

The Courier

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



"Where everybody is somebody and Jesus Christ Is Lord"

July/August, 2007

Prepare For Great Vacation

We are in the midst of the summer vacation season. Many have traveled far just for a change, to visit relatives or to see some new place. I remember the first time I saw the ocean. What an impression it made upon me. It was something new and different and it was very exciting. We all need vacations. We all need a change of pace from time to time and to do something different and exciting. As we go through life, we find things that we really look forward to. Vacations are one such thing. Many people like to go back home, wherever they came from.

God has planned a great vacation for all who will hear and obey His voice. It will be a great homecoming—a great new experience for all those who have prepared to go with Him. Jesus said, "In my Father's house are many mansions, I go to prepare a place for you and if I go and prepare a place for you and come again and receive you unto myself that where I am there you may be also." (John 14)

One great problem we have is that we are so busy doing the things we do day-in and day-out for this life, we forget about the greatest vacation of all time.

We are leaving soon for a two-week vacation. It is very rare that we get to do this and we are excited about it. We will visit relatives for part of it in Kentucky, Georgia, and Florida. But for much of it, we will see new places and take a lot of time just to rest. But it will also be a time of spiritual revival and refreshing. We will worship in a new location with new friends and we will also take time for prayer and reading. A true vacation should be for the whole person—body, mind, and spirit. To go on vacation is not to run away from worship or to escape weekly rituals, but it should be to renew and enhance what we already have. It should be a spiritually uplifting time as well. After all, we are preparing for the greatest of all vacations.

Prayer also is a vital part of that preparation. Paul wrote, "Pray without ceasing." (I Thessalonians 5:17) He also said, "Be careful for nothing, but in everything with prayers, supplication and thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God and the peace of God that passes all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7)

Don't worry about anything, but in prayer turn it over to God. Have we learned to do this? Are you able by faith to allow God to have complete control of your life to the point that you "don't worry?" This is where God wants us to be in our relationship with Him—here in this life so we will be prepared to be with Him eternally. What plans do you have for that "great vacation?" Now is the time to get ready for the greatest trip ever!

—David Stidham

Second Quarter Business Meetings

The Advisory Board will meet on Sunday, July 15th, 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 18th, 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, 2008. 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.





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 Conventions's discipleship goals. In addition, she also teaches at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Santiago.

Bible Book For July Psalms 1-72

"Give unto the Lord the glory due to His name."
Psalm 29:2 (NKJV)

No doubt Psalm is the best loved book in the Old Testament. Some has called it the solid gold of Christian experience. Slip in wherever you will and you will find a treasure. Every psalm is a direct expression of the soul's consciousness of God. The Psalms magnify and praise the Lord, exalt God's attributes, God's names, God's word, and God's goodness.

PRAISE GOD for sustaining grace as American Baptist missionaries carry out the Great Commission.

Missionary for the Month of **August**:
Burma Convention

A number of years ago all missionaries had to leave Burma which is now Myanmar. When American Baptist missionaries left there was a strong Burma Baptist Convention which has continued to share the Good News. International Ministries continues to support the work with prayer and financial support.

Myanmar Institute of Theology has started a Christian liberal arts educational program called BARS (Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies). It graduated its second four year class in March, 2005.

There is a Health Care Clinic in Insein which treats many students and people from the community. Our support is appreciated.

Bible Book For August I Samuel

"I will honor those who honor me, and I will treat with contempt those who despise me." I Samuel 2:30 (TEV)

The events recorded in I Samuel over a period of about one hundred and fifteen years from the childhood of Samuel

through the troublesome times of Saul to the beginning of the reign of the king who God choose, David. The theme of this book is that faithfulness to God brings success, while disobedience brings disaster.

PRAY that many persons may be brought into the Kingdom through the planting of new churches.

—Madge Walters



We will be making our monthly trip to Matthew 25: Ministries for a wonderful day of fellowship, fun, and **WORKING FOR THE LORD** Thursday, July 26th and also on Thursday, August 23rd. We will leave the church at 8:30 a.m. returning at about 3:00 p.m. Come dressed to **WORK** - bring your own sack lunch and beverage. Remember - this is **NOT** just for the KeenAgers, there may be young people who would like to come along and see if they can keep up with the "old geezers", everyone is welcome to be a part of this ministry.

—Pastor Bill and Bert Brantingham

KeenAger July and August Meetings

July

The KeenAgers will be touring "The Creation Museum-Genesis" in Northern Kentucky, Monday, July 16th. Watch the weekly bulletin for costs, times, lunch, and other details. Please sign the list on the bulletin board.

There will be no **August** KeenAger event.

Watch the weekly bulletin for further details. Please sign the lists on the bulletin board.

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



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A Personal Declaration

The first Independence Day, July 4, 1776, was probably more somber than spectacular. Drafted by Thomas Jefferson between June 11 and June 28, 1776, the final version of the Declaration of Independence expressed in powerful phrases what was on the heart and minds of the bravest of citizens.

The political philosophy of the Declaration was not new--its ideals of individual liberty had already been expressed by John Locke and the continental philosophers. What Jefferson did was to summarize this philosophy in "self-evident" truths, and set forth a long list of grievances against King George III of Britain in order to justify before the world the breaking of ties between the colonies and the mother country.

In essence, the war against England had already begun. Battles had been fought at Lexington, Concord, and Breed's (Bunker) Hill. Colonial troops had seized Ticonderoga and Crown Point. American vessels at sea were proclaimed forfeit to the Crown. Britain was incensed by the American attitude and lack of appreciation for all that the mother country had provided for her children. And she was determined to make short work of their response against the American rebellion.

The *Declaration of Independence* was signed by 56 of the colony's bravest citizens. But these brave men were not celebrating with fireworks. They had, in effect, affixed their signatures to a *treasonous document*. The representatives of the 13 British Colonies in North America had defied the English Crown. In the signing, they knew that there could be trouble; and they were right.

Research helps us better understand the importance of the *Declaration of Independence* and the character of the men who signed it 231 years ago. Contrary to popular myth, these brave signers were not Colonial dandies in knee breeches, velvet vests, and powdered wigs, a portrayal we are used to seeing in John Trumbull's painting of the signing in Independence Hall, Philadelphia. Nor were they were 18th century radicals looking for a cause in the new world. These were men fully committed to what it was they were proposing. These were brave men and true. States the last line of the Declaration of Independence:

And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor.

They kept their pledge. Of the 56 who signed the Declaration, nine died of wounds or hardships during the Revolutionary War. Five were captured or imprisoned, some suffering brutal treatment. Wives, sons, and daughters of others were killed, jailed, mistreated, persecuted, or left penniless. One was driven from his wife's death bed, and lost all his children. Twelve houses were burned down. Seventeen signers lost everything they owned.

Everyone was described as a traitor and hunted. Most were barred from their homes and families. Most were *offered* immunity, freedom, rewards, or the release of land and loved ones *to break their word* or to take their king's protection. But not a *single signer defected* or changed his stand. Their honor, like the nation, remained intact.

I suppose that we might not ever know what it would take to *break us of our commitments (or perhaps we know all too well!)*. When pressed to the wall, what about us? Would we dare sign our names to the cross of Jesus, our *Declaration of Spiritual Dependence*? Would we find a tiny space in the bottom edge of the cross? Or, like the President of the Congress, John Hancock, on the center beam of the cross, would we sign our names in letters *bold and large*?

One thinks of the major characters of the Old and New Testaments and realize that they were ready to *give everything they had* to follow the Lord. They lived by faith, not knowing what the future held for them, but willing to trust the Lord for His guidance and direction. After mentioning the great heroes of the faith, who suffered much and trusted more, the writer of Hebrews tells us that these men and women:

...through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies...the world was not worthy of them (Heb 11:32-40).

During our national celebration, let us remember what it cost the brave men and women to secure the freedom we so much enjoy. **And in like manner, let each of us sign on to indicate our commitment to our Lord with bold and sure letters.**

Celebrating freedom with you, Pastor

Crossroads Hospice

Looking for a meaningful volunteer opportunity?
This could be your "personal ministry"

Crossroads Hospice needs caring volunteers to assist terminally ill patients and their families in their own homes or in nursing facilities. Our volunteers provide valuable "behind the scenes" support, too!

- Visiting, reading or *just listening*-*"being there"*-are some of the ways a volunteer can share time with a hospice patient.
- Families benefit from volunteers who can assist with errands, or who befriend or offer respite relief to a patient's spouse or caregiver.
- Volunteers may also **create crafts/quilts/knitted-crocheted** items for patients, back birthday cakes, provide **office support**, help us grant patients' "Gift of the Day Wishes,"
- or plan and participate in tea parties and other **special events** for Crossroads Hospice patients within the community.
- Currently Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers who can visit patients at **Butler Co. Care Center, Sunrise of Hamilton, or in patients' homes or other nursing facilities in the Butler co./Hamilton/Fairfield areas.**
- Volunteer training and ongoing support is provided.

For more information, contact:
Diane Kleinfelter, Volunteer Coordinator
95130 793-5070
Email: diane@crossroadshospice.com

Budget Status Report

The Month of May, 2007

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$61,400
Offerings	<u>53,885</u>
Over (Under) Budget	(\$ 7,515)

Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$64,026
Offerings	<u>53,885</u>
Over (Under) Actual	(\$10,141)

The Year Through May, 2007

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$310,149
Offerings	<u>261,304</u>
Over (Under) Budget	(\$48,845)

Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$293,347
Offerings	<u>261,304</u>
Over (Under) Actual	(\$32,043)

-The Board Of Trustees

Exciting News For The Chow Family

Greetings Pastor Den,
We hope this finds you doing well. We are very excited to share our news of adopting a young boy, thirteen years old, from Guatemala. Upon returning from Casa Bernabe in Guatemala last July, we decided that this boy, Miguel, had stolen our heart. We have prayed diligently over the past year and in April decided to move forward with God's lead. As you can imagine, the financially burden is something that we knew would only be taken care of by God if this was clearly what we were to do. With all of the fundraising and support from friends we are happy to say we are a third of the way there! God is so AWESOME! New Life Vineyard is hosting a Bob-B-Q luncheon on July 8th from 10:30-2:00, for our mission trip this July. Tickets are just \$6 per person, or \$25 per family. Part of the proceeds will go to our adoption fund that is set up at the church and the rest will go directly to Casa Bernabe Orphanage. There will be fellowship after lunch with a cornhole tournament (after all, we are Hamiltonians! Ha!) It sounds like great fun and wanted to know if it would be okay by you to announce this special fundraising event to the congregation at First Baptist. We can get the particulars to you if this is something you could help support. Always, we appreciate the prayers in this monumental decision for our family. We just are so convinced that God is in this and He is leading the way! We simply just get to be part of the blessing. Thanks so much for your time and we look forward to hearing from you.
Sincerely,
Greg and Kim Chow



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 April, May, and June, 2007.

Beginner

Karen Buchanan

Parenting

Stan Brown

Kindergarten

Kalynne Schuermann

Keystone

Ron Gerth

Middler/Junior

Lisa Dulli

Taylor Schuermann

Bettie Carmack

Kathy Chambers

Ray Chambers

Betty Eicher

Bob Eicher

7th & 8th

Jordan Allen

LaVerne Gerth

Isabell Johnson

Evelyn Maddox

Jack Maddox

TNT

Chris Metzger

Claire Metzger

Fred Schilling

Irene Schilling

Connie Taylor

FOCUS

Rick Baker

Dwain Brewer

Don Perry

Martha Perry

Carpenter's Hands

Robert Williams

Office

Linda Gibbs

Carol Howard



Sunday School Promotion Day for those completing Kindergarten through 5th grade will be August 26th during the last part of the Sunday School hour. These students should report to their new class on September 2nd. Children under Kindergarten age are permitted to advance to the next age level on their birthday if the parents and teachers feel they are developmentally ready for the next class. Children must be 3 by September 30, 2007 in order to attend Awana this fall.

—Barb Arnold

Sunday School Superintendent



Green Lake Global Mission Gathering:

Living Stones for Missions (1 Peter 2) August 4-9, 2007

Become a player in missions at the Green Lake Global Mission Gathering! Interact with missionaries and attend practical hands-on intensive workshops with will train and equip you for possible service overseas. This low tech/high touch conference is planned by a team of American Baptist missionaries, Green Lake Conference Center staff and volunteers, and a representative from American Baptist Churches' (ABC) International Ministries. This week will provide an opportunity to build relationships with people/churches beyond ABC. Tracks for children and youth will be included.

Program Fees: Adults-\$90 per person (spouse-additional \$60). **Youth** (ages 12-17)-\$45. **Children** (ages 2-11)-\$13 per child per day. \$11 per day per each additional child in same family. **Infants & toddlers**-\$16 per child per day.

Lodging: A wide range of lodging facilities are available including hotels, houses, dorm rooms, cabins and camping. Call Green Lake for rates and reservations.

Meals: Meals are \$28 per person per day for youth and adults; \$18.50 for children ages 6-11; children 5 and under eat free.

Scholarships are available. Space is limited—register today by calling: (920)294-3323

Featuring

Jon Lewis - President/CEO of Partners International, global ministry that works to create and grow communities of Christian witness in partnership with God's people in the least Christian regions of the world.

Dr. Reid Trulson - Executive director of American Baptist Churches' International Ministries (IM).

Dr. Dan Fountain - Served as a medical missionary to Congo for 35 years with IM. He founded an integrated medical-pastoral care ministry in the Vanga Hospital for the healing of the whole person.



**Soft Ball Schedules
(Second Half of Season)**

Blue Team

June 18	# 3 @	6:30 p.m.
June 25	# 3 @	7:40 p.m.
July 2	Bye	
July 9	# 4 @	8:50 p.m.
July 16	# 4 @	6:30 p.m.
July 23	# 3 @	8:50 p.m.
July 30	# 3 @	8:50 p.m.
August 6	# 1 @	7:40 p.m.

Gray Team

June 19	# 1 @	6:30 p.m.
June 26	# 4 @	8:50 p.m.
July 3	# 2 @	7:40 p.m.
July 10	# 4 @	6:30 p.m.
July 17	# 1 @	8:50 p.m.
July 24	# 5 @	7:40 p.m.
July 31	# 3 @	8:50 p.m.

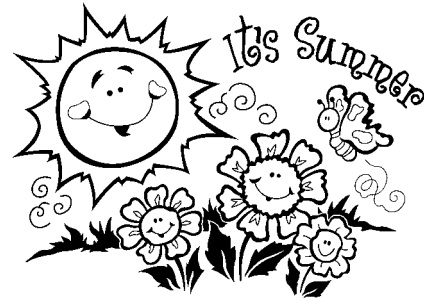
Co-Ed White Team

June 22	# 1 @	6:30 p.m.
June 29	# 1 @	8:50 p.m.
July 6	# 4 @	7:40 p.m.
July 13	# 4 @	7:40 p.m.
July 20	# 1 @	8:50 p.m.
July 27	# 1 @	7:40 p.m.
August 3	# 4 @	6:30 p.m.

-Josh Metzger
Sports and Recreation

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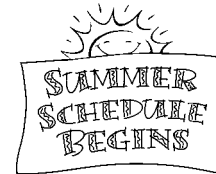
Reminder: All articles for the monthly newsletter, The Courier, are due in the church office by the 15th of the month. They can be emailed to Ellie at ellie.dinger@fuse.net or elliedinger@juno.com. Articles received after the 20th may not be in that month's newsletter.



**Miami Baptist Association
Summer Fun Day
Camp Kirkwood**

Join with kids from other churches for a day of fellowship and fun together Saturday, July 14th, from 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Kirkwood, our American Baptist Camp & Conference Center. There will be field sports, children's games, water activities, hayrides, fishing, canoeing, opening & closing ceremonies. The cost is \$8 per person which includes a picnic lunch and snack. This is for children and youth (K - 8), parents and adult leaders. High school youth can help with games. Registration is due by July 8th. See Loretta Hampton for further information and to register.

-Loretta Hampton
Camp Co-ordinator



**Wacky Wednesdays &
Totally Terrific Tuesdays!**

We are continuing our summer program with our Wacky Wednesdays and Totally Terrific Tuesdays throughout July and August. Please take the opportunity to join us and invite neighbors, family and friends to come on our fantastic adventures this summer. You can register on the board downstairs at church near the Kinderchurch room, or even on the day of the event. Please try to register before hand though as this will help with numbers! Please see following schedule:

Totally Terrific Tuesday Summer Schedule

(appropriate for kids going to 1st grade through completed 5th grade; younger children must be chaperoned by an adult)

Each week we will have a devotional, Bible verse for the day, and a journal entry.

At the end of the program, everyone will have a keepsake journal!

July

July 10th: INNIE DAY-“Make It & Take It” Day at church; 10 am to 2 pm; \$3 for T-shirt and lunch; lots of things to make and take home! When making reservation, please give shirt size; we are making Son Club T-shirts to wear on our field trips, so if you think you will come to any events, please come to make a T-shirt!

July 17th: OUTTIE DAY-“Pump It Up” & VOA park in West Chester; Meet at 10:00; Bring \$7 & a sack lunch; wear comfy clothes (MUST have socks for Pump It Up) & sunscreen for park; return to church by 2:00 (wear your Son Club T-shirt!)

July 24th: OUTTIE DAY--Newport Aquarium; meet at 9:00 am, return by 2:00; bring \$5/child, \$10/adult & a sack lunch, as well as souvenir \$, if desired (wear your Son Club T-shirt)

July 31st: OUTTIE DAY- Wright Patterson Air Force Base; recommended for kids who don't mind walking a lot! Meet at 8:45 am and will be back by 2:30 pm; bring \$4/child, \$5/adult for OMNIMAX, good walking shoes, and a sack lunch (wear your Son Club T-shirt!)

August

August 7th: OUTTIE DAY- Bowling @Columbia Lanes, followed by a game day in the gym; bring \$2.50, socks, and a sack lunch; meet at 9:00 am, pick up by 2:00 pm at the church (wear your Son Club T-shirt!)

August 14th: OUTTIE DAY-Miami University Recreation Center, Oxford; meet at 9:15 am, back by 2:30 pm; bring \$5 and a sack lunch; wear a modest swim suit; activities include swimming, basketball, soccer—bring appropriate clothes/shoes for playing; lifeguards, life jackets, showers and lockers at the center (wear your Son Club T-shirt!)

August 21st: INNIE DAY- at church, Pottery Painting and Art Day! Meet at 10:00 am in old clothes; \$13 fee includes piggy bank, paints, glazing, and lunch! Adults welcome! RSVP by AUGUST 10th! A few extra will be ordered, but need to have as close a count as possible!

PLEASE LOOK FOR THE SIGN UP SHEETS DOWNSTAIRS OR CALL BRANDI AT 738.2439 OR EMAIL AT BR9TEACHER@MSN.COM TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR ALL EVENTS. RESERVATIONS ARE ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT FOR “OUTTIE” DAYS TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE ENOUGH TRANSPORTATION. A CURRENT PERMISSION SLIP MUST BE ON FILE FOR FIELD TRIPS. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS THIS SUMMER! ☺



Carpenter's Hands Signs Of Love



Silent Dinners

The Silent Dinner for July will be held on Friday evening, July 6th, at Kenwood Mall and the August Silent Dinner will be Friday, August 3rd, at Tri-County Mall. See you there!

Interpreter Schedule For July & August

July 1	Robin Chamberlain	Maria Miller
July 8	Jo Manson	Maria Miller
July 15	Robin Chamberlain	Maria Miller
July 22	Jo Manson	Maria Miller
July 29	Jo Manson	Maria Miller
August 5	Robin Chamberlain	Jo Manson
August 12	Jo Manson	Maria Miller
August 19	Robin Chamberlain	Maria Miller
August 26	Jo Manson	Maria Miller

Happy Birthday



No July or August birthdays

—Maria Miller
Director of Deaf Ministries



Vacation Bible School

As we are writing our article we are in the midst of VBS 2007 – TAKE THE PLUNGE! We are so overwhelmed by all the awesome helpers and teachers that we have. God really has continued to bless us by gifting us with willing people who support the church's vision of reaching out to children.

We had a fantastic group of people take out flyers and canvas in local neighborhoods – we walked through Sharon Park and the Black Road estate. There were good conversations (we couldn't stop Jeremy talking-- believe me!) and good fellowship. We have already seen the fruits of that labor as several families joined us for VBS this week, through those invitations. We especially want to thank Rod and Lois Anderson and Cathi Thomas for going out a second time armed with 300 more flyers to invite more people to come join us at VBS!

We have had a lot to be thankful for during VBS this week. All the offerings that poured in are going to our ABC Missionary, Mike Mann, in Thailand. The money raised is being used to purchase water purification systems. Each system is about \$25 and is perfect as it only uses readily available resources so it can be used all over the world. It's shocking to think that 4,400 people die each day (1.6 million each year) due to water related illnesses, but the children and parents this week have graciously given money to help bring clean water. Each purification system that we buy, can provide for a family of 5, and makes over 30 liters (7.9 gallons) of water per hour. We have given over \$400 so far and we know that each dollar will be used to bring glory to God by helping our brothers and sisters in Thailand.

–Claire Metzger & Brandi Ememaker
Co-Directors of Vacation Bible School



The children's playground is nearing completion. An aluminum bronze-coated fence and gates have been installed around the play area. Topsoil has been put around the outside areas of the playground where grass seed has been sown and is starting to grow. We are still waiting for one more piece of equipment to ship and hope to have that installed as soon as it arrives.

As you walk by the playground, you will notice a large rock in the play area. This decorative boulder will hold a plaque to commemorate the vision of Peggy Chamberlain, as well as others whose bequests have made it possible for this dream to become a reality.

The children have enjoyed playing on the play set already. With this being accessible for the children to use there are some rules that need to be put into use. When children are out playing, an adult must be out on the playground at all times to supervise. Two benches are in the play area for use while supervising. Supervision is essential to ensure that the children will remain safe and play on the equipment as it was intended to be used. The play set is designed and constructed for children ages 5 -12 years of age. It is made for their size and weight capacity. The manufacturer, Playworld, does not recommend that teenagers and adults use the equipment. Adults/teens, however, may climb on the decks of the play set to help a child that needs assistance, but should refrain from spending much time on the equipment. No food or drinks are permitted in the play area. Keeping the area clean and free of food and drinks will help to discourage animals and insects from coming into the area to eat and to use the mulch as a litter box!

We want this to be a fun and safe area for the children to play. Taking care of what has been provided for our children will be an investment for the future of those who will follow in our footsteps.

Thank you again for all of your support for this project. To those who helped make this vision become a reality, it could not have happened without you!

–The Playground Committee

Playground Dedication

Please join us on Sunday, September 9th, as we formally present the playground and dedicate it to the service of God and children's ministries. We also will recognize the donations that made this project possible.

–Brandi Ememaker
Co-Director of Children's Ministries



Child Care Workers

Our Awana Adopt-a-Club is in Ghana. We received a letter from the Northern Ghana Awana Missionaries, Francis & Anna Kapoe. Here's an excerpt from that letter:

“Early this year we presented Awana to Kanvili Bible Church, a church located in the center of a Muslim community. Here is a story of what Awana is about doing. Pastor Eric Prah, the Program Director of Kanvili church, shares this with me.

Ibrahim is a Muslim, he is popularly known as ‘lawyer’ in the community where he lives. This boy is about 15 years and is the oldest in the club. He joined the Awana club early March this year with some of his age group, but when the friends discovered that it was a Christian club they ran away leaving Ibrahim. He decided to risk his life, for he realizes that Christ was important and is willing to give his life to him in order to know him as his savior. Ibrahim is very punctual at club meetings and contributes so well at handbook time.

During handbook time, Ibrahim is able to recite all his memory verses and answers every question put across to him. In one of those times he was asked by the Program Director whether he is sure if he dies he will go to heaven. He said, ‘yes I know I will go to heaven when I die’. How do you know that, ‘I know because I believe in Christ’. This is not normal for a Muslim to say he will go to heaven when he or she dies. Ibrahim’s background holds the view that one would not be able to know while still alive; only God knows.

The Program Director continues the story this way: He said, ‘When I told him about the Awana T-shirts he was the first person to deposit his money waiting for the T-shirts.’ (By this time, we hadn’t sent them uniforms). Just yesterday I saw him copying the Awana pledge in his note book so he can memorize at home and during his leisure time.”

During each Awana year, you can help support our Awana Adopt-a-Club in Ghana. The cost is \$3.50 for the year, or you can give 50¢ a month for seven months. The first year that you “adopt-a-club”, you get a red Adopt-a-Club patch. The second year you “adopt-a-club” you get a blue patch. Third year–green, fourth year–yellow. You cannot get more than one patch a year. When you move up from Cubbies to Sparks, or from Sparks to T&T, you start over with your patches. (You can get red & blue patches in Cubbies, then red, blue & green patches in Sparks, then red, blue, green & yellow patches in T&T). Leaders can choose between patches or a one-time pin.

–Emily Metzger
Awana Commander

We are in **urgent** need of childcare workers and Kinderchurch volunteers! It is not scary – we provide you with a well thought-out and prepared lesson, honestly! (With lots of glitter! 😊).

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 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!

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



Looking Ahead!

The fall trip to Oneida Baptist Institute is being planned for October. You can start putting good used clothing, coats, shoes, toys, etc. aside now for the trip. Watch for more details in the September Courier.

–Jerry Hampton



From The Heart Of Marilyn

College Corner

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

Chad Allen - Chad graduated from Ross High School. The thing that he will miss most school after graduation is his amazing friends, his drumline, and all of the pretty girls . . . He plans to attend Wright State University majoring in Music Education. His favorite Bible verse is: *“No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and of good courage . . .”* Joshua 1:5. Chad says, “I’ve come to realize that even though there are times that it seems like there isn’t a person in the world who would care about what I’m going through, there is always someone at this church who in fact does. Sometimes I just need someone to talk to, some to listen to me, and I’ve always found that comfort through this church.”

Andy Braun - Andy graduated from Ashland University with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and History. The thing that he will miss most about school after graduation is his friends, the Political Science/History professors, and good conversations/classes. He plans to work for a few months then if everything work out attend officer candidate school for the Marine Corps in January. His favorite Bible verses are: Psalm 23, John 1:1, and Ecclesiastes 1:18. Especially meaningful experiences for Mark during college was the many classes he took and several very good friendships. Mark says, “First Baptist laid the foundation for my faith and I have always been very thankful for the vast moral, material, and spiritual support I have received from FNC over the last 23 years and especially the last 5 years while attending Ashland.

Philip Dudley - Philip graduated from Cedarville University with a Bachelor Degree in International Studies. The thing that he will miss most about school after graduation is the friends and the companionship in the dorm. About future plans Philip says, “May 17, I ship to Fort Benning, Georgia to become a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army.” His favorite Bible verse is: *“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me”* Philippians 4:13. Philip says that an especially meaningful experience for him during his college years was the Bible study every Thursday night with his hallmates and getting to run Cedarville’s College Republicans. Philip says, “First Baptist Church has

provided a great learning environment for my spiritual growth, great friends and role models.”

Craig Keller - Craig graduated from Andersonville Theological Seminary in January, 2007 with a Master of Theology. Craig says, “I felt compelled by the Lord to further my education. It has deepened my knowledge and understanding of the scriptures. Hopefully, it will better equip me as a witness for Him, now and in the future years to come. His favorite Bible verse is: *“I will say to the Lord, ‘He is my refuge and my fortress: My God, in Him I will trust.’”* Psalm 91:2. Craig says, “In the past approximately 25 years I’ve been a member here, my spiritual walk has grown tremendously, due in large part to my church family here at First Baptist. I very much appreciate the Godly people that attend this church. You have been both an inspiration and witness to me, which in turn, has made me a better Christian.”

Benjamin Kelly - Ben graduated from the University of Cincinnati, June 9th, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature. The thing that he will miss most about school after graduation is the academic community, the conversations, his few friends, the lectures, being a nerd, and defending his faith in a university setting. About Ben’s plans after graduation he says, “I would like to spend more time with Betsey and get our new home in order; we still have packed-up boxes from when we moved in. As for work, I am going to work for my father’s steel fabrication business. I am going to read ‘good’ books, not like the garbage books one is forced to read in the university. I am also trying to write a novel before the end of the year.” His favorite Bible Verse is: *“Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”* Lamentations 3:22-23 and The Book of Job. About an especially meaningful experience for Ben during his college years, he says, “When I was a sophomore I read the book, ‘Can Man Live Without God,’ by Ravi Zacharias. Ever since then I have been greatly interested in Christian apologetics, philosophy and literature. That book changed my life as a Christian in a secular university.” Ben also says, “I have met many friends at First Baptist. I have also had a great Sunday School teacher for the short time I was here.”

Lauren Marceé Schwab - Lauren graduated from Talawanda High School. The thing that she will miss most about school after graduation is being in FFA. She says that the FFA has taught her leadership skills and helped her discover her passion in life. She says that she was able to obtain public speaking skills and many other communication skills which will be valuable to her success later in life. She plans to attend the Oxford campus of Miami University majoring in Mass Communications and

also says that she plans to fulfill the requirements to receive the American Farmer's Degree after graduation. Her favorite Bible Verse is: *"If you have faith, nothing shall be impossible unto you."* Matthew 17:20. Lauren says, "I have attended First Baptist Church all my life and this church has taught me how to be a leader in Christ. I was able to accept Christ into my heart at age 8 and become a witness for Him. Without First Baptist Church I wouldn't be the Christian who I am today and I am thankful for everyone who has helped me bring Christ into my life."

Alex Thiel - Scott graduated from Hamilton High School. The thing that he will miss most about school after graduation is his friends and going to basketball games. He plans to attend Ohio State University majoring in engineering. His favorite Bible Verse is: *"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord"*. Alex says, "First Baptist has always been the strong backbone of my Christian experience. Many people have helped me grow incredibly over the past several years. First Baptist has always been a very supportive of me in many areas. I would like to thank everyone for the profound impact they had on my life."

Ray Wallace - Ray graduated from Hamilton High School. The thing that he will miss most about school after graduation is lunch and friends Ray will be running his grounds maintenance business. His favorite Bible Verse is: *"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have eternal life."* John 3:16. Ray says that it reminds us that no matter what we are loved. Ray also says that First Baptist has kept him on track through the support of fellowship; that First Baptist is family.

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
College Coordinator

Honors For Graduates

Chad Allen - The John Phillip Sousa Musicianship Award
Wright State Talent Based Scholarship Award

Andy Braun - Ashbrook Scholar
Phi Alpha Theta History Honorary

Philip Dudley - Excel Leadership Course Accepted to
Army Officer Candidate School
Vice-President for College Republicans

Craig Keller - Magna Cum Laude Graduate

Lauren Schwab - Honor Roll
4-H Club President and 11 year member
Officer in the Talawanda FFA Chapter
Perfect Attendance for last 12 years
Butler County 4H/Township Association Scholarship
Butler County Farm Bureau/Betty Baumann Youth
Scholarship
Talawanda FFA Alumni/Dwain Freels Memorial
Scholarship
The Ohio FFA Association Swine Production Placement
Award
The Monsanto Commitment to Agriculture Scholarship

Alex Thiel - Robert Zellner Scholarship
Hamilton High Staff Scholarship
OSU Provost Scholarship
President - National Honor Society
Graduated 8th in class



**Congratulations,
Nancy McAllister**

Nancy McAllister was inducted into Psi Chi, the National honor Society in Psychology, November 27th. She is a member of Sigma alpha Pi, the National Society of leadership and Success, and was also named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Miami University.

The Wiz

Presented by Encore Summer Theatre

Hamilton High School Auditorium

Wed., Thurs., Fri., & Sat. July 26 - 28 - 8:00 p.m.

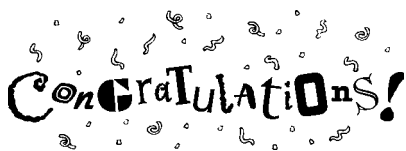
Sat. July 28 - 2:00 p.m.

Drew Helton - The Lion

Bob Borden, Karen Buchanan, Katie Buchanan, & Tisha Patton helping with costumes, publicity, vocals, accompanying, and choreography

Tickets - \$12

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



FFA Leadership Conference

Congratulations to **Jeff Hazelwood**, who was one of four Edgewood students, who attended the Future Farmers of America Leadership Conference in Washington DC in early June. Students from all over the United States attended leadership sessions, as well as touring the city and many historical sites. In addition, Jeff along with his roommates from Missouri and Minnesota, completed one day of community service “gleaning” collard greens and kale for homeless shelters and food pantries in the area. He also enjoyed the tour of the boot factory, which gave each of the students a new pair of boots!

Edgewood Thespian Awards

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

Drew Helton, Junior

Best Actor - “Fools”

Best Supporting Actor - Spring Musical, “Fiddler On The Roof”

President of Thespian Troupe for next year 2007 - 2008

The Biggest Loser Loses What???

One whole person, that’s what!!! Our weight loss and healthy living group lost 135 pounds during our 12 week session—that’s one whole skinny person! Fortunately, the entire 135 pounds did not come from just one person—it is the total for the entire group.

Our “Biggest Loser” and grand prize winner was **KAREN BUCHANAN**. Karen lost 16 pounds to win a gift certificate for new clothes. Our 2 competing teams stayed close throughout the competition with “The Skinny Sisters” slightly edging out “The Shining Stars” for the team win.

Plans are to do something similar in the fall. We are challenging people to eat healthfully and exercise throughout the summer. We will offer a prize to the lady who loses the most weight during June, July and August. Keep up the good work!!

—The Women’s Ministry Council

Curio Cabinets

Have you taken time to view the artifacts on display in the curio cabinets? If not, better hurry . . . it’s time to change themes. I’m looking for collectors, those of you who have a passion for specific items collected through the years. They can be dolls, animals, eggs, cups and saucers, etc., anything that you enjoy and want to share with us, the more unusual the better, old or new. If there is a story behind it, please let me know. Remember the guidelines . . . marked with your name and no taller than 13". Please call Carol Howard, 887-9416, after July 16th.



Promise Keepers are coming to Cincinnati on August 17th & 18th! Men, whether you've attended many PK conferences before or if this will be your first one, you will find that a PK conference is a time of great renewal in your life. PK brings together a God-focused worship experience of music, speakers and prayer to spark your spiritual life. The conference will be held Friday evening (August 17th) and Saturday morning (August 18th) at US Bank Arena. Tickets are \$80, but if we have 25 or more the price will be discounted.

So, please invite family, friends and neighbors to this wonderful experience. Contact Laurin Sprague or Mike Braun if you are interested.



Elaine Tragesser Retires From Directing Celebration Ringers

It is with deep regrets that the Music/Worship Committee has received Elaine Tragesser's resignation from directing the bell choir. There are many gifts in the body of Christ, and we appreciate her gifting in music. It is a blessing to be a part of our church worship when the bells ring and to sense the joy and presence of the Lord under Elaine's direction. Elaine – you're a blessing and the church family very much appreciate your past years of service to the Lord.

–Bob Borden



St. Clair Avenue Baptist Church
cordially invites you to join us on
July 1st at 6:00 p.m
for a Christian Music Concert
presented by

“The Continentals”

It is our sincere hope that
your congregation can join us
for this wonderful time of
music and fellowship.

Butler County Right To Life In July 4th Parade

On July 4th the Annual Bells of Independence Day Parade will take place in Hamilton. Right To Life will be organizing a group to participate in the parade with a float. Additionally, the group will have available signs stressing “*Adoption The Loving Option*” or *Adoption Not Abortion*”. This effort has always had great crowd response and is a family event, as well as a great witness in respecting life. We will gather at the Butler County Fairgrounds located at the intersection of Fair Avenue and Ohio Route 4 at about 1:30 p.m. Ask for directions to the Right To Life group entry when you get there. We will have a hay wagon and a truck to ride in, or one may walk as able. Families are especially encouraged to participate. If you haven't had the opportunity to do something for the pre-born babies now is the time! Please contact Mike Mignery for further information at 867-1832.

–Linda Davis

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.

Bowling, Brent & Kristin
133 Hermay
Hamilton, Ohio 45013
Phone # 503-2948
Conner

Campbell, Gene & Eileen
5251 Dixie Highway # 2316
Fairfield, Ohio 45014
Phone # 645-9085

Dudley, SPC Philip
D Co., 2nd BN, 47th Inf RN314
Fort Benning, GA 31905

Jones, Florence
Email: Florence.Jones50@msn.com

Megginson, Jim & Mary Jean
1477 St. Francis Drive
Centerville, Ohio 45458
Phone # 937-610-0976



Pastor Jeremy's Think Tank

Summer Dress

Just wanted to remind everyone that we need to make sure we are dressing modest during the summer. As the summer temperatures rise please make sure you are not wearing low cut shirts, short shorts, tops that show too much stomach, or tight clothing of any kind. Also remember for any events that entail swimming or you may want to wear a swimsuit that it must be a one piece or a tankini for the girls and at least shorts for the guys, no speedos or tight swim trunks guys. This would include our outing to King's Island for Spirit Song.

Staying afloat and cool this summer,
Jeremy

UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 1st: We will be attending the Continentals Concert at St Claire Ave Baptist Church this evening so please be prepared for that. Right now we are meeting at the church at 5:30pm and we will return around 7:30pm.

There is a chance of joining them for a cookout immediately following the service but those details are not finalized as of right now.

July 4th: No Lifeline because of the holiday.

July 5th 12 Noon: Spirit Song Concert at King's Island begins. Please meet at the church at noon for those of you who purchased tickets for this event. We will return that evening at 10:30pm.

July 6th 9:00am: Meet at the church for our second day of the Spirit Song Concerts. Make sure you bring extra clothes, sleeping bags and items, shower clothes and anything you would need to be able to spend the night at church that evening.

July 7th 10:30 pm: Parents please be at the church to pick up your teen from our Spirit Song outings. We will be back around this time and the sooner you can pick your teen up the better for all.

July 8th 6:00 pm: The CREW will be leading the evening service for the congregation. Please attend this evening as we have picked out some of our favorite songs and hope to help lead our church family to the throne of Grace. Immediately after the evening service we will be heading on an Aftermeet. Please bring \$5 to help with the cost of things.

July 9th -14th: This week we will be taken day long CIA, CREW in Action, trips to a couple different places in our area. We will gather each morning around 9:00am and be back at the church around 4:00pm at the latest each day. This would be great for anyone who wants to help those in our area but can't afford to commit to a full week. Participate one day or all

the days. Check the bulletin for more information and see Jeremy for specific times and locations. Come show others Jesus by serving them this week.

July 11th Lifeline 6:30 pm: We will be having our annual Wet N Wild night during lifeline. Please wear appropriate clothing and also clothes that are able to get wet.

July 15th 6:00pm: CREW will be in the evening service however, there will be NO aftermeet.

July 18th Lifeline 6:30pm: Mike Braun will be in charge of Lifeline as Jeremy is leading Sr High camp out at Camp Kirkwood this week.

July 22nd: A \$20 deposit is due to Jeremy for the Revolve Tour event being held in Columbus September 14th and 15th. Total cost will be \$40 per person including hotel, conference fee and food for Saturday lunch. For more information see Angie Inloes, Jeremy Spence, or www.revolve.com. This is only a girls event.

July 22nd 6:00pm: CREW will be in the evening service with an Aftermeet immediately following the service.

July 25th Lifeline 6:30pm: For Lifeline we will be playing card games, board games as well as painting, or repainting our blocks on the wall.

July 29th 6:00pm: We will be going bowling this evening so please bring socks, and comfortable clothes. Cost will be \$5 per person and we will return to church around 8:00pm. Please sign up early to help in the planning.

August 10th-12th: There will be a white water rafting trip to be planned for all Sr. High CREW Members and ONE group members. Please see Jeremy now to express interest so proper plans can be made. We will leave some time Friday evening and most likely not return until Sunday some time.

August 17th and 18th: Guys only event to Promise Keepers down in Cincinnati. This promises to be a great event and I would encourage all guys, not just teens, to seriously consider attending this event. Cost will be \$50 per person and includes the registration to Promise Keepers only. Food is at your own cost. We will return home Friday evening and meet back at the church Saturday morning to head down. See Jeremy, Pastor Den, or www.promisekeepers.org for more information.

Sunday Evenings in August: Keep a look out for what may be happening on Sunday evenings for the month of August. Plans may include some aftermeets, Jalopy Raid and more so you won't want to miss it.

Lifeline for August: All the Lifelines for the month are yet to be completely planned out but they are guaranteed to be fun filled but also challenging. Keep your eye out for those details in the weeks to come.



Child Care Schedule For July

Nursery (Morning)

July 1 -
July 8 - Kristy & Steve Harden
July 15 -
July 22 -
July 29 - Kristy & Steve Harden

One & Two Year Olds

July 1 - Debbie Allen & Lauren
July 8 - Debbie Allen & Lauren
July 15 - Debbie Allen & Lauren
July 22 - Debbie Allen & Lauren
July 29 - Debbie Allen & Lauren

Kinderchurch

July 1 - Rob & Jenny VanMeter
July 8 -
July 15 -
July 22 -
July 29 - Brandi Emenaker & Teen Helpers

Child Care Schedule For August

Nursery (Morning)

August 5 - Lori & Kathy Hamblin
August 12 - Carolyn Dudley & Teen Helpers
August 19 - Rob & Jenny Van Meter
August 26 - Judy, Amy, and Anna Wallace

One & Two Year Olds

August 7 - Debbie Allen & Lauren
August 14 - Debbie Allen & Lauren
August 21 - Debbie Allen & Lauren
August 28 - Debbie Allen & Lauren

Kinderchurch

August 7 -
August 14 -
August 21 -
August 28 -

When you have difficulty finding someone with whom to trade, please call the following Child Care Coordinators:

Claire Metzger - (642-0434)
Brandi Emenaker - (738-2439)



Wednesday Family Dinners

July 4

Menu: No Wednesday Dinner because of the holiday

July 11

Menu: Barbecued Chicken, Broccoli and Rice Casserole, Applesauce, Rolls, Dessert
Hosts: Missions/Homebuilders

July 18

Menu: Baked Ziti, Tossed Salad, Bread Sticks, Dessert
Hosts: Keystone I

July 25

Menu: Pulled Pork Barbecue Sandwiches, Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Dessert
Hosts: Trustees

**There will be no Wednesday Dinners
during the month of August!**

July/August Greeters

Jerry Hampton, Ken Hendricks, Evelyn Maddox,
Mary Petry, and Nancy Follmer

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.

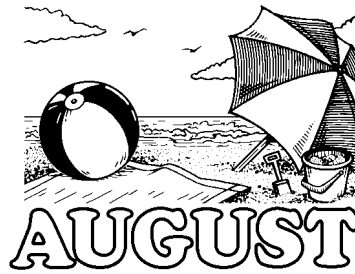
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>July 2007</h1>						
1 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 4:45 Women's Council 6:00 Evening Celebration <i>The Continentals @ St. Clair</i>	2	3 7:40 Men's Softball Gray	4 Independence Day!! Church Offices Closed!	5 12:00 CREW to <i>Spirit Song</i> @ Kings Island	6 9:00 CREW to <i>Spirit Song</i> @ Kings Island 7:40 Co-ed Softball	7 8:00 Men's Prayer Gathering 10:30 Parents Pick up CREW @ church from <i>Spirit Song</i>
8 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 4:30 Board of Missions	9 8:50 Men's Softball Blue CIA	10 10:00 Totally Terrific Tuesday "Innie" 6:30 Men's Softball Gray	11 6:00 Family Dinner 6:30 Lifeline WetNWild 6:30 Celebration Ringers 6:45 <i>Wild & Wacky Wednesdays</i> 6:45 Bible Study & Prayer 6:45 Carpenter's Hands CIA	12 5:30 Board of Trustees CIA	13 7:40 Co-ed Softball CIA	14 9:30 Summer Fun Day @ Camp Kirkwood CIA
15 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 4:30 Diaconate 5:00 Advisory Board 6:00 Evening Celebration	16 KeenAgers to Creation Museum in N KY 6:30 Men's Softball Blue	17 10:00 Totally Terrific Tuesday "Outtie" 8:50 Men's Softball Gray	18 6:00 Family Dinner 6:30 Lifeline 6:30 Celebration Ringers 6:45 <i>Wild & Wacky Wednesdays</i> 6:45 2 nd Qtr. Business Mtg. 6:45 Carpenter's Hands	19	20 8:50 Co-ed Softball	21
22 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 6:00 Evening Celebration 7:00 CREW Aftermeet	23 8:50 Men's Softball Blue	24 9:00 Totally Terrific Tuesday "Outtie" 7:40 Men's Softball Gray	25 6:00 Family Dinner 6:30 Lifeline 6:30 Celebration Ringers 6:45 <i>Wild & Wacky Wednesdays</i> 6:45 Bible Study & Prayer 6:45 Carpenter's Hands	26 8:30 Matthew 25	27 7:40 Co-ed Softball	28
29 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 6:00 Evening Celebration 6:00 CREW Bowling	30 8:50 Men's Softball Blue	31 8:45 Totally Terrific Tuesday "Outtie" 8:50 Men's Softball Gray				



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>August 2007</h1>						
			1 6:30 Lifeline 6:45 <i>Wild & Wacky</i> <i>Wednesdays</i> 6:45 Bible Study & Prayer 6:45 Carpenter's Hands	2 8:00 ONE Bible Study	3	4 8:00 Men's Prayer Gathering Green Lake Mission Conference
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

1 - Naomi Hoskins
Jeff L. Miller

2 - Brenda Abner

3 - Lauren Imhoff
Eyvone Isaacs
Todd Keith
Janet Lewis
Jerry Wallace

4 - Madalyn Buchanan
Edna Hughes
David Zeek

5 - Ruth Blount
Lauren Hampton
Kerri Miller
Edith Rish

6 - Dale Braun
Shelley Ebbing

8 - Charles Campbell
Norbert Lerch
Sue Sizemoore
Doug Wallace

9 - Karen Bell
Cindy Shalloe

10 - John Motzer

11 - Janet Baker
Jessica Day
Judy Wallace

12 - Tim Schwartz

13 - Andrew Steven Garver

14 - Jeff Hollowell
Jared Messer

15 - Diane Wallick

17 - Barbara Begley
Jasmine Taylor-Rigling

18 - Bill Burton

19 - Dale Kimble

20 - Steve Martin
Jeff Schwab

21 - Josh Day
Herb Murrell

23 - Emily Cain
Conner Gleason

24 - Don Lewis
Shirley Wade
Susan Wells

26 - Ruby Gessendorf
Irene Moran

27 - Matt Acus
Elise Martin

28 - Linda Davis

29 - Josh Irwin
Olivia Hoskins
Alexandria Patrick

30 - Johanna Hines
Atha Wallin

31 - Ed Allen
Samantha Blackwell
Malvrie Landis
Jack Maddox
Samantha Mosley
Carl Schwab

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Personal Notes



From the family of Beulah Benzing

Our sincerest appreciation and gratitude to all of you for the wonderful luncheon you prepared for our family. Many thanks and God bless you all.

From the family of Rodger Chesnut

Thanks for the food, thoughts, and prayers.

From Joe Ford

My family and I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and expressions of sympathy when my mother passed away. It is a tremendous comfort to know what a kind and caring church family we have at First Baptist Church.

From Merle & Lois Grubbs

Merle and I would like to thank all of you for the many prayers and concerns all of you have made on Toni's behalf. Thanks to Dennis and Bill for the many visits and prayers. Thanks for the many cards from our church family and thanks to all who over the years have made Toni a part of your lives, but mostly we thank God ;for putting her in our lives. What a lesson!

From Glendene Hall

I have all in the church to thank for prayers and concerns after Ellie put my name on the prayer list. Pastor Den for council before surgery. Pastors Den and Bill for visits. Al Schumm for being there. Nancy Follmer brought me home when I became ill on "B"

Street. Ryan Inloes for taking my car and Genie home. There was so many calls, cards, flowers, and visits. Thank you!

From Craig Keller

Thank you for the Berean gift certificate you gave me at the graduation service. I purchased an Archaeological Study Bible with it. I will use it often and think of my church family every time I open it. God bless.

From John & Ruth Ann Liming, Karroll & Judy Hughes, & Doug Hughes

A note seems little to offer for your concern and prayers for Ola McFadden. We so appreciate the meat tray. Dr. Metzger and Pastor Bill helped comfort us as they kept our thoughts focused on heaven and the assurance that we will see mother again. Thank you for being a church that reaches out to those who are mourning.

From Kim Withrow

I want to express my deepest thanks for all the prayers and concern for my recent hospitalization. I especially want to thank Pastor Brantingham for all of his visits during my long stay. I am currently doing physical rehabilitation and look forward to seeing you all soon.



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