

Ballwin Baptist Church  
Committee Updates  
May 2004

**Administration – Christy Nance**

Nothing new to report

**AV Committee – Greg Judd**

- 1) We had close to 500 people in our auditorium for our Good Friday presentation of "God Sized Miracle".
- 2) We continue to fine tune and improve our audio, visual and lighting setup.
- 3) Preparations are being made to prepare for the "example services"... contemporary and traditional, which will take place on July 11 and 25 respectively.

**Ballwin Christian Academy – Bobby French**

- 1) BCA School Board has hired a new teacher for the 2004-2005 school year to replace Amy Jo Bullock. Her name is Debbie Schatteman. God has blessed BCA by her addition to the teaching staff. She has been teaching 4th grade at Carmen Trails Elementary.
- 2) We have two teaching prospects that will be interviewed shortly for a third teaching position. Is it not known yet whether or not a third teacher will be needed. However, there is a possibility that BCA could see a significant increase in students this year due to a private school in our area that is closing. We'll update as information becomes solidified.
- 3) We are working with the nominating committee to fill Board positions, both current and future.

**Bereavement Committee – Marie Isaac**

Bereavement Ministry did not fix any funeral meals this quarter.

**Building Committee (w/Fundraising Committee) – Lynn Nance**

No report submitted

**Christian Growth Institute – Joe Chambers**

No report submitted

**Counseling – Greg Judd**

Nothing new to report

**Deacon Ministry – Bob Richter**

- 1) The deacon ministry team has met on a regular basis during this reporting period to consider and pray for the needs of the families and the called staff of BBC.
- 2) The following men were elected on February 22, 2004, by the church body to serve a three year term:  
Leon Allen  
Steve Bauman  
Dave Gambrel  
Mike Rhoads  
Buddy Martin was elected to fill a one year term.  
Justin Roath was elected as deacon apprentice and will serve a one year term with ordination at the end of the first year based on performance and God's direction to continue in the ministry.
- 3) On Saturday May 1, 2004, the deacon ministry held an annual retreat at BBC in the fellowship hall. The theme of the retreat was "People - Purpose - Passion - Plan". This was a beneficial time of fellowship, reflection and planning to look at the deacon ministry at BBC and plan for meeting the needs of the body. Brother Bob addressed the deacons and their wives with a presentation emphasizing and encouraging our purpose - the need to fully administer our role as servants and examples to the body. He stressed the fact that the deacon's position is not one of "policy making" but a position of servant leadership within the body. The time spent at this retreat was well spent.
- 4) During March, letters to non-participating members were sent out to inquire of their intent to continue their membership. Approximately 25 letters to individuals and families were sent. To date, one letter has been received requesting a transfer of membership.
- 5) Ongoing planning and preparation continues for the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration as well as the church wide picnic on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Planning sessions have started and more information will be provided in the weeks ahead.

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- 6) There are many changes and proposed changes taking place at BBC. The deacon body is committed to praying for and seeking God's direction in these matters. We remain committed to Christ and our purpose to glorify Him in all that we do and say. We are here to service the body and the staff and would encourage contacting your deacon with any concerns or needs that you may have. Following is the current list of deacons and the family list that each serves:

*Deacon Family List  
2004*

DEACON	FAMILIES
Dave Gambrel	Adams – Baum
Ray Parker	Baumann – Brown (Ruby)
Ray Adcock	Brown (Sallie) – Chan
Berl Bays	Chaney – Crawford
Leon Allen	Curtis – Feldman
Bob Lancaster	Ferguson – Green
Chris Anderson	Greenland – Henderson
Ed Henderson	Henke – Hunkins
Justin Roath	Hunt - Kerlagon
Jim Andis	Ketterer – Lause
Steve Baumann	LeBeau – McKee
Bob Stevens	McLaughlin – Nance (Ardene)
Mike Gibson	Nance (Lynn) – Rankin
Buddy Martin	Rapp – Rogers
Mike Rhoads	Rusert - Signaigo
Glen Miles	Silence – Stiver
Bob Richter	Stone – Wadlington
Tim Toma	Wadum - Zumalt

**Decorations Committee – Suzanne Hooper**

No report submitted

**Education – Mike Hubbard**

Nothing new to report

**Finance Committee – Kathy Kerlagon**

Verbal report will be given at the Ministry Meeting.

**History Committee – Eva Raunikar**

No report submitted

**Joshua Ministry – Bob Richter**

Nothing new to report

**Kitchen Committee – Marlyn Starkey**

Report submitted, will be included with next quarter updates.

**M & M Committee – Glen Miles**

1) February

- a) On the 17<sup>th</sup>, 54 attended our luncheon:
  - i) We voted to send \$100 for the College World Changers trip to Chicago.
  - ii) All enjoyed an excellent concert by Pastor Bob and Debbie Curtis.
- b) On the 24<sup>th</sup>, 18 members toured the Fire House on Rt. 109 followed by a great lunch.

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**M & M Committee – Glen Miles (cont'd)**

2) March

- a) 50 attended our luncheon where Margie Elroy told all about the services at the local MEAA (Mid east Agency on Aging).
- b) A number of our members are taking turns delivering hot meals from here to Ed & Barbara Hunter.
- c) On the 30<sup>th</sup>, 25 members toured the Old Capital in St Charles then following lunch, toured the Lewis & Clark Boat House and Museum.
- d) 53 attended our luncheon where we were discussed the many opportunities for volunteer service at Missouri Baptist Hospital.
- e) On the 27<sup>th</sup>, 31 members went to the Science Center, where we enjoyed the Omnimax presentation of the Lewis & Clark journey. We then headed over to Rigazzi's for lunch before returning to the Church.

**Media Center Committee – Peggy Biggs**

No report submitted

**Men's Ministry Committee – Ray Noland**

No report submitted

**Missions Committee – Sandy Osborne**

1) Sandy accepted the chairmanship of the Missions council. Mike is the ministerial staff representative.

2) Reports on the past missions events:

- a) Prague - Sandy
- b) Bethany & Caroline – youth trip to Cuba, MO. Rick Matthews's ministry – young men released from prison. Some of the men shared their testimonies.
- c) Shirley & Bob Stevens – reported on the mission trip to the Mobile Alabama Seaman's Ministry.
- d) Darlene
  - i) Metro North: organize advisory committee. Theresa and her husband are getting older, he is 75 years old and their ministry is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. They are concerned who will continue the ministry when they can't. Five churches support them occasionally (rent is \$350 per month).
  - ii) Friendship International: 3<sup>rd</sup> Baptist and Hanley Road Baptist host wives of foreign students, teaching English, devotional, and crafts. Heart to Heart supports once a year and WMU supports twice a year, Sandy supports once a year.
  - iii) Friendship Sunday School Class collected clothing for the Baptist Children's home.
- e) Sandwich Ministry – Helen
  - i) The refrigerator broke and we needed to throw away 8 packs of lunch meat.
  - ii) This month 20 ladies made 786 sandwiches. Joe Roddy delivers them to Larry Rice.
- f) CIA, Helping Hands, Healing Hearts – Stacey
  - i) Phyllis Jones, a Christian lady, accepts children's clothing, toys on donations to be distributed to 4400 foster kids.
  - ii) A family mission project on March 27, 2004 from 9:30am-11:30am.

3) Reports on upcoming mission opportunities:

- a) World Changers – Buddy Martin  
May 22-29. College students stay at the Wheaton College while repairing inner city homes in Aroa, IL. They will visit the Billy Graham Museum on Friday.
- b) VBS mission project – Sandy Osborne
  - i) Irl Grundy, Senior Pastor of Lakota Baptist Church will be the recipient of items and pennies collected. These items will consist of a shoe box ministry for the Indian children. The monies will be given to Pastor Grundy to aid the children of Lakota, Olgala, and Sioux tribes.
  - ii) Esther Brown spoke about how this opportunity came about to support Indian children in South Dakota. Esther's vet is a member of the Remote Vets Assoc that travels to South Dakota every year. They will deliver whatever we collect for Pastor Grundy's ministry.
- c) Ken Nellis spoke about the men's breakfasts and about Men's Ministry supporting Compassion International.
- d) Mike spoke about the Ballwin Family Trip to Ohio

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**Missions Committee – Sandy Osborne (cont'd)**

- e) National Day of Prayer – Jan Miller  
Organization heads to get members to help Wednesday before to bag cookies.
- 4) Annie Armstrong goal of \$16,000 was reached.

**Music Committee – Greg Judd**

See AV report (page 1)

**Nominating Committee – Larry Allen**

- 1) On March 2004, the Church approved the nominating committee for the coming year (March 2004 to Feb 2005). Caroline Chan was approved as a new member of the committee.
- 2) We are looking at some changes to the by-laws to help the committee in the future. Those changes will be brought up at the June Quarterly Ministry Meeting for approval.
- 3) We are starting to work with all committees to determine the status of each committee for the year starting in August.
- 4) Please note – if you are willing to serve or know anyone that is willing to serve on a committee or council, please contact a member of the nominating committee.

**Personnel Committee – Bernice Van Pelt**

Nothing new to report

**Preschool/Children's Ministries – Christy Nance**

Nothing new to report

**Property/Space Committee – Nick Jackson**

- 1) Electrical Service  
Three contractor bids have been received from the drawings and specification included in the bid package. All bids are higher than P/S had expected, however, the P/S committee is convinced that this project scope is the correct course for this church. This direction shall insure adequate electrical service for the next 30 years. A motion shall be brought to the full church regarding this project in the near future.
- 2) Picnic Pavilion  
A preliminary location has been established at the southeast corner of the storm water basin. The proposed size would be approximately 50' wide X 100' long. Designated funds have been received. Those would be used for grading, retaining wall, fire pit, and floor construction. Current plan is to utilize 'volunteer' labor for framing. An architect has been retained for drawings to be used to apply for a building permit.
- 3) Youth Workdays  
P/S has sponsored several high school and college youth workers. Each project has an adult supervisor to insure safety and productivity of each student. Following is a brief list of completed projects:
  - Wallpaper removed from library hallway and north educational building wall at the auditorium doorway.
  - Replaced kitchen ceiling grid, tile, and lights.
  - Mulch all areas of landscaping.
  - Applied fertilizer and weed killer to all areas.
  - Cleaned youth house gutters, and bagged all yard waste for removal
  - Cleaned multiple interior storage areas.
  - Painted college/career staff office.
  - Sod applied to Steamboat Lane side of property in an effort to address Ballwin's desire for grass between the replaced sidewalk and the street.
- 4) Elevator  
An architect has been retained to produce detailed drawings for permitting and contractor bids. A proposed location has been agreed to by several differing groups. This project shall not proceed beyond design without the Electrical Service project approval.

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Property/Space Committee – Nick Jackson (cont'd)

5) Auditorium Window Tinting or Covering

Window tinting companies are numerous. However, for liability reasons, they insist on providing their own lift equipment. Thus far, no window tint company has (or can obtain) the proper equipment to install tinting material on our windows. The acute angle is too small. A last resort will be to bid replacement of all window glass with tinted glass. This should be able to be done from outside, however, will be considerably more costly.

**Sunday School Committee – Buddy Martin**

- 1) We had a very good quarter even though we had some difficult weather in January, which we canceled services on January 25, and February. We averaged 425 for the month of January, 412 for February and 428 for March.
- 2) We had an average attendance of 392 for the quarter with highs of 461 on March 14 and 462 on February 29.
- 3) We are continuing to look at dual Bible Study. We will be firming up the times and the classes. Please be in prayer for this process so that it will be a smooth process.

**Ushers Committee – Bob Stevens, Jr**

No report submitted

**Weekday Education Committee – Randa French**

1) Summer Program

We are currently preparing for our summer MDO program which runs the week of June 7th through the week of August 9th. We will meet on Monday and Wednesday for 8 weeks. This program is well received by parents. Because our summer program is running in conjunction with Marvelous Mondays and Wonderful Wednesdays we have the opportunity to minister to the entire family.

2) Fall Enrollment

Fall enrollment is going strong. We are at approximately 95% occupancy and have inquiring phone calls every day. The 2004-2005 school year begins on September 8, 2004.

3) Teacher Continuing Education

On April 17, our MDO teachers attended a curriculum conference in St. Charles. They attended classes on art, science, music, rhymes and rhythms, and much more.

4) Book Fair

MDO held a Scholastic Book Fair the week of April 12-16. We sold \$950 in books, resulting in \$450 in free products for the program. The next fair will be in the fall.

**Women's Ministry Committee – Tina Ketterer**

**Women's Ministry Council**

We met March 4, April 8, and May 13. Nominating committee is seeking new members to our council. Courtney Solstad is our newest member. Mother's Day observance gifts (red pens) were given out on Mother's Day, May 9. Discussion at council included the following: 04-05 budget; preparations for 40 Days of Purpose Ministry Fair; providing breakfast on September 18 for the Ballwin girls attending the Girls of Grace Conference.

1) Ballwin Ladies' Fellowship - Pam Martin

- a) 73 ladies participated in the February-April time frame.
- b) At March council meeting, discussed a possible large gathering of BLF ladies in the future.

2) Heart to Heart - Jeanne Gruender

- a) Enrollment for the Jan-April 2004 semester was 27.
- b) Fellowship discussion/lunch time (FTD) following Heart to Heart has had good attendance.
- c) Spring brunch held at MaryKay Wiesehan's house; 14 attended.
- d) No H2H class offered this summer.
- e) Nell Welch began an additional six-week precepts class, studying Deuteronomy, on April 22.

3) MOPS - Karen Crawford

Attendance for the following dates: 4/15 -- 23, 4/29 -- 23, May 6 -- 28.

4) National Day of Prayer - Jan Miller

- a) This year's date was May 6. Sherrie Rankin partnered with Jan to share the workload.

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**Women's Ministry Committee – Tina Ketterer (cont'd)**

- b) 42+ attended prayer time at Ballwin City Hall.
- c) 200+ dozen cookies were made and distributed to schools, government agencies and businesses in the area.
- d) Concert of Prayer service held at the America's Center that evening.
- 5) Single Moms - Kathy Hedley  
No report
- 6) Special Events - Kathy Elmore
  - a) Attendance for "The Five Love Languages" on March 9 was 34.
  - b) May 1st Spring Banquet canceled.
  - c) Mundy date chosen for July 26 to see "The Music Man."
  - d) Special Events Committee considering whether to promote the Women of Faith conference coming to St. Louis July 23-24.

**Women on Mission**

- 1) Christians in Action - Libby Noland  
Helping Hands/Healing Hearts mission project on 3/27 had 11 attend and help sort clothes.
- 2) Multifocus Group - Darlene Borchering
  - a) 3/2 attendance 15, 786 sandwiches made; 4/6 attendance 15, 786 sandwiches made; 5/4 attendance 19, 787 sandwiches made.
  - b) Staff luncheon provided on 2/11, 30 attended. Sandy Osborne & Audrey Hubbard spoke about their trip to Prague; Shirley Stevens shared about their work in Mobile, AL.
- 3) Study and Prayer Group - Sue Kennedy
  - a) Attendance for 3/15 -- 7; 4/12 -- 8; 5/10 -- canceled.
  - b) Studying "What Happens When Women Pray."

**Youth Ministry Committee – Mike Hubbard**

**Events and Activities**

- 1) Tweenager Retreat, March 12-13  
A retreat at Holiday Inn Six Flags with our sixth graders, Mike & Christy, and four youth leaders.
- 2) DiscipleNow, March 19-22  
We had over 50 of our students join youth from 5 other churches. The theme was "Lord of the Ring" dealing with moral purity.
- 3) Youth Ministry Council Retreat, April 16-17  
The YMC set goals and priorities for the 2004-05 school year. The report is available and will be presented to the church at the June 6 Ministry Meeting.
- 4) Youth Sunday, April 18  
Youth served as Sunday School teachers, ushers, greeters, sound technicians, and in many other ministries throughout the church.
- 5) MOMS & POPS Party,  
May 22 is the end of year party for our mentoring ministry.
- 6) Youth Camp Workdays  
We've had four workdays to help students raise the funds to go to Youth Camp in July.
- 7) ACF's  
We've had three After Church Fellowships in the past three months.

**Ministries and Emphasis**

- 1) YMC Report  
The Youth Ministry Council report for the coming year is available. This report contains the Youth Ministry goals and calendar for the coming year.
- 2) Sunday School  
Youth Sunday School is completing the small group material for "Purpose Driven Life". For the Summer, we will be previewing literature from Group Publishing as we seek to choose the best possible curriculum for our Youth Sunday School ministry.

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- 3) BonusTime  
Mike completed his series on the book of Ecclesiastes, and is finishing a series titled, "Welcome to the Planet" that deals with the 40 Days of Purpose. During the Summer months, lessons will be taught using panel discussions on topics youth have chosen.
- 4) Youth Choir  
Youth choir came to an end in May. Choir has been a tremendous ministry, but the Youth Ministry Council has decided to go in a different direction, providing a ministry on Sunday evenings that will involve youth in ongoing ministry teams or discipleship classes. This new ministry is outlined in the YMC Report, and will begin in September.
- 5) Student FAITH  
We've had seven youth forming three FAITH teams making visits each week throughout the Winter and Spring.
- 6) MOMS & POPS Ministry  
The mentoring ministry, which matches high school students with our new 7<sup>th</sup> graders completed another good year. The new group of MOMS & POPS have been enlisted and are currently being matched to the current 6<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- 7) HOME Team  
The Youth Welcome Team is doing an outstanding job. Their leaders, Chris & Rachel Anderson have youth and adults at the doors of the Youth Wing each Sunday and Wednesday night making our visitors feel welcome and helping them get to the right place.
- 8) .COME  
This new effort this year has had a very positive effect on our students, especially in that most of our youth have a person that they are praying for and seeking to reach for Christ.

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**PASTOR'S REPORT**

I wish to share with you regarding ministry insights the past few months.

- 1) **Easter Musical:** Although presented just one night, a good crowd came. No commitments to Christ were known through the cards, but a number of prospects did attend.
- 2) **“Needs” in the body:** There was a presentation by the Leadership Team as it related to a number of areas in church life where needs have become evident: Long-term transportation; Building; Disability access; Dual SS/Worship; Emphasis on Evangelism; Re-defining church membership; and Electrical. We also had two evenings of Q/A to enable the body to ask questions as it relates to these areas. There was also a Building Committee presentation, along with a presentation from our Fund-raising team and subsequent motion.
  - a) **Long-term transportation:** The target date of 2007 was set forth to purchase a “People-mover” for church use to replace the “blue” vans.
  - b) **Building:** Lynn and the committee have done an excellent job in leading us to this point. An architectural rendering of the building possibility has been placed in the church foyer.
  - c) **Disability Access:** The Property/Space Committee is looking into the possibility and cost to add an elevator to our current facility.
  - d) **Dual SS/Worship:** The goal is to begin this new schedule in January, 2005, pending the approval of the body in June. One worship would be contemporary and the other would be traditional. It was suggested that at least one Sunday would be given to each “type” of service, and then survey the congregation as to the one that they would plan to attend.
  - e) **Evangelism Emphasis:** There is a definite need for the body to become more intentional in its outreach. Pastor Steve will be working on enhancing the “Faith/Evangelism” process as well as designing “one-day” types of training.
  - f) **Re-Defining Church Membership:** This process will look at how we receive members, explaining the ministry areas for their benefit and the membership responsibilities for each new member. We will also look at the process for those who no longer attend the body, but wish to stay on the church roll.
  - g) **Electrical:** A motion is to be made in June to proceed with the upgrade in our electrical supply, which will not only meet the current need, but also will include the power necessary for a new building.
- 3) **Fund-Raising:** A presentation was made by Ray Kerlagon, Team leader for this team. He made a motion to secure the services of “The Genesis Group” to assist us in fund-raising at a cost of \$66,000.00. We are in process of doing “leadership and church” surveys to determine the need for, the understanding and support of a new building.
- 4) **By-law changes:** Information has been made available to the body regarding changes in the by-laws. Those changes will be voted on in June.
- 5) **Deacon Retreat:** Our deacons met for a retreat on Saturday, May 1 from 9am–12noon. The purpose was to look at the responsibilities and practical ways in carrying those out.
- 6) **Staff Retreats/Meetings:** Your staff met for a planning retreat in May. We discussed a number of things, including ministry objectives for the coming year, calendaring, and visioning. We continue to seek to glorify Him in our respective responsibilities. We meet each Tuesday from 7:30am to 9:00am (Full-time Called staff) and then from 9:00am to 10/10:30am with all staff, including support. Please note that if you call between the hours of 9 and 10:30am and do not get a staff member, it is due to our being in staff meeting.
- 7) **40 Days of Purpose:** We are currently in this 7-week process. As of this writing, we have 368 adults involved in 50+ groups. The Preschoolers/Children/Youth are involved in this process by doing their study on Sundays during SS. Additionally, the Adult SS classes are teaching the 5 “purposes” as well. I am preaching messages that deal with each “purpose.” We also have scheduled a “Ministry Fair” on Sunday, May 23 and a “Missions Fair” on Sunday, May 30. Many are reporting that God is working in their groups in wonderful ways. Our “40 Days” Leadership Team is meeting each Sunday at 4pm to evaluate where we are in the process and what is before us. The names of the team are: Tom Wofford, Team Leader, Pastor Bob, Pastor Mike, Pastor Greg, Pastor Steve, Christy Nance, Denise Hall (Ministry Fair), Sandy Osborne (Missions Fair) Cindy Fall (Prayer Coordinator), Joe Chambers (Small Group Coordinator), and Deniece Webb (Communications Coordinator). While some have voiced some concerns about the process, concerns that I have sought to address through messages, handouts to group leaders, meetings, etc., the overall response has been positive. As I have stated, the weeks after the “40 Days” emphasis will show how spiritually effective the process was and how God has truly worked in our midst. I am looking at how God would take those who have gone through this process to a new spiritual level as far and going “deeper” in their walk with the Lord. I would ask that you pray with me to that end.

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- 8) **Visits:** Your pastor seeks to stay on top of those in nursing homes, those hospitalized, prospects and members in an effort to carry out the responsibilities of being the undershepherd of the body. We have incorporated Pastor Steve Solstad into the "On-Call" list each weekend. I commend our staff and our pastoral care team who assist me greatly in these responsibilities.
- 9) **Leadership Team:** We continue to meet monthly. As you know, we had a presentation regarding "Needs in the Body." I grow to love and appreciate this team more and more each day. The members are: Staff; Tom Wofford, Randy Dickinson, Eva Raunikar, Tom Spurr, Curt Augustin, Rich Starkey, Karen Crawford, Peggy Shores, Justin Roath, and Andy Vosburgh. Please feel free to share with any member areas in which we may do a more effective job in fulfilling our purpose statement.

Summer will be very busy. There are mission trips being planned, Vacation Bible School, Youth Camp, Children's Camp, increased van usage, and increased usage of the buildings. Please remember as you take a family vacation, that our church expenses do not. Please bring by your "First-fruits" to His church before leaving or send them while on vacation. Let's continue to be faithful to His church here. Please join me in praying for our church, its staff and ministries. Pray that God will increasingly use each of us to personally "...consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking your own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near."(Hebrews 10: 24-25)

Pastor Bob (1 Peter 5:2-4)