

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

A Word From Pastor...



2 Cor.; 5:16—18

¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: ¹⁸ The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

God’s New Creation Demands A New Identity

Dearly Beloved,

In the movie *Overcomer*, Hannah Scott is being raised by her grandmother. Her mother died and she was told that her father had died also. She is a loner. She struggles to know her identity. She enjoys running, so she goes out for cross-country, despite being asthmatic. Her coach, John Harrison is reluctantly persuaded to lead cross-country. His heart is in coaching basketball. But when the local manufacturing plant closes, he loses key members of his championship—caliber team, and the principal insists that he coach cross-country, even if there is only one runner and even if he knows little about the sport. Unaware, John was facing his own identity crisis.

John’s crisis came to light when he was asked by a blind diabetic patient: “If I asked you who you are, what comes to mind?” The question caught John off-guard. Initially, he responded by referring to his roles... basketball coach, cross-country coach, teacher, husband, parent. “Oh yeah, and I am a child of God”. Later, the blind man confronted him with his answer. He confessed that his blindness had stripped away many things in his life. He asked John, “Who are you when certain things are taken away from you?” Since you are a believer, you will always be a child of God, whether your parents are alive or dead, whether the factory stays open or closed, whether you have sight or go blind.

We tend to be like John, basing our identity on what we do and what our roles are. But God wants us to base our identity on our relationship with Him and on who He says we are. After the principal leads Hannah to trust in Christ as Savior, she gives her a task—read Ephesians 1-2 and write down how God describes you from those verses. I encourage you to pursue this assignment! Here are a few statements Hannah wrote:

I am blessed (1:3)

I am chosen (1:4)

I am adopted as God’s child (1:5)

As Christians, we focus on learning to believe what the Bible says is true about God; who He is and what He has done and how He works! God also wants us to focus on learning to believe what He says is true about our identity in Christ. He wants us to have as strong a level of confidence in our identity in Christ as we do in our faith in His divine identity and powerful works!

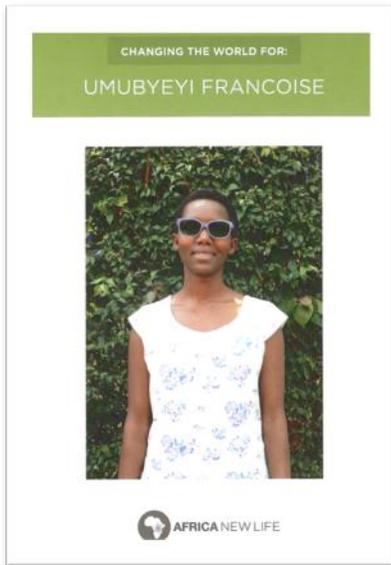
May the Lord encourage you and strengthen your confidence as you trust in Him and His word!

*Shepherding you in Christ’s Love,
Lance*



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Discover Christ’s Transforming Love



In August, the board members voted to support Francoise Umubyeyi \$100/month through Africa New Life Ministry to attend university in Rwanda. Francoise has been financially supported by Lance and Jolene since 2009, allowing her to attend elementary, middle and high schools. Lance and Jolene began sponsoring her after they attended a dinner at Summit Church, where they learned about the plight of many families after the genocide of 1994. Lance had the privilege to meet Francoise and her family and see where they lived when he joined the Summit Church on a short term mission trip in spring of 2010.

Sponsorship for university students is \$300/month so our church is joining with the Zagaris', the Graggs, and Jacob & Mindy Peper to provide her needs! Periodically, we will seek to give you updates on her progress and ways to pray for her. Our joint sponsorship frees Francoise to dream through the gift of education.

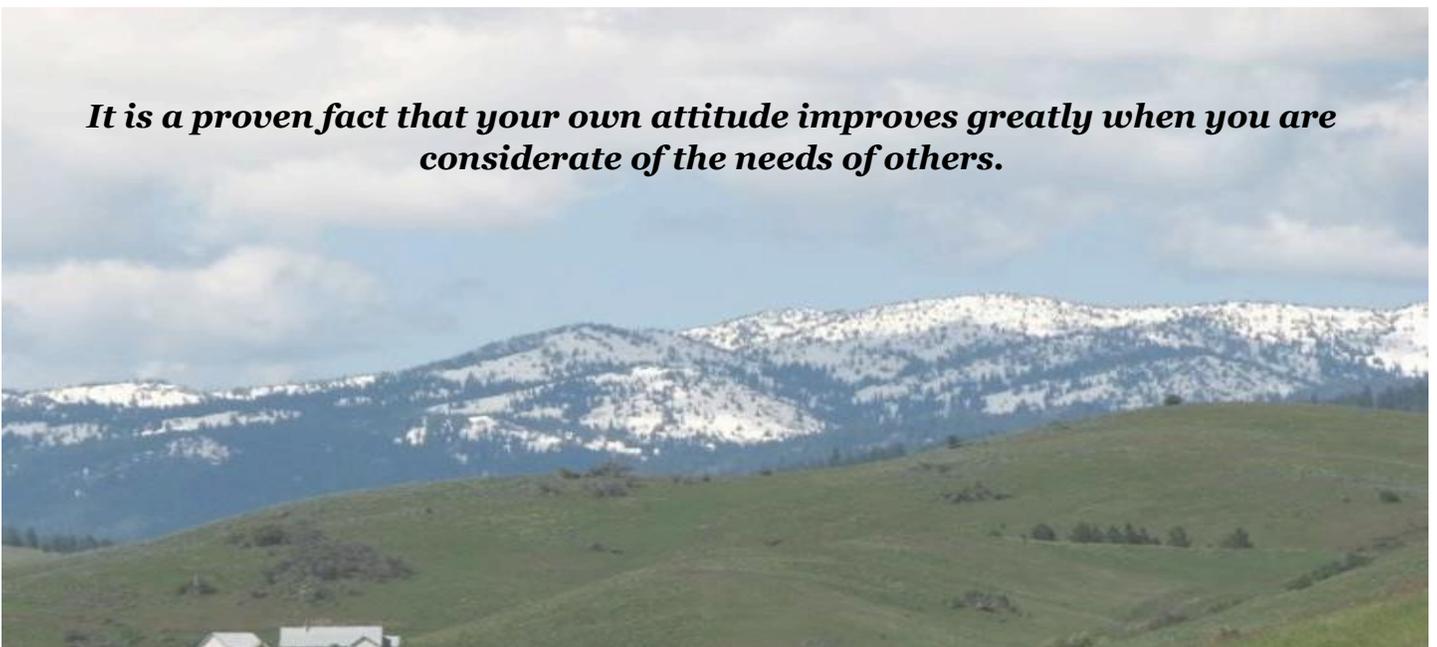
Umubyeyi Francoise

Child Ref:	RCS00388
Community:	College Student
Gender:	Female
Birthday:	8/4/1997
Grade Level:	University 1
Favorite Subject:	Electronics
Hobby:	Singing
Dream:	Businesswoman

Dear First Baptist Church,
Thank you so much for sponsoring Umubyeyi Francoise, RCS00388, and freeing her to dream! Your support will make a lasting difference in Francoise's life.

Gratefully,
Michaela

It is a proven fact that your own attitude improves greatly when you are considerate of the needs of others.

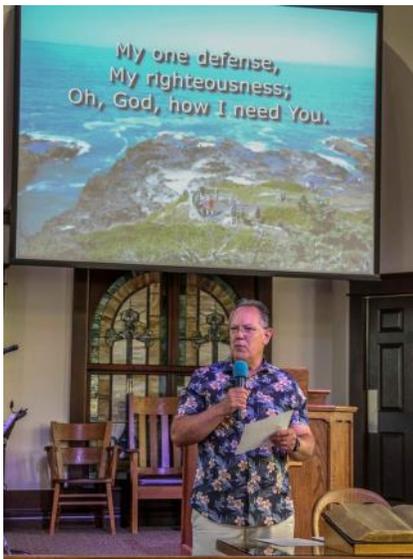


FBC Celebrated Our 125th Anniversary!



Happy Anniversary

Celebrating with... Inspiring Messages & Testimony



On Saturday Pastor Lance shared the information about the church, it's history and a video of the restoration after the arson.

On Sunday, Pastor Jim Steiner shared a great message from Heb. 13:7-8...

- 1) Remember those who led you.
- 2) Consider the outcome of their lives. Rethink in a way that would cause you to take action and move forward.
- 3) Imitate their faith—we are an ongoing part of their initial vision. Find ways to trust God and keep doing ministry.
- 4) Jesus Christ IS The Same Yesterday, Today And Forever! He is with us as He was with our founders!



Cardboard testimonies were shared at the concert.



Celebrating with... Food and Fellowship!

A Dessert buffet on Saturday was a hit!



Sunday we had a BBQ after the service— Thanks to the chefs, Jason Humphries and Justin Church!



And thanks to the kitchen crew!



Food and fellowship the Baptist way!



Celebrating with... Fun and Games!

The Lord blessed us with a beautiful day on Saturday and fun was had by all.

Wheelbarrow Race...



Water guns!



Water slide!



Water balloon toss!



Old time photos!



Tug of War!!



And foot massages!



Celebrating with Music!

The Bostock's blessed us with their music.....Greg and Glenda shared their personal testimonies and told us about their annual mission trip to Vietnam. People were inspired by their music and stories!



History & Memories!

The long history of the church was shared through photos, articles, albums, old ledgers, etc.!



Yesterdays
Memories
are tomorrows
Treasures

What was left of the light from the parlor after the arson file in 2013. The fire's heat melted it to the floor!



History & Memories!

Lance shared some of the memories from past church members:

By Howard Wilson

I remember a revival meeting being held at the Vanderdosson School. A Rev. Blum was the minister. Three young ladies were to be baptized in the Seven Mile Slough. They used a high-board wagon box for a dressing room. Two, the Birch sisters, were baptized—the third, Lula Tragasc-us was a Mrs. 5 X 5 (*married and 5ft 5in tall*). The minister was a small man and when he tried to put her under the water she just floated. She floated out of his grasp, he fell, his hip boots filled with water and she floated away! Several men jumped in to drag her out while her husband just stood on the bank smoking his pipe. I don't remember if she ever was baptized!

By Merne Wilson

Soon after Jim Havens came to be our Pastor (1949-1952), he asked pop (Mort Phillips) to repair the baptistery, which leaked every time they used it. The wall that is behind the Pastor's chair and in front of the baptistery had a trap door and carpet over it. Well Pop made a box of 1/4 inch steel, welded it together and with the help of Howard and Al put it in place - - after having to cut it in two and re-welding it. He put a support post - still in the kitchen - and arms to brace it. He was not a member at that time but said that when he joined a church it would be this one because it was just faith that held that old baptistery up with all that water and people in it! It wasn't long after that he did join!

During fire restoration in 2013, they said that support post installed 60 years earlier was not up to code so they put a support beam in its place!

By Perry Odell

One of my most outstanding memories is about the time when I was working in the orchard with about six inches of snow on the ground. I looked up and here came the preacher, Harry Granger, in his low topped shoes to talk to me about the church. This was in 1964. I thought if the church was that important, I had better do something about it.

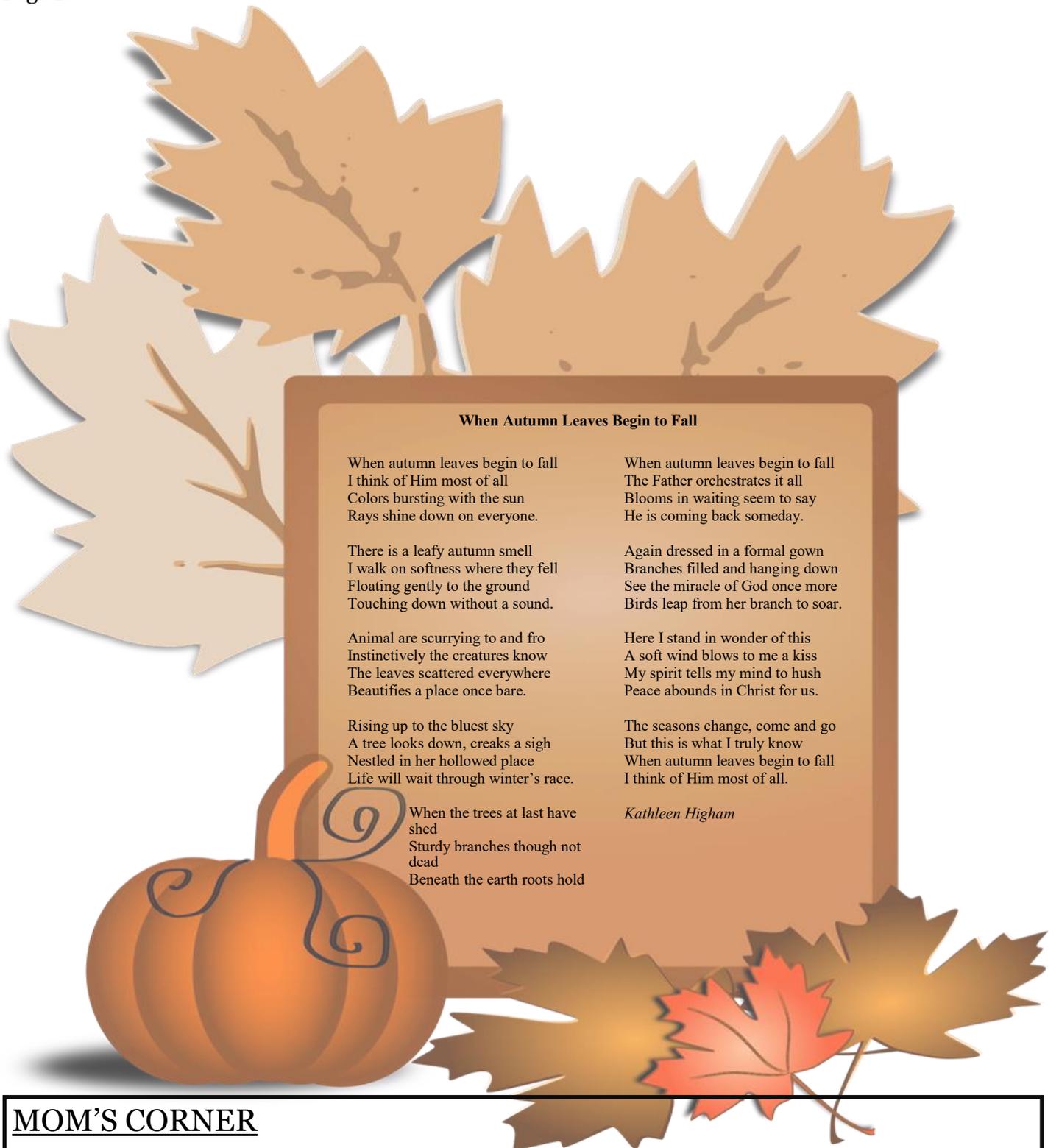
I remember Harry teaching a membership class during Sunday School time in the kitchen. There were four or five in that Sunday School Class. I have thanked God ever since that I joined the church.

I also remember the Live Nativity Scene at Christmas time. It was cold and snowy. I hauled the live animals in a trailer. We got a donkey from Bill Coronet's and got some sheep from Goslin's place, and a goat from Mr. Wood. One night one of the sheep got away from us as we were loading it back in the trailer. Several of us men had to chase that sheep all over town before we finally caught it.



Memorabilia, including past ledgers and membership records, were displayed.





When Autumn Leaves Begin to Fall

When autumn leaves begin to fall
I think of Him most of all
Colors bursting with the sun
Rays shine down on everyone.

There is a leafy autumn smell
I walk on softness where they fell
Floating gently to the ground
Touching down without a sound.

Animals are scurrying to and fro
Instinctively the creatures know
The leaves scattered everywhere
Beautifies a place once bare.

Rising up to the bluest sky
A tree looks down, creaks a sigh
Nestled in her hollowed place
Life will wait through winter's race.

When the trees at last have shed
Sturdy branches though not dead
Beneath the earth roots hold

When autumn leaves begin to fall
The Father orchestrates it all
Blooms in waiting seem to say
He is coming back someday.

Again dressed in a formal gown
Branches filled and hanging down
See the miracle of God once more
Birds leap from her branch to soar.

Here I stand in wonder of this
A soft wind blows to me a kiss
My spirit tells my mind to hush
Peace abounds in Christ for us.

The seasons change, come and go
But this is what I truly know
When autumn leaves begin to fall
I think of Him most of all.

Kathleen Higham

MOM'S CORNER

Grandma's Apple Crisp

Grandma's Ingredients

- 4 medium baking apples (sliced and peeled)
- ¾ cup brown sugar
- ½ cup flour
- ½ cup oats
- ¾ tsp cinnamon
- ¾ tsp nutmeg

Instructions

- 1) Place all ingredients (except apples) into a medium-sized bowl.
- 2) Combine ingredients (with a knife or fork) until crumbly.
- 3) Place peeled and sliced apples in a greased baking dish (9x7x2 or 8x8x2).
- 4) Evenly sprinkle brown sugar mixture over apples.
- 5) Bake at 375 for 30 minutes or until apples are tender and topping is golden brown.
- 6) Serve warm with homemade ice cream!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Fall and Winter Camps

Oct. 18-25 Fall Youth Rally
Cathedral Pines, \$80, grades 6-12, due Oct 5

Oct. 26-27 Timothy Kick Off
Shiloh Bible Camp, free for Timothy's

Nov. 8-10 Discipleship Camp
Shiloh, \$50

Jan. 24-26 Winter Youth Rally
Cathedral Pines, ; \$80 grades 6-12, due Jan. 14

For more details, check the church office or visit the camp websites.



November 17th

Church Thanksgiving Dinner

Bring friends and family!



November 24th

Operation Christmas Child
Shoebox Packing Party



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Happy Birthday & *Anniversaries* to the above listed.

OCTOBER 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Sunday School 9:30a Worship 10:45a	7	8	9 Small Group Bible Study 9:30a	10 All Boards Meeting 6:30pm	11	12
13 Worship 10:45a	14	15	16 Small Group Bible Study 9:30a	17	18	19
20 Sunday School 9:30a Worship 10:45a Qtrly Bus Mtg/potluck	21	22	23 Small Group Bible Study 9:30a F.I.G.I.—Heritage Christian 7p	24	25	26
27 Sunday School 9:30a Worship 10:45a	28	29	30			