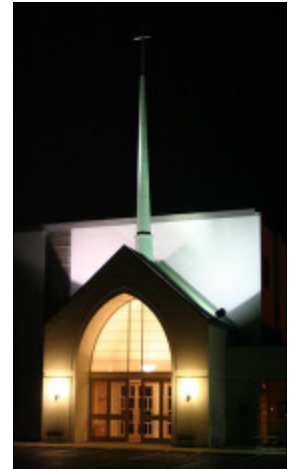


New Outlook

September 15,
2011

Second Baptist Church
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Celebrating Fred Adams' 50 Years in the Ministry



Congratulations to Fred Adams, who will celebrate the 50th anniversary of his ordination this Sunday, September 18.

A history of the Rev. Dr. Fred Adams' long ministry covers and encompasses decades of commitment, hands-on assistance, openness, confrontation, and passion for the cause of Christ.

Not a church-goer in his early youth, Fred was 16 when he felt the call to follow Christ and 17 when he realized he was called to the ministry. It was somewhat near this time that he was asked to speak to an Episcopal youth group, saw Fran standing among them, and that was that: they were married before Fred enrolled in seminary in 1950.

From the beginning, Fred has felt a strong sense of God and the call to bring people to Christ and to build up the Christian Church and community. This commitment has been unwavering. In retirement he feels the same call and that he's doing the same thing, only differently.

Fred's education included attending Baylor University and the Baptist seminary in Louisville, and receiving his Doctor of Ministry degree from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. His doctoral thesis subject was Organizational Design. A focus of his tenure as Area V Minister has been how to incorporate new ministers into the denomination and how organizations can be healing, not hurtful.

He also completed a two-year course at the Benedictine School of Spiritual Studies at the monastery in Pecos, New Mexico. Their directive to "Work, Pray, Serve" has been and continues to be a personal motto for Fred.

His long pastoral career included the initial one-year call to preach at Enon Baptist church in Indiana (they had 150 pastors in 150 years—Fred was Number 151), followed by a 10-year period in campus

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ministry at Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois. This period included contemporary worship, faith-building, work in voter registration, Native American and inner city work, 24-hour training of students to assist at the Coffee Shoppe (which had 1000 people who frequented it—including church people—five of whom joined the church the day after JFK’s assassination). He became a pastor to the hippies and to the international students as well as to the head of the Birch society even after he accused Fred of being a Communist. Fred also had to contend with twenty Black Panthers who took over his office.

Feeling a need to get back to his pastoral roots, he accepted a pastorate at Jacksonville, Illinois, where his focus was organizing a new way to do church. Soon after, Ralph Beaty asked him to become Area Minister for Area V. As Area Minister, Fred’s passions were to provide support for pastors, building new ABC churches (18 in Area V), establishing a support system, and encouraging openness.

As to now: Fred is just happy—both with God’s Call, and with where God has called him to be—working to help people become more spiritually aware—alive—as they learn the gifts they have been given—and begin to act on those gifts.

Judy Gurley

Pastoral Search Committee Update: Next Steps

After reducing the 90+ candidates whose profiles and resumé’s we received to 57 who met our education and experience requirements, each of the 8 members of the Pastoral Search Committee rated each one with a 1 (looks like a good fit), 2 (not sure), or 3 (probably not a good fit). Jim Shepardson put all the data on a spreadsheet with the candidates listed in order of their average rating. We discussed our ratings and decided on the candidates to contact further. Co-chairs Mary Shepardson and Randy Sumner will begin calling these candidates to see if they are still interested and to request further information. Please pray for us as we continue to seek God’s wisdom in this process.



Koinonia Group Meets Second and Fourth Mondays

Koinonia will meet from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. every second and fourth Monday at Meg Gilmore’s (849 University Place in University City). Our next meeting is September 26. At each meeting a participant brings a reading to reflect on and discuss and leads the group in whatever form of prayer he or she chooses. Participants have the opportunity to share personal concerns if they wish to. Everyone is welcome.

Launch Sunday 2011





Photos taken by Pat Justis

*** Calling All Singers ***

We have just begun a new choir year and would like to invite everyone who loves to sing to join in the fun. Please thoughtfully consider participating in this important ministry.

It is a thrill to blend your voice with others in order to make a joyful noise unto the Lord. We perform a wide variety of musical styles, so there is always something for everyone. The choir practices on Thursdays from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. and on Sunday mornings from 8:45 - 9:15. We look forward to seeing you there!

- Brad and Marilyn Short

American Baptist Women's Ministries Great Rivers Region Fall Rally

Third Baptist Church, 620 North Grand, St. Louis

September 17, 2011

Registration 9:30 a.m.

Program: Lori Hill and Carolyn Head-Cook on their mission trip to South Africa and the Congo

Lunch is provided.

Contact Mildred Shelton for more information.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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| Sun | 8:45 a.m. | Choir practice |
| | 9:15 a.m. | Church school (resumes on Sept 11--begins at 9:00 that Sunday only) |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Worship in the Sanctuary |
| | 11:30 a.m. | Coffee Fellowship |
| Tue | 6:30 p.m. | Adult Children of Alcoholics in Community Rm |
| Thurs | 7:00 p.m. | Choir practice |

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

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| Sept 17 | 7:30 a.m. | Men's Breakfast at Delmar Baptist |
| Sept 17 | 9:30 a.m. | ABWMinistries Rally at Third Baptist |
| Sept 18 | | Fred Adam's 50th anniversary of ordination |
| Sept 19 | 6:30 p.m. | Council meeting in Community Room |
| Sept 26 | 6:30 p.m. | Koinonia at Meg Gilmore's |
| Sept 26 | 7:00 p.m. | Prostate Cancer Support Group in Comm Rm |
| Sept 30 - Oct 1 | | Great Rivers Region annual conference |
| Oct 3 | 10:00 a.m. | ABWomen's Ministries, Education wing |
| Oct 10 | 6:30 p.m. | Koinonia at Meg Gilmore's |
| Oct 11 | 1:00 p.m. | Book Group, Community Room |

ABWMinistries Resumes

Second's American Baptist Women's Ministries meets the first Tuesday of every month in a church school classroom in the Education Wing. Their first meeting this fall will be October 3 at 10:00 a.m. For more information contact Mildred Shelton or the church office.

The *New Outlook* is published the second and fourth weeks of the month. Please send articles and photos to mary@shepardson.us by September 25 for the next issue.

Great Rivers Region Annual Meeting September 30 - October 1

Doubletree Hotel and Conference Center
16625 Swingley Road, Chesterfield, MO

Friday, September 30

2:00 p.m. Opening Session: Brief business followed by teaching session



Dr. Jeff Jones

Professor of Ministerial Leadership at Andover Newton Theological School and author of *Traveling Together: A Guide for Disciple-Forming Congregations*

5:00 p.m. GRR Mission & Ministry Banquet Celebrating the dedication of the church building at Alajuelita. With Rev. Dr. Johnny Sabario, Executive Minister for the Federation of Baptist Churches in Costa Rica and Rev. Gary Baits, American Baptist missionary. Tickets required.

7:30 p.m. Evening Worship with Rev. Dr. Carolyn Gordon, **Associate Professor of Communication** at Fuller Theological Seminary, preaching



Saturday, October 1

9:00 to 9:40 a.m. Workshop Session I

9:50 to 10:30 a.m. Workshop Session II

Workshop topics:

International Ministries Does Discipleship

Discipleship with Children

Bodybuilding in Christ: From Boys to Men: Ephesians 4:9 - 13

Discipleship in a Coaching Mode

All workshops will be held offered during both sessions.

11:00 AM Closing Worship with Rev. Dr. Carolyn Gordon preaching

Register at <http://www.abcgrr.org>

Individual registration is \$30.

Second Baptist Church of Greater St. Louis

An American Baptist Church

9030 Clayton Road at McKnight Road
St. Louis, Missouri 63117-1094

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Church school 9:15 a.m.

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

A nursery is provided.

Coffee Fellowship follows the
service.

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Dr. Thomas E. Clifton,

Minister in Residence

Kara Reagan, Associate Pastor

Diana Pryer, Moderator

**Tom Clifton's Time at Second Ends October 16; Mike Dixon to
Become Interim Minister**

Tom Clifton has decided that it is time for him to return to his home and family in Pittsburgh, so his last day with us will be October 16. We are so grateful for Tom's time at Second Baptist and for all he has done to encourage us and help us grow in faith.

With the Council's approval, the Pastoral Search Committee contacted Rev. Michael Dixon to ask if he would consider becoming our interim minister after that, and he has agreed. He will begin full-time ministry with us on October 17. Mike was Second's interim minister from August 2006 to August 2007, and we very much appreciated his and his wife Sandy's service to the church at that time.