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Great News
First Baptist Church Mt. Pleasant

October 2011

How's YOUR FACE

Today I went up to my 5 month old baby boy's room to get him after his nap and was greeted by sunshine. What is it about babies that their smile can brighten a room? Hayden was just sitting there looking around and once I came in to the room, his face lit up with a smile. And I could see his smile with his mouth, his eyes, his entire body.

Does your face ever shine like that? Sometimes I think my face only shines due to some post pubescent oily skin rather than my countenance.

When Jesus tells us to have faith like children and to be more like them, it is easy to write it off. "Okay, I need to trust more fully and love more innocently." But I think maybe it's more than that. I wonder if children shine because they're lack of "the knowledge of good and evil" allows them to reflect God's love better.

"When Moses came down Mount Sinai carrying the two stone tablets inscribed with the terms of the covenant, he wasn't aware that his face had become radiant because he had spoken to the Lord. So when Aaron and the people of Israel saw the radiance of Moses' face, they were afraid to come near him... But whenever he went into the Tent of Meeting to speak with the Lord, he would remove the veil until he came out again. Then he would give the people whatever instructions the Lord had given him, and the people of Israel would see the radiant glow of his face. So he would put the veil over his face until he returned to speak with the Lord." - Exodus 34.

How often do you let God's radiance rub off

on you? If we spend time with Him, certainly we will look more like Him. And that means that in our daily lives, we look and act with His radiance. Can you imagine reflecting God so much that people are convicted by your presence? Instead, we often have to talk about God just to make sure people see Him through our lack of luster.

So the question is, how do we shine like Jesus? And the answer is nothing revolutionary. **We reflect those we spend the most time with.** This is a commonly understood theory, especially when talking to teenagers. We tell them all the time not to give in to "peer pressure" cause we know that each of us tends to act like those around us.

So we need some good ol' peer pressure. If you want your face to radiate grace, then you have to be around grace. Do you go to your own "Tent of Meeting" to meet with Jesus? I know I need to get alone with Him much more than I do. Do you make it a priority to worship with your brothers and sisters; giving and receiving peer pressure as we collectively seek His face? Or do you just sometimes show up to be a spectator to it all. Do you spend time in His presence serving the "least of these" that are a representation of Him? Or do you think giving a little money is sufficient?

Unfortunately, my face reflects only myself too much. I want God's grace to be so obvious in my face that it makes people uncomfortable to see it. I'm not there yet. If you aren't either, lets work on it together.

► **Live the Word**
 ► **Proclaim the Word**
 ► **Be Transformed**

During the month of October we will be taking the World Mission Offering. Our gifts make possible the ministries of nearly 100 long-term International Ministries missionaries and more than 1,500 short-term missionaries and volunteers. They work in more than 70 countries along with 220 partner organizations that include evangelistic associations, hospitals, schools, publishing companies and others responding to Christ's call.

Please prayerfully consider a gift to WMO as we *Live the Word* and *Proclaim the Word* so that others might *Be Transformed*.

Thank you, Brooke, for the many years you have blessed us with your piano playing. We appreciate all you have done for us and we wish you and your young family God's blessings now and forever.



All men of the church and their friends are invited to the Men's Ministry Breakfast held the second Saturday of each month at 8:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Come join us for great food, fellowship and bible study.

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING
 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18
 7:00 pm

All member and nonmembers are encouraged to attend this meeting. We will be voting on the 2012 budget and on officers and nominees for the various ministry teams and committees.

AREA III M-AB WOMEN'S
 FALL RALLY
 October 15
 Forest Lake Camp

Featured Speaker:
 Marsha Street
 M-AB Women's Ministries President
 Topic:

Her recent mission trip to
 South Africa and Congo

Cost: \$10.00
 For more information contact
 Mersihda Dyer



The family of Irene Boal.

The Deacons are asking members and nonmembers to be on a Reach Team. Teams plan visits, make phone calls, write letters and pray as they work to care for one another and for our world. Sign up in the foyer for one Monday night a month and help reach out to others.

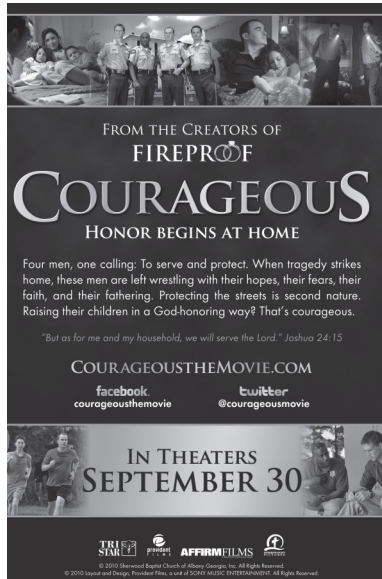


Alex and Kaysee Phelps celebrated the birth of their son, Alexander Parker James, on Thursday, September 8. He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 19 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Don and Diana Upton.

OCTOBER NURSERY WORKERS

	<u>Babies</u>	<u>Toddlers</u>	<u>Preschool</u>
2nd	Mersihda	Amber Kenzie	Beth
9th	Sheryl	Judy Kayleigh	Maxie
16th	Tena	Diana	Carolyn
23rd	Judy Kayleigh	Melissa	Deb Brandi
30th	Carolyn	Maxie	Mersihda





First Baptist, along with many other churches in the area, is bringing the movie *Courageous* to the Temple Theatre. Showing September 30-October 13 advanced tickets are \$4.00 and can be purchased after worship services or in the church office.

MAKING DISCIPLES: THE NEW NORMAL
 Saturday, October 1
 First Baptist Church, Indianola, IA



Rev. Dr. Jeff Johnson



Rev. Dan Buttry

The speakers for this event will be Jeff Johnson and Dan Buttry. Jeff serves as the ABC Director of Evangelism Ministries with American Baptist Home Mission Societies. Dan is one of our ABC global consultants, working through International Ministries in the areas of conflict transformation, peace and reconciliation ministries.

A short business meeting will be held in order to elect at-large delegates to the Board of Region Ministries.

A simple meal will be served. Cost for the event is \$10.00. Registration forms can be found on the table in the church foyer.

We would like to have a good representation from our church there. If you have questions please contact Pastor Regan.



November 4-6
 Cedar Rapids, IA
 Hosted by: The Church on Northland

For Youth—6th-12th grades

Session Speaker—Greg Speck

Worship Leader—Daniel Bailey

Christian Improv Group—Fishsticks

Registration—\$55.00

For registration forms and more information please contact Pastor Regan.

Fund Raising Concert for Community Kitchen

Featuring Richie Lee and the Fabulous 50's

Saturday, October 8th, 2011

2:00 pm Honoring the Return of the 832 Engineering Company

7:00 pm Evening Concert

Heatilator Performing Arts Center-Monroe Street

Advance discounted tickets will be available at The Fellowship Cup, Quarter Maybe More Store, Browns Shoes, and Hy-Vee for \$8.00 for the 2:00 pm show and \$10.00 the 7:00 pm show. Tickets at the door will be an additional \$2.00. Contact The Fellowship Cup (319) 385-3242 or volunteer@thefellowshipcup.org.

October 2011

October Birthdays

Trisha Shepherd	2
Seuang Kavanh	5
Vi King	5
Marjorie Burden	6
Shirley Starman	9
Jennetta Titus	12
Jackson Stoops	14
Diana Upton	14
Amy Mullenix	18
Judy Septer	19
Dwain Collett	20
Kayla Mertens	23
Nakayla Wellington	23
Bill Dorrell	26
Elloise Moyle	27
Joyce Stull	27
Marilee Donnolly	29
Olivia Harris	30

October Anniversaries

Jim & Amber Scott	1
Matt & Jennifer Crull	28

Please inform the church office of any birthday or anniversary additions or corrections.

October Communion

Preparers: Bob & Joyce Stull
Servers: Stan Ross, Marge Burden
Bob Messer & Bob Stull

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Sat

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
2 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship & Communion	3 7:00 pm Discipleship Team Meeting 7:00 pm Reach Team	4 10:00 am Coffee Hour @ Tazza Bella 11:30 am Ladies Lunch @ Jerry's Restaurant 7:00 pm Deacons Meeting	5 6:45 pm BYG	6 10:00 am Prayer Meeting 4:00 pm Praise Team Practice 7:00 pm Seekers Circle	7	1 10:00 am Nat'l TTT in Fellowship Hall 1:00 pm Myers Family in Fellowship Hall Making Disciples Event @ Indianola
9 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	10  7:00 pm Missions Team Meeting 7:00 pm Reach Team	11 10:00 am Coffee Hour @ Tazza Bella 1:30 pm Women's Bible Study 5:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Worship Team Mtg.	12 6:45 pm BYG	13 10:00 am Prayer Meeting 4:00 pm Praise Team Practice	14 Conrad/Thornton Rehearsal	15 Women's Fall Rally @ Forest Lake Camp Conrad/Thornton Wedding
16 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	17 7:00 pm Reach Team	18 10:00 am Coffee Hour @ Tazza Bella 6:00 pm Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm Quarterly Business Meeting	19 6:45 pm BYG	20 10:00 am Prayer Meeting 4:00 pm Praise Team Practice 7:00 pm Link Circle	21	22
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