

Sunday, November 13, 2011

9:45 am Morning Worship
SHOEBOX DEDICATION
I am the Way, the Truth & the Life—John 14:6
 Rev. Dennis Strawn

11:00 am Sunday School

7:00 pm Sm. Group—Kettel's

7:00 pm Sm. Group—FBC (Strawn)

Monday, November 14, 2011

5:30 pm Circle E in Library

6:00 pm Organizational Meeting

6:30 pm Trustees Meeting

7:00 pm Deacons Meeting

7:00 pm Board of Christian Ed.

8:00 pm Official Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 15, 2011

2:30 pm Adventure Club

7:00 pm Pic 'N Grin

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

6:00 pm Choir Practice

7:00 pm Bible Study—Ramona

7:00 pm Family Night

Thursday, November 17, 2011

2:30 pm Truth Works

7:00 pm Small Group @ Strawn's

Friday, November 18, 2011

7:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, November 19, 2011

10:00 am Praise Band

Pulpit Assistants and Visitation:

11/13 Ralph Carrico, Mark Cartmell

11/20 Fred Kingery, Larry Blankenship

Please Pray For:

Deacon: Larry Blankenship

Shut-Ins: Maxine Fairchild

Missionary: Kim Brown, Thailand

Teacher: Laura Kettel

Class: Childrens' Church

Youth: Ethan Taylor

Young Adult: Jared Bester

Serviceman: Jeff Jenkins

First Baptist Church



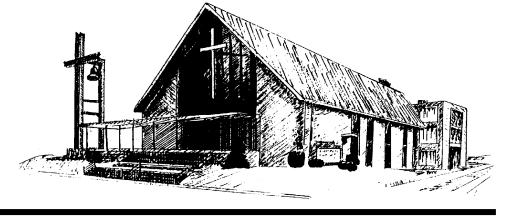
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IN GOD WE TRUST



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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

PASTOR DENNIS STRAWN

FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART:

This coming Sunday, November 13, 2011, is our dedication Sunday for Operation Christmas Child. It is also the Sunday designated to remember and pray for the persecuted church. There are brothers and sisters in many parts of the world who do not have the freedom we have to worship freely. The following is a brief story about one such woman.

From the time Padina was 4 years old, she followed every rule of Islam. She rose at 2a.m. for prayers, spent hours scrubbing the walls of her fundamentalist Islamic school and studied the Quran intently until 11pm. If Padina mispronounced a word in a prayer, she repeated her prayer from the beginning.

But Padina could never reach Allah. "I never felt peace," she said. "I would cry for hours to Allah, saying, 'I am so far from you.'" She felt depressed and hopeless. So she made a plan to end her suffering. She and her terminally ill mother would take sleeping pills, turn on the gas in the kitchen and enter the presence of Allah.

As Padina started to turn on the gas in the kitchen, she heard her mother's TV in the living room. The words of a pastor on an illegal Christian satellite program from outside Iran grabbed her attention: "Why do you want to kill yourself tonight? Our God is so powerful that he can change your life. Give Jesus one week!"

Repulsed, Padina decided, "I will pretend to invite Jesus for one week in my life; I can show Christianity for the false religion that it is. Then I will kill myself live on their program and embarrass the God of the infidels." She prayed the prayer of salvation with the pastor. "My body got very hot," she said. "The second I said 'amen,' a peace came upon me that I had never felt before."

The next morning, Padina awoke to something she hadn't seen in months. Her formerly disabled mother was up and walking. Padina rushed her to the hospital for testing. When the doctors saw the blood work and the MRI, they said, "This is a miracle! She is cured! Which imam did you pray to?"

"Jesus," Padina replied. "I prayed to Jesus."

"And that is the moment I came to true faith," Padina recalled. "I made an oath to Christ that I would serve him until my last breath."

Today, Padina has a new plan. She serves as a leader in Iran's underground church network, spending her days sharing Jesus with anyone who will listen. As a Christian, she faces the possibility of imprisonment and death every day. As a top leader of the underground church, the Iranian government sees her as a most-wanted criminal.

Will you join in praying for Padina and other members of the persecuted church?



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**USHER
SCHEDULE
November 13**

PROGRAMS

Dave Vogelsong

FRONT DOOR

Jerry Bester

VERNON STREET

Dan Hieronimus

ELEVATOR

George McClure

LIBRARY

Mark Cartmell

UPCOMING EVENTS
(INVITE FAMILY & FRIENDS)

- Nov. 12 7:00—9:00 pm Tri-County Choir, First Church of the Nazarene, 2318 S. 4th, Ironton
- Nov. 20 9:45 am Invite A Friend Sunday
- Nov. 23 7:00 pm Community Tksg. @ First Methodist
- Dec. 4 6:00 pm LBA Songfest
- Dec. 10 7:00—9:00 pm Tri-County Choir, Oak Street Chapel FWB Church, Flatwoods
- Dec. 14 7:00 pm Christmas Play



This Sunday, November 13 is **Dedication Sunday!** Bring your boxes to the sanctuary Sunday morning (or any day this week). Remember, these boxes not only bring smiles and joy to hurting children, but they also bring the life-saving message of God's love. Every

child who receives a box receives a booklet telling them of God's love and what Jesus did for them. There are follow-up programs conducted by local believers who have been trained by Samaritan's Purse, and many children are born into God's kingdom. In some cases, other family members also. Even some entire villages have been won to Christ and established churches—all because of a shoebox filled with simple gifts! What a wonderful, easy way to be a missionary! We've lost some dear folks this year who always filled boxes and loved doing this ministry. Maybe we could each fill an extra box or two in their memory.

BIBLE STUDY—If there is enough interest in a morning Bible Study, Ramona is willing to start one soon on Ester. If you are interested, please call her (532-0673).

NO MESSENGER THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 21ST.

FBC Clothes Closet now open Mondays & Saturdays 9:00 am—12:00 Noon or call Gina Boggs 606-615-2554

Nursery Volunteers

Baby Nursery

Margaret Ng, Michael Gleichauf
Michelle Cook, Emily Strawn

Sunday School

Volunteers

Sunday Morning

November 13
November 20

CONTINUE TO SAVE YOUR CANS!

Discount Cards—\$10.00—Exp. 9-30-12, Available in the office.

Kroger Cards still available from Phyllis Greenwood

If you have sold discount cards or Gattiland booklets, please turn in any money you have as soon as possible or by the first of December.

We donated \$431.15 in the Baby Bottle Blessings for Two Hearts Pregnancy Care.

**Lawrence County Courthouse
Thursday 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
HONORING VETERANS**

Check out our web site: fbcironton.org

You can get the Messenger on the web site and also hear the Sunday morning worship service. If you are currently receiving the Messenger by mail and you have e-mail, we can send to you by e-mail. Let us know your e-mail address by e-mailing us @ sandy.fbc1@gmail.com or you can get the Messenger from the web site. Please let us know and we will stop mailing to you. Thanks

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers, cards and your thoughts and prayers during Dad's illness and death. We truly appreciate your kindness.
Donita Fairchild Cook, Jim Fairchild

2012 FLOWER CHART IS NOW UP IN THE COUNSELING ROOM

		ATTENDANCE	
		Adults	Youth
Wednesday	11/2	27	104
Adv. Club	11/1	66	
Truth Works	11/3		
November 6		2011	2010
Morning Worship		136	146
Sunday School		83	90



Week 46

- Day 1 Acts 9-11
- Day 2 Acts 12-14
- Day 3 James 1-5
- Day 4 Galatians 1-3
- Day 5 Galatians 4-6
- Day 6 Acts 15-16

Small Group Meetings

- Sunday:** 7:00 pm Young Adult @ Ron & Laura Kettel's
- Sunday:** 7:00 pm @ FBC Counseling Rm (Strawn)
- Thursday:** 7:00 pm @ Dennis & Melinda Strawn's

**Circles Bible Book of the Month:
I, II, III JOHN**

Memory Verse Week 46: Acts 9:31 So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.