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COLUMNS

This time within the Christian year
I both love and dread
I dread it because I know where you are headed
You are going to Jerusalem one last time
You are going to be beaten
You are going to be ridiculed and rejected
You are going to be called a criminal
You are going to be put to death
And I somehow, someway want to stop you
I want to say "Don't go.
Go back to Galilee where it is safer.
Go back to the sandy shores
And the blue of the sky and water
Of the Galilee you loved so much.
Find a shelter there where you will be safe."
But if I were there to speak those words
You would not have stopped your journey
You would have kept going
In spite of all you knew
You would have put on resolute step
In front of another toward your goal
And that is why I love this time
With each step you took you had me
You had all of us in your mind
Each step which led to your death
Led to our life
Each step which led to your broken body
Led to our wholeness
Each step which led the shedding of your blood
Led to our healing and forgiveness
That is a debt of love we could never repay!
Hallelujah for the cross of Christ!

Just A Thought
By Pastor Kip



We wish to express our heartfelt sympathy to Jack and Connie Payne on the death of Connie's sister. Her sister passed away on January 27 in Canada.

Sympathy is extended, also, to Hal and Fern Johnson on the recent death of one of Hal's brothers.

Notes of Thanks

I want to express my thanks to my Baptist family for your prayers, cards and expressions of concern during my recent hospitalization. They boosted my spirit at a time of doubt and need for more than words can say. Thanks to Pastor Kip for his bedside visit and uplifting prayer with me.

Jack Payne

Everyone,

Thank you for the hospital visit from Pastor Kip and everyone else, flowers from Rainbow Ranch, and food that was brought out. It was very good.

Thank you, too for all the prayers and cards. *Elaine Marsh*

Many thanks to everyone who remembered our family in their thoughts and prayers at the time of Aiden's recent arrival into the world. All the many gifts, cards, calls, etc. were greatly appreciated. Little Aiden weighed in at 7# 8 oz. and is doing quite well.

Christina Gladwell, Gary and Cindy Gladwell,

Prayer Concerns

Lorraine Olson, homebound; Ella Faulkner, homebound; Pat Buie at Millard Manor; Beverly Tompkins at St. Joseph Tower; Violet Schoening at Fox Run Assisted Living; Vincent and Linda Buxton at Millard Manor; Nancy Clatterbuck at Sundridge Village; Joyce Guthals at Skyline and Jim and Vida Crosby at home.

Please, also, continue praying for Elmer's Sinner's daughter Sandy and Sandy's husband. Sandy is battling meningitis. Remember Pastor Kip's friend Amy Clarke and her husband Bennett as Amy continues her battle with cancer.



Opportunity To Learn

CPR

Our own Tim Gilman, a firefighter by profession, has expressed his willingness to do a class in CPR for any who are interested. Sunday School teachers and Electric

Wednesdays Personnel are highly encouraged to participate in this FREE class, Saturday, March 14th at 9am for an hour or so. Please reserve your place by calling the church office by Wednesday, March 11 so that Tim will know how many to plan for. So that the class does not become too large, first come, first served. If there are still those who wish to take this CPR training at another time, we can arrange a class at a later date. Just let us know your desire. Without Tim, the class would cost upwards of \$30 per person. Thanks, Tim for providing this wonderful service for us.



**Your Attention
Please !!!**

The date has been changed
for the chili dinner.

The annual chili feed and pie auction
to benefit our young people is

SUNDAY, MARCH 29 (following church)

We need people to donate pies for the auction. If you have
any questions please see Cindy Gladwell.

**DONATIONS FOR THE LUNCH WOULD BE
APPRECIATED. Thanks!!**

Work Around God's House

Property and Physical Resources Update

A leaking water service line in the basement has been repaired. New stairs for the baptistery have been built. The baptistery that has been leaking for some time has been resealed. Several burnt out ballasts have been replaced in the dining room. The dishwasher has been dismantled and is scheduled to be taken to the salvage yard. A broken step on the stairs from the parking lot to the main floor has been repaired. An exposed steam pipe by the dining room door has been insulated. We installed some devices to deep pigeons from landing on the ledges in the front porch area. This should make the area cleaner and more welcoming. The basketball backboard is being reconditioned. And finally, new door locks have been installed for the Rainbow Ranch room and the Junior High room.

Team members Ben Martinez and Terry Friis have been invaluable helpers on these projects.

Larry Graves, Team Leader

**American Baptist
Missions**

**Mission team safely home
after being stranded in Thailand**



A short-term mission team of American Baptists has safely returned from work in Thailand after being delayed a week due to massive political protests, which had forced the closing of the Bangkok airport.

The Discovery Team departed on Nov. 13 to engage in mission work in Northern Thai-

land. This group was made up of 12 American Baptists from four states (Pennsylvania, Nebraska, Oregon, and Indiana) and from five different churches. However, they were all united in a desire to demonstrate the love of Jesus and to bring running water to a remote tribal village in Thailand. They partnered with global consultant Mike Mann and the Integrated Tribal Development Program (ITDP) by investing resources and effort in working alongside villagers to build a water system.

The team planned to return home on Nov. 25, but protesters shut down Bangkok's international airport just hours before their departure to the US. The team had to stay at the Bangkok Christian Guesthouse to await a solution to the political impasse in the country. United Airlines, on which they were flying, was unable to fly out of Bangkok due to the airport closures and there were no viable options within Thailand.

Eventually, the team undertook a 1,200-mile trip south through Malaysia to Singapore. Mike Mann and our Thai partners were incredibly helpful and supportive of the team and made the arrangements for this long journey. The team arrived safely and is now en route to the United States. There is no doubt that the prayers of many sustained the team throughout this time of uncertainty!

• Pray for our missionaries serving in Thailand (some of whom are now on U.S./Puerto Rico assignment): Duane & Marcia Binkley, Kim Brown, LaMon and Pat Brown, Scott and Tan Coats, Annie and Jeff Dieselberg, Chuck and Ruth Fox, Lea Lindero, Becky and Mike Mann, Jan and Larry Martin, Kit Ripley, Karen Smith.

Jonathan Hilsher

Every month the columns will feature mission news from home and abroad.

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**Sunday, March 8th.
Set your clock AHEAD
one hour**

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- **Matt Lenagh** placed in the top 8 wrestlers at the state wrestling meet at the Qwest Center.

- **Gerald Kubiak** placed 4th in the 1st National Tower climb. The pro-

ceeds from this race will benefit the Wellness Council.

If you or someone in the church family has been recognized for an achievement, please let the church office know so that we can put this information in the newsletter.

Thanks!!!!

Ladies Retreat

Ladies—do you need a break? How does some quiet time away from your daily routine sound—time to rest, reflect, and recoup with other ladies. Then we have just the thing for you.

What: Retreat for the women of FBC. Ages high school age teens to ???

When: Saturday, May 2 to Sunday May 3

Where: Moses Merrill Camp and Conference Center

