

# LBF FAMILY TIES

JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH AND APRIL 2010

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR



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### A Word from Our Pastor

As we enter 2010 I am excited about what is unfolding before us. All our ministry teams are beginning to organize and gear up for the months ahead.

There are a few extra things happening I want to inform you about in advance. The first is our participation in the "You've Got the Time" program during Lent (the 40 day period leading up to Easter). In a nut-shell, every adult, youth and child in our church will be receiving a dramatized audio copy of the entire New Testament on CD-Rom free of charge. Be sure to begin listening to your audio New Testament for 28 minutes a day by February 17. The goal of the program is to have everyone in our church listen for 28 minutes a day for 40 days to the Word of God. In that

time we will have listened to the entire New Testament. What a way to prepare for Easter and God's Kingdom ministry for 2010 and beyond!

Beginning in late February you will hear more about "MinistrySHAPE," a new initiative we are undertaking to help our church family better name, define and use their ministry gifts in the life of our church and ultimately God's Kingdom. We will have a special presentation on Sunday, February 28 during the Bible study hour explaining the new initiative and how you can participate. You won't want to miss it!

And finally, beginning right after Easter in early April, I'm inviting the church to enter into a journey of "Missional Discipleship" with me. As part of my doctoral studies, I am creating a process of leadership training for missional disciples of Jesus Christ. You'll be hearing more about this in

March and I don't want to spill the beans too early. This initiative will involve the entire congregation and run for approximately 5 months. Plans for our summer mission trip will take shape during this process as well.

I think God is up to some amazing things here at LBF and 2010 is looking to be a great year. As one part of the larger Body of Christ, we don't look and act too bad for being 190 years old! Looking forward to 2010,

Pastor Brian

### WORD OF GOD

- Galatians

3:23-28

- Isaiah

40:28-31

- 1 Corinthians

12:4-7

## LITTLE BONNE FEMME BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY SCHOOL- 10:00 AM WORSHIP- 11:00 AM

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## Music Notes

Billy and Sara Dexheimer, Ministers of Music

First of all we owe and enormous "Thank You" to everyone involved in LBF's Christmas program. Many churches simply do a cantata but our church is blessed with so many talented individuals that we are able to offer a wonderfully diverse program. Many hours of practice were involved and we are very thankful for the commitment of all those involved. We know that our entire church family is blessed for your talents and efforts. Thank you for making Christmas so joyful!

We are still looking for any people that would be interested in joining any part of the worship team at LBF. This includes singers, instrumentalists, sound and video technicians. If you believe that you have a gift that you would like to share please see us and we will gladly find a place where you can serve.

The Chime Choir will be performing again sometime in the Spring. We

had many new faces that joined for our November performance we would love to have more for our next performance! If you are interested please see us and watch the announcements for our next practice in the coming months.

Finally we would like to thank the entire LBF congregation for your loving support of the worship team. There have been a lot of changes in the past year; changes we feel are positive and necessary for us to continue to thrive as a church. Your support has been very instrumental in this process and we always welcome your feedback and suggestions.

Our church is very blessed by God for the people that have chosen to participate in leading the worship. We ask for your continued support and prayer as we carry on with worshipping God in every way that we possibly can. God bless you all!



## Youth and Children's Ministry

Josh and Annie Arnone

### It Has Begun!!

The fun at LBF has been jump-started as

our youth participated in the Windemere Vision Retreat this past November. There were 6 youth in

involved with two adult leaders. Youth were given the opportunity to experience Christian music in a whole new way and

met many new people through breakout sessions and small group interactions. The three-day-camp was hosted by the MIZZOU Baptist Student Union. We had a blast and are planning to go back. Stay tuned for dates and times for the

next Vision retreat! Don't Forget—Wednesday night youth every Wednesday from 6:30-8:00pm!!



(L-R with Josh Arnone), Alec Stark, Alex Anderson, Justin Pezold, Cody Pezold.



**20 Something**

The 20 Something have a new addition to the group. Trisha and Patrick Stanley are the proud parents of Aiden Daniel Stanley. He was born Wednesday, December 9th at 6:47. He was 5 pounds 11 ounces and 20 inches long. He is home and all are doing well. The 20 Something have been meeting most weeks and have been busy helping with church activities. This group has helped with the completion of the playground with a special thanks to Charlie Gerhart. Others have been running the sound system along with singing and playing for praise team. What a great group and a special thanks to the Lord for our precious new baby.

**College Update**

Columbia College has been meeting weekly with 10 young ladies in attendance. They have been looking for opportunities for to serve and will be working at Shepherd's Basket this week helping to prepare for the upcoming food distribution. The Mizzou students have been busy with the production of the Vietnam trip and their dinner theatre.

Do we have an awesome God or what??? After many phone calls and visits, we had the opportunity to set up a booth in the hallways of Stephens. Although we were told there was no interest in a bible study, we had 21 people sign up. We will now work on getting a room and a time to meet . Pray for us as we begin this new bible study.

Please hold this ministry up in prayer as we continue to spread God's word to the young people in our community.



**Ushers**

February– Wayne & Scott Sells,  
Justin & Lorie Towe

March– Fred Van Deren, J.D.Allen,  
Alan Ledbetter, Carlton McCarty

April– Dewey & Virginia Riehn,  
Kyle & Krissy Stephens

**Nursery Volunteers**

**FEBRUARY** 7 STEPHANIE PERRY & LOLA CALVIN & ANNIE ARNONE 14 JOYCE SAPP & AMY BLEVINS & LAUREN OWENS

21 JUSTIN & LORIE TOWE & TRISHA STANLEY 28 JOHN & SHELLY BLEVINS & AMY BLEVINS

**MARCH** 7 LINDSEY SELLS & CHARLES & RACHEL GERHART 14 MATT & JONI SPLETT & KARA ROELFSEMA 21 CINDY GREENWOOD & KAREN NAZARIO & CHERYL STEPHENS 28 CHRISTI MILLER, JAYNE & KRISSY STEPHENS

**APRIL** 4 RONNIE & DEBBIE NICHOLS & ANNETTE SELLS 11 TERRY, NOOSHIN & SARA CHRISTENSEN 18 STEPHANIE PERRY & LOLA CALVIN & ANNIE ARNONE 25 KARA ROELFSEMA & CHARLES & RACHEL GERHART

**Greeter List**

**FEBRUARY** 7 JOE & CHERYL STEPHENS 14 PATRICK & TRISHA STANLEY 21 RONNIE & DEBBIE NICHOLS 28 FRED & EDNA VAN DEREN

**MARCH** 7 CHUCK & CHRISTI MILLER 14 CHARLES & RACHEL GERHART 21 KARL & KAREN SWOPE 28 GERALD & JOAN LEHR

**APRIL** 4 DEWEY & VIRGINIA RIEHN 11 JUSTIN & LORIE TOWE 18 KEITH & CINDY GREENWOOD 25 JOSH & ANNIE ARNONE

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**FEBRUARY**

2- Abdolreza Rastkar 3- Linda Brown 5- Marie Bartel 7- Joella Henry 11- Bill George 12- Cheryl Stephens 14- Karen Swope 15- Jesse Stephens 16- Leon & Lola Calvin 18- Justin Towe, Alex Anderson, Alec Stark 19- Brian Perry, Gail Richards 23- Nooshin Christensen 26- Amy Sapp

**MARCH**

1-Pete Petrus 2- Ronnie Nichols, John Brockman 6- Kathy Williams 13- Patrick Stanley 17- Gene Meredith 22- Leon & Kathy Williams 26- John & Shelly Blevins 29- David Stark

**APRIL**

1- Annette Sells 6- Joe Stephens 8- Annie Arnone 9- Bob Bartel 12- Gary Sapp 13- Caroline Stephens 16- Ruth Brockman, Chuck Miller 18- Jean George 24- David & Vernelle Waters 25- Ed Jordan, Bob & Marie Bartel

# April 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7:00PM- 20 Something	2	3
4 Easter Sunday!	5	6	7 6:30PM- Youth	8 6:30PM- Women's Bible Study 7:00PM- 20 Something	9	10
11 Morning Services	12	13	14 6:30PM- Youth	15 6:30PM- Women's Bible Study 7:00PM- 20 Something	16	17
18 Morning Services Kite Fly	19	20	21 6:30PM Youth	22 6:30PM- Women's Bible Study 7:00PM- 20 Something	23	24
25 Morning Services 2:00PM- Ashland Villa Worship Service	26	27	28 6:30PM- Youth	29 6:30PM- Women's Bible Study 7:00PM- 20 Something	30	

# January 1819

The year was 1819. Missouri was not yet a state, but was part of the Missouri Territory, with St. Louis as its capital. To the west lay the wilderness promoted by famed Kentucky frontiersman Daniel Boone, who had moved over to Missouri Territory in search of “elbow room.” Indeed, the young country was growing. By 1819, the 43-year-old United States of America consisted of 21 states and was led by the nation’s fifth president, James Monroe.

William Clark, of the Lewis and Clark expeditions, had been named territorial governor of Missouri Territory, which consisted of parts of our present state and a large part of Arkansas.

Indians still owned and occupied the western part of Missouri. Records reveal that the bands of Indians who roamed the territory remained, for the most part, friendly to the pioneers. Far more dangerous were the outbreaks of deadly malaria.

“Missouri,” wrote a disenchanted missionary in 1817, “is still heathen, despite my best efforts.” Disappointed that his Presbyterian congregation near St. Louis wasn’t growing, he concluded it was useless to plant churches on such barren soil.

That missionary, Timothy Flint of Massachusetts, resigned in 1818.

However, deep in the interior of the territory, some Christian pioneers didn’t see things so bleakly. A group of settlers near present-day Columbia met Sunday, December 5, 1819, in Anderson Woods’ home and formed Little Bonne Femme Baptist Church.

This year the church is celebrating its 190th anniversary and is considered the second-oldest Baptist church in continuous existence at the same site west of the Mississippi River. During these many years, the church has had a profound impact on the history of Boone County and on the first institutes of higher learning in mid-Missouri

The church’s 16 founders – nine men and seven women – considered themselves “regular Baptists” and named the church after a nearby creek, Little Bonne Femme. The creek is a tributary to the larger Bonne Femme Creek, which has an interesting tradition behind its name. Little Bonne Femme Church pastor Bart Tichenor reported that in 1707, French settlers were exploring the area when one of their children got lost. After a frantic search, they found the child on the bank of the creek, being tended by a friendly

Osage Indian woman.

The Osage referred to themselves in terms that were equivalent to “good men” and “good women.” In gratitude, the earliest settlers named the creek the French translation of “good woman” – Bonne Femme.

Above Little Bonne Femme Creek on the southern edge of Two Mile Prairie, a knoll was chosen as the site for the new church building. By the end of 1820, members had completed the 30-foot-square log church and they now worshipped here instead of in members’ homes. Their first pastor was David Doyle.

The church became the mother church to many mid-Missouri churches. These include First Church and Nashville Church, both in Columbia, and New Salem Church in Ashland. Not surprisingly, it was the site for finalizing the Little Bonne Femme Association.

In 1835, Baptists from throughout the state gathered at the church to approve the constitution of the organization now known as the Missouri Baptist Convention.

In 1844, the church’s membership had increased to 256 members, so the congregation erected a brick building, much of which exists today, along with a sanctuary reconstruction in 1919.

Little Bonne Femme Church became the second church organized within present-day Boone County. The church’s early members were highly educated pioneers from Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky. They also greatly influenced the early history of Columbia, which was laid out in 1821.

Deacons Lazerus Wilcox and Anderson Woods served as two of the first members of the Boone County Court. The first county sheriff, Overton Harris; the local justice of the peace, James Harris; and one of the first members of the Missouri legislature, Elias Elton, were all members of Little Bonne Femme Church.

Perhaps the most widely known member was William Jewel, a teacher, physician and ordained minister who also served as mayor of Columbia and a member of the Missouri legislature.

In addition to civic responsibilities, these early Baptists of Little Bonne Femme were highly interested in the education of their young people. In 1829, they founded Bonne Femme Academy,

the first school of higher education in Boone County. They constructed a two-room brick building near the church and provided board for the academy’s young men and women at a cost of \$1.13 a week. The academy offered classes in reading, writing, grammar, geography, higher mathematics, Latin, Greek, rhetoric, natural and moral philosophy and astronomy. The academy built an excellent reputation that became widespread. Many young people from mid-Missouri’s prominent families enrolled.

Among its graduates were Charles H. Harding, who later married classmate Mary Jenkins and eventually became governor; John T. Hughes, who became an explorer and historian of expeditions to the country of Mexico; Gen. Bela M. Hughes, a founder of Denver; Gen. Odon Guitar, who went on to become a member of the Missouri legislature and the mayor of Columbia; and influential Columbians Mrs. James S. Rollins, David Hickman and Gov. Thomas Reynolds.

Many of Bonne Femme Academy’s graduates joined in the continuing endeavor to make available the finest upper-level educational opportunities to mid-Missourians. The academy, historians agree, was forerunner of the Columbia Baptist Female Academy, now Stephens College; the University of Missouri at Columbia, the first state university established west of the Mississippi River; William Jewel College, established in 1843; and Hardin College, which was in Mexico.

“Thus the glory of Bonne Femme,” said speaker E.W. Stephens at the church’s centennial observation in 1919, “has been that in those early days...it had a high ideal, a vision of greater things and, in both church and state, it lighted a fire that will never be extinguished.”

–taken from a *Word & Way* article written by Susan Thornsberry, August, 1994

**(Thanks to Christi Miller for putting this together for LBF’s anniversary celebration and letting us share it again)**

# February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 6:30PM- Youth	4 7:00PM- 20 Something	5	6
7 Morning Services	8	9	10 6:30PM- Youth 8:00PM Business Meeting	11 6:30PM- Women's Bible Study 7:00PM- 20 Something	12 Church Photo Directory Photo Shoots	13 Church Photo Directory Photo Shoots
14 Morning Services	15	16	17 Ash Wednesday 6:30PM- Youth	18 7:00PM- 20 Something	19	20
21 Morning Services	22	23	24 6:30PM- Youth	25 6:30PM- Women's Bible Study 7:00PM- 20 Something	26	27
28 Morning Services  2:00PM- Ashland Villa Worship Service						

# March 2010

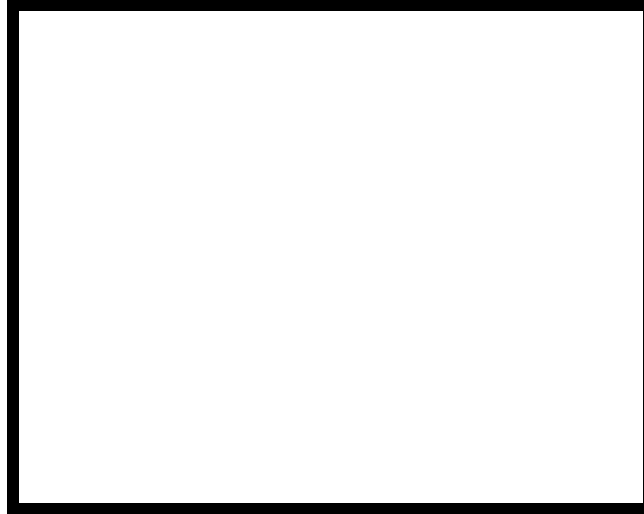
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	1	2	3 6:30PM- Youth	4	5 6:00PM- Survivor Night	6
7 Morning Services	8	9	10 6:30PM- Youth	11 6:30PM- Women's Bi- ble Study 7:00PM- 20 Something	12	13
14 Morning Services Soup Lunch after worship	15	16	17 6:30PM- Youth	18 7:00PM- 20 Something	19	20
21 Morning Services	22	23	24 6:30PM- Youth	25 6:30PM- Women's Bi- ble Study 7:00PM- 20 Something	26	27
28 Palm Sunday  Morning Services 2:00PM- Ashland Villa Worship Service	29	30	31 6:30PM-Youth			

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