



Pilgrim's Progress

OCTOBER 2009 Issue



"The purpose of this church shall be to bind together followers of Jesus Christ, for the object of sharing in the worship of God and in seeking His will for our lives, especially as that will is set forth in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ."

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What renews me...?

**I love to drive
through the**

countryside and see the fields ripe for harvest. I think of America, the Beautiful, and I agree with its author Katharine Lee Bates ... God has indeed shed His grace on us. I think we could agree on this. But, what if we left it at that? What if everyone just rode through the countryside admiring the beautiful harvest? Well, if no one took the time to work in the fields harvesting the crops, there would be a lot of rotten crops, wouldn't there. God wishes to grow a fruitful crop in us as He renews and revitalizes through Biblical teaching. Psalm 23 is a perfect example, "The Lord is my shepherd ... He guides me ... He leads me ... He restores my soul."

In this season of learning about renewal, what about praying not just for God to allow you into His presence, but that you allow God to enter into *your* presence. Who knows, you might just find yourself renewed in the process. Think about it.

Until then...

**I am sincerely Your servant and His,
Pastor Barry**

STATS CORNER FOR SEPTEMBER:

NEW MEMBER:
Sam Speas, 9/13/09

BIRTH:
Nathaniel Woerner, 9/24/09
Parents: Marcus & Chantel

Congratulations to grandparents Bob & Linda McGregor on the birth of their grandson, Evan Duncan McGregor Sept. 17! Parents are Scott & Jill McGregor, Springfield, Ohio. Evan joins sister Kelsey, 4.

A NEW LOOK!



(South entrance of FCC)

A committee for updating the church is obtaining bids for carpeting in the South entryway. FCC Women's Fellowship has agreed to help financially but are limited in funds so we are asking anyone who would like to help defray the cost of this project may send a donation to the church with a notation that it is for the carpet entryway project.

Our sincere thanks for your help.

BOY SCOUT POPCORN SALE 2009!

My brother and I, Matthew and David Dickey, will be taking orders for Boy Scout Popcorn after the 10:30 a.m. service in the Fellowship Hall from October 4th - November 1st. The Mid-Iowa Council changed vendors this year so the popcorn is different from last year. Please stop by and help support Scouting in Marshalltown and Iowa. Call 641-754-9871 if you have any questions or would like to order and can not be at the church service.

Thanks,
Matthew and David
Dickey



The Benevolence & Missions Committee wishes to thank all those who donated cookies and bars for the "Hymns to Him" reception. We have some really great cooks in this church. The goodies were awesome. Also a huge thank you to those that helped with the clean-up AFTER the reception – you made it all go so quickly.



Christmas 2006

Do you have pictures from past Christmas pageants here at FCC? If we promise, promise, promise to take very good care of them, AND return them, would you please bring them to the church office so that we may copy them? We have a special project in mind.



A special THANK YOU to our Board of Christian Education, Shelly Speas, Marian Gerdes and all the hard workers that helped to decorate & participate on the FCC float for the annual Oktoberfest parade. What a bunch of great looking FCC families & friends!



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