



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
*A community for all people*

## ***The Visitor***

A newsletter for members and friends  
of First Baptist Church, Madison, Wisconsin

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Dear Friends,  
It's good to be back!

The first thing I want to say is THANK YOU! Thank you for being a church that believes enough in supporting your pastors that you made this amazing opportunity available to me. Thank you to all the people that stepped up and stepped in and did double duty while I was gone. There are more people than I can mention but I particularly need to thank the Community Ministry Team (Julia, Dennis, Gil, Carolyn and Mary) for holding Common Table together in my absence. Along with Linda and Pastor Mark for covering for me in the office. And a BIG thank you goes to Jackie Colbert for taking over the preaching and leadership duties of Common Table while I was gone. From all reports, she did an amazing job!

I had an absolutely awesome time this summer. I will go into greater detail about my trip during my presentation at the Third Tuesday Lunch on the 19<sup>th</sup>. And I will go into greater detail about what I learned in my seminary class on evangelism during my adult Sunday school class later this year. I hope to see many of you at those two events.

For now, let me just say that I had an incredible time. I visited six states, ten cities, three state parks and three of my favorite places on earth. I had my theological imagination broadened and my sense of mission clarified and expanded. I learned more about the ABC and made new clergy friends across the country. I went white-water rafting, swam in a natural hot spring, went up the Space Needle and the St. Louis Arch and saw a total eclipse of the sun. I met up with friends and family I hadn't seen in years. I had time with my family and time on my own to sit and think, read and relax.

I come back to you rested and ready for whatever is next with new eyes and a fresh perspective. And I look forward to continuing to team with up you in ministry over the coming months and years. It was a time I will never forget and I will always be grateful.

Grace and peace (and thank you!),

Pastor Jason

### *Worship With Us*

#### **September 24, 2017**

11:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship Service,  
Sanctuary, Rev. Mark Clinger

11:00 a.m. – Common Table Worship Service,  
Fellowship Hall, Rev. Jason Mack

12:00 Noon – Light Lunch

#### **October 1, 2017**

11:00 a.m. – Traditional Worship Service,  
Sanctuary, Rev. Mark Clinger

11:00 a.m. – Common Table Worship Service,  
Fellowship Hall, Rev. Jason Mack

12:00 Noon – Light Lunch

*If you would like to make a confession of faith in Christ and be baptized into his body, to become a member of this congregation, or renew your Christian commitment, you are warmly invited to call*

*Rev. Mark Clinger or Rev. Jason Mack (233-1880).*

### ***The Visitor* Publication Schedule**

October 2, 2017

October 16, 2017

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on day of publication.**

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## Prayer Concerns

**Church Family:** John Hebblewhite (Art's brother); Art Hebblewhite family; Loree Davies; Julie Blankenburg; Jody Lara; Paul Brynelson; Katy Marty; Atlee Wilson; The Rev. Manny Santiago; Lance Dockter; Jeff & Jeanette Kersten & family, and Jeanette's father; Ruth L. Parfrey; Paul Husting's friend, David Baer; Linda Stamm's sister, Karen Coleman and brother-in-law, Joe Coleman; and Carol Skala, Jill Thomas' daughter-in-law's mother.

**Our Shut-ins:** Pat Young; Phyllis Reisdorf; Mercile Lee; Jeanne Maruska; Linda Olson; and Joyce Tardrew.

**Others:** Those whose names and needs are unspoken.

## Fresh News

### Spiritual Renewal Group

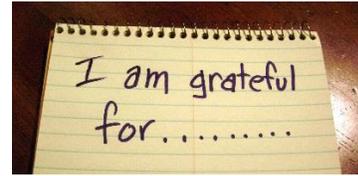
The Tuesday evening spiritual renewal group will commence on September 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Gathering Space. The renewal group meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month for a period of about an hour and a half. The format is that we read a book on Christian spirituality in advance and then share our personal reflections and dialogue.

This fall kicks off with an extraordinary book by two extraordinary living saints, both recipients of the Nobel Peace Prize and deep friends. One is a practicing Buddhist and the other a practicing Christian. The book is entitled The Book of Joy and grows out of a conversation between His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. All you need to do to attend is to read the Introduction and "Arrival: We are Fragile Creatures." If you missed the first don't miss the next on October 2.



**Save the Date  
for Baptist  
Women's World  
Day of Prayer  
Tea  
November 5**

Women from First Baptist and Mount Zion Baptist are invited to a tea on Sunday, November 5, from 3:00-4:30 p.m. in First Baptist Fellowship Hall to celebrate Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer.



### Gratitude

I want to thank my church family for allowing me to celebrate my rent renewal day. Rent will stay at its affordable rate. It was in November 2015 you all helped me move into a new affordable place to call home. It's been three years and it's more than a home. I moved into a community, even one with a ministry and art classes. It's an odd increment of time to acknowledge, but I think of you often in my lovely home with much gratitude.

Anonymous

### Strategic Pastoral Excellence Program

I am excited to let you know that I have been accepted into the Strategic Pastoral Excellence Program put on by the Missionaries and Ministers Benefit Board (MMBB). This is a two-year educational opportunity that focuses on financial health and wellbeing at both the family and church level.

From their literature:

*This program is designed to strengthening the personal and business financial skills of pastors who have been identified as key leaders of healthy congregations. The program will create a firm foundation of key financial topics for participants, focusing first on personal financial planning topics for the pastor, supporting them in creating a personal financial plan. Additionally, the program will engage pastors and congregations in the dynamics of congregational stewardship, care for the pastor, and developing healthy patterns of talking about financial issues.*

The first session is January 15 – 19 in 2018 in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. All cost of the trip is covered by MMBB and the time away has been approved by the PRC. I look forward to learning and sharing with you what I learn. Grace and peace,

Pastor Jason

### August Financial Reports

The August financial reports have not yet been produced because we have not received the bank statement for the Communion Fund.

Nancy Moore, FBC Bookkeeper

## Jirani Project

The annual Jirani Project “Harambee” will be held Sunday, October 15, 2017 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. at Oakwood Village University Woods, in the Oaks Community Room, 6225 Mineral Point Road. Jirani Project supporters and the public are invited to come for refreshments and to hear the latest about this non-profit project, which has been successful in helping about 20 Kenyan children each year attend school. Project Coordinator, Mark Okello, has visited First Baptist on his past U.S. visits, and several of our members contribute to the project.

We invite you to come to the “Harambee” to make a donation, purchase some Kenyan crafts, or learn how to bid for exciting items on the on-line auction. Attendees will participate in an interactive telephone call visit with the Jirani Project coordinator in Kenya! Parking can be in the Visitor Parking (Level 1) in Heritage Oaks or any outdoor visitor parking space. Contact Jirani Project Board member, Diane Adams, [608-231-1836](tel:608-231-1836) or [adamsdiane443@gmail.com](mailto:adamsdiane443@gmail.com) for further information about parking or directions (the project website will also have information (see [www.jiraniproject.org](http://www.jiraniproject.org)).



## Adult Sunday School Schedule 2017-2018

Sept. 10-Oct. 29 – Revelation Revisited: The Politics of Faith, led by Rev. Mark Clinger in Room 103.

Nov. 5-19 – Witnessing Whiteness, led by Laurel Finn

Nov. 26 – No Class

Dec. 3-17 – Sabbatical Sharing, led by Rev. Jason Mack

Dec. 17 – Intergenerational Class

Dec. 24 – No Class

Dec. 31 – No Class

Jan. 7-Feb. 11 – Kitchen Talk, led by Jennifer Angelo and Carolyn Cross.

- Class space will be limited to 6.
- Registration will be necessary.
- Class will be held in the kitchen.
- You will need to be able to stand part of the time and help put the meal together while we talk.

April 15-May 20 – Vision of Board of Outreach, led by Wynn Davies



## Sunday School Room Assignments

The following grade classifications, room locations, and teachers are as follows for the 2017-2018 Sunday school year.

Nursery (0-2 years)	Room 106	Caregiver(s): Carys Abramson
Primary (3 years - 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade)	Room 105	Leader: Susan Donahoe
Intermediate (2 <sup>nd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	Room 104	Leaders: Deb & Paul Chotlos
Middle School (6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	Room 306	Leaders: Julia Voss & Mat Gunshor
High School (9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	Room 306	Leaders: Julia Voss & Mat Gunshor

## Madison JDRF Walk

Dear friends and family,

The Madison JDRF walk is in just over one week. We are not anywhere near our fundraising goal, in large part because with hurricanes and wildfires in the news, we haven't felt much like asking people to donate. But then we realized, fighting type 1 diabetes is more important than ever. People in the path of a hurricane have their lives upended, some of them permanently. If you have Type 1 diabetes and your home is wrecked in a natural disaster, whatever you had going for controlling your disease is gone. Your routine, home base, supplies, emergency glucose, pharmacy, safety net of friends, and possibly your clinic/hospital - all gone. Insulin is supposed to be refrigerated but in south Florida there were 15 million people without power and many of them won't get power back until the day of our JDRF walk, September 24. The closer we get to a cure, the better. Wouldn't it be great to take that off the table as something people must worry about in the future during a natural disaster?

On a more personal note, in all honesty, type 1 diabetes is more and more difficult for our family. Robbie had a difficult summer, eating whenever and whatever he wanted without consistently testing his sugar or treating with insulin. This made for a lot of out-of-range blood sugars. Now that school has started, he has a more consistent routine and his blood glucose has been back in range more often. He is in 7th grade and we're working hard to balance his growing independence and the need for him to take care of himself. As with all things involving middle schoolers, it's a balancing act!

We'd love for you to walk with us on Sunday September 24. People will start gathering at 11:00 and the walk starts at 12 noon. Note that the walk is at a new location, **UW Health at the American Center**, 4602 Eastpark Blvd., Madison, WI 53718.

And please consider donating in Robbie's name. You can donate at the following link or by sending us a check written to JDRF, with "Robbie Alliance" in the subject line. **Help me create a world without type 1 diabetes.**

And please know we always appreciate your prayers and good thoughts!

Love,  
Beth Gunshor and family  
5110 Marathon Dr.  
Madison, WI 53705

## Vietnam:

### Looking Back to Look Forward

The superb PBS series, ten years in the making by the noted Ken Burns, has begun showing. It provides a vivid opportunity to explore, remember, and learn from these events which shape us still—as a nation and a people of faith. You are encouraged to watch the series (go to the PBS website for additional viewing times) on the following dates:

Sunday, September 17, 8:00 (I assume that is eastern standard time) and then continuing at the same time on:

Monday, September 18  
Tuesday, September 19  
Wednesday, September 20  
Thursday, September 21

The series will air again on Sunday, September 24, and continue on:

Monday, September 25  
Tuesday, September 26  
Wednesday, September 27  
Thursday, September 28

On October 7, we will then gather after worship and during lunch to share together, both our reflections on the series as well as our personal memories and the memories shared by our parents. We will finally look for the lessons learned and unlearned.

## Church Women United October Forum

### Elderly Slip & Fall Prevention

Charlie Daniels, Coordinator Falls Prevention Program, Safe Communities

**October 6, 2017**

**9:00 am Gathering and Tea**

**9:30 am Business Meeting**

**10:00 am Program**

**Oakwood University Woods  
6209 Mineral Point Road, Madison  
The Oaks Community Room**

On Friday morning, October 6, we will gather at Oakwood University Woods, 6209 Mineral Point Road, for a program on Elderly Slip & Fall Prevention. Our speaker, Charlie Daniel, is program coordinator for both Falls Prevention and Drug Poisoning at Safe Communities. Oakwood Village is on the south side of Mineral Point Road between Rosa Road and S. Yellowstone (east of West Town Mall). Turn south off Mineral Point Rd. at Island Drive into the Oakwood Village complex. You may park in the parking places along that road and around the circle. Walk up the ramp into The Oaks and someone will let you in.

## Update on Human Trafficking in Wisconsin

Sex trafficking is a \$150 billion+ per year industry, and if you read the local paper, you know that it is alive in our community. The average age a child is coerced into the sex trade is 8-14 years of age. It occurs both in urban and rural areas and the main route through Wisconsin is through Milwaukee, the Fox Cities/Green Bay, Wausau and Minneapolis. Victims are recruited through the internet, social media, school, the mall, or on the street or in parks. It is imperative that we all, and especially parents, have an awareness of this issue, know the signs and what can be done. Our church has been very generous, in its willingness to learn about this issue and in donating funds to assist those who have been affected or are vulnerable to human trafficking. To continue to provide education to our community, SlaveFree Madison is sponsoring the following free events.

*I am Jane Doe*, a documentary chronicling the legal battle that several American mothers are waging on behalf of their middle-school daughters, who were trafficked for commercial sex on [Backpage.com](http://Backpage.com), **Tuesday, 10/17, 6:30 p.m., Central Library/Madison**

*Chosen*, a documentary of two girls who became victims of trafficking, 18-year old Brianna, a star student and cheerleader, and 13-year old Lacy who enjoyed church and volunteering in her community, **Sunday, 11/19, 2-4 p.m. Waunakee Village Center**. Film will be followed by an open discussion led by Tyler Schueffner of Briarpatch and Joann Gruber-Hagen of SlaveFree Madison.

These films are appropriate for teens, although contain sexual content and would be best viewed and discussed with a parent. For further information, contact Mary Fiore, [fior@charter.net](mailto:fior@charter.net).



### Thanks for Men's Shelter Volunteers

Thanks to Lydia Haynes for coordinating the food preparation for the Men's Shelter on August 17. Helping cook the meal were Dianne Hopkins, Geneva Moore, Ann Paulen and Lynette Miller. Everything was extremely organized and went well. Thanks to Tom and Erica Kersten and family for serving.

## Reminders



### FBC All-Church Retreat/ABC of Wisconsin Annual Meeting Friday, October 13 – Sunday, October 15

- You must make your own hotel and room arrangements with the Green Lake Conference Center at 920-294-3323.
- To register for the FBC All Church Retreat, contact Linda Lindley, church secretary, at [fbcoffice@firstbaptistmadison.org](mailto:fbcoffice@firstbaptistmadison.org) or call 233-1880.
- To register for the ABC Annual Meeting go to: [www.abcofwi.org](http://www.abcofwi.org).
- Brochure and registration forms for the ABC Annual Meeting are in the Gathering Space.

### Additional Information Needed from Green Lake Retreat Registrants

On Friday, October 13, FBC will hold a Pizza Party at the Green Lake C. Oscar Johnson building at 5:30 p.m. If you and your family plan on attending, please notify Linda in the church office before Thursday, September 28. Please let Linda know if you have any special requests (gluten free/vegetarian) or topping preferences.

**New for 2017** – Pierless Boat Rentals now offers a tour boat! The boat can accommodate up to 40 guests. (Minimum of 20 guests per tour). The rate is \$14/person for a 60-90-minute tour. Please let Linda know if you are interested in taking the boat tour. If you have any questions, please call Linda in the church office at 233-1880 or email Linda at [fbcoffice@firstbaptistmadison.org](mailto:fbcoffice@firstbaptistmadison.org).



### Green Lake Fishing Tournament

The fourth annual children's fishing tournament will again be held on Saturday during the All Church Retreat at Green Lake. All children who register with Mark Clinger by the **Monday, October 9**, preceding the tournament will receive FREE worms. If a child wants to enter but does not have a fishing rod and reel, contact Mark for a "loaner."



## **Jon and Amanda Good Family to Join in FBC Green Lake Pizza Party**

The American Baptist Women have invited Jon and Amanda Good and their four children to speak at the Women's Meeting during the annual meeting and they will also be part of a worship service. International Ministries is no longer assigning special interest missionaries and so the women are choosing the Good Family as missionaries to be interested in this year. They will be working with the Baptist Union of Hungary in evangelism, discipleship, and education

We have invited the Good family to come to the pizza dinner hoping that we can develop a relationship with the whole family, including the children, that will continue when they are in Hungary.

Please contact the church office at 233-1880 or [fbc@firstbaptistmadison.org](mailto:fbc@firstbaptistmadison.org) by September 28 if you plan on attending the pizza party.

### **Dr. Jeffrey Haggray Keynote Speaker and Preacher ABC of Wisconsin Annual Meeting**



*Dr. Haggray, new Executive Director of ABC Home Mission Societies has an impressive is considered to be an outstanding, motivational speaker and will be speaking twice at the ABC of Wisconsin Annual Meeting.*

Dr. Jeffrey Haggray serves as executive director of American Baptist Home Mission Societies and Judson Press. At the heart of Haggray's ministry lie his passions for motivating Christians to impact communities with their deeply-held faith; encouraging emerging leaders to discern and respond to God's call; and emphasizing God's loving concern for humanity's well-being, wholeness and justice. Haggray works closely with diverse national and regional partners to provide a clear vision of the Christian mission in today's world, to cultivate relationships and to develop resources for transformational ministry with congregations,

communities and regions across the United States and Puerto Rico.

Having served congregations in New Jersey; Washington, D.C.; and Georgia, Haggray understands the day-to-day needs of local congregations involved in disciple-making, worship, leadership development, evangelism and mission engagement. As a regional executive minister in the Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Region for eight years, Haggray learned that, when congregations and institutions can access the human and material resources they need to transform their communities, there is no limit to the impact they can make.

“When a compelling mission-driven vision is coupled with faith in God and a strong determination to succeed, the required resources often follow,” he says. “The United States of America is a strategic mission field for proclaiming the Christian gospel, developing Christian disciples, promoting justice, and collaborating and networking for ministry. As we impact America for Christ, we impact the world, and I am motivated by that prospect.”

Haggray enjoys quality time with family and friends, reading, bicycling and traveling. His mission and ministry passport includes stamps from Canada, Chile, the Czech Republic, Egypt, Gambia, Germany, Israel, Jamaica, Malaysia, Myanmar (formerly Burma), Senegal, Thailand and Turkey.

Haggray is married to Shelby Martin Haggray, also an ordained American Baptist minister. They reside in Atlanta, Ga., with their three children, Geoffrey Micah, Gregory Martin and Sophia Sebiya

### **Do You Have a Laptop to Donate?**

The Triangle Community Ministry is looking for someone who has a functioning laptop they no longer use and would like to donate it to Triangle Community Ministry to loan to a Triangle resident involved in helping coordinate pet food drives and pet transport for hurricane victims in TX? If so, please contact Katy Marty at 608 230-5922 or Chaplain Judy Nolde at 608 219-4556. Thanks.

Katy Marty

### **Job Opening - Office Administrator**

Wellspring United Methodist Church  
5702 S Hill Dr.  
Madison, WI 53705  
15-20 hours per week  
\$15,000 to \$16,500 annual salary.  
Contact Wellspring UMC at 608-238-7753 if interested.



- 20 Ashley Bischel
- 20 Rachel Evans
  
- 24 Jeanette Kersten
  
- 25 Bob Martens
- 25 Rhiannon Tibbetts
  
- 27 David Hegley
- 27 Moira Kersten
  
- 29 Linda Mintener
  
- 29 Ginger Henderson
  
- 30 Sara Strain

- 2 Robert Jacobson
  
- 3 Stuart Bischel
  
- 4 Jim Thompson
  
- 5 Olivia Hebblewhite
- 5 Leona Moen
  
- 7 Julia Brynelson
- 7 Janet Clinger
- 7 Angela Thomas
  
- 9 John Porco
  
- 11 Bill Hausler
  
- 14 Scott Hopkins
  
- 16 Greg Dean
  
- 17 Benito Lara
  
- 18 Carolyn Cross
  
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- 21 Marci Henderson
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- 25 Richard Bishop
- 25 Kim Kaspar
  
- 28 Ken Arneson
  
- 29 Ted Reinke
  
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## Worship Schedule

11:00 a.m. - Traditional Worship

11:00 a.m. - Contemporary "Common  
Table" Worship

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

**TIME VALUE: DATED MATERIAL -**

**MAILED - 9/18/17**