

**First Baptist  
Church**  
Ramsey, IL

### Schedule Times

Sunday

9 am: Sunday School

10 am: Worship

6 pm: Evening Worship

Wednesday

7 pm: Bible Studies

(All Ages)

Friday

7 pm: Lighthouse

### Upcoming Events

Ladies Spring Brunch	May 1
Senior Adult Day	May 2
Polish Baseball	May 2
Youth Saturday Outreach	May 8
Mother's Day	May 9
Bapt. Children's Home Offering	May 9
Note Burning	May 16
Senior Adults	May 18
Graduation Sunday	May 23
Youth Retreat	May 28 & May 29
Memorial Day Office Closed	May 31

# THE CONNECTION

MAY 2010



## Ladies' Spring Brunch

Saturday, May 1st

10:00 A.M.

(Entertainment by the Joy Sunday School Class)

*“To Know  
Christ  
And  
To Make  
Him Known”*

## Pastor's Pen

In 1838, on the night when the slaves were set free in Jamaica, a large mahogany coffin was made and a grave was dug. Into that coffin the liberated slaves threw the reminders of their former life of slavery—whips, torture irons, branding irons, coarse frocks and shirts, large hats, fragments of a treadmill, and handcuffs. Then the lid of the coffin was screwed down. At the stroke of midnight the coffin was lowered into the grave and buried. Then the liberated natives sang the doxology:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him, all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

Thirteen years ago, FBC had the foresight to purchase a strategic piece of property on the south edge of town. Then after a church vote to relocate in September of 1998, the real work began. Many gave financially. Some contributed through volunteer labor. At each step in the process, God was faithful to provide. When we needed lumber, God provided. When we needed duct work, God provided. When we needed air conditioners and furnaces, God provided. When we needed drywall installed in the sanctuary, God provided a power lift and a crew of professionals via two generous contractors who donated to meet these needs. After we moved into our new ministry tool, God financially blessed many of you and the debt was reduced quickly. In the April business meeting, we voted to pay off the loan. On May 16, 2010 we will celebrate liberty as a church from the bondage of debt at the note burning ceremony in our morning service. This moment is one that many have anticipated for more than 10 years. More than a celebration of being debt free, it is a tribute of the goodness of God and His provision.

It is an exclamation point to the faith journey of a group of people willing to join God where He is working. The completion of the building and the final payment of the loan is not the end of the faith journey. It is part of the process that God is using to grow His people into maturity. God has many more plans for FBC, and more celebrations will follow as we follow His will. So let's sing together, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow..."

In His Service,  
Brother Glenn

## Ladies' Spring Brunch

The Ladies' Spring Brunch will be Saturday, May 1st, at 10:00 am. All ladies and girls are welcome.

## SENIOR ADULT DAY

The senior adults will be in charge of the morning worship service on May 2nd.

## Coffee and Chat

Each Wednesday morning the senior adults host a Coffee and Chat time starting at 9:30 a.m. All ages are welcome. Please come and fellowship with us.



## We're Debt Free!!!

Our new church building is paid off!!! It was a God-sized task and God was faithful. You may still donate to the building fund for future projects. We will have a note burning on May 16th.

# Items Needed for World Changers

The youth will be doing roofing and painting projects when they go to World Changers. Our group will be responsible for their own tools. If you would like to donate any of the following items, please bring to the church and put in the box in the foyer: hammers, paint brushes, work gloves, goggles, wire brushes, and paint scrapers. Also, if you have any old jeans you would like to donate to the youth, please bring them also.

## Special Offering

We will receive a special offering for the Baptist Children's Home on Mother's Day, May 9th.

### Polish Baseball Game

at Ramsey High School Baseball Field

May 2nd, 2-4 pm

Youth & Adults are Welcome to Play

Contact Kyle Sparks with any questions.

## Walk in the Park

A group of ladies are meeting at the Ramsey Lake State Park on Monday evenings at 4:30 pm. They encourage anyone who likes to walk to join them. If it is raining, they will meet in the gym and do some type of activity.

## VBS

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner (June 7-11), and we need to start making plans. If you would like to help in VBS, contact Michelle Butler @ 618/292-4878.

### LAST LIGHTHOUSE

**Before Summer Break**

**May 14th**

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**Last meeting for Wednesday night mission groups, On Purpose, and FUEL is May 19th.**

### YOUTH SATURDAY OUTREACH

May 8

9-11 am

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### YOUTH RETREAT

May

28-29

**Required for World Changer Participants**

**Watch bulletins for more information to come**

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### WORLD CHANGERS

June 14-19

**May 2nd - World Changers Chaperones Meeting in David McFarland's S. S. Room after Morning Worship Service**

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### SUPER SUMMER

July 6-10

Greenville College

**Youth need to see Luke if interested Youth Leadership Training Camp**

**Cost: \$195**

### RAMSEY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

**SUNDAY, MAY 23, AT 3:00 PM**

### RAMSEY GRADE SCHOOL PROMOTION

**TUESDAY, MAY 25, AT 7:00 PM**

## Graduates From Our Church

### High School Graduates

Josh Green

Aria Hankins

Cecelia Miller

Korey McCloskey

Shawn Morell

Kyle Sparks

Dean Strobel

Amber Williams

Stephanie Willis

Caleb Wood

### Grade School Graduates

Clayton Belcher

Christin Campbell

Eric Campbell

Devin Friesland

Allison Luster

Rhonda McDonald

Will Strobel

Paige Wilson

May, 2010

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<b>Regular Sunday Schedule</b> 9:00 am Sun. School 10:00 am Worship 6:00 pm Worship						<u>1</u> Ladies Spring Banquet 10 am
<u>2</u> <b>Senior Adult Day</b> Meeting with Chaperones <i>Polish Baseball 2 pm</i> Classes 5:30 pm Worship/SNAG 6 pm	<u>3</u> Walk at the Park 4:30 pm	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u> Coffee & Chat 9:30 am TeamKids 7pm On Purpose/FUEL 7pm Bible Study/Prayer 7pm	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u> Lighthouse 7 pm	<u>8</u> Youth Saturday Outreach 9-11 am
<u>9</u> <b>Mother's Day</b> <i>BCH Offering</i> No PM Service	<u>10</u> Walk at the Park 4:30 pm	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u> Coffee & Chat 9:30 am Praise Band Practice—5:30 pm Business Meeting-7pm	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u> Last Lighthouse 7 pm	<u>15</u> Kari Fry & Danny Marston Wedding
<u>16</u> Praise Band - am <i>Note Burning</i> Worship/SNAG 6 pm	<u>17</u> Walk at the Park 4:30 pm	<u>18</u> Senior Adults	<u>19</u> Coffee & Chat 9:30 am TeamKids 7pm On Purpose/FUEL 7pm Bible Study/Prayer 7pm	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u> Last Full Day of School	<u>22</u>
<u>23</u> <b>Graduation Sunday</b> <i>H.S. Graduation 3 pm</i> Worship/SNAG 6 pm	<u>24</u> Walk at the Park 4:30 pm	<u>25</u> Report Card Day <b>G.S. Graduation 7 pm</b>	<u>26</u> Coffee & Chat 9:30 am Bible Study/Prayer 7 pm	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u> ← Youth	Retreat → <u>29</u>
<u>30</u>	<u>31</u> <b>Memorial Day</b> <i>Office Closed</i>					

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Return Service Requested

Rev. Glenn Sparks, *Pastor*

Luke Henry, *Youth Minister*

Kyle Sparks, *Music Minister*