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**School Begins Again All Over Columbia!**



*Columbia Public Schools begin classes Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>!*

**BULLDOGS**

**KEWPIES**

**BRUINS**

**And our local colleges.....**

*Stephens College, Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>.*



*The University of Missouri, Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>.*

*Columbia College, Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup>.*



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**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**  
“AWAKENING” ~ 9:45 a.m.  
Contemporary Service  
Traditional Service ~ 11:00 a.m.  
Bible Study ~ 9:45 & 11:00am

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# The Spire

newsletter of First Baptist Church



“Following Christ, First Baptist Church is called to love, teach, worship, and serve.”

## Congratulations on a New Home



For over a year and a half, we've had the joy of getting to know a dear family from Congo. They began worshipping with us in December 2007, and within two weeks they referred to First Baptist as “our church.” We thank God for them.

Since then we've had a part in helping secure employment, getting medical care, “setting up housekeeping” and the like. The brave and strong mother of the family is Antoinette Uwimana. Other members of her family are daughters Angelique Ngendo, Jeanette Francoise, and Jolie Neema, and son Aimable Ruganzu.

The photos on this page reflect a huge celebration in their life! They worked for and were awarded the opportunity to move into a Habitat for Humanity house. They provided sweat equity, and will now take full responsibility for the house, which is now their home.



We're all very proud of Antoinette and her family, and we're glad to have them as vital parts of our congregation. Many thanks to Jim Irvin, Charles Hunter and others who helped with the move!

**Promotion Sunday & Fall Kick Off**  
**September 13, 2009**

Watch for more information to follow.

August 5, 2009



I hadn't planned on writing a column for this edition of the Spire. I was supposed to be in Oxford, England, today, spending time and making plans for projects with Archbishop Malkhaz Songulashvili, our Georgian Baptist brother.

But, as you may have heard, my mother had a series of strokes the weekend of July 21, and my plans were changed. While I cannot fully explain the reasons in the Spire, I canceled my European Baptist Federation and Baptist World Alliance trip to the Netherlands and traveled to Denver to be with my mother instead.

I sorely missed the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Baptist Christian faith, which was part of my reason for going to Amsterdam. Since I was unable to attend the official birthday, you can expect some sort of local birthday celebration through our own church. I very much want to honor 400 years of Baptist life and witness in our world this year.

For those who are interested in and concerned about my mother, she is now stable and undergoing intensive rehabilitation at her care facility in Denver. Each day is an adventure. One good, the next not so good. She had, they think, four or five mild strokes that weekend, and her tests showed evidence of perhaps twenty minor to mild strokes in days past. She's learning to speak clearly again and working to regain strength on her right side. I do appreciate your prayers and support for her and my dad, my sister, me, and our respective families.

Since I'm back in Columbia earlier than planned, we can get on with the business of celebrating and serving Christ through our church. I say "our" church, because it is not only God's, but each of ours. We all have our parts in shaping it, sustaining it, casting a vision for it, working it, and sharing it with our community and world.

Our various church ministry teams have been working and soon you'll hear reports from the Education Team regarding Sunday Bible Study, the Worship Team's Fall worship celebration, the Administrative Team and stewardship opportunities, and the Personnel Committee regarding our new Ministerial Associate for Missions position search process, among others.

Do plan on being with us for our Fall Kick-Off Sunday, September 13. We'll have a fun time eating lunch together, having good FBC fellowship, welcoming new friends, celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the FBC Child Development Center, and more. You'll want to join in the fun! So put it on your calendars now, FBC Fall Kick Off, 9/13.

Glad to serve with you,

*John*



**BIRTHDAYS!**

- |                    |                       |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Meridith Green   | 15 Margaret Carter    |
| 6 Gloria Bradley   | 16 Robert C. Smith    |
| 6 Barbara Wyatt    | 16 Jackson Riley      |
| 7 Donna Ross       | 17 Justin O'Neal      |
| 8 Bonnie Brooks    | 18 Rob Zumwalt        |
| 8 Ellen Holmes     | 19 Joe Whitworth      |
| 8 Jim Irvin        | 20 Marguerite Johnson |
| 8 Nelda McCrory    | 20 Patricia Kent      |
| 11 Myra Hutchinson | 21 Larry Rollins      |
| 12 Claude Barton   | 22 Joe Forsee         |
| 12 Dell Keepers    | 22 Elissa Odle        |
| 12 Paul Little     | 22 Daniel Ostercamp   |
| 13 Larry Cornell   | 23 Ethel Harris       |
| 13 James Smith     | 24 Lynita Little      |
| 14 Deanna Woods    | 25 David Jacobs       |
|                    | 25 Wilma Pepmiller    |
|                    | 27 Norman Benedict    |
|                    | 28 Wesley Kruse       |
|                    | 28 John McCrory       |
|                    | 28 Mary Lou Spradling |
|                    | 29 Alex Bennett       |
|                    | 30 Alexis Stone       |



When: August 17 at 5:30 pm

Where: The Heidelberg, 410 S. 9th

Child care will be provided at the church.

Parents are responsible for their children's meal.

If there are any questions, please contact

Mary Beth Ming at 446-7538.

Congratulations to Neil and Whitney Reed Ostercamp who were married Saturday, August 1, in St. Louis. Their new mailing address is 8230 N. Hickory St., #2-233, Kansas City, MO 64118.

... Sharlyn Sappington fell and broke a hip on July 20. She entered Boone Hospital on 22 and was moved to Lenoir on July 27.

... Jane Young is living with her son in Rogersville, MO following her stay in the hospital.



**Correction!** In the last issue of the Spire the date for BBQ for College Students was printed as Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. The correct date is Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.

**A Message from our Missionary Friends in the Netherlands,**

Dear friends,

Somehow July escaped me. Does that ever happen to you? I went to America for my niece's wedding and a family gathering. We had a minor crisis at the girls' school (last day, July 18; both Ellen & Rebecca ended up ending respectably). First the European Baptist Federation and then the Baptist World Alliance met in the Netherlands (400 years ago the Baptist movement began in Amsterdam). And then, somehow, it was August.

In the meantime, Keith developed a painful condition in his right shoulder called frozen shoulder syndrome. He was spending too much time at the computer. Now he has retrained himself to use the mouse with his left hand, is getting physical therapy twice a week, but generally feels too lousy to do much of anything. He would really like to finish putting animated versions of the Joseph stories in Sinti Romani on YouTube, though ([www.Youtube.com/sikepaskro](http://www.Youtube.com/sikepaskro)). He's about half done.

He is almost all done distributing the Jesus DVD with 5 different Romani languages on it—not because it's been seen and sent everywhere possible but because the initial 3000 ordered in 2007 are almost all gone. Requests keep coming in. However, funds in the media project were almost all used up. However, this project was recently featured in CBF's Fellowship Today, and a friend unexpectedly donated 300 Euros. This is about a third of what would be needed to duplicate more Jesus DVDs or print any Sinti scripture booklets. If your church or church group is interested in a hands-on way to participate in this project, please let us know. People are hungry to see, read, and hear the Word!

In other news, the Romany church in Moldova seems to be growing. We hope to visit for the building dedication in October. The fish in the Teach-a-Man-to-fish field trial died, though the tomatoes are doing well. We hope a better tank can soon be found. Pastors Petru & Olesea Ciochina have had a busy summer helping with children's and youth camps in the area. I suspect July sort of got away from them, too.

Before too much of August slips away, too, we would like to thank you for your continued support. I could tell, somehow, that we had not asked for specific prayer during the month of July. Your partnership with us makes a significant difference!

Yours in Christ,

Mary van Rheenen, Keith, Ellen, & Rebecca Holmes

Thank God for:

- \*Partners like yourselves and partners like the Moldovan Baptist Union.
  - \*Use and distribution of scripture media like the Acts DVD (Sinti Romani) and Jesus DVD.
  - \*Keith learning that the sinus operation schedule for June was NOT necessary.
  - \*Alina Ivan, Romanian woman from our Dutch church who has returned to Romania to work with Romany children.
- Please pray for:
- \*Scripture media projects—Joseph stories on YouTube; illustrated Scripture booklets, Sinti Romani; Acts DVD, Sinti Romani; re-issuing 4 Testament videos, Sinti Romani; recording these in Slovak Romani.
  - \*Keith's right shoulder—for healing and for coping with the pain during the healing process (unless, of course, God sees fit to miraculously heal him in his sleep tonight).
  - \*Ellen & Rebecca's school vacation—one is catching up on Greek; the other is catching up on sleep.
  - \*Micro-economic development among Christian Romany in Moldova, particularly Petru, Radj, Anatolie, Virginia & George.

Contributions to the Offering for Global Missions, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, PO Box 101699, Atlanta, GA 30392-1699 make this work possible. To contribute towards Romany Scripture Media, clearly mark check for Project #80821; for Romany Outreach Moldova, clearly mark check for Project #85822.

August 9, 2009 - August 22, 2009						
Weekly Bible Reading Chart						
Gospels	Law	History	Psalms	Poetry	Prophecy	Epistles
<i>Sunday</i> 8/9 Luke 15-16	<i>Monday</i> 8/10 Leviticus 7-9	<i>Tuesday</i> 8/11 I Kings 19-22	<i>Wednesday</i> 8/12 Psalms 75-77	<i>Thursday</i> 8/13 Proverbs 7	<i>Friday</i> 8/14 Exekiel 13-18	<i>Saturday</i> 8/15 Philippians 1-2
<i>Sunday</i> 8/16 Luke 17-18	<i>Monday</i> 8/17 Leviticus 10-12	<i>Tuesday</i> 8/18 II Kings 1-5	<i>Wednesday</i> 8/19 Psalms 78-80	<i>Thursday</i> 8/20 Proverbs 8-9	<i>Friday</i> 8/21 Exekiel 19-24	<i>Saturday</i> 8/22 Philippians 3-4