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E*Murmurings
 An American Baptist Church
 September 2011

Come as you are...
Let Jesus show you what you can be!

At A Glance

- **Monday, September 5**
 Labor Day, Office Closed
- **Sunday, September 11**
 1:00 pm - Praise Kids choir practice resumes
 1:00 pm - Youth group meetings resume
 2:30 pm - Friends Choir practice resumes
- **Saturday, September 17**
 9:00 am - Needlebees meet in church parlor
- **Sunday, September 18**
 12:00 pm - Fellowship Brunch immediately following worship
- **Monday, September 19**
 7:00 pm - Executive Board meeting



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VBS 2011—SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

We are still collecting school supplies for Avondale East through the end of August. They will be delivered the first week of September. The total supplies to date are:

71 Folders, 12 Sharpies, 3 School Boxes, 17 Binders, 31 Pencils, 9 Thick Markers, 8 Pens, 5 Glue Sticks, 1 pkg Colored Pencils, 36 Crayons, 4 pkgs Thin Markers, 18 Bottles of Glue, 24 pkgs of Paper, 38 Notebooks, 4 boxes of Kleenex, 7 Book bags, 2 Kindergarten mats. These supplies were delivered on August 12. We also have collected 83 Box Tops as well! Great job everyone! You have helped a lot of students in need start off the year with the right equipment to succeed!

Don't forget that we also collect Box Tops and Labels for Education to benefit Avondale East as well. They will be delivered with the school supplies so that Avondale can purchase needed items. Please do not throw any package or can away with out looking for these! If we can get the congregation who do not have children in school to collect them, they will add up fast!



We want to thank you, our church family for your cards of sympathy and encouragement and your prayers for the family as we were in vigil with Jeff's Dad, Jack, as he lay dying after a stroke. It was a precious time. We didn't expect many from our church to attend or be able to attend the memorial service, but were overwhelmed with the number of you who came to be with us. Thank you to Pastor Rhodes too, for a beautifully led time of worship and message of hope as we celebrated Jack's life.
 Jeff, Deb and Virginia Conrad



CHURCH RELATIONS TEAM

The Church Relations Team will be Sunday, September 11 immediately following worship.

FALL SCHEDULE RESUMES

The fall schedule will resume on Sunday, September 11 with Praise Kids and youth meeting at 1:00 pm and Friends Choir meeting at 2:30 pm. Hope you have all enjoyed your summer!



FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH

The men will be preparing and serving the famous "Best Brunch in Town" on Sunday, September 18 immediately following worship. Would you like to bring a pastry, coffee cake or some other yummy treat to share? Join us for great food, fellowship and fun as we come together to share where our journeys have led us over the summer, and as we prepare for another great year!



NEEDLEBEES

The Needlebees will meet on Saturday, September 17 at 9:00 am in the church parlor. This is open to all women who enjoy needle point, sewing, cross stitch or any other craft. Enjoy some fellowship while you work on your project!



Attention Women! If you have an ABW Love Gift Donation, please give to Kathy Button at church since the ABW is no longer meeting monthly.



CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

- Lois Lister, Apt #129, 228-2692



VBS VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS – THANK YOU SO MUCH TO ALL THOSE WHO HELPED IN ANY WAY WITH VBS. We could still use monetary donations to help defray the cost of our program and supplies. This is such an important part of what we are as a church, and so many children look forward to it each and every year. Thank you so much for allowing us to continue this tradition.



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Monday, September 5

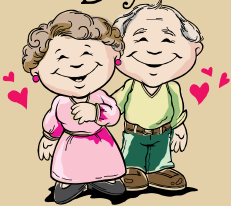


REMEMBERING 9-11

Patriot Day

Sunday, September 11

Grandparents Day



Sunday, September 11



1st Day of Autumn

Thursday, September 23



July 2011

Income	
General Fund	11,716
Bldg Use, Other	0
Total	11,716
Disbursements	10,178
Profit/Loss	1,038
Bldg Repair Fund	898
Children/Youth	5,000
Memorials	3,245
Total Designated	9,143

Dear Church Family,

Over the past six weeks we have looked at the "Lord's Prayer" verse by verse. In this article I want to give a brief review of each part of the prayer and then look at a few questions that we may need to consider.



1. "Our Father, which art in heaven:" In prayer we are talking to a loving "Daddy" who is also the Lord of Lords and King of Kings.
2. "Hallowed be Thy name:" We are asking that we might have our eyes opened that we might see our Lord in His glory. That we might gain a greater understanding of who He is and what He is doing.
3. "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven:" His kingdom comes in the lives of individual people, so we are praying that He will come in and change us so He can do His work through us.
4. "Give us this day our daily bread:" We are to ask Him to supply our physical needs and the needs of those around us.
5. "Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors:" We must learn to forgive others as Christ forgave or our unforgiving spirit (being sin) will block Him from forgiving us.
6. "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:" This is not so much a call for deliverance as it is a recognition of our need of His help in dealing with temptations.

When we pray, what do we spend most of our time praying about? Is it not mostly praying about our own needs in the area of the physical? Needs such as health issues, financial issues, travel safety, family issues, etc. As I think about my pastoral prayer on Sunday morning, isn't that mostly what I pray about? Does that mean that they are the most important things to pray about?

In the Lord's Prayer only one of the requests touches on the physical needs. Should we be doing more with the other areas of request found in the Lord's Prayer when we pray? As I contemplate the answer to these questions, I feel I still have much to learn and practice in prayer. How about You? Will you join me in being teachable and ready to be taught by the Holy Spirit to be more effective in prayer? It will be exciting for us to learn and grow together.

Pastor Gordon



Every month, an article called “Celebrating Our Church History” will be in each newsletter. These are excerpts taken from the GPBC 50th Anniversary “Remembering the Past, Living the Present, Keys to the Future”

A GREEN LAKE EXPERIENCE

In June of 1979, a group of eager Gage Park members joined a group from the First Baptist Church of Fort Dodge, Iowa, to engage in a work project. There were 13 workers from our church: Allan & Dorothy Ingle; Barbara and Larry Cormack; Kathy and Karen Cormack; Terry and Karlene Rolfs; Art and Kathy Brown; Larry Newell and Rev. Don and Lynda Grogan. These hardy souls were joined by 15 persons from Fort Dodge Church including Rev. Gary Grogan, brother of our pastor Don, and his wife Jane. We traveled in three cars and stayed in one of the older homes at the camp (except for the Brown’s who had their own camper trailer). The group was given three older cabins to clean up and paint. The red paint that was given to us turned out to be a problem for after a short time of painting and getting paint on the cabins and ourselves, we discovered that it was not water-base paint as we had been told. We had no paint thinner to clean up with—what a mess!

After awhile, Don and Gary made a trip to the maintenance building and borrowed the director’s truck and plenty of thinner to wash down our work crew so nobody had to go home red. All had a great time of fellowship and worship with the two groups. We played softball in the evening, took a side trip to the Wisconsin Dells and enjoyed the camp grounds and history of Green Lake. Larry and Don were challenged to a golf match by Gary Grogan and one of his members. A great victory was recorded by the Gage Park team.

(Green Lake is the National Assembly grounds for our American Baptist denomination located in Green Lake, Wisconsin.)

Editor’s note: since that time twenty years ago, Karlene Rolfs Lockard and her family and one of the families from the church in Fort Dodge, have met at Green Lake frequently. A life-long friendship was created.



If you have an event or article for next month’s newsletter, the deadline will be Monday, September 19 22 at 8:00 am.



CHILDREN’S CHURCH SCHEDULE THIS MONTH

- Sept 4 - OPEN
- Sept 11 - OPEN
- Sept 18 - Alice Sanchez
- Sept 25 - Kathy Button

THE HISTORY OF LABOR DAY

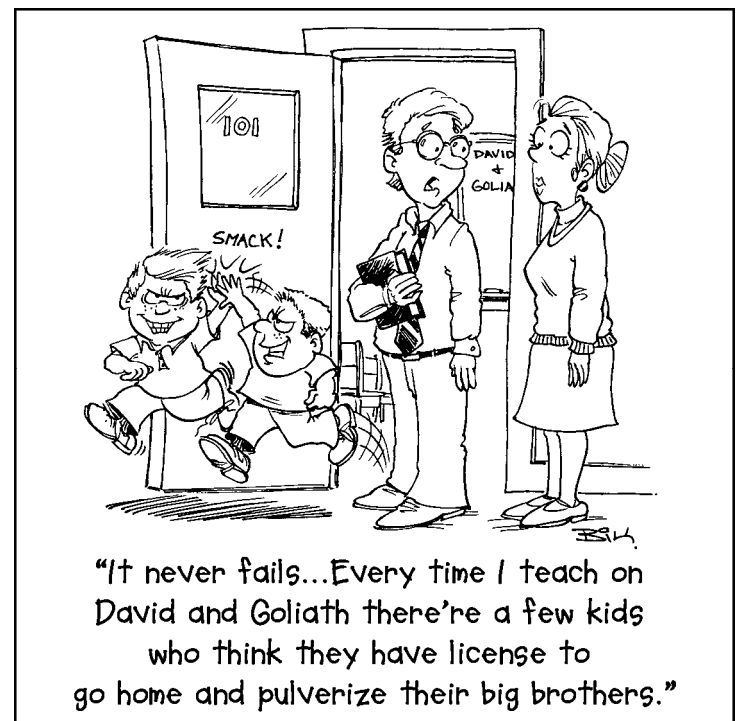
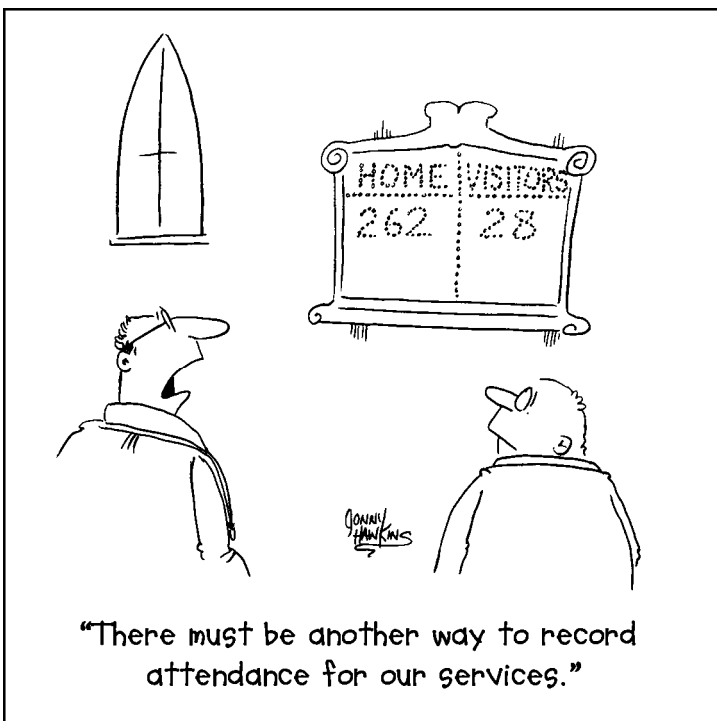
The first Labor Day in the United States was observed on September 5, 1882, in Boston, by the Central Labor Union of New York, the nation's first integrated major trade union.[1] It became a federal holiday in 1894, when, following the deaths of a number of workers at the hands of the U.S. military and U.S. Marshals during the Pullman Strike, President Grover Cleveland put reconciliation with the labor movement as a top political priority. Fearing further conflict, legislation making Labor Day a national holiday was rushed through Congress unanimously and signed into law a mere six days after the end of the strike.[2] The September date originally chosen by the CLU of New York and observed by many of the nation's trade unions for the past several years was selected rather than the more widespread International Workers' Day because Cleveland was concerned that observance of the latter would stir up negative emotions linked to the Haymarket Affair, which it had been observed to commemorate.[3] All U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and the territories have made it a statutory holiday.



The form for the celebration of Labor Day was outlined in the first proposal of the holiday: A street parade to exhibit to the public "the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations," followed by a festival for the workers and their families. This became the pattern for Labor Day celebrations. Speeches by prominent men and women were introduced later, as more emphasis was placed upon the economic and civil significance of the holiday. Still later, by a resolution of the American Federation of Labor convention of 1909, the Sunday preceding Labor Day was adopted as Labor Sunday and dedicated to the spiritual and educational aspects of the labor movement.

Traditionally, Labor Day is celebrated by most Americans as the symbolic end of the summer. In high society, Labor Day is (or was) considered the last day of the year when it is fashionable for women to wear white.

In U.S. sports, Labor Day marks the beginning of the NFL and college football seasons. NCAA teams usually play their first games the week before Labor Day, with the NFL traditionally playing their first game the Thursday following Labor Day. The Southern 500 NASCAR auto race was held that day from 1950 to 1983 in Darlington, South Carolina. At Indianapolis, the National Hot Rod Association hold their finals to the U.S. Nationals drag race. Most school districts that started summer vacation in mid june will resume school near this day (schools that had summer begin near memorial day will have already been in session for about 3 weeks)





October

3-Sunday, 12:00 pm
 8-Saturday
 9-Sunday
 10-Monday
 15-Saturday, 9:00 am
 17-Monday, 7:00 pm
 24-Monday
 31-Monday

Church Relations Team meeting, World Communion Sunday
 National Children's Day
 Pastor Appreciation Sunday
 Columbus Day
 Needlebees meet
 Executive Board meeting
 United Nations Day
 Halloween



November



6-Sunday, 2:00 am
 12:00 pm
 11-Friday
 19-Saturday, 9:00 am
 21-Monday, 7:00 pm
 24-Thursday
 27-Sunday

Daylight Savings ends. Set clocks back.
 Church Relations Team meeting
 Veteran's Day
 Needlebees meet
 Executive Board meeting
 Thanksgiving Day
 1st Sunday of Advent



December



4 - Sunday
 17-Saturday, 9:00 am
 19-Monday, 7:00 pm
 21-Thursday
 24-Saturday, 7:00 pm
 25-Sunday

Church Relations Team meeting
 Needlebees meet
 Executive Board meeting
 1st Day of Winter
 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
 Christmas Day

