

## First Baptist Church of Oakville

6741 Telegraph Road,  
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**American Red Cross**  
**BLOOD DRIVE**  
Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>  
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Vision  
20/20



*for the future*  
PRAYING, TRUSTING, GIVING

### Vision 20/20 Campaign Dates

- Announcement Sunday—March 1<sup>st</sup>
- Communication Phase—March 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 29<sup>th</sup>
- Advance Commitment Event—March 17<sup>th</sup>
- Vision Banquet at *Andres*—March 29<sup>th</sup>
- Commitment Phase—March 30<sup>th</sup> thru April 18<sup>th</sup>
- Celebration Sunday—April 19<sup>th</sup>



### John's Jots

*Vision 20/20 has begun.* Our Capital Stewardship Campaign enters the second phase this Sunday, the Communication Phase. Over the next few weeks, you will hear a great deal about the proposed building and how we hope to make that vision a reality. My thanks to our Deacons who conducted the first phase, a ministry of prayer to our entire Church family. Over the next several weeks, I ask you to continue praying for God's continuing blessings on our Church, for the success of the capital campaign, and for how God is leading you to participate.

*This Sunday is Announcement Sunday.* Over the next few weeks, you will hear announcements and testimonies from several of our members. You will also receive information about the project through a series of special newsletters. The **Communication Phase** of our campaign concludes on March 29<sup>th</sup>, when we will gather at 6:00 pm at *Andre's Banquet Center* for our VISION 20/20 banquet. Mark your calendar—you won't want to miss that celebration of vision and fellowship.

*Our New Member Class begins March 8<sup>th</sup>,* and meets each Sunday in March during Sunday School. Rich Townsend is leading this 4-week study for over 30 newer members of our Church family. We will begin the class with a luncheon for those newer members this Sunday at Noon in the Activity Center. We praise God for the folks He is bringing into FBCO. This class is a welcome and a celebration of those newer families. New families should have received an invitation from Rich about the luncheon and the class. Contact Rich Townsend if you have any questions.

*Speaking of new members,* notice elsewhere in this newsletter the eight precious folks added to our membership over the past month. We welcome them and thank God for bringing them to us.

**REBELLION SUNDAY is March 8<sup>th</sup>!!** That is the weekend we are supposed to set our clocks forward on Saturday night and "lose" an hour's sleep. Wellll—for the 5<sup>th</sup> time, we are going to REBEL!!! **DON'T set your clocks forward** Saturday night—come to Sunday School and Church on the **OLD TIME**, and we will set our clocks forward **AFTER CHURCH**. I know it sounds silly, but it is all in fun—but **TRY IT**, you'll like it.

*The next Breakfast & Work Day* is Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. After breakfast and fellowship, we will address several projects around our building that need extra attention. Our men faithfully mobilize for these work days—and we need your help again. Please join us for a few hours. You will enjoy it.

*Our Quarterly Business Meeting* is Sunday evening, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Among our regular reports, we will consider Summer ministry intern candidates. Plan to join us as we endeavor to do the Lord's business.

*Our Red Cross Blood Drive* is Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 3-7pm. Previous blood drives have been successful, as donors from our fellowship and community have lined up to give. Donating takes a little time and is a very selfless act. The reality is there is **Power in the Blood**, and indeed there is for patients facing surgery or serious injuries. You can walk in or call Beth Boxx to make an appointment. Heartfelt thanks to our WMU leadership for this ministry, and to all who participate.

Gratefully, Your Pastor  
**Pastor John**

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### March Birthdays

- Madison Talley.....3
- Marissa Talley.....6
- Trevor and Trenton Moravec.....7
- Kelli Lewis.....7
- Jamie Donnelly, Mary Morton,  
Mike McDermott.....9
- Joey Lamping.....12
- Jerry McLeod.....14
- Ann Talley.....15
- Ally Schellhase, Susie Thompson.....17
- Don Stoddard, Madison Spencer.....18
- Bettye Dohack.....21
- Doris Cammarata.....23
- Alex Jacobi.....27

*God Bless You on Your Birthday!*

### March Calendar

- Fellowship Breakfast.....1
- New Member Luncheon (Noon).....1
- Church Council Meeting.....1
- P.E.P. Club Fellowship.....5
- Church Breakfast & Work Day..(8 am).....7
- REBELLION SUNDAY.....8**
- Daylight Savings Time Begins*
- New Member Class (9:45 am)..8, 15, 22, 29
- Deacon's Meeting.....8
- Business Meeting.....8
- Building and Grounds Meeting.....10
- W.M.U. Meeting.....14
- Movie Night at Church.....15
- Red Cross Blood Drive (3-7 pm).....16**
- St. Patrick's Day.....17
- Advance Commitment Event.....17
- Spring Begins.....20
- Vision 20/20 Banquet..(6:00 pm).....29

## GWEN'S Gallery

### *One Little Lie* by Colleen Cobble

It started with one little lie, but Jane Hardy will do everything in her power to uncover the truth in this gripping new romantic suspense.

Jane Hardy is appointed interim sherriff in Pelican Harbor, Alabama, after her father retires, but there's no time for an adjustment period. When her father is arrested for theft and then implicated in a recent murder, Jane quickly realizes she's facing someone out to destroy the only family she has.

After escaping with her father from a cult fifteen years ago, Jane has searched relentlessly for her mother—who refused to leave—ever since. Could someone from that horrible past have found them?

Reid Dixon is well-known for his documentaries and his latest project involves covering Jane's career. Jane has little interest in the attention, but the committee who appointed her loves the idea of the publicity.

Jane finds herself depending on Reid's calm manner as he follows her around filming, and they begin working together to clear her father. But Reid has his own secrets from the pasat, and the gulf between them may be impossible to cross—especially once her father's lie catches up with them all.

### *The Restoration* by Wanda E. Brunstetter

Priscilla Herschberger and Elam Gingerich, a childhood friend from her Amish community, have been courting for a while, but a marriage proposal still seems to be in the distant future.

David Morgan, an outsider raised in the modern world, often visits his grandparents in the area. He and Priscilla become fast friends, and David starts to research more about the Amish faith.

Elam would do almost anything to convince Priscilla that David would never fit into the Amish way. Then on the eve of Elam's planned proposal, a tradedy occurs that could make a way for Elam to have Priscilla all to himself.

Who will ultimately win Priscilla's scarred heart?



## Kidz Kollege

Kidz Kollege enjoyed our first special activity since Christmas by going bowling at Imperial Bowl on Saturday, February 15. Seventeen kids bowled for 2 hours and ate lots of pizza. Several adults helped out, and David Jacobi drove the bus.

We have a fairly large spread of ages in Kidz Kollege, but we all get along together pretty well. The older ones watch out for the little guys, and we so appreciate our older kids for the love and care they show.

All kids from 4 years old through 5th grade are welcome in Kidz Kollege every Wednesday at church from 6:30-8:00 P.M. - JUST COME!!

*Ed & Pauline Maness*

## Kidz Praise . . .

**In March, we will finish our look at why we study the Bible. Then we will look at why prayer is important and how it's done.**

**We praise God by loving one another and we show love through RESPECT.**

*Cyndi Harmon*



## John's Notes

### *Where's the piccolo?*

Greetings, Everyone.

Have you ever felt that you weren't appreciated for the work you do or that the things you do don't matter in the big picture? I recently came across a story that exemplifies this sentiment.

It seems Sir Michael Costa was conducting a rehearsal in which the orchestra was joined by a great chorus. About halfway through the session, with trumpets blaring, drums rolling, and violins singing their rich melody, the piccolo player muttered to himself, "What good am I doing? I might just as well not be playing. Nobody can hear me anyway." So he kept the instrument to his mouth, but he made no sound. Within moments, the conductor cried, "Stop! Stop! Where's the piccolo?" It was missed by the ear of the most important person of all.

A church that is doing God's Will is made up of many people with a multitude of talents. As humans we seem to put degrees of importance on certain positions or people in the church because of their duties but I'm not so sure God sees it that way. Everyone has a gift from God and when we are using it in His service, God's Will is being done, and when we don't, the church is not meeting the full potential that God desires for us. The person that straightens a picture frame that was leaning, or the person that picks up a piece of litter on the parking lot, or the person that comes to help serve a breakfast meal, or the person leans over the pew to tell someone that they missed them the last 3 Sundays, or the person that just encourages others, or the person that gives thanks to others for their work. It may seem your work is nothing or that you are like the piccolo in an orchestra and you are tempted to just not play. The piccolo is the smallest instrument making a sound that, seemingly, no one can hear and is overpowered by the mighty horns or kettle drums and clashing cymbals. But remember—Jesus, the conductor, knows all, and I would encourage you to keep playing your piccolo, and thank you for playing it.

*John Gorse*

## Welcome to our Newest Members:

Ann Knight (letter)                      Liz Lutewitte (letter)  
Dewayne Robbins (baptism)  
Frank & Sue Moravec (letter),      Trenton & Trevor Moravec (baptism)  
Justin Gorse (baptism)

*And the Lord added unto the Church . . .*

**Don't forget—March 8<sup>th</sup>**

# Rebellion Sunday

**Join us on the OLD time. Set to the NEW time after Church.**