

# The Courier

a newsletter from your friends at  
First Baptist Church  
in Hamilton, Ohio



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*"Where everybody is somebody and Jesus Christ Is Lord"*

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May, 2006

## *I Love You - And I'm Sorry*

From 1962 to 1970, my family lived in Victoria, Texas. There is a wonderful church there and we were very involved in that little community of faith. We were in Bible class on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. We went to Sunday night worship and Vacation Bible School. We were in the big middle of nearly everything that was going on.

I was a rather energetic child (understatement). It was difficult for me to sit still (impossible) and I was a bit of a challenge (a real PAIN) to the women who were trying to teach me in Sunday school.

When I was six, one Sunday morning (so I'm told) I was more of a challenge (a bigger PAIN) than usual. The Sunday school teacher threatened to take me to my parents (a fate worse than death) if I didn't "simmer down."

My response?

I calmly informed her that, "My daddy's out of town and I don't have to mind my mother." I'm sure this sounded good to me at the time. I am also sure it was proven to be false about three minutes after the words left my impertinent little mouth.

This Sunday is Mother's Day. My mother should get a medal. I was ADHD before there was such a thing. I think I helped invent it. But this Sunday she won't get a medal. She'll get the traditional corsage, a Mother's Day telephone call and the usual card which I'll sign, "I love you — and I'm sorry."

Like all holidays, Mother's Day is bittersweet. Many will celebrate with gifts and cards, honoring and thanking their mothers for all she has done for them. But for some, Mother's Day is a day to be endured. It brings back memories of a dysfunctional home and unhealthy parenting styles.

If you are part of the second group, the enduring group, I'm praying for you. My prayer is that God has placed another person in your life who can bless you.

I pray that your anger and your pain will be healed. I pray that you are part of a healthy community of faith where you can minister and be ministered to. I pray that, through the grace of God, your difficult beginnings won't hamper your ability to have intimate relationships. I pray that God will give you a deeper sense of his love for you, that you will see yourself as a valued, adopted son or daughter of the Creator of the universe - someone whom he considered worth dying for.

If you are in the first group, the celebrating group, I want to remind you of something. You are the recipient of the greatest earthly blessing there is, the blessing of being born into a loving and nurturing family. You have a leg up on the rest of the world. You are who you are because of this wonderful blessing. No possession is more valuable than the fact that you can celebrate Mother's Day. If you were loved, you learned how to love. If you were secure, you learned how to trust. If you were taught about God, you learned how to have faith.

My prayer for you is that you will never take your blessedness for granted, that you will never stop being thankful, and that you will pass this most precious of blessings on to your family and friends.

Happy Mother's Day - and mother, if you're reading this, I love you - and I'm sorry.

—Danny Mann  
*HeartLight*





## American Baptist Women's

### Ministries

May Missionary of the Month:  
Mexico  
Richardo & Doris Mayol Garcia

### Bible Book For May . . . . . Nahum

*"The Lord is good; He protects His people in times of trouble; He takes care of those who turn to Him."*  
Nahum 1:7 (TEV)

The theme of this book is the judgment of Nineveh, the city that Jonah warned. God is sending Nahum to declare righteous judgment upon Nineveh, the capital of Assyria, which was the center of an empire that seemed to be unconquerable terror to the Jewish people. Its cruelties had created bitter hatred against it among many peoples, and by the latter part of the 7<sup>th</sup> century BC, wickedness had weakened it from within.

From Nahum's prophecy comes the great truth that in the long course of history, nations that are evil come under God's judgment, but we also see the merciful forgiveness of God when the Ninevites repented.

**PRAISE GOD** for those faithful people in our churches who have a real sense of what the mission of the church is and who see themselves as part of that mission.

-Madge Walters

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### KeenAger May Meeting

For our **May** meeting we will be traveling to Boggstown, Indiana for lunch and a show, Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$28 per person. We will leave the church at 9:30 a.m. Please sign the list on the bulletin board.

-KeenAger Activity Committee  
Lil Senior, Betty Powell, & Bertha Campbell

## AB Girls Of Faith

The April meeting of the AB Girls of Faith was *"Serving God Where I Am-Matthew 25:31-46"* Thanks to all who participated on the panel discussion: Walter and Mary Petry - Friday Night Ministry at Tri-County Care Facility, Eris Cappelli - Salvation Army and Matthew 25: Ministries, and Pat Gingrich - New Life Baptist Mission. Mrs. Thelma Ditmyer gave a wonderful Love Gift dedication program. Officers were elected for Young Women of Hope as follows:

- President - Megan Miller
- Vice President - Lauren Schwartz
- Corresponding Secretary - Heather Keith
- Love Gift - Katie Ford
- White Cross - Amy Wallace
- Special Projects and assisting Amy Wallace with White Cross - Emily Cain and Erin Gingrich
- Artist in residence - Sara Cain
- Video scrapbook of the year - Lauren Keith.

Walter Petry had us up on our feet with a wonderful congo line around the tables to a praise song. Everyone loved that!!

The girls will meet on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, right after church in the Family Center for a Mother/Daughter luncheon. Each girl will present their mothers with a cookbook and a special surprise! Lil Wilson will be conducted by Lil Wilson.

In the Lord's service,  
Marilyn Bowling, Nancy Whipple,  
Karen Schumm, and Mindy Hazelwood



The next scheduled Work Day at Matthew 25 will be Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. We will leave the church at the usual time, 8:30 a.m. Bring your sack lunch and beverage and be prepared for a good day of work and fellowship.

-Pastor Bill and Bert Brantingham

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## *Mentoring Others—A Privilege and Responsibility*

In his book, *People of Promise—How To Be An Authentic Believer*, Daniel Lupton writes of the wisdom of Howard Hendricks, now-retired professor at Dallas Seminary. Hendricks says that every believer needs three types of people in his/her life: a Paul, a Barnabas, and a Timothy:

1. The Pauls in life are those older people who will be open and honest with you, sharing their observations about your life, while being transparent with their own stories, successes, and disappointments.

2. The Timothys are the younger ones, in age or Christian experience, whom Christ allows you to disciple and influence. It is time for men and women of Christian maturity to be active rather than passive in this mentor role. Several years ago there was a lot of discussion in the media about the tragedy at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado. One question that haunted the people of that community (and the places of similar incidents) is *“What could we have done differently?”* Jeremy recently commented on a study that suggested that all it really takes in the lives of many of our teenagers is just one adult who will take a serious interest in their spiritual and social well-being.

3. The Barnabas-types are friends and colleagues, with whom you bond in mutual love, support, and accountability—people who can see your potential and call that potential into reality; friends who can boldly provide correction and love when you are on a wayward track and offer accountability.

*If what Hendricks says is right, each of us should be looking for three types of people with whom to share our lives.* The writer of Ecclesiastes contemplates the value of such committed relationships (Ecc. 4:9-12):

*“Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work:  
If one falls down,  
his friend can help him up.  
But pity the man who falls  
and has no one to help him up!  
Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm.  
But how can one keep warm alone?  
Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves.  
A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.”*

It takes an effort to share our lives with others. The commitment is usually demanding and often inconvenient. But almost always, in the long view of things, the effort is worth it. How much could you learn from attaching yourself to a more experienced brother/sister of the faith? Many have wonderful stories to tell; tales of the wonder of our Lord and His faithfulness in every experience of life. Could you not see yourself learning about the faithfulness of God as these “older mentors” share them with you?

Often though we find ourselves on the receiving end of someone else’s generous time and energy. It is similar to growing up at home. There is that constant dependence upon mom and dad, or older siblings or grandparents. But eventually, one has to come to the point where they say to themselves, *“It’s time for me to give to others some of the benefits of what I have learned under the secure wings of my mentor.”* Coming to that challenge, we ought to be looking for an opportunity to mentor someone else. Finding such a person might begin with consistent prayer for someone. Each September, Mike Braun asks us to select a teen to remember in prayer for the school year that follows. That prayer commitment can change your life, and may set you on the road to becoming a mentor in someone’s life.

So often we take our friendships too casually. What a stretch of faith to press this friendship to the next level of commitment—to commit ourselves to the well-being and spiritual growth of a brother or sister in the Lord. When Jesus was involved in ministry, He touched the lives of thousands of people. But before He returned to the Father, He wanted three of His closest friends to pray for and to support Him.

Mentors are a genuine blessing in God’s hand for spiritual growth. And necessary!

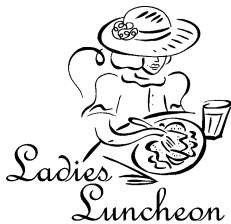
Loving you along the way,  
Pastor



## Summer Domestic Mission Trip

The Board of Missions and members of our Youth Ministry Team are planning one summer outreach mission project this year. It is our hope to add our contribution to the Hurricane Katrina disaster clean-up effort. We have an opportunity to assist in the clean-up and restoration of Bayou LaBatre, Alabama. This fishing port is about 30 miles south of Mobile. Plans are to leave Hamilton on Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, stay north of Birmingham that evening and complete the journey the next day. Work will be done Monday through Thursday returning to Hamilton Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. We will be staying at a church between Mobile and Bayou LaBatre with beds, showers, and air conditioning. We know that the work will be an extremely helpful "act of mercy." Please see Laurin Sprague or Mike Braun if you are interested in participating.

—Serving Him,  
Laurin Sprague and Mike Braun



## Mother's Day Weekend Luncheon

The Family Life Committee is sponsoring a luncheon for all the ladies of the church Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, in the Family Center from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The menu will be: Ham, Macaroni & Cheese, Veggie Tray, Salad, and Dessert. Evon Laubenstein will have a time of devotion followed by our Youth Choir of Praise under the direction of Laurin Sprague. This will be a time of fellowship, food, fun, and music. We hope you will be blessed by attending. There is no cost, but we will be taking reservations on April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 7<sup>th</sup> with an insert in the bulletin. (Drop it in the collection plate). Make plans now to attend!

—Cheryl Motzer  
Family Life Committee

## Welcome, Claire Metzger!

We welcome Claire Metzger as Co-Director of Children's Ministries along with Brandi Emenaker as of March 5<sup>th</sup>. Claire has been married 3 years in July to Chris Metzger. Claire is a full time building substitute teacher at Madison Elementary School in Hamilton. She has a B.A. degree in Theology, diploma in Ministry Education. from Birmingham Christian College accredited by Wales, post graduate degree certificate in education from Warwick University in Coventry, England. Claire says, "I am an expert in paper work (seemed to be with moving her, etc. They tell me at school that I am a chocolate snob (I don't like chocolate) but I love "tea and biscuits"! I am passionate about working with children (because I married one!) and because they are so alive!! I enjoy reading (everything) and card making. It is hard to be idle! I have not perfected knitting. If I could, I would. I am not doing very well with American telephones."

We thank and praise the Lord for Claire's willingness to work with Brandi to serve our congregation in this important staff position. Welcome to the team, Claire!

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## Budget Status Report

### The Month of March, 2006

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$67,375
Offerings	<u>47,135</u>
Over (Under) Budget	(\$20,240)

Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$64,972
Offerings	<u>47,135</u>
Over (Under) Actual	(\$17,837)

### The Year Through March, 2006

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$192,283
Offerings	<u>152,505</u>
Over (Under) Budget	(\$39,778)

Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$178,605
Offerings	<u>152,505</u>
Over (Under) Actual	(\$26,100)

—The Board Of Trustees

## Summer Choral Opportunities

Led by master singer/conductor Tom Sherwood

### **Cantata Group: Mt Auburn Presbyterian Church**

9:15 a.m. Saturdays, before Chorale meetings.

Cost \$10.

### **Chorale I: Mt Auburn Presbyterian Church**

10:00 a.m. Saturdays, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>.

Cost: \$35 total (\$30 by June 1<sup>st</sup>)

### **Chorale II: The Presbyterian Church of Hamilton**

2-4:00 p.m. Saturdays, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>.

Cost: \$25 total (\$20 buy June 1<sup>st</sup>)

**Chorale** is for all singers wanting to improve their singing, reading and listening skills. We use Bach Chorales to explore harmony, rhythm, blend and balance.

**Cantata Group** is for readers and fast learners. We rehearse Bach cantatas. Solo and ensemble voices are equally welcome. Our first piece is *Christ Lag In Todesbanden*.

Tom Sherwood, Phone # 521-Song

email: [sherwood@eos.net](mailto:sherwood@eos.net)

Payment to: Sherwood Song Studio

1505 Oak Knoll Drive

Cincinnati, Ohio 45224

## For Those Who Fear To Ring

Yes, I hear it all the time when I approach an individual about bell ringing. The answer 90% of the time is “Oh, no, not me”, “I can’t read music”, “I’m not coordinated”, “It looks too difficult”, “I have not rhythm”, “You wouldn’t want me in the bell choir”.

Well, I have good news for all you fearful people, this is your opportunity to prove to me that you are useless as a handbell ringer. This summer I will offer to personally take you under my wing and introduce you to a handbell. If you prove to me that you are too useless to be a handbell ringer, I promise never to approach you again with an invitation to ring handbells. Now isn’t that a great deal?

All you have to do is call me, 863-5018, for a day and time. This is a one on one opportunity to learn if you really are what you say you are.

–Elaine Tragesser  
Handbell Director



## Carpenter's Hands Signs Of Love



## Silent Dinners

The **Silent Dinner** for **May** will be held on Friday evening, May 5<sup>th</sup> at Eastgate Mall. See you there!

## Interpreter Schedule for May

**May 7** Jo Manson

**May 14** Maria Miller

**May 21** Maria Miller

**May 28** Maria Miller

Jo Manson

Jo Manson

Jo Manson

## Happy Birthday



May 9

Mary Ella Hudson

## Deaf/Hard of Hearing Health Fair

*(A free event for those that attend.)*

May 6, 2006

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Location: Cincinnati State College

Workshop topics will include issues such as cancer, diabetes, heart disease & high blood pressure, cholesterol, mental health issues, faith, rights, dental care, and communications technology. There will also be booths and items for sale. This year's keynote speaker is Sue Thomas. Her life experience inspired the TV series “Sue Thomas F.B. Eye”. Hope to see you there!

–Maria Miller  
Director of Deaf Ministries



## Awana Club

### Awana May Calendar Update

- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Awana Fair
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Awards Night
- 17<sup>th</sup> - No Awana Club—see you next year!  
First night of summer midweek kids program

### Awana Fair

May 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Family Center.

- Games with prizes**
- Hugh 4-in-1 inflatable**
- Free snack booth**
- Awana store**



### **Door Prizes**

(1 entry per clubber—we will award prizes to one Cubbies girl, one Cubbies boy, one Sparks girl, one Sparks boy, one T&T girl and one T&T boy—must be present to win)

Cubbies play for free

Sparks and T&T use the Awana bucks they've earned throughout the year

### Awana Awards Night

May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m in the sanctuary. Everyone – parents, grandparents, friends and our church family – are welcome to come see our Awana clubbers receive their awards for their achievements this year in Awana. There will be refreshments provided afterward in the Family Center.

–Emily Metzger  
Awana Commander



May 4, 2006

# Holy Moses!

*Created by Dove award winner  
Kathie Hill*

*Presented by  
First Baptist Church  
Kings Kids*

*Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 p.m.*

*Directed by  
Ruth Metzger*

Join the cast of “Trading Places” at a Hebrew home and an Egyptian palace where Page Turner, Hildi Vine, Frank Incense and Ty Kwando assist kids in discovering the story of Moses. But there’s no redesigning history in this musical as kids learn about the plagues, the Passover, the Exodus and the Ten Commandments through clever lyrics and memorable music. As in his own life, the emphasis of this musical is not on Moses, but the God of Moses — the Great I AM!





## Summer Programing For Kids

So, AWANA is over, and now what do I do? I go to church for wild Wednesdays and participate in *Road Rally for Jesus!* Join our pit crew and team beginning **Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**, as we learn of ways to live more for Jesus! Come and join us for stories, crafts, movies, games, music and more! And, with Ms. Claire involved, you never know what fun and craziness she has up her sleeves! Bring your friends! We are on the move and wanting to grow. These activities are open to ages 3 years old up to completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade! We will meet in the Kinderchurch room at 6:40 p.m., and then split into the primary and intermediate age groups. Stay tuned for more info! Please join us!

### Summer Son Club

In addition to our Wednesday evening excitement, we will continue our Summer Son Club. We will have activities planned to be held at church as well as far, far away. Okay, maybe not far, far away, just maybe a kind of far away! J Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.

### Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is going to be here before we know it! **June 19 - 23 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon!** Planning is full speed ahead, as we prepare to be globe-trotters and learn of 5 different cultures of the world. We are getting our passports ready, as we visit 5 different countries, and learn of some of their customs, their games, their foods, and their music. We are so excited about "Trading Places" with our Hamilton lives with those inspirational characters of the Bible, such as Esther, David, the Disciples, and of course, Jesus! Please start thinking of neighbors, classmates, and family who would like to be part of this exciting journey. We are really trying to grow this year and we need everyone's help. We will have classes for children ages 4 years old through completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade. (Yes, we are having a 6<sup>th</sup> grade class, courtesy of Dale Braun!) There will be childcare provided for the children of our VBS workers. We are still in need of "dramatic" people who would like to be our costumed storytellers. We also need help with design and decorating the storytelling sites. If you would like to part of this exciting adventure, please let Brandi or Claire know.

Thanks in advance for your help! Please also keep this mission in your prayers, as we hope we do all things for the glory of God, and that many children will come to know Christ through us.

—In His Work,  
Brandi Emenaker  
Co-Director of Children's Ministries

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### Preregistration For VBS

Sign up at the "Trading Places!" registration table in the connector beginning Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Registrations will also be taken on Wednesday evenings, June 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to take home registration forms for your friends also. Transportation will be arranged if needed. Contact Marsha Helton or Linda Gibbs for further information or questions.

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### Hamilton High Dinner Theater

**Hamilton** High School's 20th annual dinner theater, featuring **Rhapsody In Blue** Show Choir, will be **Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**, at Hamilton High School, with the theme, "*This Is Our Time*". The show kicks off with a salute to the 1950's and highlights every decade up through today. A delicious dinner, catered by our own S. D. Terry, will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by the show at 8:00 p.m. Tickets for show only are still available by calling 887-4511. Prices are:

\$10.00 - Adult Show Only  
\$ 8.00 - Senior Citizens Show Only  
\$ 5.00 - Students K -12 Show Only

Participants from First Baptist include **Kim Moorehead, Sophomore, Diane Wallick, Director,** and **Mike Wallick, Tisha Patton,** and **Bob Borden,** Orchestra.



## We Are Looking For You In Sunday School!

*"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord."* Psalm 122:1

Congratulations to those who had perfect Sunday School attendance for January, February, and March, 2006.

### Nursery

Jill O'Hara

### Threes

Brandi Emenaker

### Beginner

Taylor Emenaker

### Kindergarten

Eugenia Sexton

Lauren Imhoff

### Primary

Lauryn Emenaker

### Middler/Junior

Lisa Dulli

Mikayla Laney

### 7th and 8th Grades

Katie Ford

Amy Wallace

### Senior High

Jeff Hazelwood

Kim Moorehead

### Homebuilders

Jerry Wallace

Brian Begley

Nick Emenaker

Brad Gerth

### Office

Barb Arnold

Jack Young

Dennis Metzger

### FOCUS

Margie Braun

Paul Braun

Eris Cappelli

Dana Diedrichs

Jean Grimes

Barb Hendricks

Ken Hendricks

Carol Howard

Gene Howard

Erla Krastins

### Keystone

Ron Gerth

Bettie Carmack

Kathy Chambers

LaVerne Gerth

Isabell Johnson

Evelyn Maddox

Jack Maddox

Mary Petry

Walter Petry

Jim Powell

Harold Sapp

Lindel Sapp

Connie Taylor

J.K. Walker

### Parenting

Stan Brown

Rich Hazelwood

### Carpenter's Hands

Robert Williams



## Sunday School Promotion Day!

Sunday School Promotion Day will be during the last part of the Sunday School hour on May 28<sup>th</sup> for all children completing grades 6 through 12. On June 4<sup>th</sup>, these students should report directly to their new class, either 7th/8th grade, Senior High, or College & Career. All other school age children will be promoted in September at the beginning of the new school year.

—Linda Gibbs  
Sunday School Superintendent

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## Edgewood Presents Spring Musical

### “The Secret Garden”

Thursday, May 18 - 7:30 PM

Friday, May 19 - 7:30 PM

Saturday, May 20 - 2:00 PM and 7:30 PM

Lily, Archibald's wife - **Martha Helton**

Dickon, the maid's mysterious, magical brother -  
**Drew Helton**

Albert, Mary's father - **Tyler Griffin**, Harold & Lindel  
Sapp's grandson

Colin, Archibald's handicapped son - **Logan York**  
(Logan was on our prayer list two years ago for  
several surgeries)

All seats - \$6.00 at the door

Edgewood High School Auditorium

The musical centers around a young girl, Mary, who loses everyone to a deadly disease and is then sent to live with her Uncle Archibald. Archibald is a lonely man as well, having just lost his wife, Lily, and raising a young son with many health problems. When the young girl, Mary, comes to live with him, all the ghosts of her family, including Lily, come also. Through their help, she discovers an overgrown garden. With the help of a headstrong maid, the maid's mysterious brother, and an old gardener, she brings life and color back into the whole dark family situation.





It's hard to believe that our MOPS year will soon be over! What an awesome year we have had! We've learned about Sibling Rivalry, Car Maintenance, how to grow beautiful container flowers and the Nine Needs of every mom. We have welcomed many new moms to MOPS this year and will see a few "graduate". We have been blessed with many Moppet workers that allow us to keep this ministry going and growing. Without your help ladies (and gents) we would not be able to function....you are a true blessing from God. We have enjoyed many moms' only dinners, children outings and extra craft activities. We also have had the dedicated service of Thelma Stanger and Evon Laubenstein as mentors for many years. It is with their wisdom, guidance, teaching and patience that has made our group grow and flourish in Christ name. This is Thelma's and Evon's last year to serve on steering. Current and previous MOPS steering members are hosting a reception in their honor on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. It is sure to be a tribute to the lives they have changed through MOPS.

Our May meeting we'll wrap up the year with a picnic theme allowing all the moms to get together and just socialize! Make sure to mark your calendar for the "summer park tour" and the moms' only dinners to keep in touch with your MOPS friends throughout the summer!

Next year is sure to be just as exciting, educational and inspirational as this year was with our new theme "*Fresh Air: Breathe Deeply.....Live Fully.*" This is based on John 10:10 – "*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy, I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*"

Have a great summer!

Shining for Jesus-  
Elise Martin  
Co-Coordinator



## Phil Crampton

Through a generous gift by Dr. Pauline (Johnson) Crampton in memory of her husband, Phil Crampton, First Baptist Church has been enabled to purchase a piano for our sanctuary.

I am sure that not everyone had the opportunity to know Phil Crampton. Although Pauline has been a member of our church since 1985, Phil began coming to church with her after their marriage June 8, 2002. So let me introduce you to Phil Crampton through the words of Pauline.

"Upon employment with Hamilton Tool Company as an Engineer Draftsman in 1955, Phil moved to Hamilton, Ohio. His creativeness was recognized by all who worked with him. In 10 years Phil with his brilliant ability in engineering/sales/R&D/Design was the one individual largely responsible for Hamilton Tool becoming an International Company. This recognition was rewarded with multiple promotions . . . Manager Graphic Arts division, Senior Vice President and ultimately Executive Vice-President with primary thrust in sales, engineering and R&D. Retirement followed after 35 years of service. C. Phillip Crampton expired at Deaconess Hospital on November 3, 2005."

"Phil and I were so alike and so happy (just like we were computer-matched). He was so unselfish, polite, and a gentleman at all times, plus treated me like gold. I was not going to move nor change churches. Without question he volunteered to do so. He was a Christian and such fun to be with and so missed. The Love of My Life . . . This piano is a memorial Phil and our 3 ½ years of marriage as well as for our church."

Thank you, Pauline, for this wonderful gift in honor of your husband.

–Elaine Tragesser  
Music and Worship Committee



## Steinway Is Replaced by Yamaha

What is a Yamaha? It is the new replacement piano for our well worn 80 year old Steinway.

The Music and Worship Committee completed a thorough investigation into the possibility of rebuilding our present Steinway Piano. They met with Jon Ralinovsky in November of 2005, who is a piano technician employed by Miami University. We asked him to do a Touchweight analysis on the Steinway. His conclusions led them to understand why the piano needed to either be rebuilt or replaced.

After contracting and meeting with Don Gibbs, a Cincinnati area piano restorer, the committee decided to travel to his rebuilding facility to learn what would be involved in renovating our present Steinway. There were several pianos in various stages of reconstruction. The committee learned the pianos are completely gutted and only the out frame remains intact.

Now, note how the Lord leads. Before going to the rebuilding facility, the committee had asked Don Gibbs if he knew of any pianos which were for sale. He told them that he had a 7'6" Yamaha which was selling for a lady who was moving to a smaller home. He said that he did not usually sell pianos, but had taken it as a favor. So the committee viewed, played and critiqued the piano from every aspect while at the facility.

Conclusion: The committee compared the cost of renovation of our Steinway piano with the cost of the larger, younger Yamaha. The Yamaha was chosen unanimously. An added reassurance that this was the piano for First Baptist was that the owner dropped the price when she learned that her piano was being considered for church service.

Watch for the arrival of the 7'6" Yamaha piano in May!

## Piano Dedication Recital June 24<sup>th</sup>

Set aside this date! This is going to be a great dedication recital! Guess who is coming back to his home church to treat us to his artistry! Bryan Wallick! So set aside June 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. for a momentous event. There will be a reception following the piano dedication.

—Elaine Tragesser  
Music and Worship Committee



## Celebration Ringers Year Finale May 21<sup>st</sup>

Yes, summer is almost here and the Celebration Ringers will be taking a respite until September. However, this doesn't mean all of us will be basking in the sun. Summer is our time to prepare for September. There will be bell cleaning, music filing, room cleaning, etc. and of course, some bell choir members will be practicing solo, duet, or ensemble ringing.

As a grand finale to our scheduled ringing we will be presenting an ambitious work entitled, "*Lift High The Cross*", a setting by Joel Raney and arranged by Arnold Sherman. Our chancel choir director, Mike Wallick, will be leading the handbells, piano, organ, and chancel choir in this presentation.

Also, the Celebration Ringers will be presenting a prelude entitled, "*I'm Just A Poor Wayfaring Stranger*", arranged by Tammy Waldrop. This selection will include percussion which will be played by our own, Chad Allen.

This last performance of the year will also be a goodbye to one of our most accomplished ringers, Carolyn Hamilton. Due to a work related transfer by her husband, Shawn, the family will be moving to Wisconsin. Thank you, Carolyn, for ringing well done. We will all miss all of you.

—Elaine Tragesser  
Director of Celebration Ringers



## ONE Bible Study Group

ONE Bible Study Group, FBC's ministry to young adults, meets Thursday nights at 7:00PM and would like to invite all 18 to 20something year-olds (including those away at college) to join the group at any weekly meeting or special event. The group meets each week in the home of one of the members. (This month's schedule is included below.) ONE is currently studying the Gospel of John and is always thinking about what will be the next topic. The group recently attended the WinterJam concert at Cincinnati Gardens together and is always planning future special events.

On Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, ONE will host a Parents' Night Out from 6:00 – 9:00PM at FBC. Parents can leave children (infants through sixth grade) with ONE members for an evening of entertainment in the Family Center in order to take a relaxing night out. ONE members Jeremy Spence, Scott McRoberts, Mandy Gambrell, Molly Gambrell, and Ben and Betsey Kelly will supervise group games, a fun kids' movie, snack time, and more to allow parents time to relax, have dinner out, catch a movie, or *do whatever they want!* There will be no cost for this event; it is ONE's service to the First Baptist Church Family.

ONE is also planning a spring camping trip over Memorial Day weekend at Kirkwood Camp and Conference Center. The campers will meet at FBC at 7:00PM on Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> to carpool up to Camp to spend the weekend hiking, canoeing, cooking over the fire, and enjoying the beautiful place God has provided. The group plans to return to FBC sometime on Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, but may stay one more night and return on Monday. Anyone who cannot make it for the entire trip should still try drive up to Camp for as long as possible; Kirkwood is always worth the drive even for only an afternoon or evening.

Anyone with questions about the group or the events can contact Jeremy Spence at the FBC office, Betsey Kelly at 513-807-9002, or check out ONE's website at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/1BibleStudyGroup/>.

### May ONE Bible Study Group Schedule

Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup> – 7:00PM Jeremy's home, 741 Ridgewood Avenue, Hamilton

Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> – 7:00PM Mandy and Molly Gambrell's home – 135 Danube Drive #106, Fairfield

Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> – 6:00PM ONE hosts Parents' Night Out at FBC

Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> – 7:00PM Ben and Betsey Kelly's home – 137 Danube Drive #208, Fairfield

Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> – 7:00PM meet at FBC to carpool to Kirkwood Camp and Conference Center

–Betsey Kelly



## Rediscover Camping at Camp Kirkwood 2006

June 16-17 - Beginner #1 (K-2 grades w/parent)  
Director: Barbara Cook

June 18-23 - Junior #1 (4-6 grades)  
Director: Kerry Kane

June 18-23 - Jr./Sr. High Xtreme (7-12 grades)  
Director: Jeremy Spence

June 25-28 - New Adventure #1 (3-4 grades)  
Director: Tim Lee

June 25-30 - Jr. High (7-9 grades)  
Director: Linda Miller

July 9-14 - Sr. High (9-12 grades)  
Director: Neal Hitch

July 23-26 - College Camp (18-25 Singles)  
Director:

July 24- 26 - New Adventure #2 (3-4 grades)  
Director: Jevon Monaghan

July 28-29 - Beginners #2 (K-2 grades w/parent)  
Director: Barbara Cook

July 30-Aug 4 - Junior #2 (4-6 grades)  
Director: Becky Kelly

September 1-4 - Remember Bible & Missions Conference!

If anyone is interested in attending any of these camps this year, please contact Loretta Hampton at 844-1967 to get a registration form.

–Loretta Hampton  
Camp Coordinator

## Memorial Day Weekend Picnic

Sunday  
May 28<sup>th</sup>

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.  
Holloway Park

Watch the weekly bulletin for details!

## Book Review by Benjamin J. Kelly

The Screwtape Letters  
By C.S. Lewis

Have you ever given thought to the idea of spiritual warfare? Do you believe in such a thing? Whether the answer is yes or no, there is a book out there that is sure to alter your thinking on your personal life with Christ for many years to come. The Screwtape Letters by C.S. Lewis is a fascinating look into the philosophical mind of Lewis and how he dealt with the important ideas behind spiritual warfare.

C.S. Lewis was once a professor of Medieval and Renaissance literature at Oxford before he made a move to Cambridge University where he held the Chair of Medieval and Renaissance Literature for many years. That position Lewis once held is now called 'The C.S. Lewis Chair of Medieval and Renaissance Literature'. Lewis has written many books that have been popular to mainstream laymen of readers especially *Mere Christianity* and the popular children's series *The Chronicles of Narnia*. Lewis is one of the twentieth century's most noted Christian apologist and writers.

While sitting in a Church service one morning, the idea of The Screwtape Letters suddenly came to Lewis. The Screwtape Letters is a book that is actually a compilation of fictional letters written by a fictional demon, whose name is Screwtape. Screwtape writes his letters to his nephew and demon in training, Wormwood. In his letters, Screwtape teaches Wormwood how to tempt and destroy the soul of a man who is trying to find his way to the "Enemy", who is our Lord Jesus Christ. While this man, who is left unnamed, is coming closer and closer to salvation, Screwtape helps Wormwood to focus on the weaknesses of the man and to exploit those weaknesses so that the two demons may one day devour the soul of the man, who is on his own spiritual pilgrimage.

The book helps readers to focus so much on the day to day activity that tempts people into evil thoughts and actions. Some of the smallest things people would never think about are what Screwtape and Wormwood try to exploit the most. And although Lewis is only making a hypothesis on how he thinks a demon would tempt a person, his goal is to bring Christians to the realization of how sinful the world is and how to be conscious of the smallest evils that tempt people day to day.

You will hopefully find this book stimulating and

interesting. You can find The Screwtape Letters at almost any bookstore, Christian or secular. And if you have any questions or need explanation of the some of Lewis' ideas you can contact me, Ben Kelly, at spidermonkeyben@yahoo.com. Hope you enjoy the book.



### An Opportunity For All

Saturday morning, May 6<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 a.m. we will gather at the church for our Annual Spring Clean-Up of our grounds. Weeds need to be pulled, shrubs, trimmed, flowers planted, mulch spread, litter picked up, etc., etc! There is a job for every one. Please bring hand spades, weed eaters, rakes, blowers, pruning loppers, shovels, pruning shears, etc. Come when you can, stay as long as your schedule will allow. We will be here from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Thank you for using your time and talents to beautify the Lord's house.

-The Trustees

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### Spring Trip To Oneida, KY

Jack Young, Ken Hendricks, and Jerry Hampton will be making the spring pilgrimage to Oneida Baptist Institute on Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. The campus has approximately 450 teens grades 6 through 12 and are in need of all help possible. Please bring any good used clothing, coats, shoes, toys, etc. that you would like to donate to the building and place them in the coat room after April 30<sup>th</sup>. Please put the items in plastic trash bags and mark them for Oneida. For more information, call Jack young - 726-6132. (Please, because of storage problems - NO donations after Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.) **Anyone** is welcome to ride along with them on May 9<sup>th</sup>.



**From The Heart Of  
Marilyn**

**College Corner**

**E-Mail From God**

**Have I Got A Plan For You!**

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord,  
“plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give  
you hope and a future.”* —Jeremiah 29:11

Dear Child,

Sometimes it seems like everyone, including your friends, your parents, and maybe even yourself, has a plan for you. Well, I have a plan for you, too. I created you with a plan in mind. It is your destiny—the reason you exist.

We have adventures to go on, you and I. There are new friends for you to meet and new places for you to explore. There will be tough times, but I’ll give you strength; and when you’re lost, I’ll show you the way back home.

So when you need to make a decision, pray first and then listen. You will hear a whisper inside yourself. Trust me. I only want to bless you!

Your Trail Guide,  
God

—Serving in His name,  
Marilyn Bowling  
College Coordinator



**Memorial Day  
May 30<sup>th</sup>**



**Soft Ball Schedules**

**Blue Team**

April 17	# 1 @	7:15 p.m.
April 24	# 1 @	7:15 p.m.
May 1	# 1 @	6:15 p.m.
May 8	# 3 @	7:15 p.m.
May 15	# 3 @	8:15 p.m.
May 22	# 3 @	6:15 p.m.
June 5	# 4 @	6:15 p.m.
June 12	# 4 @	7:15 p.m.
June 19	# 4 @	7:15 p.m.
June 26	# 5 @	8:15 p.m.
July 10	# 5 @	7:15 p.m.
July 17	# 5 @	6:15 p.m.
July 24	# 1 @	7:15 p.m.
July 31	# 1 @	6:15 p.m.

**Gray Team**

April 18	# 3 @	8:15 p.m.
April 25	# 3 @	6:15 p.m.
May 2	# 3 @	7:15 p.m.
May 9	# 4 @	7:15 p.m.
May 16	# 4 @	6:15 p.m.
May 23	# 4 @	8:15 p.m.
May 30	No Games - Memorial Day	
June 6	No Game - Bye Week	
June 13	# 5 @	9:15 p.m.
June 20	# 5 @	8:15 p.m.
June 27	# 1 @	7:15 p.m.
July 4	No Game - Independence Day	
July 11	# 1 @	9:15 p.m.
*July 18	# 1 @	6:15 p.m.
July 25	# 3 @	6:15 p.m.
August 1	# 3 @	9:15 p.m.
August 8	# 1 @	7:15 p.m.
August 15	No Game - Bye Week	

\*Subject to change due to mission trip

—Josh Metzger  
Sports and Recreation



## Child Care Schedule

### Nursery (Morning)

May 7 - David & Rachel Hendrickson  
 May 14 - Steve & Elise Martin  
 May 21 - Steve & Elise Martin  
 May 28 - Teri Collier, Aly, & Cat

### One & Two Year Olds

May 7 - Linda & Rachel Davis  
 May 14 -  
 May 21 -  
 May 28 -

### Kinderchurch

May 7 - Rob & Anne Ruwe  
 May 14 -  
 May 21 -  
 May 28 -



## Attention All Morning Worship Child Care Workers

Just a reminder that all child care workers should try and trade with someone on their schedule sheets when something comes up and they are not able to keep their scheduled Sunday. Also, it would be extremely helpful if child care workers would be in their scheduled room by 10:15 a.m. to help with the transition time between Sunday School and Morning Worship time. Several of our Sunday School teachers need to be relieved for choir and the adult worship service. When you have difficulty finding someone with whom to trade, please call the following Child Care Coordinators:

Kim Schuermann - (674-7321)  
 Brandi Emenaker - (738-2439)

Thank you for volunteering as a child care worker and may you always know how much we appreciate you!



## Wednesday Family Dinners

### May 3

Menu: Lasagna, Tossed Salad, Bread Sticks, Dessert  
 Hosts: Chancel Choir

### May 10

Menu: Barbecued Chicken, Baked Potato, California Blend Vegetables, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Dessert  
 Hosts: Parenting Class/CREW

### May 17

Menu: Pork Roast, Scalloped Potatoes, Corn, Applesauce, Rolls, Dessert  
 Hosts: Deacons

### May 24

Menu: Hot Dogs, Hamburgers with all the fixings, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Potato Chips, Dessert  
 Hosts: Deaconesses

### May 31

Menu: Ham, Au Gratin Potatoes, Corn, Applesauce, Rolls, Dessert  
 Hosts: Keystone II

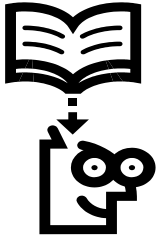
Reminder: Adults should contribute \$4.00 per person for the meal; the cost for children under 12 years old who eat at the "Hot Dog" table is \$1.25. If they chose to eat from the main table, the cost is \$2.00. Be sure to make your reservation on the Friendship Folder each Sunday.

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## May Greeters

May 7 - Linda Davis, Carolyn Dudley, & Evelyn Maddox  
 May 14 - Wayne Miller & Jan Smith  
 May 21 - Mary Petry, J.K Walker, & Connie Taylor  
 May 28 - Helen Mullen, Bud Braun, & Katie Hoskins



## Pastor Jeremy's Think Tank

*The "why" behind the "what"*

There are many times while I am walking the halls of our church I will hear someone ask this type of question: "What is the CREW doing nowadays?" It really is a great question and normally I will respond by saying the many activities we are doing or what was just completed, how many teens are coming or something like that. However, I have yet to hear someone ask a question like this: "Why does the CREW do what it does?" Now that is a great question. To me that is a better question that needs to be asked and so today I want to spend our short time together trying to answer that for you. For me, to know the "why" behind the "what" is more valuable and helpful in knowing if the "what" you are doing is working or not. I hope you are ready to hear my heart and the reason behind all the CREW does.

The reasoning comes out of a statement I read recently in one of my many magazines I get on a weekly basis. It reads; "True conversion reorders and transforms both the now and then." What a great line to think about! That is what the CREW is all about.

We are about not just saving teens from a life of sin, even though we try that. We are not just about filling the teens with biblical knowledge, even though we do that. We are not just about connecting them with other teens, yes, and we do this as well. We are also not about just having a bunch of fun and games, trust me we also do this. But, we are about using all the above tools to get them connected to the Father so that they will live the will of God in **this** world while waiting for their home in the **next** world.

You see the differences? One is more focused on numbers, how much fun you did, was that the right event and so on and so on. The second is more about; Did we connect them enough with God? When the graduate the CREW will they graduate their faith as well? Are they **active** members of First Baptist at large or just the youth group? It is these types of questions, and the answers we receive that will give us the true measure of success in our ministry.

For me, this means I focus on just a couple teens at time and help connect them with God and have them use their gifts in the church. It means that we not focus on just how many or coming but how many are sticking around. It really is a great task to take on and love each and every day I get to help (try) connect

teens with God in the broader picture of life. It is also one that I need your help with. We all can help just one teen we will truly make a difference.

In closing I have boiled down my life's mission into four words and three phrases that may help describe more of my purpose and the CREW's. For God. For Students. For Life. That is my motto. It just means that I am going to be about living for God, for the rest of my life hopefully in the context of student ministries. You can also look at it this way; I am about getting students to connect with God their entire life not just for a season.

The question is, What is the "why" behind the "what" in your life? Simple question but the answers are tremendous. Look for that and join me in asking the "whys" behind the "whats" in our life today and tomorrow.

Be God's,  
Jeremy

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**May 7<sup>th</sup>:** KingsKids production during the evening service. We will go upstairs and see them perform the musical "Holy Moses."

**May 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>:** No CREW activities in the evening. Please either spend time with your family or come to the evening service those times and get to know some of our adults in their context.

**May 17<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm:** Adult Leadership Team meeting. Please all adults and students make it to this meeting. We will talk about Lifeline and Sunday evening activities for the CREW during our summer months. If you can't make the meeting please see Jeremy.

**May 20<sup>th</sup>:** CIA project (our service projects name) to Serve City from 9am until noon. See Linda Davis for more information.

**May 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>:** All CREW members age 18 and older may join the ONE Ministry on our Camping outing to Camp Kirkwood. Please see the article Betsey Kelly wrote regarding the outing.

**June 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>:** First annual "Formal Night" for all CREW members and the new 6<sup>th</sup> graders moving up. You won't want to miss this evening of fun and food. Things will start at 5pm at the Moorehead's for the ladies, and 5pm for the guys at the church. Ladies you will get ready together and guys we will start the dinner at that time. More information as well as the theme will be available very soon.

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

# May 2006

**7**

9:15 Sunday School  
10:30 Worship  
4:30 Family Life  
5:00 Youth Choir  
5:45 Small Group  
6:00 KingsKids  
Presentation  
*Holy Moses*

**14**

9:15 Sunday School  
10:30 Worship  
6:00 Cherub Choir  
6:00 Evening Celebration

**21**

9:15 Sunday School  
10:30 Worship  
12:00 AB Girls Luncheon  
4:30 Diaconate  
5:00 Youth Choir  
6:00 Cherub Choir  
6:00 Evening Celebration

**28**

9:15 Sunday School  
Promotion  
10:30 Worship  
5:00 Church Picnic @  
Holloway Park  
CREW & ONE @ Camp  
Kirkwood

**1**

6:15 Men's Softball Blue

**8**

7:15 Men's Softball Blue

**15**

8:15 Men's Softball Blue

**22**

6:15 Men's Softball Blue

**29**

Memorial Day!  
Church Offices Closed!

**2**

9:30 MOPS Steering  
7:15 Men's Softball Gray

**9**

5:30 Spring Trip to  
Oneida  
10:00 Holloway Circle  
7:15 Men's Softball Gray  
7:00 Abell Circle  
7:00 Smith Circle

**16**

9:30 MOPS  
9:30 KeenAgers to  
Boggstown, IN  
6:15 Men's Softball Gray

**23**

8:15 Men's Softball Gray

**30**

**3**

5:00 ABW Meeting  
5:00 Music & Worship  
6:00 Family Dinner  
6:30 Awana Fair  
6:30 Lifeline  
6:30 Celebration Ringers  
6:45 Bible Study & Prayer  
6:45 Carpenter's Hands

**10**

6:00 Family Dinner  
6:30 Awana - Awards Night  
6:30 Lifeline  
6:30 Celebration Ringers  
6:45 Bible Study & Prayer  
6:45 Carpenter's Hands  
8:00 Chancel Choir

**17**

5:30 Adult Leadership  
6:00 Family Dinner  
6:30 Lifeline  
6:30 Celebration Ringers  
6:40 *Road Rally For Jesus*  
6:45 Bible Study & Prayer  
6:45 Carpenter's Hands

**24**

6:00 Family Dinner  
6:30 Lifeline  
6:40 *Road Rally For Jesus*  
6:45 Bible Study & Prayer  
6:45 Carpenter's Hands  
8:00 Chancel Choir

**31**

6:00 Family Dinner  
6:30 Lifeline  
6:45 *Road Rally For Jesus*  
6:45 Bible Study & Prayer  
6:45 Carpenter's Hands  
8:00 Chancel Choir

**4**

National Day of Prayer!  
7:30 Commissioner's  
Prayer Breakfast  
9:30 Ladies Bible Study  
7:00 Small Group  
8:00 One Small Group

**11**

9:30 Ladies Bible Study  
5:30 Board of Trustees  
7:00 Small Group  
8:00 One Small Group

**18**

8:30 Matthew 25  
9:30 Ladies Bible Study  
7:00 Small Group  
8:00 One Small Group

**25**

9:30 Ladies Bible Study  
7:00 Small Group  
8:00 One Small Group

**5**

7:00 KingsKids Dress  
Rehearsal

**12**

**19**

**26**

7:00 CREW & ONE to  
Camp Kirkwood

**6**

8:00 Men's Prayer  
Gathering  
8:30 Spring Clean-Up Day

**13**

11:00 Mother's Day  
Weekend Luncheon

**20**

9:00 CREW CIA @ Serve  
City

**27**

CREW & ONE @ Camp  
Kirkwood



# MAY

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| 1 - Harold Sapp  | 13 - Bill Abrams<br>Denise Cox                         | Geraldine Smith<br>Bryan Wallick   |
| 2 - Glenn Madden   |  |  |
| 3 - Bob Arnold<br>Jeff Hazelwood<br>Tracy Scott                          | 15 - Drew Helton<br>Priscilla Phillips                 | 29 - Dorothy Hollowell<br>Heather Keith<br>Charles Whitson   |
| 4 - Logan Stanger<br>Andrew Withrow                                      | 16 - Olivia West                                       | 30 - Richard Apgar, Sr.  |
| 5 - William Cox<br>William Sizemore                                      | 17 - Mollie Johnson<br>Sydney Ruwe<br>Ashley Wilson    | 31 - Frances Bailey  |
| 6 - Lorraine Collier<br>Lisa Dulli                                       | 18 - Ruth Gaskins                                      |  |
| 7 - Zeke Gibson<br>Justin Zeek   | 19 - Darlene Gibson<br>Ron Herzog<br>Lucille Lancaster | <b>Note:</b> Please call the church office if you notice that one of your family members has been inadvertently overlooked on the birthday calendar. We do not intend to overlook anyone but do not realize it unless you inform us. |
| 8 - Anna Apgar<br>Warren Townsend  | 20 - Danielle Williamson<br>Samantha Williamson        |  |
| 9 - Tonya Metzger<br>Paul Dudley<br>Alex Hendrickson<br>Mary Ella Hudson | 22 - Elyssa Hines<br>Jeanette Schwab                   |  |
| 10 - Ruth Goble<br>Clinton Harris<br>Pauline Johnson<br>Omega Murrell    | 24 - Josh Metzger<br>Marilyn Shearer                   |  |
| 11 - Andrea Moorehead  | 25 - Tiffany Jordon<br>Sheila Wallace                  |  |
| 12 - Helen Baker<br>Jerri Begley   | 26 - Juanita Hazelwood<br>Don Perry<br>Amanda Mason    |  |
|  | 27 - Joshua Chamberlain<br>Daniel Morris<br>Iva Voss   |  |
|  | 28 - Jerry Hampton<br>Jacob Peters                     |  |

## Personal Notes



### From Anita from Matthew 25: Ministries

Thank you for the many hours you have spent volunteering here at Matthew 25: Ministries. Over the years, you have been such a big part of our ministry. Not only do we appreciate your time, but we also enjoy you being here.

We have many plans and goals set for this coming year. We want to reach more and more of the poorest of the poor. With your help we will be able to do so. We hope that you will continue to be a part of our work in the year ahead.

### From Bob Eicher

In a little over two weeks I've had two cataract surgeries and my eyesight is definitely better. Thanks to all who prayed for me and for the many telephone calls and cards. Being a part of this great church family is certainly a blessing.

### From Brandi Emenaker

I wanted to thank you for your condolences after the passing of my grandfather, Jack Schradin. My family truly appreciated the cards, emails, and the "thing of you"s that we received. We also appreciated the wonderful planter from the Homebuilder's Class, and those that braved the long line at the visitation to meet with my family. It is such a privilege to be part of such a thoughtful congregation! Thank you again!

### From Doris Hartley

I just want to thank each and everyone for all the lovely cards and letters of encouragement from First Baptist church. I also want to thank Bill Brantingham for his many visits. I hope to be in service Easter Sunday.

### From Harold Sapp

Thanks to everyone for the prayers, cards, and expressions of sympathy in the passing of my brother, John Sapp. They were greatly appreciated.

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## Corrections and Additions To The Directory

We will be using this spot each month to update the directory. Please call the church office with additions or changes to your address, phone number, or e-mail address.

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