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PROGRESS CONTINUES

What a blessing to see progress in our Sanctuary! Eleven years ago, we wrote Bible verses on the wall studs, so our entire building was covered in the written Word of God. October 3, 2010 marked the first service held at our new church – a day never to forget! We are reminded of God's faithfulness and that we are only here by His grace & mercy. Now, we are able to enjoy a new set-up of chairs on Sundays and a sound booth that can be moved to the new Sanctuary when that is completed. We praise God for all He has and is doing in our midst! October 31 is our Harvest Festival with guest speaker: Nick Schober.



LET'S GET TO KNOW...COLSCHES

Philip (Phil), Jillian (Jill), Kaden, Cody and Ben have made FBC their home church for several years now. We are blessed by their faithful attendance and participation in our church. Phil grew up in the New Albin area and worked alongside his grandpa on his farm. For the past 20 years he has worked for U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in the McGregor District. Jill grew up near Embarrass, MN on the Iron Range. "We lived 15 miles from town, so my brother and I spent our summers in the swamp and woods behind our house!" During Jill's high-school years, she was involved in music and community theater, starting to sing solos at age 15 at her church and throughout her college years. She attended college at St. Mary's University in Winona, MN and received a degree in Environmental Biology. It was during her internship with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service that she met Phil. "He (Phil) was supposed to be working on a variety of projects for us, but somehow he usually ended up

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working with me!" The couple was married in September of 2005 and three years later, moved back to the New Albin area.

Phil accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior at age 17 but it wasn't until years later that he realized he "couldn't follow God only when it was convenient for me. I needed to be completely committed in all things and all times." Jill doesn't have a defining moment of salvation but has had a "growing relationship" with Jesus since she was small. "When I was younger, I knew I could turn to Him in my times of need. But when I really wanted something, I tended to leave Him out of the decision-making. Slowly, I've learned to let Him take control of my life. I pray more, listen more, and try not to rush things. I've learned that His ways are not always my ways but that they are always the best ways. He has a plan and it's a good one!"

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“These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.”
John 16:33 KJV

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Phil’s favorite Bible references are John 16:33, Joshua 1:9, and Hebrews 4:12-13. Jill gravitates more towards music – even reading the Bible will trigger a song for her! “No matter what life throws at me, a song will pop into my head that fits the moment perfectly, whether it’s an old hymn or a contemporary one.” Some of her favorites are: “As the Deer,” “I Surrender All,” “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing,” “Guilty” (Newsboys), “I Give Up” (Laura Story), and anything by Matthew West.

Phil asserts, “Put your trust in God when things don’t go as planned. I learned that God will always be there and not to worry about things I have no control over.”

Jill affirms, “I learned to turn the reins over to Him and not try to force things. To sit back and let Him lead. Things work so much better that way.”

The couple concludes with their last thoughts to the FBC family: “This church is such an encouragement to us! You have all been so supportive and loving. We love our First Baptist Church family!”

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BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

m = missionaries

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10/3 Lauran White
 10/4 Lynn Monroe
 10/8 Lin Barthel
 10/9 Jeff Goettel
 10/9 Logan Van Ruler
 10/10 Jean Peterson (m)
 10/14 Claire Beyer
 10/17 Jean Buntrock
 10/20 Art Clocksin
 10/23 Liam Aldrich
 10/26 Ruth White
 10/26 Tanja White (m)
 10/30 Chris Kerndt

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

10/17 Michael & Diane Roth
 10/19 Brent & Denise Beyer
 10/22 Harold & Linda Miller

m = missionaries

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/3 Kristie Roeder
 11/5 Michael Smith
 11/11 Susan Clocksin
 11/11 Benjamin Colsch
 11/21 Wade Tilleraas
 11/25 Roxie Geeting (m)
 11/22 Michael Roth, III
 11/26 James Reihle

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

11/4 Art & Susan Clocksin
 11/18 Scott & Jill Manning
 11/25 Ken & Sue Woodward
 11/27 Greg & Pam Kerndt

