

The VISITOR
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“What’s in a Name?”

What is the significance of a name? When we hear someone is expecting a child, we excitedly ask, “Have you chosen a name yet?” There’s something about a name. In “The Crucible,” when character John Proctor refuses to sign a document confessing to witchcraft he says, “How may I live without my name? I have given you my soul; leave me my name.” And in the classic “Les Miserables,” the persistence of now freed prisoner “24601” to insist upon his name, Jean Valjean, drives the story through Valjean’s pursuit of freedom and inspector Javiers pursuit of “24601.”

In the time of Jesus, the naming of children was powerful and symbolic and of course some Christian traditions celebrate “Holy Name,” the act of dedicating and naming Jesus. Additionally, we have the significance of renaming. Abram and Sarai are Abraham and Sarah following the covenant call in Genesis 12. Jacob wrestles with God, has twelve sons and is renamed Israel. Saul of Tarsus is renamed Paul after the Damascus road encounter with Jesus and the call to the Gentiles. And Christians frequently refer to the many names, references to Jesus such as Savior, Lord, Messiah, Redeemer, Lamb of God, Son of man, Son of God, Liberator, Alpha and Omega and many, many more.

I became fascinated with the power and effect names recently upon encountering a new dynamic translation of the New Testament. Seeking to encourage deep understanding of the story of Jesus among native, first nation persons, a number of native persons developed the “*First Nations Version: An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament.*” As soon as I started reading it, I was deeply moved by the power of names as the biblical characters each are “named.” Following are excerpts from John 1.

Long again the time before all days, before the creation of all things, the one who is known as the Word was there face to face with the Great Spirit. This Word fully represents Creator and shows us who he is and what he is like. He has always been there from the beginning, for the Word and the Creator are one and the same. (John 1:1-3)

Into the wilderness of the Land of Promise (Judea) came a man named Gift of Goodwill (John). He was sent by the Great Spirit to tell what he knew about the Light so everyone could believe. (John 1:6-7)

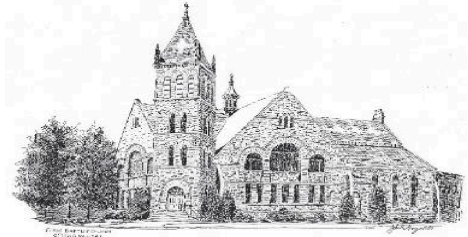
Creator’s Word became a flesh and blood human being and pitched his sacred tent among us, living as one of us. (John 1:14)

From the fullness of his being we have all had many gifts of kindness poured out on us. Drawn from Water (Moses) gave us our tribal laws, but the gift of great kindness and truth came from Creator Sets Free (Jesus), the Chosen One. (John 1:16-17)

Oh my, the beauty of seeing truth through names. Jesus being referenced as Creator Sets Free moves me to tears and Jesus’ mother Mary being named “Bitter Tears” brings tears of a different kind. May we always be moved to tender tears by the name above all names and sing the song of “there’s something about that name,” Creator Sets Free, Jesus.

Oh, there is indeed something about that name!

Grace, peace and love,
Pastor Tiger



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First Baptist Church Ottawa is a Welcoming and Affirming Congregation

The radically inclusive love of Jesus inspires us to be a fully welcoming and affirming congregation. All are loved here. All are safe here. All are invited to full participation in our life together.

Based upon calling, gifting, talent, experience and maturity, we celebrate baptism, communion, marriage, leadership, teaching and ordination with any gender, race, nationality, sexual orientation or identity.



Sunday School following worship
for all ages!

Communion October 6th

Celebrating the Lord’s supper.

Those of you worshipping with us at home, please have your elements ready so that you are able to take communion along with us.

Continuing this Sunday, whenever we celebrate communion, we will encourage giving to the deacon’s fund for benevolence



Deadline for the November newsletter is October 23rd, please have any information emailed to the office by this date for inclusion in the newsletter. Information received after the deadline will be published in the next month’s newsletter.

Youth group lock in is October 26th at 10am. We will have a murder mystery fundraiser dinner on October 27th at 6pm. Please let Jordan Fritz 785-342-0539 know if you would like to attend the fundraiser dinner.



PRAYER TIME: Wednesdays at 12:30 EH. If you have a prayer request for Wednesday let Pastor Tiger know or call or email the church office.

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER

Bob Lovett (Kim Randel's father); Norma Coble (Dana Coble's mother); Glenda Schmidt; Nathan Ball; Shelly Frank; Tom Lantis (Kelli Ball's father); Mattie Willhite; Mason Sweeney; Janet Wolken; Bill Kern; Carol Fenton (Janet Wolken's sister); Bobby O'Neal (Richard Larkin's son in law)

Shut-Ins: Dana Coble; Doris Grogan; Sylvia Starky; Bev Hughes; Golden Peterson; Gloria Terrill; Carol Allen; Marsha Hermreck; Gene Bromert

Military Service People: Sgt. Nate Plaschka-Fort Hood Texas; Brad Davis-Kuwait (Bill & Janice Kern's grandson); PFC Aaron Bigge-Fort Meade, Maryland (Sandy Holbert's grandson); Lt. Matt Ashwill in Kuwait (Melissa Ashwill's son)

We make every effort to keep this list updated. Please inform us when there are changes.

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Through First Baptist's website (fbcottawa.org)



you now have the capability to make your contributions electronically using Tithe.ly. It can be a one-time gift or recurring. To make a contribution, go to the **Give** tab and click on **Donate**. Contributions will be tracked through our membership software & reflected on contribution statements.



We will be collecting for Hope House the first Sunday of each month.

Small bags of flour, Sugar, Dry milk, Shampoo, Bars of Soap, Canned Fruit, Tuna, Cereal

*No longer needing plastic containers

Radio Ministry

First Baptist Church believes it is important to keep the Radio Ministry funded, as this is a blessing to many in our community.

Please designate contributions

to: Radio Fund.

Men's Bible Study will meet again on Saturday, **October 12th at 9am.** We will be studying the 5th chapter of Matthew. Come join us for study and fellowship with one another. We will meet around the fireplace in Elliott Hall.

Church Leadership



Fellowship Committee

Meeting is October 14th, 9:30am EH

Outreach

Meeting is October 9th, 6:30pm



Church Council meeting is October 15th, 7:00 p.m. EH

Committee chairs, please have your previous meeting minutes emailed to the Church office.



October 12th at 9:30am in EH, there will be time to fellowship with one another and discuss the book we have been reading. Everyone is welcome to come join us! If you have any questions please contact Jordan Fritz at 785-342-0539.

Help Support Our Church



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Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of our church!

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1. Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/firstbaptistchurchottawa/>

2. YouTube on TV or computer. Look for FBC Ottawa Kansas, or First Baptist Church, Ottawa Kansas. Here's also a shortcut

<https://youtube.com/@fbcottawa?si=IhwI5HrPKmuPRqZ8>

3. Links to Facebook and YouTube can also be found on our website

<https://www.fbcottawa.org/worship>

Our next Thankful Thursday gathering will be **October 24th from 5-6:30pm**

ABWM OCTOBER BOM Ecclesiastes

When you rise each morning does your daily agenda come to mind immediately? Do you make a “to-do-list” for your day? How often is that list completed?

Suppose you STOP, begin your day with a prayer, **God will provide whatever is needed to those who ask for it with FAITH. Matthew 7:7.** What a novel idea.

The author of *Proverbs, Songs of Songs and Ecclesiastes* was King David’s son Solomon. Solomon was a smart kid, most unusual. When his dad died he became King. God favored Solomon by offering him anything he desired. Solomon chose wisdom. God granted his wish. He was so wise Kings and Queens from other nations came to have conversations with him. God also showered him with riches beyond our imagination.

Some say Solomon wrote this book in Greek and/or Latin (ekklesiastes) meaning “preacher” Or “assembly” or “congregation”. In the NT the word *ekklesia* means “one who calls or gathers”. The one who addresses the assembly is “the Preacher”.

Solomon’s first task was rebuilding the temple for the Lord, in Jerusalem. It was magnificent.

His father, David, had a “heart for God”. God loved him dearly. When he sinned he repented and God forgave. But as Solomon grew older he became cynical, discouraged everything has no purpose, “meaningless everything is meaningless”.

“For with much wisdom comes sorrow; the more knowledge, the more grief.”[ch.1:18].

Solomon’s heart was not with God, he became distracted and strayed, his love and devotion to God took a “back seat” while pursuing “hobbies”. We must learn from Solomon's mistakes. Do not get discouraged with all that vanity, vanity and meaningless talk. There is Hope.“Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter.”

“Fear God and keep his commandments.

For this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment including every hidden thing.

Whether it is good or bad.” [Ch 12:13,14]

November Psalms 73-150

December Luke

Blessings, Lilly Coultis

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN’S MINISTRIES

Our October meeting will be Wednesday October 16 at 9:30 a.m. in Elliot Hall.

Janet Wolken is our hostess.

Miriam Lemp will present our lesson on Psalm 56:3-4

Vangie Webb will give a mission report.

Our local project will be healthy snacks for school children. Be sure to participate in the World Mission Offering during October.

World Mission Offering

During the month of October we will receive the World Mission Offering. This is our opportunity to give a gift that goes 100% to support International Ministries.

During the 2024 WMO you will learn more about the work of International Ministries Global Servants Deloris and Moise Carrion-Joseph, Sarah McCurdy and Ray Schellinger and see how their ministries transform the lives of immigrants and refugees, survivors of domestic abuse, students and children in Mexico. You will also meet IMGlobal Servants Mercy Gonzalez-Barnes and Jae Stockton who are equipping seminary students and future leaders through theological training.

These stories offer a glimpse into what God is doing through IM’s 120+ global servants and 250+ international partners in over 70 countries.

What an opportunity to be partners in these ministries. Our FBC, **Ottawa missions committee has chosen a goal of \$2,250.** Let’s show our support of this ministry as we reach around the world with our gifts.

Would you share in the mission by being a part of our local mission committee or perhaps consider a short term opportunity to serve on a mission assignment?



Lynda Alderman 10-1

Russ Testorff 10-1

Wayne Duderstadt 10-2

Wendell Smith 10-2

Somneng Phiouphilavanh 10-6

Presley Dryden 10-7

David Drumright 10-8

Colt Huggard 10-9

Doris Grogan 10-10

Richard Larkin 10-12

Christy Jones 10-16

Marla Drumright 10-17

Edith Rader 10-21

Marsha Hermreck 10-22

Mouk Phiouphilavanh 10-25

Wynndee Lee 10-27

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International Ministries

International Ministries has sent an initial grant of \$20,000 in One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) emergency relief to partners that will provide humanitarian relief to the victims of the severe flooding devastating northern Thailand.

Catastrophic flooding has struck Chiang Rai province in northern Thailand, affecting more than 10,000 homes, according to news reports from the Bangkok Post. Some are calling it the worst flooding in 80 years, with the Kok River overflowing to submerge the entire business district of Chiang Rai city. Across Thailand, 48 provinces remain under flash flood warnings through September 18th, with the potential for further devastation.

International Ministries (IM) is deeply concerned for the safety and well-being of its global servants and partners in the region. The Williams and Coats families,

IM global servants stationed in Chiang Rai, have been forced to flee their homes due to rising floodwaters.

IM Area Director for Southeast Asia and Japan Rev. Kyle Witmer describes the dire situation: "Our partners among the hill tribe peoples here have seen some devastating realities as rivers have overrun their banks on numerous occasions. Please prayerfully consider how God might use you to respond with love and care for those affected. Pray that in the midst of this difficult time, people will see the difference that a relationship with Jesus Christ makes in the lives of God's children."

With ongoing flood warnings, immediate needs for displaced families include food, clean water, and shelter, while longer-term efforts will focus on restoration and rebuilding. Kyle and Katrina Williams, IM global servants in Chiang Rai, have been providing updates on the situation as it unfolds. They are urgently asking for prayer and support. "Our community is overwhelmed. Many families are now living like refugees, uncertain of when they'll be able to return to their homes and begin the daunting task of clean-up," shared Kyle Williams.

IM calls for urgent prayer and support for all affected by the floods, especially for the families of its global servants and local partners.