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EASTER AT FBC

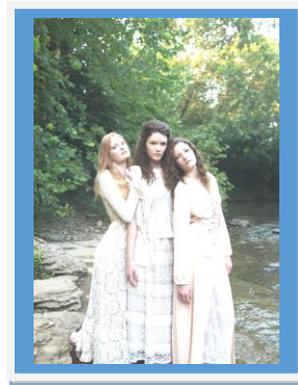
Easter is a little later this year – April 21 – and we greatly look forward to celebrating our RISEN SAVIOR!

One of FBC's favorite traditions is a "SonRise" service at 8:30am – everyone is invited! Please bring a breakfast dish to pass (JoAnn Gelo & Michele Wood's Kitchen Committee to serve).

Following breakfast, our special Easter service will feature a

few special numbers by the "Perryman Sisters," Megan, Morgan & Makayla! Recently, the Perrymans released, "Rescued," on iTunes!

We will also be blessed in the Word by Rev. Duane Smith. This special service will take us to 11:30am since it is an extended service. Invite family & friends! All are welcome!



"Perryman Sisters" at FBC on Easter Sunday!



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AWANA GRAND PRIX RACE

CLUBBERS...REV YOUR ENGINES! The Grand Prix Race is Wednesday, April 3, 6:15pm! Please arrive a few minutes early so your car is ready to go and your guests have a place to be seated. As in years past, we will

meet in the "gray area" of the church building, and refreshments will be served following the race. Guidelines with specific rules in preparing your car were distributed when you purchased your car kit –

please be sure your car is eligible to race! No graphite is allowed. Wheels will be oiled before the race. Enjoy the race and display good sportsmanship! Prizes will be awarded at the end.

Special points of interest:

- "Perryman Sisters" back for Easter
- Women's Ministries Information
- Let's Get to Know...Betty Bell
- Birthdays / Anniversaries



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES INFO.

Spring has arrived and it feels good to be outdoors again after a long winter! Spring means flowers blossoming, grass turning green, and birds chirping each morning. Women need fellowship, renewal of heart, and growth in Christ as well!

All ladies are invited to **"A Spring Cleaning of the Heart & Soul"** at the regular Women's Ministries meeting on **Monday, April 1 at 6:30pm.** Deb Kiley, chair, will share tips on both spiritual and physical growth!

Our annual event will be held **Saturday, May 4 at 9:30am-11:30am.** A brunch will be served

and guest speaker, **Jenny Alameida**, will be our guest speaker (pictured with her husband on left). Jenny is a personal friend of Cristina Smith, and lives in LaCrosse, WI with her husband and three beautiful children.

Jenny will share her journey about her daughter, Lyla, who was born - against all odds - with Trisomy 18. Also known as "Edwards Syndrome," this is caused by an error in the cell division, and an extra chromosome 18 results in disrupting a baby's development in the womb. A Trisomy 18 pregnancy may occur one in every 2500

pregnancies and one in 6000 live births! Jenny shares her real-life experiences with this pregnancy, delivery, and the gift of Lyla's life!

The favor of your reply is requested to Cristina Smith at the church office at #563.568.2225 or home #563.568.6027.

Jenny Alameida is the guest speaker at the Women's Fellowship Brunch on May 4th!



Lyla Alameida

LET'S GET TO KNOW...BETTY BELL!



For six years Betty has made her residence in Waukon, IA, moving here from MI to live closer to her daughter, Valeria White. Betty has lived a full and interesting life! Betty Ann Greene was born to Christian parents in east TN and raised there for sixteen years. She received a Bachelor of Science

in Education, with an emphasis in Music & English in 1953 from Bob Jones University. It was there that she met the love of her life, Bobby Dan. Bobby also graduated from Bob Jones University in 1954 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Pastoral Studies. Bobby was

also very talented musically, including playing the trombone. The couple was married in 1953 and applied to Africa Inland Mission but were not accepted – God obviously had other plans for them – and led them to Idaho, where Bobby became a youth pastor at a Baptist church.

LET'S GET TO KNOW...BETTY BELL, cont.

Eventually, Bobby decided to take seminary classes at Denver Seminary and pursued a theology degree, while Betty taught GED classes at the Fitzsimmons Army Hospital. It was during this pivotal time in their lives that Bobby came to enjoy the military very much and decided to join the U.S. Army to be a chaplain. In order to do this, he had to complete the program and also pastor a church for two years. This led him to Arvin, CA, where Bobby & Betty pastored a small Baptist church and restored it to healing and growth. Following this, they moved to Oakland, CA, where Bobby was more involved in the military and did his first stateside assignment.

Two children were born to Bobby & Betty, Larry and Valeria, defying the doctor's claim that they would not be able to have children (Betty also has four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter). Larry was born with a condition that compromised his kidneys, and he was hospitalized from August – November as an infant. It took Bobby & Betty seven years to pay off this large hospital bill! Larry led a full life and became an R.N., working in the trauma unit. He married and adopted two children. Larry had a successful kidney transplant, but then had to discontinue working in the trauma unit, due to a hepatitis patient and the possibility of him being exposed to the disease. At this point, he began to work in home health care and touched many people's lives. Sadly, Larry was transported to heaven in 2003 after contracting a virus that took his life quickly.

Valeria's first husband passed away in 2003 from cancer that had spread to his lungs; however, prior to this, the couple had adopted Luran and Emily. After his passing, Valeria reconnected with Dan White, whom she had known for many years, and they were married in 2005. Dan officially adopted both Luran and Emily, and the family eventually moved back to this area – Dan's ol' stomping grounds – to make this their home.

Betty's walk with Christ began at her home, and she grew up setting aside Sunday as a day of rest, visiting the ill, and attending church. Every Sunday, Betty's dad would speak to her about accepting Christ as her Savior, and on one particular Sunday, Betty did just that! She was also baptized and joined the Southern Baptist Church. It was at a camp (close to the Billy Graham Retreat in SC) that she went forward and committed her life to Christ; she was twelve years old at the time. Betty's favorite verse is Proverbs 3:5-6, which has stood true through all the changes in her life. "If we look to God for everything – and not consider anything too big or too small for Him – He will direct our path."

And what a journey it was for Bobby & Betty! Bobby's first overseas military assignment was an unaccompanied year in Korea (1964); Betty and the kids lived near her parents in TN for the 13 months he was gone. Their first accompanied tour took them to Germany for three years. Then, in 1970, Bobby had another unaccompanied tour to Vietnam. After a five-year assignment at Fort Bragg, NC, God and the U.S. Army sent them back to Germany for another three years.

Their doors were always open to the military men, and Betty enjoyed being a hostess and making their home a "home away from home" for many of the military personnel. Betty was affectionately called "Ma Bell!" One of Betty's fondest memories during this time was reconnecting with a German friend from Bobby's first tour. Upon reuniting with him, their friend spoke fluent English, surprising Bobby because during the first tour, he did not speak any English. When Bobby questioned him about his fluent English, his reply was, "If I had spoken in English, you would have not learned German." This statement has remained true with Betty all these years as she realized the importance of learning the language of the land and adapting to the culture where one lives.

Towards the end of this tour, Betty's mom became ill and Betty returned to TN to be near her. In October of 1982, Bobby officially retired from the U.S. Army and then pastored a church in Philipsburg, PA. Sometime later, he pursued a Doctor of Ministry in Marriage & Family.

Bobby passed away in 2006 and Betty made her residence in Grand Rapids, MI, where Valeria was also living at the time. There, Betty bought a house that Dan White constructed! Upon Dan & Valeria moving back to IA, Valeria begged Betty to move closer to her. It took five years for her house in MI to sell due to the poor housing market at that time, but eventually the house did sell, and Betty moved to Waukon in 2012! Her granddaughter, Luran, makes her residence with her now. Through all the changes in Betty's life, she clings to Proverbs 3:5-6, which has guided her throughout her life. What she appreciates the most about FBC is the friendliness of the church family, and asks prayer for her health, especially blood pressure control.

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A church you can call "home"



April & May Birthdays

M = Missionaries

April 3	David Thompson (m)
April 4	Beverly Walsh
April 5	Obert Johnson
April 8	Diane Roth
April 8	Brittany Tillerias
April 13	Susie Gress
April 20	Emelie White (m)
April 21	Michael Roth, Jr.
April 25	Scott Manning
April 28	Elaine Goettel
April 30	Cindy Johnson
April 30	Jeremy Lloyd

May 2	Blake Snitker
May 3	Amy Welch
May 6	Ernie Geeting (m)
May 8	Gary Hammond
May 8	Charlie Jepsen
May 8	Paul Promnitz
May 12	Randy Van Ruler
May 13	Andrew Snitker
May 15	Nathan Smith
May 15	Michele Wood
May 18	Sidney McQuade
May 22	Samuel Stock
May 24	Arlene Yearous
May 25	Weston Draeger
May 26	Annabelle Roth
May 27	Jann Vander Mey (m)
May 28	Craig Schrick

April & May Anniversaries

M = Missionaries

April 6	Denis & Cindy Kuhens
April 9	Russell & Sharen Roth
April 18	Mel & Cindy Johnson

May 6	Jerry & Cheryl Bollman
May 7	Heath & Danialle Draeger
May 8	Larry & Vicki Folkers
May 16	Heath & Stephanie Kelley
May 25	Tyler & Kayla Scholl

