

The Courier

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



"Where everybody is somebody and Jesus Christ Is Lord"

July, 2006

I Love The Fourth Of July

I love the Fourth of July. In addition to enjoying the junk food, swimming, and fireworks, I'm also a person who loves God and country, and who appreciates the history behind the holiday. It's for this reason, that we celebrate this Independence Day, I have to wonder what our founding fathers would say about our society's push to remove God from the American landscape.

As we look back, we are forced to remember how these brave men risked their lives to claim our independence, so that future generations would have the freedom to live and worship in any manner they choose. In spite of this historical sacrifice, many activists argue that freedom of religion does not mean an endorsement for Christianity alone. I would agree with such an assertion, but the use of God's name is applicable to most religions, as it is the object of worship for all who support the idea of a higher power. That being said, it also has to be noted that eighty five percent of Americans do call themselves Christian and say they believe in the God who is written about in the Christian Bible. Based on these numbers alone, I would argue that keeping God on our currency, and within our pledge to the Flag, and placing the Ten Commandments by our courtroom doors does not violate the civil rights of anyone. In fact, based on the survey results, removing God from these national symbols is actually an insult to the majority of the population.

With so many debates about the separation of church and state we need to remember the motives of those brave men who authored and created our most recognized pieces of Americana. While a trust and unity under God was a prominent theme used by those who wrote the Declaration of Independence, and our Pledge, a Godly trust was also used as a necessary ingredient when creating our system of currency. Our forefathers rightly assumed that matters of such importance required the thumbprint of a much higher authority than could be provided by mere mortals.

In addition, Francis Scott Key also brought God into our history, when writing what has become our national anthem. "And this be our motto, in God is our trust" has never been removed from verse three, despite the criticisms of the anti-God movement. In fact, when this great man wrote these words, he laid the foundation for a belief system that was so strong in its faith, that trust in God became the American motto. Key was also a devout Christian who started many Sunday school classes across

the country, soon after writing his famous anthem. In spite of his blatant commitment to God, key is still considered a great patriot by Americans today, and many still place their hands over their heart as his words are sung.

Another point the anti-God movement has missed, is the chaos that is occurring and has always occurred in countries that are Godless. Would the rape and torture chambers have been tolerated in Iraq, if the country was supported by Godly principles? Would the politically oriented murders in the former Soviet Union have been tolerated had atheism not been the national movement? Back here at home, would New York's Twin Towers have fallen, if nineteen men had not been obsessed with a radical political viewpoint, that was falsely considered their religion? I think not. The God whom this country has built its trust in does not condone terrorism or injustice of any kind, and one must question whether our continual striving to look for and correct injustice, isn't somehow rooted in a long ago assertion that we would trust in Him.

How ironic that on September 11, 2001 when our country was shocked and horrified over the lives lost and buildings destroyed, that it was our congress who gathered at the Capital to sing God Bless America, as a show of strength to enemies who may have been watching. Where were the anti-God activists then? I imagine many were singing along and "praying" that the attacks were over. We heard no one complaining when God was sung about in our hour of need.

So as we celebrate this Fourth of July, we need to take our cue from the great men who allowed this country to be born. We must remember that God was part of their fight for our freedom, and He was proudly added to many of the symbols of America that have transcended the generations. Let us not forget the chaos that has occurred around the world when God has been forbidden or misunderstood. Finally, as a nation, we must make the commitment to not call on God just in times of tragedy. We need to remember instead, that it was God, however you worship Him, that was there at our birth. It was God that kept us from falling into total chaos through the centuries, and it continues to be God who is the backbone of our American strength.

—Teri Horsley



American Baptist Women's Ministries

Missionary for the Month of **July**:
IM Latin America Desk
Susan Hegarty

Sue is devoted to preparing leaders for the rapidly growing churches of the Baptist Convention of Eastern Cuba. Her primary focus is to work with local pastors and writers to produce Christian Education curriculum materials. These materials seek to meet the unique needs of Cuban Christians and to further the Convention's discipleship goals. In addition, she also teaches at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Santiago.

Bible Book For July James

"So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead."
James 2:17 (RSV)

The purpose of James was to recall Christians from error and worldliness to the moral demands of their faith. It is less mystical and philosophical than practical; it bears a strong resemblance to the Sermon on the Mount. Since it implies that Christian action is more important than faith, Luther called it "that epistle of stray." But actually it was aimed at correcting a misconception of Paul's antithesis between faith and works.

PRAY for the Educational Ministries of our denomination: preparation and publication of materials, nurturing our membership, colleges, and seminaries for training leaders.

-Madge Walters

KeenAger July Meeting

The KeenAgers will enjoy a luncheon cruise on the B & B Riverboat, Monday, July 17th. The cost is \$26.00 and will be collected on July 9th and 16th. We will meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. and board the boat at 11:00 a.m. Join us for a fun day! We have only 25 openings. Sign up now!!

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

**AB Girls Of Faith
Become
Young Women Of Hope**

The AB Girls and their mothers were honored at a luncheon on Sunday, May 21st. The girls celebrated the completion of their year as AB Girls of Faith and their promotion to the Young Women of Hope. With this promotion comes more leadership and service opportunities. The girls will now be officers and committee chairpersons. They will have much more responsibility in planning the executing the activities of the group.

We were very pleased to have Lil Wilson as our guest at the luncheon. Lil did a wonderful job of installing the new officers and recognizing the chairpersons. She explained each job and gave each girl a memento to symbolize that job and its responsibilities. Megan Miller was installed as president, Lauren Schwartz as vice-president, Heather Keith as corresponding secretary, Katie Ford as Love Gift chairperson, and Amy Wallace as White Cross chairperson. Lauren Keith will be in charge of video scrap booking and Sara Cain will be the art director. Erin Gingrich and Emily Cain will help with special projects.

The girls also honored their mothers and thanked them for their support throughout the year. They presented their mothers with a cookbook that they had made containing a favorite recipe from each girl and leader. They also had a flower to present to their moms.

-Nancy Whipple, Marilyn Bowling,
Karen Schumm, and Mindy Hazelwood



The need for the many kinds of material distributed by Matthew 25: Ministries is a year round reality. We would like to continue to provide volunteer service in this vital ministry—even through the summer months. We will be taking a group on Tuesday, July 11th—and encourage you to come and join us. There is no age barrier in this work! There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

-Pastor Bill and Bert Brantingham

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A Nation Conceived In Prayer

Today's political scene boasts many players. Some fill their roles with distinction, credibility, and honor; while others fall far short of the ideal. Possible candidates for the nation's highest office have been jockeying their influence in their party's leadership vying for an opportunity to prove themselves among their most loyal. Even though the national election is over two years away, the likes of Joe Biden, Hillary Clinton, Christopher Dodd, John Edwards, Russ Feingold, Al Gore, Rudolph Guillani, John Kerry, John McCain, Condoleezza Rice, Mitt Romney, and a host of others are already testing the waters for this "open seat" election in which a sitting President is not a candidate. Dick Cheney has already indicated that under no circumstances will he run ("I'm going to serve this President for the next four years, and then I'm out of here..."). This will be the first time since 1928 that neither the sitting President nor the sitting Vice-President will run for the nation's highest office.

Blue states and red states alike will find themselves examining their political consciences as they fight for every electoral vote. It will be an interesting contest, both among the candidates and among those who would argue for a major change in the electoral college. And it will offer many opportunities for prayer as believers seek to discover leadership who will lead us well and with the wisdom of our Almighty God.

We take so much for granted in our role as citizens of this great land. We often fail to remember that God had a major influence in the founding of our great nation. In his 1997 book, *The Spirit of America*, William Bennett describes the account of the Continental Convention's struggle to form the new constitution. The year was 1787. Read Bennett's record of the account:

"For over ten weeks the delegates debated the issue of representation. At issue was whether representation was to be based on the population of each state, or if each state would be given one vote. Delegates from the small states supported the New Jersey Plan, which proposed one vote per state and a one-house Confederation Congress; delegates from the larger states supported the Virginia Plan, which based representation in both houses on population.

"The debate over which plan to adopt became very heated, and threatened to

dissolve the Convention. Historians have called this period the "critical juncture" in the Convention. Tempers flared, impatience and frustration grew, so much so that on June 28, Franklin, the oldest delegate there at eighty-one, invoked the aid of the Almighty. Franklin's motion, at least for a short while, brought calm to the proceedings, and by mid-July a compromise was reached" (Bennett, pp. 383-385).

Reflect on Franklin's plea to the Congress as he sought to assist the group to come to some statement of compromise:

"The small progress we have made after four or five weeks close attendance and continual reasonings with each other—our different sentiments on almost every question, several of the last producing as many noes as ays—is methinks a melancholy proof of the imperfection of the Human Understanding. We indeed seem to feel our own want of political wisdom, since we have been running about in search of it. We have gone back to ancient history for models of Government, and examined the different forms of those Republics which having been formed with the seeds of their own dissolution now no longer exist. And we have viewed Modern States all round Europe, but find none of their Constitutions suitable to our circumstances.

(From the Pastor's Heart, cont.)

"In this situation of this Assembly, groping as it were in the dark to find political truth, and scarce able to distinguish it when presented to us, how has it happened, Sir, that we have not hitherto once thought of humbly applying to the Father of lights to illuminate our understandings? In the beginning of the contest with G. Britain, when we were sensible of danger, we had daily prayer in this room for the divine protection.

"Our prayers, Sir, were heard, and they were graciously answered. All of us who were engaged in the struggle must have observed frequent instances of a Superintending providence in our favor. To that kind providence we owe this happy opportunity of consulting in peace on the means of establishing our future national felicity. And have we now forgotten that powerful friend? Or do we imagine that we no longer need his assistance?"

I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth--that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid? (italics mine).

We have been assured, Sir, in the sacred writings, that *"except the Lord build the House they labour in vain that build it."* I firmly believe this; and I also believe that without his concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better than the Builders of Babel: We shall be divided by our little partial local interests; our projects will be confounded, and we ourselves shall become a reproach and by word down to future ages. And what is worse, mankind may hereafter from this unfortunate instance, despair of establishing Governments by Human Wisdom and leave it to chance, war and conquest.

"I, therefore, beg leave to move--that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of Heaven, and its blessings on our deliberations, be held in this Assembly every morning before we proceed to business, and that one or more of the Clergy of this City be requested to officiate in that service..."

That is one of my favorite windows into the early days of the founding of our nation. It is also a gentle

reminder that we have a great responsibility as citizens and Christians to rely on the God who enabled this nation to come into existence. The passage in Deuteronomy should be another reminder and admonition to us all:

"When the Lord your God brings you into the land he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you--a land with large, flourishing cities you did not build, houses filled with all kinds of good things you did not provide, wells you did not dig, and vineyards and olive groves you did not plant--then when you eat and are satisfied, be careful that you do not forget the Lord...Fear the Lord your God, serve him only..." (Deut. 6:10-13)

During these days of remembrance and celebration, let us not forget that from the earliest days of our nation, God has been invited to be a part of who we are as a people. It is folly for our nation to have begun with God's blessing, only to abandon His superintending presence, under the mistaken thought that we can manage on our own, or by some misguided concern that we might offend someone in the asking. It is our right, our heritage, and our responsibility to invite God to reign over us as a people that He might in turn exercise His justice and mercy upon us.

It is my wish that you have a meaningful and reflective Fourth of July celebration!

Praying for you, as together, we pray for our country,
Pastor



July 2nd Picnic

5:00 p.m.
Holloway Park
(Family Center, if rain)

Each family please bring 2 covered dishes--meat, salad, or vegetable
Dessert, beverages, plates, etc. will be provided.

Bring your entire family and don't miss out on this great evening of food, devotions, music, and fun!

—Cheryl Motzer, Chairman
Family Life Committee

A Hero Among Legends

Leviathan comes up from the sea.
Aliens probe and experiment on me.
Bigfoot lives on top of Californian trees.
The Bermuda Triangle is where no one can see.

Arthur was King and had many Knights.
Gandalf the Gray eventually turned White.
When Helen left for Troy, Agamendomon took flight.
Beowulf was strong but not too bright.

Icarus tried to fly to the Sun.
Robin Hood and his men, from the Sheriff they would
run.
The Green Knight played games that were no fun.
And Hercules was Zeus' mortal son.

The Lockness Monster no one can find.
Leprechauns have not taken any gold of mine.
Zarathustra spoke of too few signs.
Because of his faults, Oedipus was blind.

All these myths cannot be true.
Made and then found false by you.
This one story is true if only you will see.
Of Jesus Christ, Son of God, who died for you and me.

–Benjamin Kelly

Butler County Right To Life In July 4th Parade

All churches are being encouraged to participate in the Hamilton 4th of July Parade by marching with Butler County Right To Life celebrating life and adoption the loving option. Their float and group will meet in the north part of the fairgrounds beginning at 1:30 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to stand up for “*Life And Not Abortion*”. Those with strollers and wheelchairs are most welcome. We will have rides back to the fairgrounds if needed. We usually have one of the largest contingents in the parade. Call Mike Mignery for further information at 867-1832.

–Linda Davis

Second Quarter Business Meetings

The Advisory Board will meet on Sunday, July 16th, at 5:00 p.m. in preparation for the second quarter Business Meeting of the church. Items of business which require church action should be presented at this meeting. All elected officers of the church are on the Advisory Board.

The Second Quarter Business Meeting will be Wednesday, July 19th, at 6:45 p.m. Reports will be heard from Boards and Committees and other items of business will be acted upon. A very important item of business at this meeting will be the election of a Nominating committee, whose responsibility will be to seek out officers to serve beginning January 1st, 2006. We trust that you will pray about those that you plan to nominate. This is a great responsibility and in many ways determines future action and ministries of the church.

Budget Status Report

The Month of May, 2006

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$59,022
Offerings	<u>47,690</u>
Over (Under) Budget	(\$11,332)
Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$53,478
Offerings	<u>47,690</u>
Over (Under) Actual	(\$ 5,788)

The Year Through May, 2006

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$307,639
Offerings	<u>253,803</u>
Over (Under) Budget	(\$53,836)
Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$290,354
Offerings	<u>253,803</u>
Over (Under) Actual	(\$36,551)

–The Board Of Trustees



Free Sunday Concert In Oxford



The next program of Summer chamber music concerts by Dalla Camera will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 16th, at the Oxford Presbyterian Church, 101 N. Main Street. For information call Jack Daugherty - 523-6969.



**Totally Terrific
Tuesdays
(Formerly Summer Son
Club) Activities!**

Totally Terrific Tuesdays (formally Summer Son Club) Activities are scheduled for children entering Kindergarten - going to 6th grade. Each activity will accommodate this age range but we will separate the younger from the older for parts of each activity. All activities will be on Tuesdays. **Anyone Who Does Not Have An Off Church Premises Permission Consent Form With Medical And Emergency Information Must Do So Before Going On Any Trips!** Permission slips will be kept on file and are good for all trips with only corrections or additional information when and as needed. Please call Brandi @ 738-2439 or email at br9teacher@msn.com if you will be attending and how many of your wonderful friends you will be bringing! :) If you are unable to RSVP, please come any way!

July

11th - "An Outie Day" - Putt Putt in Hamilton - Meet at church at 9:30 a.m. The cost is \$2.50 per game. Bring a sack lunch picnic and a drink. Pick up time will be 2:00 p.m. at First Baptist.

18th - "An Outie Day" - Bowling - We will go to Columbia Lanes meeting at the church at 10:15 a.m. for bowling. The cost is \$2.50 for two games (bowling shoes are free). Bring a sack lunch picnic and a drink. Pick up time will be 2:00 p.m. at First Baptist. RSVP necessary.

25th - "An Innie Day" - Scavenger Hunt and Game Day - Meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be provided. Pick up time will be 2:00 p.m. at First Baptist.

ALWAYS DRESS APPROPRIATELY FOR WEATHER AND ACTIVITY! Plan B is to remain at the church if weather is not appropriate for the scheduled activity. Be sure and read the weekly church bulletin for any changes in this schedule.

-Brandi Emenaker & Claire Metzger
Terrific Tuesdays Directors



**Serve City Food Pantry and Chosen
Emergency Shelter would like to
invite you to attend our
2nd Annual Christmas In July
Celebration
Saturday, July 15th.**

Silent Auction and Ministry Presentation 6:00 p.m.

Dinner and Music 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Cantata 8:00 p.m.

Location: Butler Tech Training Facility
5140 Princeton Glendale Road
Hamilton, Ohio

Reservations necessary, RSVP by Friday July 7th
Via phone 513-737-9701 or 513-737-8900
Via e-mail Chosn@fuse.net

Please send event fee of \$35 per person
or \$150 for a table of five to
Serve City
622 East Avenue
Hamilton, Ohio 45011

Come join us in a United Celebration
of our Lord's Birth!





Fall 2006 Ohio Children's Ministry Conferences—Sponsored by Awana

This year's theme: *It Takes A Shepherd*

Awana will host 5 Children's Ministry Conferences this fall across the state of Ohio. Each event is designed to improve churches' ministries to their young people. The conference in our area is on September 23rd at Calvary Baptist Church, 1920 West US Highway 22, Wilmington, Ohio (driving time is about 1 hr). Transportation will be provided, or you can carpool and be reimbursed for gas.



Four things that will be emphasized this fall:

- Evangelism and discipleship of children and youth
- Equipping parents to model, teach, and train their children
- Encouraging and training new and veteran church workers
- Edifying Christians in their personal walk with the Lord

Each day starts at 8:00 am with refreshments, followed by an opening session at 9:00 for encouragement and inspiration. A full day of training is available, with lunch provided. The closing session at 3:00 pm will be a time of prayer for our children and the adults who minister to them.

Here are the sessions that are planned for each site:

- ★ New & Improved Basic Training
- ★ PowerUp! Helping your kids learn God's Word
- ★ The Great Shake Up! Reaching your community for Christ.
- ★ 4 Pillars of Children's Ministry: things you must focus on.
- ★ Rock Solid Kids: planting them in God's Word
- ★ 10 Standards of Excellence for your club.
- ★ Outreach Events to spread the gospel to family members.

- ★ Fun for your club, every week and throughout the year.
- ★ Organizing and administering your ministry.
- ★ Cubbies & Sparks, impacting the next generation.
- ★ 24/7 Teen ministries, including the new Junior High curriculum.



I would like every Awana leader, helper, listener and game leader to attend! The cost will be covered for you, so you have no excuse not to go! Anyone else involved in Children's Ministries at First Baptist is also invited, and your costs will be covered also. FREE light breakfast, FREE children's ministry training sessions, FREE lunch. Please let me know that you plan to attend so I can prepare our registration.

New Awana Basic Training!

Awana is introducing a **new, improved Basic Training** for leaders this summer. Anyone who has previously passed an Awana leader training course is still qualified to serve as a leader. However, anyone who has never officially become an Awana leader (ask me if you're unsure) needs to take a training course and simple test. I also strongly encourage all current Awana leaders to take this as a refresher course and get yourself energized for the new club year.

Dates & locations:

August 5—First Baptist Church of New Richmond, OH. Although this location is the farthest away of our 3 choices (probably a little over an hour), if you can't attend either of the other two, this one is still feasible.

August 12—Beavercreek Baptist Church (Dayton area)

August 19—Friendship Baptist Church, Cincinnati (near Colerain Ave & OH-126)

It has been many years since Leader Training has been updated, and it has finally been done. Even if you attended the T&T Basic Training a few years ago when Truth & Training clubs were introduced, you will benefit from this new and improved training.

We will be beginning our 6th year of Awana Clubs this fall. We *all* need a refresher course, and anyone who has served in Awana in the past but never took a training course (whether self-study or with a group) needs to take Basic Training this fall by either attending on one of the 3 dates listed above, or through self-study. There will be new role books and tests for all leaders, directors, game directors, secretaries, and commanders.



There will be an **Awana Staff Meeting on Sunday, July 9** at 4:30 pm in Room 113-114. Childcare will be provided (please let Emily Metzger know how many children you plan to bring & their ages). Snacks & beverages will be provided. We will be making plans for the new club year, and we need your input!

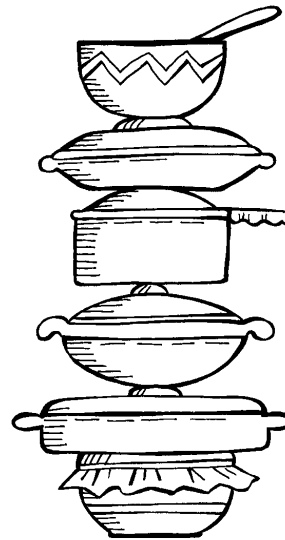
There will be an **Awana Kick-off** on Wednesday, August 30. The **first official night of club** will be Wednesday, September 6.

–Emily Metzger
Awana Commander

Where Are Your Children On Wednesday Nights?

We have planned activities for Wednesday nights that are designed to catch children’s attention and allow us to teach them about God in a relevant and inventive way. Using our children’s language and ideas we can communicate to them, without losing the main points of Jesus’ teaching. We are using the “*Road Rally for Jesus*” material and expect to teach the children many things about God’s promises for us and how they are relevant now.

–Brandi Emenaker and Claire Metzger
Co-Directors of Children’s Ministries



Covered Dish Dinner

Honoring The Sunday School Teachers

We at First Baptist truly appreciate the efforts and dedication of our Sunday school teachers. They are the bedrock of one of the biggest ministries in the church. Every Sunday approximately 200 people attend Sunday school.

The teachers spend time in prayer, preparation, and study for every class. They are the main line of communication between class members with prayer concerns or praises. They are often the counselors, comforters and listeners to our daily concerns. After all this, they stand in front and actually teach on Sunday morning!

I’m planning a carry-in dinner to show our appreciation and thanks to the Sunday school teachers and helpers.

All Sunday school teachers and helpers

Are invited to a carry-in dinner at my home

**Barbara Arnold
1317 Dalton Ct.
Fairfield, Ohio 45014
829-9001**

On Saturday July 22, 2006

At 6:00 PM in the evening.

I look forward to this time together to hear about your experiences, to learn how we might better support you, and to make plans to encourage others to become involved in the Sunday school ministry.

–Barb Arnold
Sunday School Assistant Superintendent



Child Care Worker Schedules

New schedules for Morning Worship time child care are being prepared. **Thank You** to all who have so faithfully been a part of this important ministry to families with young children. Surely you have received a blessing from God while serving Him. As you are asked to serve this year, please remember that Jesus said, "Let the little children come unto me." This also enables the parents to come and be a part of the Worship Hour while we care for their dear ones.

If you are not contacted and would like to help once each quarter, please give your name to Kim Schuermann, Claire Metzger, or Brandi Emenaker. We ask that when it is your turn to serve that you arrive in the scheduled area by 10:15 a.m. to help with the transition time from Sunday School to Morning Worship. If you find a time when you are scheduled and you are not able to keep that commitment, we ask that you **please** call someone else on the schedule and trade with them. Everyone will receive a schedule with names, dates serving and phone numbers. This will ensure child care coverage at each service.

If you are a member of First Baptist Church and at least 13 years of age, we would invite you to say "Yes" to the call of working in our Nursery, Ones & Twos, or Kinderchurch. A real blessing is waiting for you, too!

My Turn In The Nursery

Last Sunday was my turn in the nursery to work.

My heart wasn't in it; my feelings were hurt.
A child from its mother did not want to part,
And it cried a lot with its broken heart.

I prayed that soon the hour would end,
That I could relax - no more children to tend.
Soon the hour was over; it felt good to be free.
I said, "Once a quarter was too much for me!"

That very next Sunday I sat in the pew,
A very good sermon; visitors were few.
Down came a woman, her soul was saved.
She was the mother of the crying babe!

Then it dawned on me that I had been part,
Of one being saved - giving God her heart.

From that day on I would never dread
Working in the nursery while souls are fed.

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—Brandi Emenaker and Claire Metzger
Co-Directors of Children's Ministries



Summer Missions

First Baptist has 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 15th, 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 21st. We will be staying at a church between Mobile and Bayou LaBatre with beds, showers, and air conditioning.

In His Service,
Laurin Sprague and Mike Braun

Seussical, The Musical

Presented by Encore Summer Youth Theatre

Parrish Auditorium
Miami University.-Hamilton

Wed., Thurs., Fri., & Sat. July 26 - 27 - 8:00 p.m.
Sat. July 29 & 30 - 2:00 p.m.

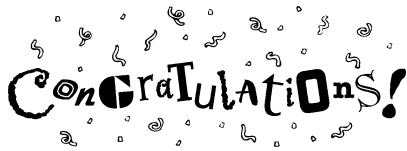
Drew Helton - Wickersham Brother & Hunch

Tisha Patton - Pianist

Bob Borden - Orchestra Director

Tickets - \$12

To reserve tickets see the Heltons for an order form or call 737-PLAY. Make checks payable to Encore Summer Youth Theatre.



Katie Ford was one of four 8th grade students at Wilson Middle school to receive the “Knight” Award for academic and leadership accomplishments. She received a plaque and a \$50 savings bond. The award was presented at the 8th grade recognition on May 25th. Way to go, Katie!

Edgewood Thespian Awards

Edgewood Thespian Troupe #591 held its annual induction and awards banquet with awards and trophies presented to:

Martha Helton, Senior

Best Actress - “Play On”, Charlotte’s Web”,
and “The Secret Garden”
Best Thespian Award 2005 - 2006
Honor Thespian Award
Co-President of Thespian Troupe 2005 - 2006

Drew Helton, Sophomore

Best Actor - “Play On” and Charlotte’s Web”
Best Supporting Actor - The Secret Garden
Honor Thespian Award
Best “Ham” Award
Scribe of Thespian Troupe 2005 - 2006
Co-Vice Pres. of Thespian Troupe 2005 - 2006

Honors For High School Graduates

Mark Braun - Joe Nuxhall Scholarship
Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award
Bluffton U. Academic Distinction Scholarship
Marietta Dean's Scholarship
Butler County Retired Teachers Scholarship
AK Stephenson Foundation Scholarship
Miami University Leader Scholarship
Miami University Ohio Resident Scholarship
University of Toledo Tower Prestige Scholarship
Honor Graduate - State of Ohio Honors Diploma
State Board of Education Award of Merit
National Honor Society

Rachael Davis - Miami University Leader Scholarship
Miami University Ohio Resident Scholarship
Miami University MultiCultural Award

Bowling Green Univ. Academic Scholarship
Drum Major - 2 years - Ross High School
National Honor Society

Martha Helton - Edgewood Choral Boosters Scholarship

Principal's Award for The Outstanding Female
Student

Maurice C. Ittel Scholarship

Ron McDonell Memorial Scholarship

Outstanding French IV Student Award

Ohio University Gateway Scholarship

Indiana Wesleyan University Honors Scholarship

Eastern Michigan University Regents Scholarship

Butler County Chapter of Credit Unions Scholarship

Ohio Credit Union Foundation Scholarship

Delta Theta Chi Marie Heller Memorial Scholarship

Honor Graduate - State of Ohio Honors Diploma

State Board of Education Award of Merit

National Honor Society

Catherine Henrie - Butler Tech Award of Merit - Clerical Office Skills

Torch Award - one of the three students earning trip
to Orlando, Florida

Butler Tech Honor Roll

Sarah Keith - Fairfield High School Concert Band - 4 year Award

Mara Krall - Excellence in Modern American History

Honor Athlete Award

President's Education Award for Outstanding
Academic Excellence

Miami University Leadership Scholarship

Miami University Ohio Resident Scholarship

Indiana Wesleyan University Academic Scholarship

Honor Graduate - State of Ohio Honors Diploma

National Honor Society

Jennifer McKee - University of Evansville Athletic Scholarship

University of Evansville Academic Scholarship

Phyllis Sipple Memorial Scholarship

Army Reserve National Scholarship Athlete's Award

Hamilton High School Softball Most Valuable Player

First Team - All Conference, All District, All State

Cincinnati Enquirer All Star

Cum Laude Graduate - Top 20 in Senior Class

Jared Morris - Eternal Award, Vacation Bible School Worker - 2006



From The Heart Of Marilyn

College Corner

Results of those who responded to the questionnaire sent to recent graduates.

Mark Braun - Mark graduated from Edgewood High with honors. The thing that he will miss most after graduation is all my friends and the many different activities I have been involved in. He plans to attend the University of Toledo and possibly major in History and obtain a teaching degree. His favorite Bible verse is: *"I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength."* Philippians 4:13. Mark says, "Attending First Baptist has shown me how to be a true Christian. The people of First Baptist truly love Christ and you have taught me what it takes to grow up in today's difficult world as a disciple of Jesus. For me, First Baptist has become a second home, a place where I feel comfortable being myself yet know and feel God's presence. Thank you for being here for me."

Rachael Davis - Rachael graduated from Ross High School. The thing that she will miss most about school after graduation is being in the band and being Drum Major! She plans to attend Miami University in the fall and major in business and work in fashion. Rachael's favorite Bible verse is: *"Place me like a seal over your heart, like a seal on your arm; for love is as strong as death, its jealousy unyielding as the grave. It burns like blazing fire like a mighty flame. Many waters cannot quench love; rivers cannot wash it away. If one were to give all the wealth of his house for love, it would be utterly scorned."* Song of Songs 8:6-7. Rachael says that attending First Baptist "has give me a church family to turn to and encourage me in my walk with Christ. First Baptist means family to me."

Martha Helton - Martha graduated from Edgewood High School with honors. The thing that she will miss most about school after graduation is her special group of very good friends; their movie nights, doing plays and musicals and Choraliers together. She plans to attend Eastern Michigan University and major in Social Work. Her favorite Bible verse is: *"But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart."* Luke 2:19. Martha says, "I like this (verse) because it reminds me I need to have 'quiet times' in a busy schedule when I think about the blessings the Lord has given me, and I remember the gift of Jesus, like Mary

did on that first Christmas." About how attending First Baptist Church has helped in her Christian walk Martha says, "I have really appreciated the prayers that were offered for me. I also appreciated the support of the members of First Baptist who came to concerts, musicals, plays, and Show Choir performances. It was wonderful to look out at those faces and know they cared about my life outside of the church building."

Catherine Henrie - Cat graduated from Ross High School. The thing that she will miss most about school after graduation is all the great times she had and all of her friends. She plans to get a job, learn to drive, and get an apartment. Her favorite Bible verse is: *"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."* Psalm 23:4. Cat appreciates attending First Baptist Church because it has helped her make more Christian friends

Sarah Keith - Sarah graduated from Fairfield High School. The thing that she will miss most about school after graduation is her friends. She plans to attend Miami University of Hamilton majoring in Early Education. Sarah says that "First Baptist Church has always been overly supportive in prayer and many other ways. There was always some there to help guide me and the other kids through the tough days. Margie and Thelma have been a huge part in my life and I know many others as well. Although they were not alone in their efforts to teach us the way to live as children of God, I would like acknowledge and commend everyone who put their time and efforts into helping us grow closer to God. Thank you for the small group discussions, the creative minds that made VBS happen and puppets come alive, the ears eager to listen, the patience to keep telling us to never give up, the willingness to help and support us through our struggles, and thank you to Ruth who we can never thank enough for putting her all into everyone of the KingKids productions. There is someone before all the rest who took every one of us as her own. She was the one who first taught us 'Father Abraham'. She captivated the minds and hearts of every child. Her cheerfulness put a smile on every face. She embraced each one of us with her unconditional love. Teacher Peggy will always be a part of our lives. Having a strong foundation to build on is what got me through the past 18 years."

Mara Krall - Mara graduated from Talawanda High School. The thing that she will miss most about school after graduation is her friends and the fact that being a kid is coming to a close. She will also miss all of the activities like football games, dances, basketball games, pep rallies, snow days, etc. She plans to attend Miami University in the fall majoring in Elementary Education and getting her Special Education license. Her favorite Bible Verse is: *“The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my rock in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.”* Psalm 18:2. Mara says, “First Baptist Church has become a family to me. You have remained my anchor in the good times and bad. The love that is in this place and with the members of our church continues to amaze me. I have grown up in this church and with you. You will always have a place in my heart.”

Adam Metzger - Adam graduated from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity. The thing that she will miss most about school after graduation is the community of likeminded people similar in age and experience. Adams says that he decided to further his education because “You can never know enough. Neither of my brothers have masters degrees. Now I’m the smartest–by far!” His favorite Bible Verses are: *“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”* Ephesians 3:20-21 This accomplishment in life will help further God’s kingdom by giving Adam more knowledge of ministry, ministry resources, and practical experience is a good reference through which to continue ministry. Adam says, “First Baptist Church has always supported me in prayer and financially while in seminary. Even though I’ve been away, I’ve always felt a part of the First Baptist Church community through cards, letters, and people visiting us up in Chicago. You really are a loving congregation. I’ve always called First Baptist church ‘home’ and probably always will.”

Doug Moorehead - Doug graduated from LeTourneau University with a B.S. Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. The thing that he will miss most about school after graduation will be the friends that he has made playing on the varsity golf team. He will also miss the close community of believers at LeTourneau University. He plans to attend The Ohio State University College of Dentistry in the fall. Doug’s favorite Bible Verses is: *“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me:*

and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me” Galatians 2:20. He says, “My most meaningful experience in college was getting the opportunity to travel to Israel during Spring Break of this last year. It was an amazing experience to be able to see the settings of the Bible. Attending First Baptist has helped me in my Christian walk by providing me a community of believers who are very encouraging and truly care for me.”

Jared Morris - Jared graduated from Edgewood High School. The thing that he will miss most about school after graduation is hanging out with his friends. He plans to attend Eastern Kentucky University and to major in either elementary education or criminal justice. His favorite Bible Verse is: *“I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”* John 15:5. Jared says, “First Baptist Church is where I started my Christian life. I asked Jesus in my heart during the week of Vacation Bible School when I was nine years old. It’s comforting to know that there will be people praying for me.”

Important!! We need all college students addresses as soon as possible. Please call Marilyn Bowling 863-2435 or the church office 868-1412.

–Marilyn Bowling



Celebration Ringers Offer Training

In September we begin a new year of handbell ringing. We always welcome new ringers. If you are interested in being a part of the handbell ministry please contact Elaine Tragesser at 863-5018 or sing the sheet on the door of room 208. We will be offering introductory lessons on handbell ringing in July and August. See Elaine for times and dates.

–Elaine Tragesser
Director of Celebration Ringers



Camp Points 2006

The following students will be using their camp points for 2006 to go to Camp Kirkwood:

Darin Chamberlain
Stephanie Mullins
Zach Mullins
Ryan Schwab
Emily Cain
Samantha Blackwell
Shawna Tettters
Sydney Wilson
Noelle Wilson
Lauren Imhoff
Lauryn Emenaker
Taylor Emenaker
Kalyne Schuermann
Taylor Schuermann
Heidi Martin
Tyson Heinrich

Also the following will be going to Camp Kirkwood but did not earn camp points.

Karen Watts
Lyndsey Miller
Brittany Hall

—Loretta Hampton
Camp Points 2006



Carpenter's Hands Signs Of Love



Silent Dinners

The **Silent Dinner** for **July** will be held on Friday evening, July 7th, at Kenwood Mall. See you there!

Interpreter Schedule For July

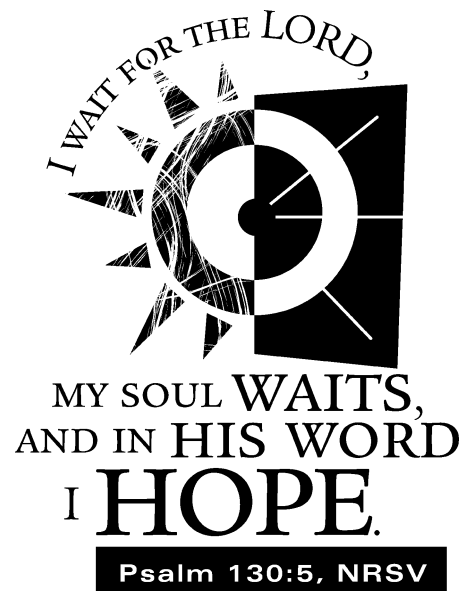
July 2	Jo Manson	Maria Miller
July 9	Maria Miller	
July 16	Jo Manson	Maria Miller
July 23	Jo Manson	Maria Miller
July 30	Jo Manson	Maria Miller

Happy Birthday



No July birthdays

—Maria Miller
Director of Deaf Ministries





Child Care Schedule For July



Nursery (Morning)

July 2 - John & Cheryl Motzer
July 9 - John & Cheryl Motzer
July 16 - Dick & Kathy Inloes
July 23 - Dick & Kathy Inloes
July 30 - Rob & Jenny VanMeter

One & Two Year Olds

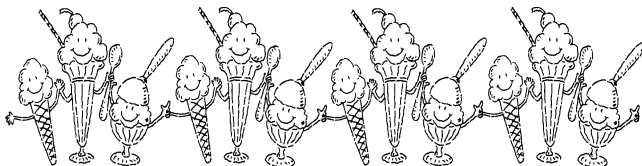
July 2 - David Hendrickson & Mary Brown
July 9 - Chris & Claire Metzger
July 16 - Debbie Allen & Lauren
July 23 - Debbie Allen & Lauren
July 30 - Debbie Allen & Lauren

Kinderchurch

July 2 - Nancy Follmer
July 9 - Brad & Jerri Begley
July 16 - Brad & Jerri Begley
July 23 -
July 30 - Bill & Sandra Imhoff

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)
Claire Metzger (642-0434)



Wednesday Family Dinners

There will be no Wednesday Dinners during the months of July and August!

July Greeters

July 2 - Sandy Keller, Flo Gill, & Katie Hoskins
July 9 - Brian Begley, Bud Braun, & Teri Horsley
July 16 - Brad Gerth, Helen Mullen, & J.K. Walker
July 23 - Janet Day, John Riczko, & Nancy Follmer
July 30 - Evelyn Maddox, Mary Petry, & Connie Taylor

Curios Needed For Curio Cabinets

As we enter the autumn season and return to our institutions of learning, "Back to School" is the chosen theme for our curio cabinets in the connector. Colossians 3:23 states, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men . . ." Certainly that should include our study habits.

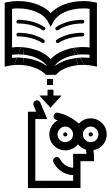
Your help is needed! May we borrow from your store of collectables, old or new, anything pertaining to the classroom. Memorabilia on any subject is welcome—the three R's, science, music, geography, history. Suggestions include, lunch boxes, music, books, globe, pencil boxes, slates, school bell, etc. Anything that fits the category will be welcome. (Does anyone have a dunce cap?)

In selecting an artifact, consider these guidelines, (a) small enough to fit on a shelf, (b) mark it with your name, and include its age and history if you know it, (c) deadline is August 2nd.

I appreciate the loan of the wedding pictures and the nice comments they created. Did you read the Bible verses?

Contact me for the next display if you can help. Thanks.

—Carol Howard (887-9415)



Pastor Jeremy's Think Tank

I'm late I know

After you read this article you will agree with the title of it. As I sit down to write this article I just got back from a week at camp directing the Extreme Camp. It was a great week of challenges, lessons, fun, new friends and so on. The week consisted of a day of team building activities, a day of extreme service, extreme fun, and most importantly extreme encounters with God.

One of the activities we did for our extreme encounter with God was a prayer labyrinth. It was an activity in which there was a maze set up on the floor and different stations to do things at. It was a powerful time of giving God an hour out of our day and focus on Him.

A couple of the stations were especially powerful and I want to share one of those with you. It was station 3 on our journey in the labyrinth, simple but powerful. When you stopped at this station, there was a bucket with water and some stones laid out in front of you. You were then instructed to pick up a stone and think of a sin, something you had done or was done to you that caused hurt, a pain in your life, or anything that was getting in your way with the relationship with God you have always wanted. The next step was simply to let the pebble go into the bucket of water. This was a simple exercise of how we all need to let go of something that is hindering our coming to God. The question is: do you need to let something go in order for God to minister to you? Are you willing to drop a pebble into the bucket and let God take care of it?

I encourage you to join me in letting go of the things that keep us from enjoying God and the blessings that come from resting in his arms. We are told in God's Word "humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." (1 Peter 5:6-7) Truly let us begin to humble ourselves before the Lord and cast all our cares, sins, hurts, anxieties, and anything that holds us back to him. It means we must let go of the control on our life and trust that the one we are giving these things to knows what He is doing. I really believe this is the best way to live, but do you? The answer is yours.

As the old adage goes, "better late than never" and I hope you will feel the same way after hearing these words today. I hope to share with you more adventures from "Extreme Camp" at Kirkwood in the

next issue of the *Courier* but only God knows what will be on my mind then.

Until next month your "extreme" youth pastor,
Jeremy

UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 2nd: All Church picnic in the park. Teens I will be leading devotions so I hope to see you there. Plenty of food as usual and see information that is elsewhere in this *Courier*.

July 5th: Wet N Wild night part 1 during Lifeline. Please bring clothes that can get wet, dirty, and also your swimming suits suitable for church. We will have the giant slip n slide, water games, and tons of fun. Join us for this great night of water and games.

July 7th-8th: CREW camping trip to Kirkwood. Cost will be \$5 per person and we are leaving **promptly** at 5:30pm on Friday and returning at 5:00pm on Saturday. Bring clothes, toiletries, swimsuits, towels, sleeping bag and an attitude ready to relax around the campfire and have fun in the process. You **need** to sign up so we know how much food to provide. Tents will be provided.

July 9th: From 5:30pm-7:30pm we will be at the Keith's house for a Corn Hole Tournament, food and a brief devotional. Transportation provided and see Jeremy to sign up for a ride.

July 12th: Community outreach event with First Church of God Hamilton from 6:30pm-8:30pm. More details will be available very soon.

July 16th: From 5:30pm-7:30pm we will be at the Michele and Rachel Harris' house for a bonfire, food and a brief devotional. Transportation provided and see Jeremy to sign up for a ride.

July 23rd: From 5:30pm-7:30pm we will be at the Millers' house for a swim party, games, food and a brief devotional. Transportation provided and see Jeremy to sign up for a ride.

July 30th: CREW Picnic at Holloway Park. We will be playing sand volleyball, other games, have some food, a devotional and loads of fun. More details on who needs to bring what type of food will be available later in the month. See Jeremy for more information.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p>2 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 5:00 Picnic@ Holloway Park</p> <p>9 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 4:30 Board of Missions 4:30 Awana Staff Mtg. 5:30 CREW Corn Hole Tournament @ Keith's home 6:00 Evening Celebration</p> <p>16 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 4:30 Diaconate 5:00 Advisory Board 5:30 CREW to Harris' home for Bonfire 6:00 Evening Celebration</p> <p>23 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 5:30 CREW @ Miller's for swim party 6:00 Evening Celebration</p> <p>30 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 6:00 Evening Celebration 6:00 CREW Picnic@ Holloway Park</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10 7:15 Men's Softball Blue</p> <p>17 10:00 KeenAgers B&B Riverboat Luncheon Cruise 6:15 Men's Softball Blue</p> <p>24 7:15 Men's Softball Blue</p> <p>31 6:15 Men's Softball Blue</p>	<p>4 Independence Day!! Church Offices Closed!</p> <p>11 8:30 Matthew 25 9:30 Totally Terrific Tuesday Putt-Putt 9:15 Men's Softball Gray</p> <p>18 10:15 Totally Terrific Tuesday Bowling 6:15 Men's Softball Gray</p> <p>25 10:00 Totally Terrific Tuesday "Innie" 6:15 Men's Softball Gray</p>	<p>5 6:30 <i>Road Rally For Jesus</i> 6:30 Lifeline 6:45 Adult Bible Study 6:45 Carpenter's Hands</p> <p>12 6:30 <i>Road Rally For Jesus</i> 6:30 Lifeline-Community Outreach w/First Church of God 6:45 Adult Bible Study 6:45 Carpenter's Hands</p> <p>19 6:30 <i>Road Rally For Jesus</i> 6:30 Lifeline 6:45 2nd Qtr. Business Meeting 6:45 Carpenter's Hands</p> <p>26 6:30 <i>Road Rally For Jesus</i> 6:30 Lifeline 6:45 Adult Bible Study 6:45 Carpenter's Hands</p>	<p>6 6:30 Music & Worship Committee</p> <p>13 5:30 Board of Trustees</p> <p>20</p> <p>27</p>	<p>7 5:30 CREW Camping @Kirkwood</p> <p>14</p> <p>21 Return from Mission Trip to Bayou LaBatre, AL</p> <p>28</p>	<p>1 8:00 Men's Prayer Gathering</p> <p>8 5:00 CREW Return Camping @Kirkwood</p> <p>15 6:00 <i>Christmas In July</i> @ Butler Tech</p> <p>Leave for Mission Trip to Bayou LaBatre, AL</p> <p>22 6:00 Sunday School Teachers & Helpers Carry-In Dinner @ Barb Arnold's Home</p> <p>29</p>

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5:00 Picnic@ Holloway Park

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4:30 Board of Missions
4:30 Awana Staff Mtg.
5:30 CREW Corn Hole Tournament @ Keith's home
6:00 Evening Celebration

16 9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
4:30 Diaconate
5:00 Advisory Board
5:30 CREW to Harris' home for Bonfire
6:00 Evening Celebration

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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| 1 - Aidan Gleason
Isabella Wallace | 15 - Isabell Johnson | 27 - Mary Flo Braun
Sue Neiman
Chance Patrick |
| 2 - Bernie Griesinger
Kattee Wells
Tabitha Wells | 16 - Glen House
Skyler Yates | 28 - Don Tragesser
Edna Uhl
Jay Wallace
Nancy Whipple |
| 3 - Bob Borden
Jewell Bowling
John Diedrichs | 17 - Justin Baker
Carole Busch
Benjamin Geiss
Madelyn Hall
Margaret Hoel
Mitchell Inloes
Emogene Kellum | 29 - Jessica Acus
Ray Chambers
Paul Grimes
Danny Moorehead |
| 4 - Dick Avey
Lillian Lakes | 18 - Mary Ann Johnson
Louella Madden
Kim Siman | 30 - Rosie Burtis
Jason Fernandez
Jamie Howard
Ralph Jones
Laurin Sprague
Zachary Dichtl |
| 5 - Betty Cross | 20 - Peggy Avance
Kristy Buchanan
Erin Gingrich | 31 - Margie Braun
Jerry Busch
Mildred Hangbers
Dick Hatten |
| 6 - Peggy Avey
Mark Hanna
Noah Krall | 21 - Betty Bailes Zeller | |
| 8 - Amber Murrell | 22 - David Hazelwood
Jack Voss | |
| 9 - Glendene Hall
Barb Hendricks
Joe Sackenheim
Hazel Scruggs | 23 - Larry Dulli | |
| 10 - Alice Dungan
Beverly Flaig
Ray Wallace | 24 - Glenna Corbin
Nathaniel Geiss
Doris Hartley | |
| 11 - Melynda Hazelwood | 25 - Cameron Hampton
Jim Thomas | |
| 12 - Emily Rankey | 26 - Tom Allen
Ellie Meder
Gary Mozingo | |
| 13 - Merle Grubbs | | |
| 14 - Ryan Finnerty
Anne Hazelwood
Connie Taylor | | |

Note: 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.

Personal Notes



From Pastor Bill & Bert Brantingham

Thank you so much for the many, many 55th Anniversary Cards we received. We especially appreciated the personal notes you added! We're going to shoot for 45 more anniversaries!

From Darryl Paragin

I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the many prayers, cards, calls, compassion and concern from everyone on my recent back surgery. Special thanks to Don and Pat Gingrich, Gene and Carol Howard, Jerry Hampton, and Jerry Wallace. Special thanks also to Pastor Bill for his visits. I feel very blessed to be a member of this church family.

Undivided Hearts Quartet

On Sunday evening, August 6th, at 6:00 p.m. the Undivided Hearts Quartet of Hamilton, Ohio will be appearing once again in concert in our church. Their sound is a unique mix of traditional and Southern Gospel music. They have committed themselves to ministering to churches in the Midwestern and Southern regions of the United States. Please plan to come and bring your family and friends. This is a wonderful opportunity to support the ministry of this group of young men.

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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Hamilton, Ohio 45013

Schramm, Kryz

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Phone # 863-2950

Winkler, Glenn and Norma

1210 Stephanie Drive # 3
Hamilton, Ohio 45013



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