# Family Ties

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By Reverend William M. Englund

I would like to share a portion of an article from the Report From The Capital (July/ August 2017) about a bill in congress that could undermine an important protection for houses of worship in the tax code.

Despite bipartisan opposition, Section 116 of the financial Services and General Government Appropriations bill passed the House Appropriations Committee on July 13. That section undermines the so-called "Johnson Amendment," which has become shorthand for a provision in the tax code that applies to all 501©(3) organizations. Groups that choose that most-favored tax status must refrain from endorsing, opposing or financially supporting political candidates.

While the language of Section 116 does not repeal the Johnson Amendment it would hinder enforcement capability. Bringing partisan, candidate-centered politics into churches is the issue at stake.

At present churches are greatly respected. They have great moral force. People pay attention. If they are perceived as an extension of campaigns or are seen as unduly exploited by campaigns, it would remove some of the moral force.

If the bill becomes law, churches would still be legally prohibited from endorsing or opposing candidates or contributing to candidates' political campaigns. However, this provision would make it nearly impossible for the IRS to investigate even the most obvious of violations by churches that specifically endorsed political candidates.

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ပဝဲခရံဘိဖိတဖဉ်ပအိဉ်ဒီးပတ်၊အိဉ်ဖိုဉ်, ပဟ်ဖိုဉ်ဘါသကိုး တာ့်, ပအို််င်္ဒီးပတာ်အို်််ုပို််ှိခ်ို််နာ်လာကတီခို်််ရှိခြဲမတာ်လီး. ပုၤကိုးဂၤဒဲးလၫတၢ်အို ခိုဖိုခ်တဖခ်အပူးမဲ့ ျပုံရဲ့ ဒီခိုလၢယွာအ ဂ်ီးဒီးအနီးကစ်အင်္ဂီးလီး. တန်အရှုဒို့၌ကတားလာပဘဉ်ဟိ သူဉ်ဟ်သးတမံးမှါပဘဉ်ဟ့ဉ်လီးအးလီးပသးဒီးပတါဖံး တာမြားပတာ အို ခိုဖိုခိုလာယွာ အစုပူးလာခ်လာခ်ဆဲ့ဆဲ့ နှခိုလီး. ကစါယွာအမ်ာအိုန်လာပဖိခိန်ထီဘိလီး. ဖတာ်သဘံန်ဘုန်နီ းတာ်ဆီဉ်သနုံးဘဉ်ပူးတဂၤဘဉ်တဂၤ, တကးဘဉ်ပတာ်ထံဉ် တဖဉ်အိုဉ်ထီဉ်အကလှာ်ကလှာ်နီးတလီးပလိၵ်ဘဉ်ပသးအ ခါနေတဲ့နသူးဟူးဂိုးလူးထူးတဂူး ဟုန်လီးထူးလီးန သးခဲလာဂ်လာယူးလာအမူဝဲတဂၤအစုပူးစဲတာ်လာနကမာမျိ ဂူၤနဆာတဲ့ မွ်ဂူၤန္ရာတက္နွာ့် နဘဉ်သွဉ်ညါလာနဘဉ်ဒူးတာ လ၊ယူးအင်္ဂါလီး. နဘဉ်သူဉ်ညါစု်ကီးလ၊တာ်တြီမ၊တံာ် တာကဘာဍ်နာလီး. မိပကပလီပသးတက္နာ်. အဂ္ဂါဇ်အား, စ ကတိုး ၁၆း၂, စုံးဝဲ ကယ်္ဂပူးကညီအကျဲနှဉ်ကဆိုဝဲလာ အမ်ိန်ညါနေဝဲလီး.မ့မ့်ာ်ယွာစီးဝဲအသးလီး." တာ်လာယွာမာ တသဲ့ဘဉ်တအိဉ်ဘဉ်နီတမံးဘဉ်. အဝဲတပျဲအဘီမှါဆံးလီး စုးလီးဘဉ်. မ့်ာလ၊ပဟ္နဉ်လီးအးလီးပသးလက်လက်ဆွဆ့ လာအအို ခိုအယို, ကယ်္ဂတာ်လာပကူ ခိုထိခိုဖူးလီးခဲ့လာခ်နှုံ အဝဲကမၤဘဉ်လိၵ်ဖိႏွန္နာ်ပုးခဲလာဂ်လီး. ဖဲ၁ယိၤဟဉ်၁း၅ စံးဝဲ "ယွာမှါတါကပီးဒီးတါခံးတအိဉ်ဘဉ်လာအပူးနီတမံး ဘဉ်." တာ်ခံးမှာ်တြိမာတာ်တာ်ပူးဘဉ်ဆဉ်, တာ်ကပီးကမာ ကပ်ီးထီဉ်ပူးလီး. အဂ္ဂါဒ်အားပမ္နာ်ပူးဘဉ်ဃးဒီးတာ်ကပ်ီး őι.

တာ်ထုကဖဉ်း တာ်ကပီးလာနဟ္နာ်ပှာနှုံမှာ်တာ်ကပီးစီဆုံ လာနအိုဉ်,မဲ့မှာ်တာ်နဲ့ ဘးလာပမာမှာ်တာ်လာအကိုဘျဲးစားမား ဟားဂ်ီးနတာ်ကပီးဒီးလဲ့ပစီနာအယိမ်နာစူးကွဲဘ်တာ်အာအာံးယံး ဒီးနတာ်ကပီးတက္နာ်. ပကဆိုမှာ်လာနင်္ဂါ, ပဘဉ်အာအာံးမှာ်လ တာ်အာအင်္ဂါဘဉ်ဆဉ်တာ်အာတနားအိုဉ်ထီဉ်ဘဉ်ပတာ်ကပီး ဘဉ်အယိဒီးမာကဆိုပုံးလာနင်္ဂါတက္နာ်. အာမှာ

#### October 2017



- 1. His His Zan Thana Paw Jamons Thu Doe Heh Ler Pwe
- 2. Hai Gay Lar Soe
- 3. Lay Lay Zan Paw Eh Say Ywa Hay Blut Htoo Anna Javis Htoo Saw Nae
- 4. Tay Wah Dah Hser Moo Paw Dah Saul Lu Lori Englund Paw Way Kyaw Lin Neh Htaw
- 7. Thaw Eh Htoo Mya Nay Paw Daniel Larsen Kvo Paw
- 8. Nicholas Dah Plar K'Paw Kue Kbrue Noo
- 10. Paw Wah Toe Lah Sha
- 11. Rosie Salinas Has Pu
- 12. Mike Gilson
- 13. Wai Linn Pinkie Lwin
- 14. Andrew Thein Giri Kasuh David Joe Jasmine Poe Baby Poe
- 15. Sharron Nelson Nay Tha Moo
- 16. Elizabeth Gregory Eh Pho Say
- 17.Ehka Thawee Hku
- 18. Paw Eh Htoo Dah

- Beh Lu
- 20. Johnny Million Chai Yi Aung Thaw Thi Paw Htoo Rose Queen Moo Moo Thaw
- 21. Po Lay Nay Moe Aung Rozen Moo
- 22. Eh Ywa Htoo Kathering Kwee
- 23. Law Kaw Moon Effer Noble Gale
- 24. Thu Lie Tun Baw Philip Tun Baw **Scott Nordstrand** Htoo Lay Paw
- 25. Kaw Thoo Lei Zan Veronica Ni Lu Ler Paw
- 26. Brbara Hope Garnet Grayson
- 27. Nay Blut Kasuh Htee Nay Thaw Thai So No Noh Eh Taw Law So
- 28. Ruth Zaw Mu Soe Las Way Way Law Wau
- 29. Eh Mae Htoo Anthony Jamons
- 30. Mue Leh Si N Aye
- 31. Lupe Snachez Amy Aye Paw Moo Lay **Denny Porter** Eh Say Ku Htoo Gay Tee Soe

#### **OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS**

Earl Swanlund Luchene Donazal Mary Cisneros Aye Saw Patrick Junior

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday, October 4

7:00pm—Mid Week Prayer Service

Wednesday, October 11

7:00pm—Mid Week Prayer Service

Saturday, October 14

10:30am - Deacons Meeting 12:00pm—Council Meeting

Monday, October 16

5:30pm—Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, October 18

7:00pm—Mid Week Prayer Service

Wednesday, October 25

7:00pm—Midweek Prayer Service

# **IN MEMORIAM**

We wish to remember especially these members and friends who have died during the month of September over the last five years. May God's Grace and peace be with their loved ones at this time.

> Benhard W. Englund - September 17, 2013 June C. Haram - September 22, 2013 Kathy McGaughey - September 5, 2014 Howard Worley - September 11, 2016 Shirley Sweum - September 7, 2017

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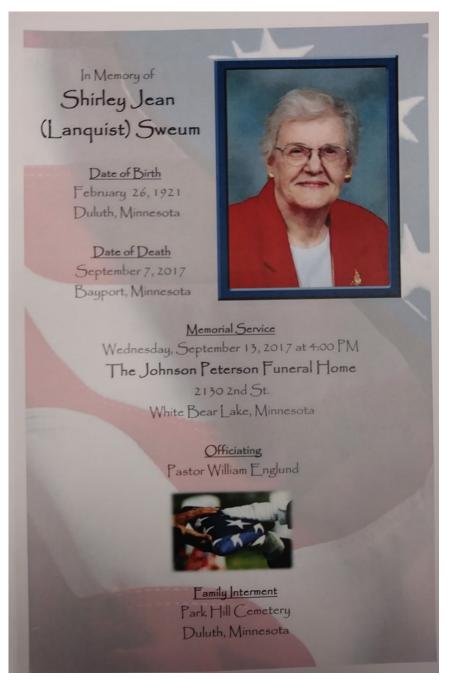
Mid – American Baptist Churches
Gatherings Sponsored by Mid – AB
Women's Ministries
All men, women, & young people are invited
to attend!

Sunday, October 15
Bridge Community Church, Albert Lea, MN
2:30pm to 6:00pm

Guest Speaker at both events:
Rev. Matt Lundgren,
Executive Director
Friendship House of Christian
Service
Billings, Montana

Cost: \$7.00 per person Free Childcare for preK-5<sup>th</sup> grade at both events

> Go to <u>www.mid-abc.org</u> to register Reservations are due by October 1<sup>st</sup>



### **Shirley Sweum**

Our Homebond Member
Briefly About Her

"Age 96, passed away 7 September after a brief illiness at her residence at Croixdale, Bayport, MN. Shirley was the first child born to Reben and Tess (Vogel) Lanquist in February 1921 in Duluth Central High School in 1939.

Her first job out of school was in Duluth at Northwestern Bell working as a telephone operator.

Then in 1942 a good friend convinced her to make the move to Tucson, AZ, where Shirley stayed with phones, but at the switchboard of the Southern Arizona Bank and Trust.

World War II cut that experience short as Shirley joined her Navy-pilot brother in the military by enlisting in the U.S. Coast Guard. Hardly commonplace in November 1943 the Tucson newspapers had articles about Shirley, "the first Tucson woman to enlist in the SPARS, the U.S. Coast Guard Women's Reserve."

Throughout her adult life Shirley was active at First Baptist as a committed church member but especially as one working preparing meals in the church kitchen and engaged in mission efforts, Sunday school, White Cross, and the Merry Marthas."

# Family Ties Family

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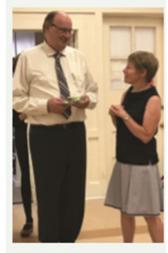
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This special farewell edition of the Visitor is a commemoration of David Johnson's interim ministry at First Baptist from March 2016 until July 31st, 2017. It has a compilation of Dave's "Messages from the Pastor" and Geri's "A Closer Walk" devotionals that have appeared in the Visitor along with pictures from the Johnsons' sojourn with us.

What does the Lord require of you? To do justice, Love mercy and Walk humbly with our God Micah 6:8



Barb Fry greeting Pastor Dave at the July 23rd farewell reception.

# Our Thanks to Dave & Geri Johnson

Dave Johnson has served as interim pastor at First Baptist Church for almost a year and a half. Fortunately for FBC, he is married to Geri and she joined him in this ministry. During the initial conversations with Dave, it was clear that he is a compassionate and loving person just the type of person needed to shepherd FBC through an interim period.

David arrived in late winter 2016, and suggested that it would take about a year and a half for the congregation to be ready to welcome a new settled pastor. Not only has David provided leadership to worship at First Baptist. but he has also provided counsel to us individually and in groups. We have always felt supported.

Geri was a valued member of the Worship team and has contributed devotions to the "Visitor." Her constant support for all of us was palpable and is much appreciated. Dave has demonstrated his loving spirit time and again. He has attended almost all of the meetings of the several teams, committees and cabinet. He has become very aware of the activities and functions of FBC. He supported the Pastor Search Committee, by providing comment when asked, and by not attempting to influence the process. Even to the final days of his interim ministry, David has provided much guidance and counsel. For example, he and Geri hosted a Worship Team retreat at their home on Saturday, the 22nd of July.

Much has happened during Dave's interim ministry. The congregation has matured, and has grown spiritually. We are on a healthy trajectory of healing. We are now looking forward to the future with ideas, enthusiasm, optimism and energy. When Dave first arrived he committed be interim pastor through July of 2017. He suggested it would



David and Geri Johnson at their reception July 23rd.

take about a year and a half for the congregation to be ready to welcome a new settled pastor. Upon arrival, David indicated that an important aspect of his job was to help the congregation get ready for a new settled pastor. Judging from the congregational meeting on 9 July, we are definitely ready to welcome the new settled pastor. His prediction of the amount of time required was "spot on." David Johnson has done his job wonderfully well! We are lovingly grateful and appreciative.

The "Thank You" reception on Sunday, 23 July, illustrated to the congregation and to Dave and Geri that we will hold them dear to our hearts. We hope that they will remember us fondly, as we do them. Dave, and Geri, thanks for helping us get to the next steps.

Bill Fry, Moderator of First Baptist Church

(See next page for Farewell Reception)

# Family Ties Family

## Field trip to Como town

On August 23rd, there were 36 kids tripped to Como Town. The were so enjoying for this opportunity. Special thanks to Sheila Ahlbrand and all volunteers for planning for this trip. Thank you to everyone who support this field trip.





We are pleased to host the Fall 2017 session of the Karen Theological School, sponsored by Karen Baptist Churches/USA. There are over 40 students participating in 2 weeks of intensive study. 20 or so are staying in the basement of the church.



#### CERTIFICATE OF LICENSE

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that at a meeting of the FIRST BAPTIST SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA on the 10th day of SEPTEMBER

SHEILA AHLBRAND

having given evidence of possessing the gifts of the work of the GOSPEL MINISTRY was

#### LICENSED TO PREACH THE GOSPEL

and to participate in the work of the ministry for the period from this date to <u>SEPTEMBER</u>, <u>2022</u> when this person's status will be reviewed by the church.

When acting as a pastor of a church and authorized by that church to do so, this person shall be considered eligible to administer the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper and to officiate at funerals and weddings, when compatible with the laws of the state.

At the brief business meeting September 10th we unanimously voted to certify Sheila Alhbrand to be licensed to preach the Gospel.

စလါစ်းပထ္ဘားဉ်၁ဝသီနံးပအိဉ်ဖီး တာ်အိုန်ဖိုန်ဖုန်ကိုးလာတာ်တာန်ပီနိ တၢဉ်ပီဘဉ်ဃးတၢ်ဟ့ဉ်သရဉ်မှဉ် ဆုံလဉ်လံဉ်အှဉ်သးလၢတၢ်စံဉ်တဲဉ် တဲလီးယွာအကလုၢကထါအရိုးနှဉ် လီး. ပူးကိုးဂၤဒဲးအာဉ်လီးတူဂ်လိဉ် သကိုးဝဲလၢတၢ်ကဟ့ဉ်သသရဉ်မှဉ် ဆုံလဉ်လံဉ်အှဉ်သးလီၤ.



International Ministries works with the Body of Christ around the world to extend God's love in situations of discord, suffering and conflict.

We acknowledge our missional and evangelistic desires and, at the same time, we know that God loves to see people dwelling together in peace . . . setting aside the fear in favor of building relationships.

Rev. Sharon Buttry
International Ministries global
consultant for Peace and
Justice, about her and her
husband Dan's work with the
Muslim community in Egypt



Rev. Dr. Dan Buttry International Ministries global consultant for Peace and Justice



Your prayers and gifts through the World Mission Offering make it possible for people to learn and train others in employing peaceful resolutions to conflict. Thank you for partnering with International Ministries to offer conflict transformation training in challenging regions where we serve by giving through your church or online at www.worldmissionoffering.org.





## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



You can find Daphne's picture on the sky way above Minnesota St between 5th and 6th street.

ဖံဖံဒဲဉ်ပနံဉ်အတၢ်ရီးအီးအိဉ်ကျးလီးအသးလာတာ်နူဉ်ကပၤ လီးစဲစကါဝ့, လာMinnesotaကျဲဒီး 5th 6th ဤအဘာဉ်စားနှဉ်လီး



Join us on October 14th at 10:00am -12:00pm for a Baby Celebration in the basement classrooms. Meet the pregnant mothers, new babies and their parents. We're collecting donated packages of disposal dia-

pers, new or gentaly used clothing, gift cards, baby toys, toiletries and blankets. Contact Roi Saga at 651-487-3109

ပအို ခိုးတာ်မာလာကပီးမိုး ေးနီးမိုးဖိဆံးဖဲလါအီးကထိဘာဉ် ထို ခ်ခင္ခသီ, ဂ်ိဳး အနဉ်ရံ ခ်ခဝတုံး ဟါ ၁၂နှဉ်ရံ ခုံဖဲပသရို ခုံအီး လီး. ပစ်းဘူးဘဉ်ပှာလာအမာစားဆို ခ်ထွဲဘဉ်တာ်ရဲ ခုံတာ် ကျဲးအဝဲအီးလာကျဲအဘိဘိန့ ခိုလီး. မိုး ေးနီးမိုးဖိဆံးလာအဲ ခို နီးဟဲထိခိုတာ်ရဲ ခိုတာ်ကျဲးအဝဲအီး, ဝံသးစူးဆဲးကျီးဘခ်ပှာ အစားခံကတာ်လါအီးကထိဘာခို ခုသိတက္နာ့်.

• ဒီပုါဝါတံ၊သကိုးတါအိုဉ်ဖိုဉ်ဖိလ၊အဟဲသီ,မ့တမ့ါအဘူး တံ၊ဒီးတံ၊သကိုးလ၊အဟဲသီဆူဝ့ါစ္ဉ်ပိုလ်မဲ့အိဉ်— မုါလိဉ်ဘဉ်တပ၊၊အိုဉ်မှ၊, လီခီ, ခုဉ်တချဉ်ဒီးယဉ်လှဉ်နှုံ, ဝံသးစူးဟဲဟံဘဉ်လ၊ပတာ်ဘါယွာသရိဉ်တက္နာ် ပအိဉ်နီးတာ် ဟုဉ်တဆံးတက္နာ်အဲးဆူပှာလ၊အဟဲသီနီးပှာလ၊အဟဲသုးလိါ သုံးကျဲလ၊ဝ့ာ်စ္နာ်ဖိလ်အပူးနှာ်လီး

Hope Community Church has begun worshipping in our building at 6:00pm on Sunday. We are excited to host this vibrant worship service that reaches out to young adults. At their first "official" service on September 10th there were between 250-300 people in attendance.

ဟို ခိုခ်ို မျူနထံဉ်တာ်အို ခ်ဖိုစးထီခ်တာ့ အတာ်ဘါယွာလာပတာ် သူခ်ထီခ်အပူးစဲမုံးအိုခ်ဘုံးနှံးဟါခ်ီ၆းဝဝနာခ်ရံခ်နှာ လီး. စဲလါစဲးပထဲ့ဘာခ်အသီခဝအနှံးနှုံအစညာခ်ပင်္ဂဂၢိုဟ်ကျ ၊ လေ ၊ စေလါစားပထဲ့ဘာခ်အသီခဝအနုံးနှုံအစညာခ်ပင်္ဂဂၢိုဟ်ကျ ၊ လေ ၊ စေလို ဘါတာ်လာပတာသူခ်ထီခ်အားအပူးလီးတာ်လီး ဆုံးလီး. နီးပုံးဟဲထီခ်ဘါတာ်ခဲလက်အိုခ်စ်ခုဝဝ ယဉ်ယဉ်နှုံလီး.

◆ Some people from the 12 O'clock Karen Service will soon going to worship at Hmong America Partnership at 1075 Arcade St., MN 55106. Their new congregation name is Calvary Karen Baptist Church.

တယ်ာ်ဘဉ်ပူးတနီးလၢကညီတါဘါအဆးကတိါကလဲးဘါသ ကိုးကူးတါဆူမိအမဲရံဉ်ကဉ်ဖူးနာဉ်ဂှံဉ်အတါသူဉ် ထိဉ်အပူးလီး အဝဲသ့ဉ်အတါအိဉ်ဖိုဉ်အသီအံးအမံးမ့ာ်ဝဲက ရာနံကညီဘျာထံဆိတါအိဉ်ဖိုဉ်နှဉ်လီး

 We also voted to be a lead plaintiff in a federal class action suit against the action of St. Paul regarding the City's Right of way assessment program.

#### **Services Hour**

9:30am - Prayer Group

10:00am - Worship Service

11:00am - Sunday School

12:00pm – Karen Language Service

3:00pm - Frist Burma Christ Church

6:00pm - Hope Community Church