

Church Newsletter

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MISSIONARIES VISIT FBC THIS SUMMER!



What a blessing to have several missionaries visit FBC this summer! During these visits, our missionaries give a report about their ministry, explain what they do, and often, give an update on their family. This is an effective manner for us as a church family to be informed on their happenings as well as a form of accountability. It also keeps us involved in each other's lives, as a lot of fellowship occurs when they visit, too!

Sunday, June 2: Cresco, IA Rescue Mission

Sunday, June 23: Guest speaker in Pastor Duane's absence: Larry Gruis – brother to Sharon Roth

Sunday, July 7, Will & Tanja White (Germany)

Sunday, August 11th, David & Debbie Thompson and JoAnna Thompson (Brazil)

Sunday, August 25, Ernie & Roxie Geeting (Ministry to the Indian Mohican Nation).

Looking ahead, October brings us a special treat in the form of Huntley Brown, world-known concert

pianist and family friend of Cristina Smith's. Huntley will give a concert at FBC for Harvest Festival on October 20th. Born in Jamaica, he moved to the USA upon accepting Jesus Christ as his Savior and received his bachelor's degree at Judson University in Elgin, IL. He then earned a master's degree in piano performance and pedagogy at Northern IL University. He met his wife, Annette, and the couple presently resides with their four daughters in Aurora, IL.

Huntley's music ministry has taken him all over the world, and coast-to-coast in the USA, also performing at Bill Gaither's popular Homecoming concerts. The Lord led him to be the regular crusade pianist for the recently retired Dr. Ralph Bell, an associate

evangelist with Billy Graham Association, and he is currently the pianist for Ruth Graham and Friends Ministries, as well as ministers with the Franklin Graham team.

Huntley is an ordained minister and is also involved with an organization dedicated to rescuing kids around the world. He also holds a black belt in Hapkido (one of the martial arts).

His music style covers a wide range, but what sets Huntley apart, is his deep love for Jesus. "My continual prayer is that the glory of God will shine through the notes."

HARVEST FESTIVAL
Sunday, October 20th



OUTDOOR SERVICE & CHURCH PICNIC

Our highly anticipated and favored event of the summer is upon us! July 28 marks our Outdoor Service and Church Picnic at Waukon's City Park!

This year we will meet at the Jaycee Shelter again at 10am, and there will be no Sunday School that morning. There will be more information to

come on whether or not a "theme" will be had, as in year's past. Everyone is encouraged to bring a dish to pass; meat, buns and paperware is provided.

LET'S GET TO KNOW BETTER...THE CLOCKSINS!

Even though the Clocksins have attended FBC since 2013, there are a lot of interesting facts about their lives you may or may not know! For instance, did you know that Arthur is an Easterner, born in Rochester, NY? Also, Susan was born in our neighboring state of MN – Sleepy Eye, MN, to be exact! Both have fascinating backgrounds that merged and eventually brought them to Waukon, IA. Arthur comes from a large family of 5 brothers and 1 sister; he is the 3rd youngest. His family lost a brother at age two in a tragic accident that deeply affected the entire family. Susan was born with Spina Bifida, a birth defect that affects people differently. Susan has a shunt in her brain, and despite these struggles, lives a fulfilled life – she was considered a “miracle” at birth! Overcoming all the odds, Susan went on to live independently, marry, and was able to conceive a child! Susan has one younger sister. Her parents were divorced when she was age 12, yet Susan had the benefit of having a close relationship with both parents as they lived five miles from each other. Susan graduated from high school in 1987 and attended Southwestern Technical College in Granite Falls, MN to pursue an Optometrist Assistant's degree. Upon graduating from Tech School in 1988, she was employed in this position for several years. Arthur grew up in NY and attended several colleges as he was exploring what he wanted to do in life: Elim Bible Institute (Lima, NY), Bryan College (Dayton, TN), Roberts Wesleyan College (N. Chili, NY – 25 miles from his NY home), and Moody Bible Institute (Chicago, IL). He finally settled on a Bachelor of Arts degree in Humanities from Roberts Wesleyan College in 1984.

His Christian upbringing affected his decision in attending Bible Colleges, adding to his knowledge of the Word of God. Arthur grew up as a nominal Christian, and at age 14 he went to a Leighton Ford Crusade (similar to a Billy Graham Crusade) where he made a profession of faith. As a result of this, he signed up to begin a Bible correspondence course on the book of John and grew tremendously in his young faith. Arthur began to be an avid reader of the Bible during his middle school years. He also attended a Saturday night youth fellowship at New Covenant Fellowship where around a hundred teens would attend weekly! Susan was saved at age 16 on November 18, 1984 through a friend, Ruth, who was a schoolteacher. She attended a “Lay Witness Mission” weekend retreat and was praying by the altar when she sensed a presence behind her, Ruth. Both of them knelt together while Susan prayed to accept Jesus as her Savior! For many years thereafter, they would speak on the phone to celebrate the occasion.

Arthur & Susan met through the mail! A Christian publication, “Christian Single News & Contacts,” was the original way of on-line dating! 😊 The couple began to correspond and talk on the phone and did so for one year before they met in person. Arthur flew to MN to finally meet Susan in person, and Susan also flew to NY to meet his family. On one trip, Arthur took Susan to his family's house on Lake Ontario. On the table in the house was a gift bag. Arthur gave it to Susan, and when she saw the ring box, Arthur exclaimed, “it's an engagement ring!” as a form of explanation. “Art is a man of few words!” thought Susan. The couple was joyfully wed in 2000 in New Ulm, MN, and moved to Rochester, NY shortly after. Pursuing a different job, Arthur & Susan returned to MN for one year before they moved to Decorah, IA where Arthur was hired by Voltmer Electric, Inc. After several jobs, Arthur found an affordable house that brought them to Waukon, where God graciously allowed them to purchase their current home and get a loan from the bank, despite Arthur working a part-time job at the time! The couple has made their residence in Waukon for 14 years now. Arthur is presently employed at Prairie Industries in Lansing, IA.

The Lord blessed them with the birth of Philip in January of 2006; he is also considered a miracle son! “All I really wanted in life was to be a Mom,” asserts Susan. Philip is a 7th grader at Waukon Middle School and entered youth group last fall. The family enjoys spending time together on day trips, and often during summer nights, you will find them in their back yard, roasting marshmallows over a portable firepit. Susan loves to write poetry and wrote a poem for Philip's baby dedication; she still gets sentimental to this day when she ponders the gift from God of Philip's life. “Definitely the health struggles I have had in my life, and recent issues, have drawn me closer to the Lord. To trust Him through my many medical issues, and to know He has a plan for my life.” Susan's favorite verse is Jeremiah 29:11, “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” This verse has special significance to Susan, to trust God, and that He is in control. Arthur's life verse is, “Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.” John 1:12

What drew the family to FBC was, originally, the Awana program. Soon, they made friends, and prayerfully decided to join as members. Arthur notes the stable leadership, unity, stability, and love the church family has for one

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another. "We are a loving and caring church with a lot of warmth, (i.e. greeting time, involvement with the community, etc.), with firm doctrinal positions, not conforming to worldly opinions, not tolerant of sin, yet loving in our approach to sin." Soon thereafter, Arthur was approached to serve on the Deacon Board, and he agreed; he has served for two years in this

position. "It is an honor to serve in this important position, and the decisions made in the meetings are for the greater good of the church and each member. So, we need to rely on God's wisdom and guidance for each decision we make." Susan is very grateful for her friends at FBC and thankful that so many people are willing to drive her to places when her

husband is unavailable. "I have been blessed by the generosity of the people in the church." She also loves Testimony Sunday, the church newsletters, and all that makes FBC "a church that feels like home."



L - R: Philip, Susan, Arthur

BAPTISMAL SERVICE

WHY?

Because we follow Jesus' example when He was baptized by his cousin, John the Baptist (Matt. 3:13-17).

Because Jesus commanded us to in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20).

Because it is an outward symbol of an inward reality (Romans 6:3-4).

HOW?

Following Jesus' example, it is the immersion (completely under) of a believer in water.

CONFUSION ON BAPTISM:

Getting baptized does not save you. Salvation occurs when one has trusted Jesus Christ, and He alone, as Savior and Redeemer.

Baptism is a solemn and beautiful emblem of our identification with the crucified, buried, and Risen Savior!

At FBC, it is a pre-requisite for church membership. If one has been baptized by immersion prior to attending our church, it is not necessary to get baptized again.

If you are interested in learning more about Baptism or becoming baptized, please talk to Pastor Duane. Baptism Classes will be offered according to interest.

First Baptist now has a baptistry that we can use anytime during the year, and/or arrangements can be made with Village Creek Bible Camp to have a baptism there during summer months.



ALL-CHURCH GARAGE SALE AUG. 3

For the 9th consecutive year, we are having our annual all-church garage sale on Saturday, August 3!

Thank you to all those who have donated items or helped in any way.

Cristina Smith is looking

for volunteers to help with the sale itself, in 3-hr. time slots. A sign-up sheet will be made available at the table by the Multi-Purpose Doors.

We are also having a **BAKE SALE!** Likewise, please sign up if you'd like

to bake something for the sale! Kindly bring your baked goods to the church kitchen by Friday night – the youth entrance door will remain unlocked until 9:00pm for this purpose.

All proceeds from the sale go toward future Mission trips!

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BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES

* m = missionary

June Birthdays

- 3 Claudine Glynn (m)
- 3 Denis Kuhens
- 5 Shirley Schulze
- 8 Ron Glynn (m)
- 9 Paul Roeder
- 10 Philip Colsch
- 13 Debbie Thompson (m)
- 15 Will White (m)
- 16 Riley Lloyd
- 16 Alice Thompson (m)
- 18 Larry Barthel
- 20 Alaine Meier
- 21 Brenda Schmitt
- 23 Lynn Stock
- 25 Dawn Roney
- 28 Gabe Snitker
- 30 Ken Woodward

June Anniversaries

- 4 Ernie & Roxie Geeting (m)
- 6 Bob & Shirley Schulze
- 8 Jim & Helen Johnson
- 9 Nick & Brittany Tilleraas
- 16 Raymond & Susie Gress
- 16 David & Debbie Thompson (m)
- 18 Mike & Kris Larson
- 19 Paul & Brenda Promnitz
- 19 Bob & Terri Lyford
- 25 Brian & Lynn Monroe

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July Birthdays

- 1 Mel Johnson
- 2 Jay Schon
- 3 Bob Erickson
- 11 Lee White (missionary's son)
- 14 Paul & Jann Vander Mey (m)
- 15 Melanie Stock
- 15 Valeria White
- 16 Beth Lamb (m)
- 18 Deb Kiley
- 21 Tyler Scholl
- 25 Alana Snitker
- 26 Greg Kerndt
- 29 Stephanie Kelley

July Anniversaries

- 1 Lynn & Melanie Stock
- 17 Lee & Ruth White
- 20 Jeremy & Ruth Lloyd
- 20 Wayne & Sandy Fish
- 23 Dan & Valeria White
- 30 Dale & Dawn Roney
- 31 Will & Tanja White (m)

ODE TO CHURCH VOLUNTEERS... There are many among you who volunteer here, you volunteer tirelessly and (usually) with cheer. Even though we ask you at the last minute, if it needs to be done, we can count on you to be in it. You help teach our children or dry the dishes, you plant or uproot stuff based on our wishes. Some flip pancakes, some fetch donuts, how coffee gets made is quite beyond us. You decorate the church and then take it down; you host the fun things we do around town. You greet and usher and serve communion, every Sunday is a "volunteer reunion!" Some of you sing and hit the right notes, others play music great composers wrote. You shuffle papers for mailings and fold the bulletins, you lead classes and meetings no matter what room they're in. You commit for a day, a month, or the year; when you see staff coming towards you, you cower in fear. It's not that you're "done" – you are just overcommitted, as you are kind, generous, gorgeous and quick-witted! Every great volunteer is in great demand, without you these little jobs can get out of hand. We know you have lives and it's hard to commit, we hope the difference you make, makes all this worth it. The impact of your kindness brings many folks cheer; FBC volunteers, we are in awe of you this year! Thank you, thank you, and thank you again; "Well done" faithful servants, "Well done," our friends!