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Administration – Christy Nance

Most of the work on restoring Fellowship Hall has been completed. Area rugs and final tile work should be completed before the Thanksgiving meal. The elevator is in the final stages of inspection and should also be ready for November 20.

AV Committee –

No report submitted

Ballwin Christian Academy – Bobby French

The school board...

- Voted to decrease the subsidy received from the church by \$10,000.
- Established formal discipline policy
- Established arrears policy
- Revised financial policy
- The school board is going to be hiring a part-time teacher's aid in the near future.

The BCA teachers attended the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) conference in Kansas City, Mo. Special thanks to Tower Grove for allowing the teachers to car-pool with them to the convention, and special thanks to Karen Hubbard for asking Tower Grove if the teachers could ride along.

If you would like to contribute to the BCA scholarship fund, please contact Bobby French, Simon Wong, or Ken Nellis. Also, if you would be interested in sponsoring a child, please contact Bobby French, Simon Wong, or Ken Nellis.

PLEASE NOTE: The school board is in need of additional members. Please contact Bobby French if you believe that you are being lead to serve on the school board.

Bereavement Committee – Marie Isaac

We have provided two funeral meals since the last report: one for the family of Joe Roddy at the church and one (a snack type meal at the funeral home) for the family of Bart Eggleston.

Building Committee – Lynn Nance

Over the past several months we've progressed through the Schematic Design phase of our building project, which enabled the architects and us to finalize the overall design and scope of the project. Following that we began establishing a plan, including a timeline to accomplish the project. We then entered the Design Development phase where we are now. This is proceeding as planned; in fact, documents were submitted to Planning & Zoning October 19. Their ruling will follow in the next couple of months. They've been very receptive thus far and we expect no problems from them. Design Development will last into December. Once the Design Development stage is complete, we begin with the Construction Document stage which will take approximately 60 working days, taking us to March 1, 2006. From there we will proceed with permitting and bidding, which for planning purposes will last into May, 2006. Our ultimate goal is to begin construction in May, 2006 and complete construction by May of 2007. This information was presented to the congregation on Sunday, October 16. The slide show presented, along with notes, is available on the ballwinbaptist.com website.

Capital Campaign – Ray Kerlagon

To date, the church body has pledged \$1,113,104 for the Building For the Future Campaign and, as of October 23, has received \$352,89. During the month of October, the Building and Finance Committees have made presentations which included the design, construction and financing of our new building. In the very near future we will, as a church body, be voting on these matters and if passed by the body, begin construction of our new building this spring. In order to succeed we must bathe this process in prayer and be prepared to support this matter from the financial blessings that God has given each of us. Many are doing this through the pledges committed to early in the campaign. As a point of information, BBC is now able to accept stock as well as money pledges to the campaign. Sue Kasky, our church Financial Secretary can assist anyone that might choose to support our campaign in this manner.

Christian Growth Institute – Joe Chambers

No report submitted

College/Singles – Steve Solstad

Special Thanks to Cheryl Walker and MOBAP Lead Team: I am so grateful and amazed to Cheryl Walker and the team of people that she organized to support collegiate ministry to Missouri Baptist University. This wonderful group of people helped insure that every incoming freshman knew that our church cared about them and wanted to see them grow in a relationship with Jesus Christ. I appreciate all of those who contributed to this event on August 19th. Your efforts glorified

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God and influenced the lives of hundreds of college students. Thank you again to all who prayed and partnered in this ministry.

Events

August - On Saturday August 6th, College Singles had a video scavenger hunt beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the FUSION room. Teams were given a video camera and a list of new adventures.

September - On Friday, September 9th, Ballwin Baptist took a group of 20 College/Singles and leadership to Busch Stadium to watch the St. Louis Cardinal defeat the New York Mets.

October - On October 28th, Ballwin Baptist will be traveled to St. Charles to worship God and enjoy the amazing band, Casting Crowns. 20 College/Singles and leadership attended this event.

FUSION (College/Singles Bible Study)

FUSION had an average attendance of 18 college/singles. The focus of study for this quarter was a study of Nehemiah.

Monthly Lunch

August – Special thanks to Norm and Carol Baxter for opening their home to close to 30 College/Singles and adults.

September – Special Thanks to Bonnie Williams and Lucy Kissell for the use of their home and to the Martins and Moores for taking care of the details.

October – Special Thanks to Dave and Carla Moore for the use of their home and to Steve and Cathy Baumann for their help.

Counseling – Steve Solstad

No new information for this report period.

Deacon Ministry – Tim Toma

Deacon meetings were held August 14, September 11, and October 9. Our next scheduled meeting is November 13.

During the period August through October we had 14 benevolence requests.

Church picnic was held on September 17. Attendance was down from last year.

Family care updates were shared. Pastor provided updates on building plans and music search committee.

Deacon nomination process is underway. Nominees have received letters with a list of 20 questions. Pastor and Deacon Chairman will meet with nominees beginning November 14.

Decorations Committee – Suzanne Hooper

No report submitted

Education – Mike Hubbard

No report submitted

Evangelism – Steve Solstad

Special Thanks to Minutemen: Minutemen Ministry has gone well so far and I just want to say thank you to all who are serving in this role. We have close to 30 people going out each month to give our visitors a small welcoming gift. Also, this ministry could not be possible without the hard work of our coordinators – Denise Wade, Jason Yamnitz, and Walt Masters.

Visitation: This past month has seen a change in the Visitation program of our church, and I believe this is a positive change. We have moved the organized visitation night to Sunday night and have found a greater number of families at home. The number of Sunday School classes that have taken advantage of this night is encouraging. Rich Starkey's class still has a wonderful team every Tuesday Night and Mike Hubbard's class has one every Sunday. Special thanks to Don Walter, Kelvin Walker, Jason Yamnitz, Nancy Wofford, Andy Hubbard's class, and the various youth who are reaching out to the community.

Finance Committee – Eric Crawford

Regular monthly meetings of the Finance Committee were held August 21st, September 18th, and October 16th. There were additional meetings in August and September to discuss and finalize the FY 2005/06 budget.

The Church financial statements (Balance Sheet and Income Statement) are a topic of discussion at each meeting. In August and September there was a concentrated focus on monitoring actual and planned expenses versus actual receipts due to tithes and offerings falling short of the approved budget.

The Committee discussed the giving during FY 2005 in comparison to other years. Revenues to the general budget compared to the previous year were flat to falling, however it was noted that designated giving had increased with the focus on Building for the Future and with significant giving to missions and special offerings.

A challenge in developing the FY 2005/06 budget was to cover the cost of debt payments for the Electrical and Elevator projects as well as to continue to step into building payments (through the Restricted Savings account) while holding the budget close to flat as compared to 2004/05. The Committee met with the staff and church leaders in the Church Council on August 7th in an effort to identify expenditures that could be revised, postponed and/or removed. This effort was largely successful as the Pastor and other budget line managers identified cuts to the proposed budget. One item of

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significance was the need to complete a repair/replacement of the roof of the office and child care areas at a cost of approximately \$40,000. Members who are professional roofers and other volunteers accomplished this work during September which resulted in approximately 90% in savings!!!

New Finance Committee officers were selected in the September meeting. Eric Crawford is the Chairman, Kathy Kerlagon is Vice Chair, and Brad White is secretary. The Committee is fully staffed with the addition of Brad White.

Financing the Building Project:

- Kathy Kerlagon continued to work with Rockwood Bank and Bank of the West to secure commitments for the building loan. Eric and Kathy made a visit to Rockwood Bank to discuss their commitment letter.
- Brad White researched the possibility of the North American Mission Board-Finance Ministry (NAMB) and found that our church could qualify for a loan. Application forms and questions were completed and sent off. The request is pending and expected to go before the NAMB loan committee soon.
- A two-page fact sheet was provided to the body on October 23rd. Its purpose was to provide update and answer questions regarding the search for financing the building loan. On October 30th Eric Crawford made a presentation to the body.
- The Committee will await a positive vote by the body before securing a loan.

Pledges for the Capital Campaign stand at \$1,101,103. Contributions have been coming in since our First Fruits Sunday, December 5th. Current receipts exceed \$355,000. Some of these funds are already being used to cover expenses for detailed design drawings by the architects.

Stewardship/Tithing:

- Ballwin sponsored an 8-hour seminar from Crown Ministries entitled, "Journey to Financial Freedom". This was a Biblically based plan to "debt free living".
- Ray Kerlagon developed four personal finance seminars. Two sessions: 1) How personal financial statements can be used in managing financial resources, including management of debt, and 2) Insurance needs and analysis have been presented. November 12th will be seminar #3 on "Retirement Planning", with 4) "Making sense of securities markets" planned for 2006.
- Positive comments have been received from the attendees. One of the most frequently heard statements has been, "I wish I had this seminar 20 years ago." This is precisely why Ray is passionate about sharing this information particularly with people 20 and 30 something. It is also a great outreach to friends and family.

Utilizing God's gifts: The Finance Committee utilized funds from the "Restricted Savings" account to pay some of the expense of the elevator installation instead of borrowing additional funds. This allows continued focus to minimize debt and thus reduce the amount interest being paid.

History Committee – Eva Raunikar

The History Committee continues to meet monthly and work on plans for the celebration weekend, next Memorial Day.

The most urgent need at the moment is a group of people who are willing to be available to record (camcorder) people and events all during next year (2006) and a person willing to lead this group. We want to be able to offer a tape or DVD at the end of the year for people to purchase as a memory of the Jubilee Year at Ballwin Baptist.

We are in need of pictures. Place a return address label on the back and they will be returned to you. You may turn them in to Marie Issac or any member of the committee.

We need people to submit any memories they wish to have included in the history. You may write them out and give them to Eva Raunikar or any committee member.

As we draw closer to the celebration we will be looking for people interested in helping in many different areas. Most of the tasks will be short term, but much needed. Just give your name to any committee member or turn it in to the church. Some areas include: Memory Exhibit (pictures and memorabilia), Saturday afternoon Open House, "Sunday Dinner on the Grounds," interviewing people about Ballwin Baptist memories, helping to compile the material that is to go into the edition of the History.

Joshua Ministry – Bob Richter

No report submitted

Kitchen Committee – Marlyn Starkey

We set up and served Membership 101 and the going away fellowship for Pastor Greg. Since the work has been done in the Fellowship Hall (floor and elevator) we have also cleaned the kitchen and had the tablecloths laundered.

M & M Committee – Glen Miles

The M & M's actively participated in the Church Wide Mission to gather supplies for the Lakota Baptist Church at the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, Pine Ridge, S.D.

PROGRAM MEETINGS:

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- AUGUST meeting the program was presented by Sam Johnson, a recent visitor to this Indian Mission. At our SEPTEMBER luncheon, Audrey Hubbard related her experiences on a mission trip to Rowanda, Africa and on a Wild Life Safari that followed.
- Our OCTOBER program featured a timely talk by Evonne Boggs on Personal Disaster Preparedness. At this meeting we also elected officers for the coming year (a complete list of the officers and committees is available in the Nov.-Dec. M & M Newsletter).

TRIPS:

- August 8 - 10, a two night trip to Memphis, Tn. including a stop at Bellevue Baptist Church.
- September we went apple picking in Illinois
- October a trip to the Fitz Root Beer plant in University City.

MISSION ACTIVITY:

- In August a number of our women traveled to LOVE PACKAGES in Benton, Ill to assist in sorting and packaging used Bible materials for shipment to Africa and India.
- In September we assisted in the gathering and delivery of the gifts for the Lakota Indian Mission. Our help with the sandwich ministry is again in full swing. We are also collecting food items for the Metro North Mission. The shelves here are almost empty due to the heavy diversion of supplies to the Hurricane areas. We also forwarded \$50.00 for special needs.

Media Center Committee – Cheryl Chambers

Library hours – Sunday 8:15-9:00 am/5:00-6:30 pm; Wednesday 6:30-7:30 pm; Thursday 8:30-9:00 am/11:45-12:15 pm (before/after MOPS); and Friday 1:30-3:00 (2-3 BCA checkout).

Circulation totals: September–233 items (74 BBC/159 BCA). October–212 items (98 BBC/114 BCA).

During the months of September and October, there have been approximately 70 new books and movies added. Lists were sent out through the e-mail group and are posted in the Library.

We are still in the process of reclaiming overdue books and videos. There are still approximately 130 outstanding items dating back to 2001 that need to be returned. The Committee asks that everybody check their shelves at home for any past due library materials.

Nine BCA moms have been trained to help with library checkout on Fridays. This has been a big help to the teachers.

The Library Committee would like to remind those who shop at Family Christian Stores about the Ministry Builders stamps. For every \$5.00 you spend you can receive 1 stamp (*you must request stamps*). Turn stamps into the library and help us complete the cards – 20 stamps equal \$5.00 worth of products for the library.

The Committee is looking for 2-3 people who are interested in serving on the Media Center Committee. Committee duties include: working during library hours, reshelving books, helping with overdue items, straightening, helping process library materials, etc. If interested contact Cheryl Chambers.

Men's Ministry Committee – Greg Elmore

No report submitted.

Missions Committee –

No report submitted

Music Committee –

No report submitted

Nominating Committee – Pam Walsh

No report submitted

Personnel Committee – Bernice Van Pelt

No report submitted

Preschool/Children's Ministries – Christy Nance

Weekday Education – Randa French

September

- Ballwin Baptist Church Mother's Day Out / Preschool began a new school year on September 7, 2005. We had a total of 102 students enrolled ranging in ages from 6 months - 5 years. Approximately 30 students on our roster listed no church home.
- Our students enjoyed a visit from Metro West Fire Department on September 23.
- We welcomed Alice Columbatto and Misty Weatherly (BCA Parent) to our staff.

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October

- We enrolled 5 new families into our program.
- Sarah Gruender joined our staff.
- The Preschool and Mother's Day out classes held their first monthly assembly. The entire program gathered to talk about Fall. We played several games, sang songs, made crafts, and read stories including "The Pumpkin Parable".

November:

- Our older children will reenact the Pilgrim's voyage in the Mayflower and learn that the pilgrims left their homes in search of freedom to worship Jesus.
- All of our classes will enjoy a version of the Thanksgiving feast. The assembly for the month of November (scheduled for November 18) will focus on being thankful for what God has given us.

Preschool/Children's Sunday School - Christy Nance

2005-2006 year began with several teaching positions open. We still need workers in the following areas:

9:01 Sunday School – Babies, Toddler, 3's, PreK, K, 1st and 2nd.

10:36 Sunday School – Toddler, 2's, 3's, 4's, 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Sunday School Teachers meeting is held on the third Sunday of each month at noon. We also offered training opportunities at the Leadership Summit held at FBC Arnold.

September 28 was a Back to Sunday School Night for parents to meet their children's Sunday School teachers and find out about expectations for the year.

Special Events – Christy Nance

October 28 was a Mystery Dinner and A Movie. Fourteen children were present. We had a bonfire and movies. Children brought gifts for Operation Christmas Child.

Childcare – Christy Nance

Attendance for graded choir and discipleship classes has brought about the need for an additional worker on Wednesday evening.

Thursday morning childcare for Heart to Heart and MOPS is going well. Kim Wong is coordinating the workers, and most of our workers are our own workers which helps keep costs down.

Property/Space Committee – Nick Jackson

Elevator Project

- Construction is complete. Elevator is scheduled for service by Nov 20
- McGrath Construction (contractor) has been excellent to work with. We strongly recommend this contractor

Educational Building Roof

- Three (3) workdays have been used to clean, repair, and coat this whole roof
- The work is complete. A large quantity of money has been saved by doing this work ourselves.

Bees above Baptismal Ceiling—no progress due to access as a result of elevator construction.

Fellowship Hall Flood

- Area usage is now available to all groups
- Large area rugs are not yet installed

Vans

- The remaining blue van does have a slight smoke problem. This has been identified as valve cover gasket. Repair is doubtful due to cost.
- Both the newer vans #3 & 4 now have a running board at the side passenger door for safe entry and exit of all people using the vans.

East Parking Lot Electrical

- One of the 240 VAC phase conductors between the Ameren pole and the meter has faulted
- All parking lot lights require 240 VAC to operate; therefore, we have no lighting.
- The faulted conductor is our responsibility to repair or replace.

Sump Pumps

- Reliable sump pump operation is critical to our facility remaining dry.
- We have had and continue to have several costly and repeatable problems with sump pumps.

Sunday School Committee – Buddy Martin

We recently added a new position to our General Officers. Mark Columbatto is the Associate Director for SS 10:36. He joins Mike Rhoads, the Associate Director for SS 9:01. This will allow us to be more active in the SS ministry at Ballwin Baptist. Mike and Mark will be active in teacher recruitment, outreach and general assistance to the teachers in their respective groups.

We are moving ahead with plans on starting new units from existing ones. We have had some people step forward willing to take on a new class and help our SS grow. We will be adding a couple of new positions as well. They will be Outreach Directors for 9:01 and 10:36 SS. These positions will process lists of people who either are first time visitors or

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have not attended SS in at least 30 days. The Outreach Directors will match them up with a particular class. This will assist the teachers in building their class by providing them a list of names to contact.

Another area that we are working on is partnering with the Faith training on Sunday night. In the lower foyer level there is a board that has lists divided up by age groups for classes to visit. We are encouraging each class to make visits for their class at least one Sunday night a month. This will get the people more involved in visitation and help to build classes as well. If you want a tour of that area and how it works see me, one of the Associate Directors or Mike Hubbard or Steve Solstad.

As you most of you are aware we are also having a prayer emphasis for SS during the month of November. This will hopefully bring tangible results to our SS and our entire church.

Ushers Committee – Bob Stevens, Jr.
No report submitted

Women's Ministry Committee – Karen Crawford

Women's Ministry Council - Karen Crawford, Director

We met August 4, September 7, and October 6; Courtney Solstad joined the council.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) - Sarah Gruender, Representative; Angela Yamnitz, Coordinator; Courtney Solstad, Co-Coordinator

Attendance for the following dates was: 9/1 - 14; 9/15 - 20; 9/29 - 20; 10/6 - 23, 10/20 - 19.

MOPS meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month.

Cathy Baumann leads a Bible Study, Vertically Inclined, on the alternating weeks for those MOPS moms who choose to attend.

Special Events - Kathy Elmore, Director

Friendship Friday--Sept. 30--52 women attended--Heidi Hubbard was the speaker, and the groups met for dinner in the homes of Heidi Hubbard, Courtney Solstad, Christy Nance, Jeanne Gruender, Debbie Curtis, and Patty Toma. The event went well and was attended by women of different age groups.

Next special event is the Make It, Take It on November 17.

Heart to Heart - Jeanne Gruender, Director

Average attendance: September - 21 and October - 17.

Ballwin Ladies Fellowship - Pam Martin, Director

59 enrolled for breakfast, lunch, and dinner groups

Mentoring Ministry - Pam Martin

Pam Martin is working on starting the mentoring ministry again. She is looking for women interested in helping to get things organized and started in early 2006.

Women on Mission

Multi-Focus - Darlene Borcharding, Director

9 present at August meeting, volunteered at Metro North on 8/19

7 present at September meeting, volunteered at Metro North on 9/16

10 present at October meeting, volunteered at Metro North on 10/21

No sandwiches were made during August because the group went to Love Packages in Illinois to help sort Christian literature that will be sent overseas. The group is continuing to collect old Sunday School materials, Bibles, and other Christian literature to take to Love Packages. Sandwiches were not made in September and October due to renovation of the Fellowship Hall.

Darlene reports that Teresa and Curtis Smith, from Metro North, have been dealing with health problems. Also, the food banks where they get food for Metro North have less food due to the fact that food pantries are helping those affected by Hurricane Katrina.

Prayer - Eva Raunika, Director

Attendance--9/12 - 7, 10/17 - 6

The group is using the prayer study from the "Mosaic" instead of doing a book study this year.

Youth Ministry Committee – Mike Hubbard

Events and Activities

No report submitted

Ministries and Emphasis

No report submitted

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PASTOR'S REPORT:

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

"Building": We have had two presentations. One has come from our Building Committee and the other from our Finance Committee. We are at the place of voting on the project. This vote will require a good majority. By doing so, it shows that the body as a whole is committed to the project, as well as remaining committed to our current ministries. Please make this a matter of serious prayer.

Elevator: Hopefully, our elevator will be functional prior to the Church-wide Thanksgiving dinner on November 20. It is on schedule to be useable. The contractors have done an excellent job in keeping this project going. As I have stated previously, this will add many more opportunities to us for ministries, Bible studies, and fellowships, as it relates to access. I want to commend Christy, Nick and our Property and Space Committee for their work in this area.

Leadership Team: The team has been examining aspects of our Sunday School ministry. We will also be looking at our by-laws in the coming months to seek ways in which they can be updated. I continue to be thankful for their insight into ways in which we can stay on task as it relates to our purpose.

Fellowship Hall Renovation: This renovated area is beautiful, bright, and will enhance the various ministries that use it. While we are not thankful for the problem that resulted in the need to do so, we are thankful for the end result. Let's pray that we will experience no further problems as it relates to water.

Outreach and Ministry: Our Sunday evening visitation time is off to a great start. We are seeing more participation from various classes. I want to commend Pastor Steve for his leadership in this effort. Let me encourage you and your class to plan a consistent time to go out to visit both prospects and members.

Speaking of outreach let me encourage you to continue to invite unchurched friends to the special showing of "The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe." Information continues to be available to those who will be inviting guests who may not be aware of the characters and plot of this C. S. Lewis inspired movie. Pray for a harvest of souls to be brought about through it.

Stewardship and Finances: While our giving to BFF has been consistent, our budgetary offerings have not. This is a very important part of the whole process of balancing both building and ongoing ministry. If you are not currently giving, let me prayerfully encourage you to begin. This is both a privilege and responsibility of those who are members of the body. Pray with me that the God will provide for every need both now and in our future.

Church Plant in Eureka: Genesis Church is conducting a Sunday evening core group study a part of the process of launching sometime in May. Please continue to prayer for Pastor Mike and the team that has felt led to join the work there: Bob/Terri Lancaster, Leon/Cheri Allen, and Keith/Tiffany Castleman. Pray for the unchurched that they are seeking to build relationships with in this process.

1. **Hispanic work:** Pastor Paul Garcia is having a Bible study with at least two Hispanic families each Thursday evening. God is at work in this area. Please pray for Pastor Paul and for those who need Christ. As you know, we have many Hispanics in the Ballwin area. I have been praying for a few years for God to raise someone up to assist us in reaching them. We are now beginning process to do just that.

Music Search Team: This team is now receiving resumes. They have taken the comments from the body and are moving forward as we all seek to prayerfully and carefully find the man that God has for Ballwin. Please pray for the Music Search team. Ask God to give them wisdom to discern who it is that God would call to Ballwin. The team members are: Patty Toma-Chairman, Dan Gruender-Vice-Chairman, Audra Augustin-Secretary, Peggy Shores, Suzanne Clemens, Rich Starkey, Randy Till, Andy Vosburg, Jon Davis and Don Rogers.

Closing thoughts: We will begin the process shortly for finding the person that God would bring to Ballwin when Pastor Mike assumes the pastoral position in Genesis Church, our new mission. Pray for this process.

Please also pray as we look at the beginnings of celebrating our "50th" year as a church family in 2006. Our History Committee, chaired by Eva Raunikaar, is working along with a number of others to make plans for our weekend celebration in May. This will be a wonderful time of thanking God for our past, rejoicing in the present, and looking forward to God's vision for the future.

We have been joined by 9 other churches to partner with First Baptist Church of Long Beach, Mississippi. We are planning two mission trips in June, and are working on some trips prior to that. Please pray for that church and the ministry there.

November is Prayer Emphasis Month in our Sunday School. We need to pray for our church and one another as never before. Many things are before us. We must keep our focus on Jesus (Hebrews 12:2) as we move forward together, seeking to glorify Him. It has been neat to see how God is at work, bringing new folks into the body and seeing more visitors each week. It's also wonderful to hear how members of the body are ministering to one another in times of need. Pray that God will continue to use us to be a blessing in this community.

God bless you. I love you.

Pastor Bob
1 Peter 5:2-4