of three (3) years and MAY NOT serve for two (2) consecutive terms.
  - a. **Ministry Council** (*often referred to as the Church Council*), By-Laws Article V Section 1:
  - b. **Ministry of the Trustees**, By-Laws Article VI Section 2:
2. The following six ministries have members that are elected for a term of two (2) years and MAY serve and unlimited number of terms.

- a. **Ministry of the Diaconate**, By-Laws Article VI Section 1.
- b. **Ministry of Missions**, By-Laws Article VI Section 3.
- c. **Ministry of Fellowship and Family Life**, By-Laws Article VI Section 4.
- d. **Ministry of Children**, By-Laws Article VI Section 5.
- e. **Ministry of Youth**, By-Laws Article VI Section 6.
- f. **Ministry of Worship**, By-Laws Article VI Section 7.

So if you're a member of the Council and your three year term is up, you must take a year off from that ministry before serving again in that capacity. The same is true for the Trustees, after a three year term at least a year must be taken off between membership.

If you're a member of the other six ministries and your two year term is up, you may volunteer to continue for another two year term, and may do so indefinitely.

As chair of the Nominating Committee I would like to thank those faithful volunteers that have committed their time and resources to be active members of the congregation. For those reading this who are not actively involved in the ministries of the church..... "What's the deal? Why not? If you want to be great in God's Kingdom, learn to be a servant. Plus, being of service to others has immediate rewards that only those who have experienced it could understand. If you're looking for a place to serve, make a note on your attendance card, call the church office, or call me (*I'm in the church directory*) and the Nominating Committee will work at getting you plugged in to a ministry that fits your gifts and gives you rewards now and eternally.

Let's get involved in the Kingdom.

Franc Langenburg  
Chair of the Nominating Committee

## 2011 MISSION ALLOCATION

### INCOME –

General / Designated Giving	\$ 21,410.64
John Garver Memorial Fund	\$ 220.00
Verna Baltzer Memorial Fund	\$ 765.00
David Steckler Memorial Fund	\$ 475.00
B.F. Snow Foreign Mission	\$ 357.45
Hendricks Mission Fund Interest	\$ 0.03
Arthur C. Thompson Interest	<u>\$ 0.09</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$23,228.21

### EXPENDITURES / ALLOCATION

UNITED MISSION	\$ 1,068.04
LOVE GIFT (ABW)	\$ 151.73
REGIONAL OFFERING	\$ 500.00
AREA II PROGRAM BOARD	\$ 200.00

### LOCAL PARTNERS

Church Women United Blankets	\$ 785.00
Madonna House	\$ 566.86
Honor Flight	\$ 550.00
PET Project	\$ 200.00
Right To Life Penny Campaign	\$ 12.91
Gideons International	\$ 75.20

### NATIONAL PARTNERS

Alaska Baptist Children's Home	\$ 1,183.50
Bacone College, Muskogee	\$ 404.00
Judson University, Elgin, IL	\$ 220.00
Kodiak Baptist Mission	\$ 1,183.50
Lake Springfield Baptist Camp	\$ 207.63
Murrow Indian Children's Home	\$ 654.00
Northern Baptist Seminary	\$ 339.14

### INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

Bernhard, Wendy – Congo	\$ 503.00
Carrion, Deliris, Haiti	\$ 503.00
Dieselberg, Jeff & Annie Thailand	\$ 503.00
Longkumer, Katie and Taku	\$ 927.35
Mooney, Ruth, Costa Rica,	\$ 503.00
West, Charlies & Sarah, Africa	\$ 503.00
Hibbard, James & Terri, Alaska	\$ 100.00
Baits, Gary & Melinda, C. Rica	\$ 475.00
Baptist World Alliance	\$ 250.00

## DESIGNATED OFFERINGS

America For Christ Offering	\$ 1,062.00
Back To School Supplies	\$ 110.00
Chosen People Ministry	\$ 202.00
Crop Walk / CWS	\$ 1,256.00
Hygiene Kits / CWS	\$ 12.00
Easter Offering	\$ 953.00
Muscular Dystrophy	\$ 410.00
One Great Hour Of Sharing	\$ 1,858.28
Penny Project	\$ 241.06
Regional Mission Conference	\$ 120.00
Retired Ministers & Missionaries	\$ 609.50
Samaritans Purse	\$ 101.00
Souper Bowl Of Caring	\$ 158.86
World Mission Offering	\$ 3,565.66
<b>TOTAL MISSION ALLOCATION</b>	<b>\$ 23,228.21</b>

## QUESTIONS ABOUT HEAVEN AND ANSWERS ABOUT HELL

**SERMON SERIES STARTED JANUARY 22, 2012** – Pastor Ivan started a new six-week sermon series on Sunday, January 22, on the topic: **Questions about Heaven and Answers about Hell.** There is a plethora of contemporary books that describe people's experiences of entering heaven and hell. Rob Bell's new book, *Love Wins: Heaven, Hell, and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived*, proposes that hell does not exist and that all people will ultimately go the heaven. Is this true? Join Pastor Ivan as he seeks answers from the Bible about the ultimate questions of faith and our eternal destiny in **Questions about Heaven and Answers about Hell.**

**SALVATION ARMY FOOD ITEMS** – The Ministry of the Diaconate will collect Instant Pudding, Jell-O, and/or jars of Jelly, and other non-perishable food items for the month of February. Please leave items in the



grocery cart in the coat foyer. **The item count for January was 337. Thank you for your generosity!**

**YOUTH VALENTINE BANQUET** – The annual **Youth Valentine Banquet**, 'A Night in Paris,' will be on Saturday, February 11, 2012. Reservations will be taken on a first come first serve basis, January 29 and February 5, after first service in the Heritage Room. Or you may call Cindy Brown at 217-223-5175. The seating times are 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Please select *pork* or *chicken* when making your reservations. Thank you.



**YOUNG CHRISTIANS WEEKEND** – at Silver Dollar City is **March 30 – April 1** this year. Sign-ups are underway. Adult chaperones are needed. See Rev. Cedric Allen for further information.

## NEWS & Notes

I want to thank you, my church family, for all the calls, cards, and prayers of encouragement during my radiation treatment. The last test results were good, proving that prayers work. I am blessed to be part of this loving church.

Thank you again,  
Lem Williams

A Word of Thanks,

Thanks to God, Pastor Ivan, and the Central Baptist Church Family for prayers and support for this past year for our Youth and Volunteers.

The Christmas games were greatly appreciated by the Youth.

The support of the Soup Luncheon that help some of the Youth attend SKWIM 2012, January 13 – 16.

Peace and Blessings,  
Rev. Cedric Allen, Youth Minister

Dear Friends in Christ,

Each month The Salvation Army assists individuals and families in our community with food, medicine, clothing, furniture, transportation, rent, utilities and shelter. During the Christmas season we assist families with special Christmas Baskets and toys for their children. In addition to year round assistance, we strive to provide comfort and basic needs to people in crisis. We could never do these things alone. It is through the grace of God and the generosity and support of friends like you that we are able to continue providing quality programs and services to those less fortunate in our community.

Please know that your generous gift of food is most appreciated. We are blessed by your efforts on behalf of others. May God bless you for your thoughtfulness and generosity. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. All of us in the Family Services Department wish all of you a blessed New Year.

Sincerely,  
**Elizabeth Flynn, LCSW, CSAC II**  
**Regional Manager of Family Services**  
**The Salvation Army**

Dear Central Baptist Church,

On behalf of the entire board and staff of Horizons, I would like to thank you for your commitment to financially support God's mission and ministry here at Horizons. We are also extremely grateful for the many hours of service your volunteers have worked to help run our programs. It is so humbling to see this congregation offer back to God the gifts that God has given to them. We are able to nourish both the body and the soul of the poorest and

most disadvantaged individuals in our community because of your support.

2011 has been a year of testimony to God's faithfulness to His ministry here at Horizons. Please take a moment and reflect upon the following highlights from 2011:

- We served over 22,000 hot meals to 2,600 different individuals in need
- We gave food assistance to over 4,800 individuals in the food pantry
- We donated several thousand clothing items at no cost to individuals in need
- We employed 23 individuals in the Horizons Work program and helped 8 Work Program participants find long term employment
- Our volunteers dedicated over 9,000 hours of service to aid our programs
- We united 14 Quincy evangelical churches to serve the poor and needy in the name of Christ.

It would be impossible to forge ahead without the support of our partner churches. I'm certain God's vision for Horizons is far beyond what our finite minds can comprehend! It is a privilege to serve alongside Central Baptist Church in our quest to advance God's Kingdom here in Quincy. We look forward to a long and fruitful partnership!

In His Service,  
Sarah Stephens  
Executive Director

### **SALVATION ARMY THANK YOU LETTER –**

Dear Friends, Thank you for making Christmas brighter for area families in need through your bell ringing efforts. You kettle for the day raised \$424.64 during the 2011 kettle effort. Funds raised through the Christmas campaign will help The Salvation Army provide quality programs and services to those in need at Christmas and throughout the year. We appreciate you taking time out of your busy

schedules to help with this most worthwhile project. On behalf of all the individuals and families we serve, we thank you. May God richly bless you throughout the New Year!

Debbie McCluer, Volunteer Coordinator  
Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center



**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 2 – Erin Becker<br>187 Willey St.<br>Gilberts, IL<br>60136                     | 8 – David Greuter<br>2434 Chestnut St.<br>Madelyn Mast<br>8265 E. Southern Ave. SP #68<br>Mesa, AZ<br>85208 |
| Brandon Herron<br>637 ½ Jefferson St.<br>62301                                 | 9 – Noble Byerly<br>Good Samaritan Home Rm. 505<br>2130 Harrison St<br>62301                                |
| Nancy Jarnagin<br>Sunset Home “Haven” Rm 107<br>418 Washington St.<br>62301    | Ronald Lile<br>5644 W. State Route 68<br>Lynnville, IN<br>47619-8227  |
| Tammy Mast<br>1822 Maple St.<br>62301  | Elizabeth Schmuck<br>109 N. Keene St. Apt. 305<br>Columbia, MO<br>65201-6890                                |
| Alexis Tatum<br>2612 Chestnut St.<br>62301                                     | Twila Schultheis<br>617 S. 22 <sup>nd</sup> St.<br>62301  |
| Merritt Trantor<br>1701 Aspen Drive<br>62305                                   | 10 – Mary LaRocco<br>4404 Michael St.<br>62305  |
| 3 – Karregan Shelton<br>2086 N 1050 <sup>th</sup> Ave.<br>Liberty, IL<br>62347 | Harold Willis<br>518 Kimberly Drive<br>62305  |
| Catherine Wright<br>306 Barnaby Drive<br>Oswego, IL<br>60543                   | 11 – Mary Giles<br>2615 Woodale Court<br>62301  |
| 6 – Jacob Ackerman<br>1610 Heavens Peak<br>San Antonio, TX<br>78258            | Macy Greuter<br>2432 Chestnut<br>62301  |
| Chayse Ellefritz<br>834 N. 8 <sup>th</sup> St.<br>62301                        | Jarrett Blake<br>1417 Spring St.<br>62301   |
| 7 – William Lisenbee<br>4521 W. 13 <sup>th</sup> St.<br>Wichita, KS<br>67212   | 12 – Carra Bloomgren<br>728 N. 15 <sup>th</sup> St.<br>62301  |
| Margaret Mealiff<br>1540 N. 2400 <sup>th</sup> Ave.                            | 13 – Carol Howerter<br>2906 Ray-Mar Court<br>62305  |
|  | 16 – MacKenzie Bullard<br>834 N. 8 <sup>th</sup> St.<br>62301   |
|  | Brayden Koch<br>2516 S. 18 <sup>th</sup> St.<br>62301   |
|  | 17 – Hailey Livingood<br>615 N. 5 <sup>th</sup> St.<br>62301  |
|  | 18 – Trevon Beasley<br>614 Jackson St.<br>62301   |
|  | Joel Palmer<br>504 Madison<br>62301   |
|  | Jon Palmer<br>520 Edgewood Drive<br>62301   |
|  | Ronald Voyles, III<br>411 Oak St., Apt. 4<br>62301  |

- 19 – Barb Hutchens- Bugh  
2209 Rancho Blvd. 62305
- 20 – Christi May  
5019 Lake Ridge Drive 62305
- 21 – Gregory Chatten  
Beacon Point Lane  
Grover, MO 63040
- 22 – Catherine Miller  
2047 Maine St. 62301  
Geraldine Wood  
305 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. N.  
Greenwood, MO 64063-9683
- 23 – Kayla Fitzgerald  
3301 Clairbridge Dr.  
Bloomington, IL 61704
- 25 – Ashley Koch  
2516 S. 18<sup>th</sup> St. 62301
- 26 – Dorothy Rodriguez  
Good Samaritan Home  
2130 Harrison St. 62301  
Charlotte Smith  
2633 Elm St. 62301
- 28 – Bryan Little  
2422 Camelot Court 62305

### **FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 6 – Cedric & Cathy Allen  
1817 Maple St 62301
- 11 – Ken & Sandra McNutt  
2303 Palmyra Road  
Hannibal, MO 63401
- 14 – Ken & Shearie Harmon  
646 Maine St 62301  
Brandon & Michelle Pirotte  
1824 Spruce St 62301
- 18 – David & Patricia Sprague  
195 Foster  
Plainville, IL 62365
- 19 – Jim & Janet Hall  
Lakewood RV Resort  
4525 Graham Rd. #39  
Harlingen, TX 78552
- 24 – Ken & Jeanette Phillips  
612 S. 23<sup>rd</sup> St. 62301

## **ENGAGING DISCIPLESHIP**

*Open My Eyes, My Heart, My Hands* MARK 10:46-52

America for Christ Offering 2012


### **Engaging Discipleship and Hope**

This year's America for Christ (AFC) theme, "Engaging Discipleship: Open My Eyes, My Heart, My Hands," reminds us of the purpose of American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) in making a difference in the lives of individuals and communities. One mother, whose son, R.A., is in prison, found hope and support through the "Praying and Preparing for Their Return Home" program at First Hispanic Baptist Church of Lancaster, Pa. ABHMS' Prisoner Re-entry and Aftercare Ministry provides guidance to churches that would like to conduct the program. A church then invites its surrounding community to join with families of prisoners and the congregation in an evening of prayer for the incarcerated as well as a movie and snack.

First Hispanic Baptist Church of Lancaster found the program particularly eye-opening, as many families in its neighborhood have loved ones in prison. The congregation's hearts were also opened, since they were able to feel the pain of those families, including three of their own members. Likewise, their hands were opened, as they decided to provide care and hope. When you support the AFC Offering, you are doing mission across the street. R.A. and his mother now have a place that is a Station of Hope, where people are praying for them, encouraging them to continue to attend church while he is in prison, and supporting the rest of their family. "We didn't know we were going to get such response," says Raúl Morales, president of the church's board. "There is a lot of need, and we are glad we can provide a space for people to hear that there is hope in Christ."

For more information, visit [www.abhms.org](http://www.abhms.org) > Ministries & Programs > Justice Ministries > Prisoner Re-entry and Aftercare Ministry or contact the Rev. Fela Barrueto, national coordinator, at [fela.barrueto@abhms.org](mailto:fela.barrueto@abhms.org) or 1-800-222-3872, x2493.

## FEBRUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> TRADITIONAL WORSHIP <b>9:45 AM</b> SUNDAY SCHOOL <b>10:00 AM</b> RADIO MINISTRY WTAD AM 930 <b>11:00 AM</b> CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP <b>12:30 PM</b> Annual Meeting Carry-In Dinner, Fel. Hall	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>5:15 PM - 6:00 PM</b> Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal <b>6:00 PM</b> Praise Band Reh	<b>1</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> CHUPPERS <b>6:00 PM</b> BuGs Bible Club <b>6:00 PM</b> Youth <b>6:30 PM</b> Bible Study <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Reh	<b>2</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> "Joy" Circle Small Group – Parlor <b>6:30 PM</b> Ministry of Children, Parlor	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> AB Men's Breakfast - Parlor
<b>5</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> Traditional Comm. <b>9:45 AM</b> SUNDAY SCHOOL <b>10:00 AM</b> RADIO MINISTRY WTAD AM 930 <b>11:00 AM</b> Contemp. Comm	<b>6</b> <b>5:30 PM –</b> Ministry of Youth, Youth Room <b>6:00 PM</b> Ministry of Missions, Parlor	<b>7</b> <b>5:15 PM - 6:00 PM</b> Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal <b>6:00 PM</b> Praise Band Reh <b>7:00 PM</b> Ministry of Diaconate	<b>8</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> CHUPPERS <b>6:00 PM</b> BuGs Bible Club <b>6:00 PM</b> Youth <b>6:30 PM</b> Bible Study <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Reh	<b>9</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> Sarah Circle @Donna Baird	<b>10</b> <b>6:30 PM</b> "Circle 31", Small Group, Parlor	<b>11</b> <b>5:00 &amp; 6:30 P.M.</b> - YOUTH VALENTINE BANQUET <b>8:00 AM</b> AB Men's Breakfast - Parlor
<b>12</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> TRADITIONAL WORSHIP <b>9:45 AM</b> SUNDAY SCHOOL <b>10:00 AM</b> RADIO MINISTRY WTAD AM 930 <b>11:00 AM</b> CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP	<b>13</b>	 <b>14</b> <b>5:15 PM - 6:00 PM</b> Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal <b>6:00 PM</b> Praise Band Reh <b>7:00 PM –</b> Ministry of Trustees, Lounge	<b>15</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> CHUPPERS <b>6:00 PM</b> BuGs Bible Club <b>6:00 PM</b> Youth <b>6:30 PM</b> Bible Study <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Reh	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> AB Men's Breakfast - Parlor
<b>19</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> TRADITIONAL WORSHIP <b>9:45 AM</b> SUNDAY SCHOOL <b>10:00 AM</b> RADIO MINISTRY WTAD AM 930 <b>11:00 AM</b> CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP	<b>20</b> "HERALD" Articles due	<b>21</b> <b>5:15 PM - 6:00 PM</b> Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal <b>6:00 PM</b> Praise Band Reh <b>7:00 PM</b> COUNCIL MEETING- Heritage Rm	 <b>22</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> CHUPPERS <b>6:00 PM</b> BuGs Bible Club <b>6:00 PM</b> Youth <b>6:30 PM</b> Bible Study <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Reh	<b>23</b> "HERALD" Mailing	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> AB Men's Breakfast - Parlor
<b>26</b> <b>8:30 AM</b> TRADITIONAL WORSHIP <b>9:45 AM</b> SUNDAY SCHOOL <b>10:00 AM</b> RADIO MINISTRY WTAD AM 930 <b>11:00 AM</b> CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>5:15 PM - 6:00 PM</b> Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal <b>6:00 PM</b> Praise Band Reh	<b>29</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> CHUPPERS <b>6:00 PM</b> BuGs Bible Club <b>6:00 PM</b> Youth <b>6:30 PM</b> Bible Study <b>7:30 PM</b> Choir Reh	<b>1</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> "Joy" Circle Small Group - Parlor	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> AB Men's Breakfast - Parlor