



Tower Bell

AUGUST, 2009

Redbud Day Camp

This past month First Presbyterian Church hosted a Day Camp for elementary students at Redbud Trail Retreat. Campers were driven from the Church to Redbud by bus every morning for four days. As they stepped off the bus they were greeted by Youth Counselors who led their groups and befriended them during the week. Each group was led to their group's table where they learned songs and listened to Bible stories. They then spent the morning traveling around the property to engage Scripture through drama led by Carolyn Sassano, crafts led by Carolyn Schult and Jenny Byers and exploring nature led by Dru Wrasse and Gary Hoover.

In the afternoon games were led by John Mott and Mike Byers. After game time we spent the remaining hours swimming the above ground pool and challenging ourselves on the rope swing which is hung over a large pool overlooking the Saint Joseph River.

This sounds like a full day in the life of Redbud. However for the Youth Counselors their day was just beginning. After a short rest they met together in order to review the day and relay any pertinent issue. After that they were free to swim in the pool, swing on the rope swing and paddle along the river in a canoe.

After dinner which was generously cooked by Dana Blanchard, the Youth Counselors played capture the flag and other games together. We were treated to an evening of games led by one of our Youth Counselors father: Art Whitcomb. This is especially wonderful because Art is the son of Bear and Acorn Whitcomb who spent many seasons living in the Director's Lodge at Redbud and hosting various camps and fellowship groups for many years. It was a delight to have Art lead us in games and to hear about how he 'grew up' at Redbud.

After the fun and games we settled down for some intentional Bible study and group building. Being Youth Counselors is very hard work and needs to be fortified by study of scripture, sharing of ourselves and singing. We also spent this time working on living as an intentional Christian community. What a wonderful and joyful time to serve God, serve campers and serve each other!

The following are excerpts from Youth Counselors writing about what they appreciate about Redbud:

"I love Redbud because of all the fun things we do. I love experiencing nature while I am there...I feel like I am doing something special with Jesus while I am at Redbud."

"The thing I like the most about Redbud is being able to do camp activities while being with friends from church and sometimes meeting new people from other churches...I can't wait to get started!"

"I love the people and the rope swing. I love being outside, living as a community at Redbud."

"Redbud has always been a beautiful place to visit. I

enjoy nature and science so I've always appreciated the camp so much. There are so many memories at Redbud camp...I would like to help others have positive experiences at camp...This will be a great way for me to serve God in helping others learn about and worship God."

"I think that almost everyone's favorite thing about Camp Redbud is the fact that we got to leave the houses for a while and hang out with people our own age. However the rope swing comes right afterwards. Every one of all ages loves it. "

"I am a person who loves and respects nature and realizes how important it is to our lives every day. Redbud lets us experience nature more fully and lets us get closer to God and Jesus."

We had a wonderful week of camp. The campers learned more about God's creation and God's love for them. The Youth Counselors lived together and worked together in such a way as to reflect Christ. They loved the campers well and did a fabulous job. Thank you to all of those who contributed to Summer Camp this year.

Don't forget that Redbud is hosting a Family Camp during Labor Day weekend.



REDBUD EVENT

**Labor Day Weekend Family
Camp - Cost \$30**

Saturday Sunday, Monday,

overnight - September 5-7

Sleep in our newly renovated luxury suites or pitch a tent

Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner provided

Canoe the mighty St. Joseph river;

Swim in our enormous pool

Fun for all ages!

Reserve your space today.

Call Mike Byers at 229-3550 or Pastor Robbie Carnes at 234-4159

MALAWI – 2009 - TRIP REPORT
C-O-N-N-E-C-T-I-O-N-S

**C – CHIBANZI CHURCH OF CENTRAL AFRICA
PRESBYTERIAN (C.C.A.P.)**

Gatherings with partners involved with Chibanzi C.C.A.P. to discuss four phases of each project: Celebrate, Complete, Continue, and Consider.

Nursery School/Orphan Center & Feeding Site/Kitchen – 129 children registered; 1 headmaster, 3 teachers, 2 cooks, 2 guards. Need to continue support for feeding program and staff salaries for 2010 (\$16,000). Top five priorities include: Toilet block (Africa Bags Committee will fund); Playground (Chibanzi community will build); Training of committee and teachers (Ministry of Hope will provide); Gardening tools (Biointensive agriculture project will develop); Income Generating Activities (Community will consider).

Primary School – One block with classrooms for Standards One and Two completed; Teacher house under construction. Ministry of Education now requires two blocks, four standards, and two houses. With Education Secretary of Nkhoma Synod and Chibanzi Church Minister appealed decision to District Education Manager for Dowa. Permission granted to register and open first block as school in January, 2010, with government hiring and paying teachers and providing learning materials. Need to complete teacher house (\$3,000.00). Future need to build second block and second house.

Shallow Wells – Meetings with Nkhoma Relief and Development Director and Field Staff, plus Chibanzi Well Committee, to transfer coordination from Domasi to Dowa. Zone Maintenance Teams (seven members/zone) and Water Point Committees (ten members/ well) will be established. Need: \$2,000 for training by end of August. Kongwe Presbytery Committee granted Chibanzi's request for twenty-five new shallow wells, plus future training, this fall.

Africa Bags – Thirty-four people are producing two hundred bags a week. They are paid a stipend from the proceeds and a percentage goes to community projects.

Other – Need for maize mill as income generating activity in the future. While the need for a clinic cannot be addressed until the area has electricity, Ministry of Hope has started a mobile clinic at their feeding sites and will be in Chibanzi one day a month.

Q – OFFICIALS

Meetings with outgoing Member of Parliament, Honorable Alice Ntonda Mwale, to thank her for support and with incoming MP for Dowa District, Honorable Minister of Information and Civic Education Lekford Thotho to review projects and discuss ways to work together to accomplish goals. In various areas, especially Chibanzi, meetings were held with Traditional Authority, Group Village Headmen, and Village Chiefs, to discuss project plans. Tea with Malawi's Mama Cecilia.

N – NKHOMA SYNOD

Sessions with General Secretary Rev. Davidson Chifungo, Deputy General Secretary Rev. Katani Mwale, Education Secretary Mr. Collins Mazinyane, Relief and Development Secretary Rev. Mpunda Mwale, plus several meetings with HIV and AIDS Programme Director, Rev. Maurice Kalimenda, and staff of department.

N – NETWORK

Calls to and visits with Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Mission co-workers in the Central, Northern, and Southern regions of the Country.

E – EXTENDED FAMILY

Time with countless relatives of members from the South Bend Malawi community in Balaka, Blantyre, Domasi, Lilongwe, Liwonde, Salima, and Thyolo, including memorial and prayer services.

C – CHURCH OF CENTRAL AFRICA PRESBYTERIAN

Contacts with leaders of the General Assembly as well as Blantyre and Livingstonia Synods.

T – TRAINEES/TRAINERS

Evaluations in Mponela, Nkhoma, and Salima with HIV and AIDS Presbytery Representatives trained in 2008 to report on projects and discuss future plans. Site visits to pilot projects on "cultural practices" program held last September to meet with leaders and participants: church members, students, and teachers in Chibanzi and Nkhotakota.

I – INDIVIDUALS

Interaction with countless individuals in choirs and congregations, markets and trading centers, cities and villages.

Q – ORGANIZATIONS

Networking with agencies and organizations such as: E-3, Jenes C.C.A.P. Well Committee, Malingunde Women's Training School, Media, Ministry of Hope, Museums of Malawi, The Malawi Project, The Story Workshop, World Vision, Y-Malawi, and more.

N – NATURE

Exploration of the beauty of God's Creation while traveling from place to place.

S – SPIRIT

United with family and friends throughout the world by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Phyllis Wezeman -- July, 2009

ADULT EDUCATION

CHAPEL CLASS FOR SUMMER – THE ALPHA COURSE

The Adult Education Committee continues with the ALPHA course from 10:45 A.M. to 11:45 A.M. in the Chapel.

ALPHA offers the opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed, non-threatening setting. It is low-key, friendly, and fun. ALPHA gives participants an overview of some of the basic teachings of the Christian faith. The material is appropriate for new Christians, seeking non-Christians, and life-long believers. ALPHA began more than twenty years ago at Holy Trinity Brompton, an Anglican church in central London, England. The course is now used by thousands of churches worldwide, including many congregations in the Reformed tradition.

ALPHA is a series of video presentations on key issues relating to the Christian faith. Titles for August include:

Sunday	Leader	Topic
8/2/09	Ken Wezeman Linda Fox	Make up Session
8/9/09	/Ken Wezeman	Who is the Holy Spirit?
LUNCH		
		What Does the Holy Spirit Do? How can I Be Filled with
8/16/09	Linda Fox	How Can I Resist Evil? Why & How Should We Tell Others?
8/23/09	Char Ford	
8/30/09	Char Ford	Does God Heal Today?

Come for any or all of the sessions. Child care is available, if the Church is notified in advance. For additional information, please contact Phyllis Wezeman at 234-4159 or pwezeman@fpcsouthbend.org.

ECO-STEWARDS - EVENTS

Eco-Stewards will suspend its monthly meeting at The Side Door Café at Martin's Supermarket in Erskine Plaza and hold periodic events and outings which will be announced in the Church Chatter, Tower Bell, and listed on the website. For additional information, contact: Alisea McLeod, Eco-Stewards Coordinator, at 288-4784 or aliseamcleod@hotmail.com or Phyllis Wezeman at 234-4159 or pwezeman@fpcsouthbend.org.

ECO-STEWARDS – BOOK DRIVE

Our Adult Enrichment Committee's Eco-Stewards Group, in cooperation with Better World Books ... an international company, warehoused in Mishawaka, Indiana, that collects and sells books online to fund literacy initiatives worldwide ... is coordinating a BOOK DRIVE At First Presbyterian Church of South Bend through the month of



August. Bring books of any type to Church and place them in the collection bins in the church office and the narthex.

Textbooks are welcome!!! Invite family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, and others to contribute as well! Our percentage of profit was just increased!!! Twenty-five percent of items sold through Better World Books will be donated to literacy programs: twenty percent to Chibanzi C.C.A.P. Nursery School/Orphan Center and Primary School and five percent to Better World's "Books for Africa" Program. Questions? Contact the Church Office at 234-4159 or pwezeman@fpcsouthbend.org. Thank you for your support.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Our "Prayer Shawl Ministry" is a group of people who work individually in their homes crocheting or knitting tangible symbols of the presence of God in our lives. While each shawl is being created, prayers are offered silently for the person in need. When the shawl is completed, it is delivered to the recipient. Four shawls were delivered during the Malawi trip: Abusa and Mrs. Katsala, the pastor and wife of our partner congregation at Chibanzi; Mrs. Effie Namwali, the mother of Mphatso, Jeremy, and Nellie; and the widow of the man killed by another vehicle on the way to Chibanzi to install pumps for the shallow wells. Two shawls have just been mailed to members who live out of town who have experienced deaths in their families. For additional information or to suggest the name of a person for whom a shawl could be made, contact: Gretchen Klanke – 273-9484 or gret4music@aol.com or Phyllis Wezeman at -234-4159 or pwezeman@fpcsouthbend.org.

TIES TO MALAWI

A new small group for persons interested in arts, crafts, or sewing will meet once a month to create handmade items from recycled men's neckties and donate the proceeds to mission projects in Malawi. The "organizational" meeting of the group will be **Wednesday, August 19 at 10:00 A.M. in the Parlor**. Sewing experience is NOT required.

TUESDAY EVENING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Our Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study, at the home of Ruth Roll, will **continue each week** with a study on prayer. Linda Fox is the facilitator. For additional information, contact Linda Fox at 277-6317 or

billorlynn@sbcglobal.net or Phyllis Wezeman at 234-4159 or pwezeman@fpcsouthbend.org.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild is an association of Christian women who gather for Bible Study, Prayer, and Service. It is modeled after the Women's Guild of The Church of Central Africa Presbyterian in Malawi and it is an extension of the Presbyterian Women's groups of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Meetings are held one Saturday a month, from 10:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon, at the home of Ruth Roll. The August date is **Saturday the 22nd**. The group is currently studying the Gospel of John. For additional information about monthly meetings contact Mlekwa Mwachande – 289-5371 or Phyllis Wezeman – 234-4159 or pwezeman@fpcsouthbend.org.



Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University
Pete Amos will facilitate this series on Wednesday nights this fall. Preview sessions will be held soon.

Eight Great Dates

"Fireproof Your Marriage" will be the theme of the 2009-2010 Eight Great Dates Series. The once-a-month sessions, from September through April, will include a catered dinner and child care. You will want to invite your friends!

Family at Heart

Family at Heart, beginning in September, will be in the form of a once-a-month brunch with a program around the theme "Issues Families Face."

**ADULT EDUCATION EXTRAS
GO & GROW OUTING**

Our next quarterly "Go & Grow" Outing, **Thursday, August 27, 2009**, will be a trip to Shipshewana for a guided tour at



Mennohof, an interactive interpretative center about the faith and life of the Amish and the Mennonites.

Mennohof offers twenty-four display areas and multimedia presentations as

well. We'll also stop to see several of the "Flower Quilts" planted throughout Elkhart County and have lunch at one of the Amish Restaurants. At this point, we plan to leave Church at 9:00 A.M. and return around 3:00 P.M. For information, as well as reservations, contact Phyllis Wezeman at 234-4159 or pwezeman@fpcsouthbend.org.

STRATFORD TRIP

Our annual trip to the Stratford Shakespeare Festival in Ontario, Canada is set for Thursday, **September 10 through Sunday, September 13.**

**SUMMER WORSHIP CONTINUES
AUGUST**

9:15 A.M.—10:45 A.M.—Nursery

9:30 A.M. Worship in Sanctuary

PRE-K TO 5TH—Sunday School

10:30 A.M.—Fellowship time (Social Hall)

10:45 a.m.—Alpha Course (Chapel)

See What Our Students Have Been Up To...

[submitted by Rev. Lindsey Carnes]

Summer time is a busy time for the youth of our church. **Here are some of the things they've been up to:** graduating and getting ready for school, internships, summer school, softball tournaments, attending camp on the East Coast, several road trip family vacations, funeral of grandparents, having brain surgery, sponsoring a blood drive for a friend, learning to play guitar, practicing video game skills, attending fine arts camp at Notre Dame, learning to cook, starring in theater performances of Kiss Me Kate for the South Bend Civic Theater and Grease, marching band and bag pipe band players in the Enshrinement Parade, and getting to meet football player Payton Manning. What a talented group of young people!

Our youth have been busy with **church activities** too. In June, our youth helped as youth counselors for our church's Vacation Bible School. Also during June, our youth also went on a mission trip to Benton Harbor, Michigan to learn about serving God. In July, our youth served as junior counselors during the daytime Vacation Bible School at Redbud and had their own devotional and activity time in the evenings.

The **Middle School** students began meeting twice a month for Middle School Monday nights through the summer for games and Bible study. The **High School** students had an enjoyable Progressive Dinner in July and have several events lined up for the rest of the summer such as meeting for hot chocolate before church, going to a baseball game, having a cookout, and attending a concert.

Work in progress--we've begun painting the youth rooms and getting ready to make plans for fall programs.

See us in action--Check out the bulletin board with photos of our newest members from the Confirmation class. A small display of photos from VBS and commissioning the students for the mission trip is on display in the narthex. New pictures will be up soon from the mission trip thanks to student *Isabelle Sassano* who is designing a poster.

Do you know any youth? If you have kids, grandchildren, or neighbors who might be interested in Christian youth activities, we'd be happy to let them know about future events.

Just Around the Corner--Late Summer Special Events

***Redbud Reunion for Youth Counselors**--Sunday, **August 16**, after church. Slide show and other memories from the week at camp. Get to see your old and new friends once again before school starts.

***Trainings for adult volunteers**

Adults who volunteer and teach youth will receive background checks and take CPR and First Aid training in July and August.

***Source for Youth Ministry Training**

Saturday, August 15, co-sponsored by several area churches including FPCSB

Rally Day, Sunday, September 6

Middle School Youth

Middle School Monday Nights

July 27 (Carnes), August 10 (Sassanos),

August 24 (Normans)

Games, fellowship, food, worship and Bible study.

Bring a friend or five.

PULSE Festival Concert--Saturday, August 8

Tickets are free for you and friends, but you must RSVP. Meet at the Normans before the concert and we'll come back to the Normans for dinner-time BBQ. Bring a snack or dessert to share for the BBQ.



Back to School BBQ and

Pool Party

Friday, August 14 at the Dreyers

*Questions, call Pastors Lindsey and Robbie

High School Youth

Coffee and Conversation--Sunday August 9
at South Bend Chocolate Cafe before church

HS Cookout--Sunday, August 2

Carpool and cross the state line into Michigan for a cookout at the Proctors.

PULSE FM Concert--Saturday, August 8

Tickets are free for you and friends, but you must RSVP. Meet at the Normans before the concert and we'll come back to the Normans for dinner-time BBQ. Bring a snack or dessert to share for the BBQ.

\$1 Night at the Silverhawks baseball stadium-- Monday, August 10

Bring money for cheap food at the game. Nothing says yummy like a drink and hot dog while watching a favorite American past time.



*Questions, talk to Pastors Lindsey and Robbie or Sarah



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

CHILD CARE FOR AUGUST

INFANT NURSERY & TWOS/THREES CLASS

During August, Child Care is provided from 9:15 A.M. to 11:45 A.M. for children through age three. Please pick up your child/children before

attending the ALPHA Course or the Fellowship time. Janet Mwachande is the attendant every week, assisted by faithful volunteers.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

Check out our Children's Library on the Second floor, Room 221. In addition to books it will feature a display of items from Malawi. Currently, it is open during selected Faith Steps sessions for Pre-Kindergarten through Fifth Grade children. **Watch for the Grand Opening!** The Children's Ministries Committee is grateful to Judy Eaton for reorganizing and renovating this space.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGES

Children's Messages during the summer season will focus on the theme

"The Fruit of the Spirit: Pentecost Apple-ications."

Each week a unique use of an apple will connect with one of the Fruit of the Spirit listed in Galatians 5:22-23.

FAITH STEPS FOR AUGUST

Faith Steps, our 9:45 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. Workshop Rotation Model Sunday School for Pre-Kindergarten through Fifth Grade children, will focus on The Great Commission during the month of August. It begins at the conclusion of the Children's Message in Worship and continues through the end of the service.

FEATURING FIRST KIDS BULLETIN BOARD

Our "Featuring First Kids Bulletin Board" is located on the wall near the Church Office. It displays nametags for our Pre-Kindergarten through Fifth Grade children. Pre-Ks through Fifth Graders should pick up their nametags when they arrive at church, wear them throughout the day, and hang them on their "grade" ribbon before they leave the building.

WORSHIP FOR CHILDREN

Children of all ages are invited to participate in worship with their parents or caregivers on Sundays and on Special Days throughout the year. Children's messages will be shared during the service. Following the Children's Time in the 9:30 A.M. summer service, Pre-Kindergarten through Fifth Grade girls and boys may leave for Faith Steps classes in the Education Wing or they may return to sit with their families. For Pre-Schoolers, Worship Bags are available in the hallways.

ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS

FPC Facilities Benefit from Church Member Volunteers

Thanks to the generosity of several members of the church, the grounds of FPC have remarkably improved by their TLC. Meanwhile, the church is saving well over \$4,000 this year and \$8,000 next year by ceasing to use outside landscape services to mow and trim. Also special thanks to Ken Tyler for incorporating into his weekly schedule of work both lawn care and tree/ shrub pruning.

Another group of members have pitched in to take on some special tasks on the inside of the church building such as cleaning, organizing storage rooms and the vault, and painting.

The House Committee and the church are grateful to the following persons in the donation of their time and plants.

- Judy Eaton
- Les and Beth Lamon
- Jack and Sue Marsh
- Alma McClelland
- Donna Rehbein
- Ann & Anita Schwarz
- Guy St. John
- Ken Tyler



DUSTERS WELCOMED... Volunteers are needed to do some dusting around the church, such as window ledges in Sanctuary and hallway and Sunday School classrooms. Once a month would be great; once a week would be wonderful.

Please contact the church office.



We are halfway through the year and have received \$212,593 of our \$395,380 in pledges. Please continue supporting the church through the summer months.

FPC MALAWI ASSOCIATION

Thanks to the FPC Malawi Association and the Mission Committee for cooking, setting up, serving, cleaning up, and selling tickets for the delicious Malawi Meal on Sunday, May 31. To date, their efforts have raised \$3,680 for the third quarter contribution towards the support of our Chibanzi Nursery School/Orphan Center and Feeding Site/Kitchen. Thanks to everyone who attended and supported this effort.

Stuart and Ruth Baxter, who served First Presbyterian Church between 1968 and 1976, are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary this August. We, their children, invite you to consider taking this opportunity to congratulate them and perhaps to catch up or reminisce. Their mailing address, email address, and a toll free telephone number are provided below.

*Yours in Christ,
Loretta Sue Krieger-Baxter, Wanada Baxter-Potter,
Roberta Baxter, and John Baxter*

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Of our 2009-2010 Program Year
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2009

9:30 a.m.—All Ages

All Church Event

George & Michele Schricker, Musicians and Storytellers

Social Hall

Continental Breakfast provided by the

Congregational Life Committee

10:45 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

MISSION COMMITTEE

Mission of the Quarter— August * September

Three Food Ministries at our neighboring congregation,
First United Methodist Church of South Bend.

FOOD PANTRY

Working together to provide food for the community in hard times.

Needs:

Canned Meats, Beef Stew, Chicken, Tuna

Canned Vegetables

Any kind, Pork & Beans, Spaghetti Sauce

Dry Food Items

Cereal, Mac & Cheese, Muffin Mixes, Pasta, Rice

Non-food:

Toiletries, Body soap, Conditioner, Dish Soap, Laundry Soap, Shampoo, Toilet Paper

SOUP KITCHEN

Providing lunch for the community, three days a week.

Needs:

**Beans, dried navy or pinto; Chili beans
Cookies**

**Hearth Stone Deluxe Boned Chicken in Broth
48 oz. can (Gordon Food Service)**

Juice, Napkins, Paper plates – dessert size, Powdered drink mix, Saltine Crackers, Vegetables, canned, Ziplock bags – snack size

STONE SOUP COMMUNITY

Offering hope on the journey to a better life

Needs:

Baby & toddler size diapers

Men's personal care items:

Combs – pocket size, Conditioner, Deodorant, Hand lotion, Hankies, Mouthwash, Razors, Shampoo, Shaving cream, Soap, Socks, Toothpaste

Zip lock type bags, quart size and gallon size

Please bring items to the church office or the Narthex. Please mark them with the ministry you want to help.

For additional information, please contact: Dave Norman,
291-2511 or Phyllis Wezeman – 234-4159

AFRICA BAGS FEATURED IN FAMILY CIRCLE...

[Reprinted from the Family Circle, August, 2009 issue]

Five years ago Holly Pettitt and her husband, Todd, watched a documentary about the Rwandan genocide that changed their lives and eventually the lives of hundreds of African villagers. "The brutality of the conflict was startling." Todd says, "And the world did nothing."

Since Africa was also suffering from poverty, corruption and the spread of HIV/AIDS, the Pettitts wanted to help. They learned Malawi is one of the continent's poorest nations. "We wanted to empower the locals by giving them an economic opportunity to reduce poverty themselves," Holly says.

After learning the Malawi people were already growing cotton and producing cloth, the Pettitts decided to teach them to make cloth shopping bags that could be sold in the U.S. They first visited Malawi in May 2007 and purchased foot-powered treadle sewing machines for three villages. They returned home with 200 cotton canvas bags, sold them for \$10 each and Africa Bags was under way. The Pettitts' kids, Zoey, Keely and Riley, help their parents by getting the bags ready to sell. They joined Mom and Dad—and about 20 other American volunteers—on a trip to Malawi in the spring. The group cared for babies and children at a nursery crisis center for orphans and built school desks.

Africa Bags has sold more than 6,000 bags and expanded to six villages. Almost \$40,000 has been returned to Malawians. At first the profits were used for necessities. But then one village built a grocery store and another started a farmers' market. "Before Africa Bags, the people of Malawi had to focus on survival," Holly says. "They struggled to get through the day. Now they have goals, hopes and dreams for the future."

Our Chibanzi Sewing Group is one of Africa Bags' six sites in Malawi. Thirty-four people are employed through this project. \$5 off of each bag goes back to the project. Sample bags are available at First Presbyterian Church, South Bend.

**REGGAE FESTIVAL
SATURDAY AUGUST 8, 2009
2:00 p.m.—11:00 p.m.
4H Fairgrounds**

Our FPC Malawi Association and the Mission Committee will have a booth set up to sell our Chibanzi African Bags.

HELP IS NEEDED!

If you could volunteer for a three hour shift during this time period, please contact Dave Norman or Phyllis Wezeman.

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“Did you know?” that when our first church was established in 1834, the mode of transportation would have been horses or horse-drawn carriages? The newly refurbished 1927 Lafayette Carriage in the Studebaker Museum is an upscale example.

THE NEXT TOWER BELL DEADLINE IS
AUGUST 21