

# CALENDAR

## Sunday, April 29, 2012

- 8:30—9:00 AM Mingle in Fellowship Hall
- 9:00—9:50 Sunday School
- 10:10 AM Worship Service/Easter Cantata
- 5:00 PM Adult Choir Practice
- 6:00 PM Evening Worship Service
- 6:00 PM Youth Meeting
- 6:00 PM Kid's Meeting (K—5th Grade)

## Wednesday, May 2, 2012

- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study (Revelation)
- 5:00 PM Praise Band Practice
- 6:00 PM Children's Ministry
- 6:00 PM Youth Group
- 6:30 PM Prayer Meeting

Week of: April 29, 2012	
Deacon of the Week	Dave Healy
Van	Jeff Cox
Greeters (Canopy)	Sharon & Cara Champion
Greeters (West)	Guy & Angie Williams
Prayer Room	Carol Cutchin
Nursery (Sunday School)	Ronda Karroll & Trenton Jenney/Melinda Bratcher & Amy Craig/Vanessa Kiser & Jennifer Foote
Nursery (Worship Service)	Ronda Karroll & Carol Long/Lesley Knight & Melanie Dewaal/Todd & Marla Jenney
Evening Nursery	Bill & Jennifer Foote

# VITAL SIGNS

Date:	04/15/2012	04/22/2012
Sunday School	179	161
Morning Worship	213	202
PM Worship (Life Groups)	52	39
Youth Meeting (Wed.)	No Svc.	5
Prayer Meeting (Wed.)	15	11
Children's Ministry (Wed.)	No Svc.	26
Video/Audio Ministry	11	11
Budget Offering Required	9019.00	9019.00
Tithes and Offerings	6507.90	4611.00
Mission Offering	31.00	16.00
Designated Giving	1065.00	874.78
Year to Date		153,584.45

# PRAYER LIST

- Thelma Fulkerson—Health
- Carolyn Hawkins—Back problems
- Tim Donley—Injured in Afghanistan
- Pat & Norwood Rodgers—Health
- Joyce Campbell—Health
- Kathy Hilliker—Cancer
- Bobbie & Ted Wood—Health & Encouragement
- Cindy Stocke—Cancer treatments
- Keith Hoskins—Health
- Emma Hooser—Health
- Beth Elam—Cancer
- Tom Roberts—Health
- Peggy Whetstone - Broken Shoulder
- Casie Knight—Friend of Ashley Collard
- Ann Hortin—Health
- Ed & Pam Davis—Health/Encouragement
- Jim Cutchin—Health
- Diane Williams—Health
- Debbie Whetstone—Health
- Truman Belford—Health
- Ralph Seibert—Cancer
- Josephine Martin—Health
- James Taylor—Stroke/Salvation
- Art Davidson—Diane Healy's dad—Health
- Karen Demmin—Cancer—Guy Williams' co-worker
- Sherri Brown—Health
- Nellie Haywood—Health
- Pam Butler—Health
- Crystal Hemby—Amy Neibel's sister
- Mason Hemby—Amy Neibel's nephew
- Gladys White—Health
- Judy Myers—MS
- Mike Glenn—MS
- Mary Buttry—Hodgkin's Disease
- Barbara & Dean Baker—Encouragement
- Mike Baker—MS
- Cecil & Shirley Logan—Encouragement
- Barb Mann & Family—Health & Strength

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## THE GOOD NEWS

**G**od created Us to be with Him.  
**O**ur sins separate us from God.  
**S**ins cannot be removed by our good deeds.  
**P**aying the price for sin, Jesus died and rose again.  
**E**veryone who trusts in Him alone has eternal Life.  
**L**ife that is eternal means that we will be with Jesus forever.

**Romans 10:9,13** — *If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved...for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*

**You can receive the free gift of salvation today.**  
**Pray:** Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner and that I am in desperate need of your forgiveness. Today and forevermore, I place my complete faith and trust in You alone, believing that You died on the cross and rose from the grave to take the punishment that I deserve for my sins and rescue me from my sinful condition. I give my life to You alone. Amen.

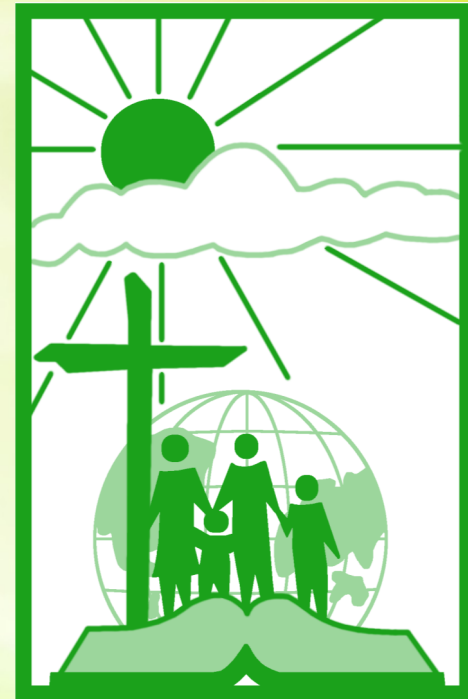
## MEMORIAL GIFT

We would like to say thank you to Bob & Kim Cates for the \$3,000.00 gift to be used for the Summer VBS program in memory of Bob's mother, Phyllis Cates Dawson and his sister, Sharon Cates Warren.

# The Link

April 25, 2012

Reaching out  
 Welcoming in  
 Building up  
 Sending forth  
 For the glory  
 of God



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## Pastor's Corner



Luke Raczynowski

### Saving for the Future

Through this column today, I hope to encourage you to save two things for the future—and it's not stocks and bonds.

First, I want to encourage you—better yet implore you—to save a date on the calendar. This column,

then, is sort of like the decorative little cards that brides-to-be send out months in advance of their weddings so that friends and family members do not unwittingly schedule an antique auction or a bass fishing tournament on the wedding date. Thus, below, you will see that I decided to make this "Save the Date" announcement in the form of a wedding-style "Save the Date" card.



REACH is a simple, yet wonderfully effective mindset for reaching out to unchurched people in our community and welcoming them into the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the fellowship of God's people. In its implementation, REACH makes the following extraordinary request of each and every Sunday School member: five minutes a month. Yet when given in the power of the Spirit, I am confident that those five minutes will, by God's grace, transform our mindset toward evangelism and ring out the Gospel to those lost without Christ all around us. So, please, save the date and make every effort to come. You will be glad you did and so will those who will some day come to Christ because you took the time right now to save the date!

Second, in addition to saving the date of June 10, I hope to encourage you to get involved in our congregation's call to help save children at risk. If you missed our Sunday morning service on April 15, in which we launched the Safe Families for Children movement here at FBC Carmi, please consider calling the office and requesting a DVD of the service or asking our Children's Minister, Ronda Karroll, about how you can help. Also, come by the office and request one of our Safe Families for Children Questionnaires or take one from the Welcome Center. There are a myriad of ways listed there as to how you can help children at risk and show them the love of Christ. Simply fill it out and give it to Ronda. She will be delighted to see your compassion, and so will the children whom God will bless through your kindness and care!



Chris Dewaal

## Chris' Comments

### Seize the Summer

Students country wide are preparing for their favorite time of the year: summer break! For many of the students it is a time to relax, stay up late, sleep in, go on vacation or pick up a few more hours at a job. I pray as families and as a church we would seize the summer for the glory of God in the life of students. Take advantage of the students extra time at home to find creative means to enjoy time as a family and to impart godly wisdom.

See vacations not just as a time to have fun, but as an opportunity to better connect, listen and share with students. Take time to share how God is working in your life currently and engage your student in spiritual conversations. Find an activity that the family can take part in together as an opportunity to further develop strong relationships with your children. They might be aggravated with less time in front of a TV, video game, or computer; but the lasting rewards of a deep relationship with your student will far out last their temporarily annoyance.

A summer youth ministry schedule will be in the mail shortly with a plethora of youth activities taking place on Wednesday nights: godly discussions developing out of movies, service projects, fun outdoor activities and a 4th of July cookout. These are awesome opportunities to invite a friend to introduce them to our youth ministry.

### Calendar of Events

- ◆ May 6: Last Sunday night youth service of semester
- ◆ May 9: Final S2 youth meeting of the semester
- ◆ May 13: Youth Sunday, honor graduates and students lead in morning service
- ◆ May 30: Summer Youth Schedule begins, meet at Dewaal House from 6:00-8:00pm



Ronda Karroll

## Ronda's Report

### SAFE FAMILIES

I am so blessed to see the response of God's people to the new ministry called Safe Families. If you were unable to return a response sheet on that Sunday I would greatly encourage you to see how God would have you respond.

It is such a blessing to see the church be the hands and feet of Christ. Over the past week I have seen God's church come together and extend unconditional love and support to families in need.

I have had the privilege of seeing the excitement and acceptance of the children of host families wholeheartedly embrace the idea of Christian hospitality to those in need.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- \* 4-29-12 - Babylon VBS lunch & training right after a.m. service.
- \* 5-7-12 (10:00 a.m. - Noon) Mom's & Tot's Brunch here at the church.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**VBS TRAINING & LUNCH:** Sunday, April 29, we will have a VBS Training and Lunch after the morning service. Since we will be using a completely different format this year, Ronda is encouraging all workers to attend. Please let Ronda know if you will be attending so she can plan for the meal. Thank you!

**CHILDREN'S CLOTHES NEEDED:** Items of Spring & Summer children's clothing are needed to be given away at the April Community Outreach. Please put them in the Fellowship Hall closet.

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY:** The next dates for Celebrate Recovery will be Friday, May 4, and Friday, May 18. Please meet in our parking lot at 5:00 p.m.

**ILLINOIS WOMEN'S MISSIONS CELEBRATION:** Missionaries from around the world will be joining us to share about their experiences and how God has worked in their lives to reach those within their people group. This year's theme is "The Story Lives On". There will be breakouts that will provide information about practical ministries that our church and missions groups can experience. In addition to the Celebration this year is FREE childcare from birth through age 12. This event will take place on May 3—5, 2012, at Tabernacle Baptist Church, Decatur, IL. Registration cost is \$20.00. This includes Friday lunch. There is additional information posted at [www.IBSA.org/womensmissions](http://www.IBSA.org/womensmissions).

**TRUSTEES' MEETING:** Tuesday, May 1, 2012, at 7:00 p.m.

**MEN'S GOING DEEP DISCIPLESHIP:** Saturday, May 5, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

**DEACON'S MEETING:** Sunday, May 6, at 7:15 p.m.

**55 'N ALIVE:** Monday, May 7, at 10:30 a.m. The guest speakers will be "Mentors 4-Kids". We will have fried chicken and we ask that you please bring a covered dish.

**CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE MEETING:** Monday, May 7, at 5:00 p.m.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING:** Sunday, May 20, at 5:00 p.m.

**BUSINESS MEETING:** Sunday, May 20, at **6:00 p.m.** Committee Chairmen, please get anything that needs to be put on the agenda into the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

**ATTENTION LADIES:** *Save the date!* Thursday, May 24, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, we are having a Mother/Daughter/Sister/Friend Banquet. We will have dinner, dessert, a guest speaker, and fun and games. This is for Ladies and girls of all ages. More details to follow. Mark your calendars now!

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH:** Saturday, May 26, 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**THANK YOU:** The Lydia and Otho Williams Classes would like to thank the Deacons for the wonderful going away fellowship they had Saturday night for Virgil and Florence McDaniel.