

The Courier

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



"Where everybody is somebody and Jesus Christ Is Lord"

September, 2008

Lord, How Can I Help?

Dear Lord, I wish to serve Thee well.
What would You have me do?
I'll do whate'er You ask of me.
What can I do for You?

My voice is not a pretty one.
I can't sing in the choir.
My music talent is quite null,
Much less than I desire.

I wish that I could give great wealth
To help You kingdom live.
But with my meager means it seems
There's not that much to give.

My drawings are not much to see.
I have no talent there.
I can't make decorations.
For art I have no flair.

Lord, I'd like to write great books
To tell the world of Thee.
But somehow words don't seem to come.
That talent passed by me.

To teach a class or pray aloud
Would be my big delight.
But every time I think of it
I shake all up with fright.

Excuse me, Lord, I hear my phone.
It's ringing off the wall.
Don't go away. I'll be right back.
I'll quickly take this call.

Hello, you say you need someone
To help with nursery care?
You need someone this coming week
To stay with kids in there?

I really would mind at all
Except, I just don't know.
I may not be there on Sunday.
There's somewhere I might go.

And even if I come that day
I'd hate to miss the service.
And I don't like to stay in there
Cause children make me nervous.

You'd better get somebody else
To help that day. Goodbye!
I'm sorry, God, I took so long,
And now, Lord, where was I?

—Nellie Wardlow Roberts
(Written in 1972 when Nellie
was chairman of Children's Work
and was pleading for help
in the Nursery and Toddler Departments.)

The 36th Annual ABC/Ohio
Missions Conference 2008

August 29 - 31

Heartland Retreat Conference Center

Overflowing With Hope

Dr. Reid Trulson, Executive Director of
International Ministries - Guest Speaker

Rev. Chuck and Ruth Fox - Missionaries

Rev. Steve Roper - Worship Leader
Praise Team from Trinity Baptist Church
in Marion

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and
peace as you trust in him, so that you may
overflow with hope by the power of the Holy
Spirit." Romans 15:13*

Check with Pastor for further information.



American Baptist Women's Ministries

Be Part of A Women's Circle

Take the opportunity to be part of one of our American Baptist Women's Circles. As the Circles begin to meet again, join and experience the fellowship and joy of service, particularly in support of our missionaries. Circles meet on the second Tuesday of each month. The Doris Holloway Circle meets at 10:00 a.m. at the church. Evon Laubenstein is the chairperson. The Norman Abell Circle meets at 7:00 p.m. with Carolyn Dudley as the chair. Carol Howard chairs the Smith Circle which meets at 7:00 p.m. Make sure you are part of one of these Circles.

In God's Service,
Nancy Whipple, ABW president

Miami Association ABW Fall Rally

We would like to take a large group to the ABW Fall Rally on Saturday, October 4th, at First Baptist Church in Middletown. We will leave the church at 8:15 a.m. to arrive for registration at 9:00 a.m. with the business meeting at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will then be served at a cost of \$8.00. Contact Nancy Whipple, at 863-2309, with your reservation.

In Christian fellowship,
Nancy Whipple

Missionaries for the Month of **September**:
Thailand
Kit Ripley
Democratic Republic of Congo
William and Ann Clemmer

Bible Book of the Month Obadiah

“Though you soar aloft like the eagle, I will bring you down, says the Lord.”

Obadiah 1:4 (RSV)

This book, the shortest in the Old Testament, includes two important themes: the doom of the proud and rebellious, and the deliverance of the meek and humble. It appeals to us all with two natures: the earthly represented by Esau, so proud and bold, and the spiritual, by Jacob, chosen and set apart by God.

PRAY for Christ's body in today's world, the church. May we as members make it a healthy, ministering,

caring body that will bring praise and glory to the One who is good, Jesus Christ.

—Madge Walters

AB Girls Of Hope

Girls in grades 9-12 are invited to be part of our AB Girls of Faith group. This group meets on the third Sunday of the month, after the worship service, at the church. On Sunday, September 21, the girls will go to Paint and Play at Voice of America. We will leave immediately after church, stop for a quick "fast food" lunch and then go to Paint and Play. We will conclude at 3:00 p.m. Please bring money to cover the cost of your lunch and your ceramic piece. Each girl will receive \$10.00 towards the total cost. Come and enjoy this fun time together!

In Christ,
Marilyn Bowling, Mindy Hazelwood,
and Nancy Whipple



We will be making our monthly trip down to Matthew 25: Ministries for a wonderful day of fellowship, fun, and WORKING FOR THE LORD Thursday, September 25th. 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. Everyone is welcome to be a part of this ministry.

—Pastor Bill and Bert Brantingham

Bread of Life Ministry

It has been our privilege to take a loaf of nut bread to first time visitors to our services on a Sunday. They are so thrilled to be remembered in this way. It also gives us an opportunity to welcome them and trust they will return. If you would like to be on the list to bake the bread and deliver it, please call me soon (868-7715). We are in need of **more volunteers**. God bless you for sharing in this ministry.

—Bert Brantingham

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International Ministries: Come, Grow, Change

God is at work among us! Moved by the Holy Spirit, people are coming to Christ, growing in Him, and changing their world with message of the Gospel. As many of you know, 21% of every dollar received through our weekly church offering is designated for mission outreach outside of the walls of First Baptist. A significant percentage of those monies is directed toward our American Baptist mission work world-wide. This work supports the effort of 2,500 short-term and long-term missionaries working with local partners in 76 countries all over the world.

I have been scanning through the *Guide to Global Servants 2008-2009* published by International Ministries. This is a valuable resource for all of those interested in discovering a little more about our mission's effort world-wide. These servants listed are brothers and sisters in the Lord, that God is using to help people:

Come to the Jesus Christ;
Grow in Jesus Christ, and
Change their world through Christ.

Our "global servants" do these three things in an amazing variety of ways. Some are planting churches and doing direct evangelism. Others are equipping evangelists and pastors to serve the Lord more effectively. Some heal the sick—and multiply their efforts by training additional health workers. Others are rescuing the victims of human trafficking; using business skills to help local believers create jobs; giving love and hope to children left on the streets; helping refugees begin new lives; enabling volunteer missionaries from the U.S. to make a difference around the world; preparing missionaries from other countries to join Christ's global mission force.

We support an exciting global work that makes a difference in the lives of real people. Take a few moments to read about some of the results coming from our investment in God's world-wide ministry:

Ethiopia—A young man received conflict transformation training from Dan and Sharon Buttry. Learning that Christ's "turn the other cheek" lesson gives a way to claim one's humanity and not become a victim, the good news suddenly made sense to him. "Today I have become a Christian," he said.

Burma (Myanmar)—Church leaders have been equipped with inductive Bible study skills by Stan Slade. A church leader reports that these students no longer just repeat what they have heard in church. Now they share messages that show a fresh, personal understanding of scripture that connects with life in energizing new ways.

Zambia—Charles and Sarah West conducted workshops with Samaritan Baptist Church at Kalikiliki near Lusaka. The members took notes and eagerly participated but were handicapped because most of them had no Bibles. The Wests

have now delivered English Bibles and are waiting for Bibles in the Nyanga and Bemba languages.

Bulgaria—A couple have opened a small grocery store in their village after Tom Myers helped them to develop their business plan and to gain access to a small development loan. The store is a big help to the village while enabling the couple to support their local church. They now want to start a small cafe in the store which can also be used as a village Sunday School room.

South Africa—A 20-year-old man learned that he is HIV positive through testing administered by church members trained by Rick and Anita Guterrez. The young man now attends their health classes at the local church. The trained workers are changing their communities by diagnosing patients early and

(From the Pastor's Heart, cont.)

offering them hope and information.

Vietnam—Testimony from Vietnam following Peggy Burke's short-term mission service teaching English: "I am a Communist Party member and I have a high position in my company. The first day I came to the church (a house where Ms. Peggy is living) was only because I want to learn English with an American. The Christians in that house church shared Christ to me and I knew the Christians are very good but I told them, 'It is impossible for me to receive Christ because I will [lose] everything. But the more I study the English Bible with Mom Peggy, I realized that God's word is the truth for my life. I really need God and his Word. I made a decision to receive Christ and praise the Lord, though people criticized me but they respect me. They need me and I [haven't] lost anything as I thought. I love Mom Peggy very much and I know that many people here need her and love her very much. Through her, many people will come to Christ in a way that the church in Vietnam cannot win them the same way.'

Democratic Republic of the Congo—International Ministries missionary Dr. Bill Clemmer, encountered a little girl while responding to an outbreak of a deadly epidemic in a remote part of the Congo. He writes, "As we walked down the trail to the hospital followed by a crowd of excited children, this particular child captivated us with her smile! In the middle of an unknown epidemic, her fears were replaced with the joy of the moment. That smile stayed with me through the rest of our visit." That outbreak of Ebola ultimately ended, thanks to the work of many people, reminding us that when God's people work together to help those who are suffering, amazing things can happen! The girl was surprised by God's people who had not abandoned her to the epidemic. Dr. Clemmer was surprised by that child's smile which sustained him while he and others brought help and hope.

These missionaries have become dear friends to First Baptist over the years. We have enjoyed their company, even as we have been challenged by the stories of their work. I found this interesting comment in the introduction of the International Ministries resource material: "A word about the language of serving. All of the individuals featured in this book are servants of Jesus Christ, supported by God's people through International Ministries. Due to the nature of our world and the kinds of ministry challenges and opportunities they face, these servants do not all share the title "missionary." You will also find them identified as development workers, and global consultants." Whatever the title, Jesus' final message to His

disciples in the Gospels challenges them (and us) with this task:

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" Matthew 28:18-20.

Missionary work is never easy, and certainly not always safe. It is important to remember that Christ has called each of us to this critical work, and that we have the opportunity and joy to pray for these beloved friends as they serve our Lord where God has placed them. We may not find ourselves on a mission in some country far away, but I hope we are willing to embrace God's call upon our lives to **Come, Grow, and Change**.

Loving you, and serving our Savior,
Pastor

Flowering Beauty

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, someone has said. Surely everyone who beholds the flowers along the main church entrance and the western end of the upper parking lots would agree that those colorful beds are beautiful. Besides the Lord, thanks go to **Bill and Sandy Imhoff** for their green thumbs and dedication in caring for the flowers.



Congratulations to Jon Whipple and Brittany Ruck who were married on July 19th at Brentwood United Methodist Church in Brentwood, TN. Jon and Brittany reside in Antioch, TN. Jon teaches elementary PE and Brittany teaches math at a middle school in Franklin, TN. Jon is the son of Nancy and Jerry Whipple and the grandson of Rose Young.

Budget Status Report

The Month of June, 2008

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$56,681
Offerings	<u>54,172</u>
Over (Under) Budget	(\$ 2,509)
Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$52,154
Offerings	<u>54,172</u>
Over (Under) Actual	\$2,018

The Year Through June, 2008

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$365,735
Offerings	<u>319,972</u>
Over (Under) Budget	(\$45,763)
Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$357,079
Offerings	<u>319,972</u>
Over (Under) Actual	(\$37,107)

The Month of July, 2008

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$57,364
Offerings	<u>46,055</u>
Over (Under) Budget	(\$11,309)
Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$57,562
Offerings	<u>46,055</u>
Over (Under) Actual	(\$11,507)

The Year Through July, 2008

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$423,099
Offerings	<u>366,027</u>
Over (Under) Budget	(\$57,072)
Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$414,641
Offerings	<u>366,027</u>
Over (Under) Actual	(\$48,614)

–The Board Of Trustees

Fall Trip To Oneida, KY

Jerry Hampton and Ken Hendricks will be making their fall pilgrimage to Oneida Baptist Institute on Tuesday, October 13th. The campus has approximately 450 teens grades 6-12 and are in need of all help possible. Please bring any good used clothing, coats, shoes, toys, etc. that you would like to donate to the building and place them in the coat room after October 1st. Please put the items in plastic trash bags and mark them for Oneida. For more information, call Jerry Hampton-844-1967 or Ken Hendricks-863-2628. (Please, because of storage problems - NO donations after Sunday, October 12th.) They will be accepting donations to help cover the expense of gasoline for the trip. See Jerry or Ken.

KeenAger October Outing

Plans are being made for the KeenAgers to go to the Boggstown, IN, Monday, October 13th. The cost is \$32.95 per person. Please watch the weekly bulletin for the time, lunch, and/or changes. Please sign the list on the bulletin board as soon as possible.

–KeenAger Activity Committee

Lil Senior, Betty Powell, & Bertha Campbell



Collecting Used Stamps For Missionaries (UK)

The proceeds from old used stamps fund the purchase of medical supplies for missionaries mainly in Africa. They are collected by Medical Missionary News (MMN) who do a great work in organizing the transport of containers with equipment, medicines, food supplies and other essential goods to missionary stations and hospitals. In 2003, MMN sent 42 containers to Zambia, 11 to Angola, 4 to Congo, 3 to Rwanda, 1 to Uganda as well as 1 to India and 3 to Peru. The used stamps are stripped and packaged and sold to dealers and collectors to raise funds. Foreign stamps fetch the highest price and old coins, banknotes and medals are also useful.

There will be a box in the narthex for your convenience. Please bring in your used stamps for this project. See Chris and Claire Metzger for further details.

Upward Basketball

For anyone interested in learning more about being an Upward Basketball/Cheerleading leader, there will be an informational meeting at North Fairfield Baptist Church on Thursday, August 28th, @ 7:00 p.m. No basketball or cheerleading experience required.

There are many needs for the basketball leadership team (referees, coaches, assistant coaches, devotion leaders, prayer warriors, game day setup/clean up, etc.). There are also these two important needs:

- **Prayer Commissioner** - we need someone to organize getting the prayer ministry started for Upward at FBC. It would be good to have prayer teams from both churches supporting the league.
- **Advertising Commissioner** - we desperately need someone good at getting the word out and helping to distribute the brochures in schools and other places.

Thank You!
THANK YOU!

Additional Thank You Notes

From Drew Helton

Thank you for my graduation gift Bible and for the really nice graduation dinner you provided for me and my family. It make me feel like you were all celebrating with me. Thanks for always encouraging me, praying for me, and supporting me. I really appreciate it even though I don't always take the time to say it. As I said at graduation, I really appreciate that you are my church family both "inside and outside the walls of the church". I already had orientation at Wright State and have my class schedule for fall quarter. It looks like I'll be really busy, but I'd like to do some shows. I'll just have to see how everything works out. They already paced me in the chorale at WSU that is a "touring" group so I don't know how much I'll get home during the school year or how much I'll be traveling. I will be living on campus and majoring in vocal performance with an emphasis in opera. Thanks, again, for my graduation gift. I really appreciate your help! Keep me in your prayers. Making a joyful noise.

From Margaret Hoel

I want to thank everyone at First Baptist for their prayers and cards before, during, and after my recent surgery. I especially want to thank Pastor Bill for his visits which cheered me up immensely. Once again God has provided for me and blessed me with a quick recovery. It is wonderful to share His love with a church family like ours.

From Cleta Paragin

I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the many cards, calls, visits, and prayers from my church family. Special thanks to Ron & LaVerne Gerth, Pastor Den, & Pastor Bill. I am very blessed to be part of this church family.

From Rose Mary Thompson

We just wanted to thank the Wednesday night prayer group for signing and sending a card to Mother, Mildred Gambrell Byble Hangbers, recently. The first of July we thought we were going to lose her but she has rebounded some. She is spending most all of her time in bed asleep but occasionally tries to speak a few words. July 31st we celebrated her 91st birthday. When I read the names on the card to her, she would smile a little in recognition. We miss all of those wonderful Christian friends and know they will continue to remember mom to our Lord and Savior.

Upcoming Women's Events Opportunities for Fellowship, Encouragement, Spiritual growth, and Service

September 9: ABW Circles meet (always the 2nd Tuesday of the month). The Holloway Circle meets at 10:00 a.m.-contact Evon Laubenstein, 863-2696; the Abell Circle meets at 7:00 p.m.-contact Carolyn Dudley, 523-8007; The Smith Circle meets at 7:00 p.m.-contact Carol Howard, 887-9415.

September 11: Morning Bible study begins - the group will be studying Beth Moore's Living Beyond Yourself-Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit. Dale Braun is the facilitator. Contact her at 726-4000.

September 16: MOPS first meeting of 2008-2009 - contact Elise Martin at sem892@fuse.net or 844-1226

September 25: Evening Bible study begins - the group will be studying Beth Moore's Stepping Up-a Journey through the Psalms of Ascent. Teri Horsley will serve as facilitator. Contact her at tlhrsly@cinci.rr.com or 896-7921 for more information.

October 4: ABW Fall Rally

October 24-25: Extraordinary Women Conference: *Discovering God's Dream* - we would like to take a group from our church to this conference week-end in Columbus. Find out more and/or sign up at the table in the connector.

October 31: Serve City Dinner - our church will be providing dinner for this homeless shelter.

November 10: Guinea Pig Dinner - We invite you to try something new!! Stop by the table in the connector to find out how you can take part.





Guinea pig: (gin e pig)

n. informal definition; an object of research or experimentation

LADIES--try something new!! We are asking you to volunteer to be a guinea pig on November 10 at our first ever Women's Ministry Council's Guinea Pig Dinner. It will be an evening of food, fun, fellowship and something different!

Just what is a Guinea Pig Dinner? Ours will consist of 2 parts:

1. Food: each person coming to the dinner will prepare a dish from a recipe that they have *never tried before* (this is where the guinea pig part comes in!). You may make a dish from one of these categories: appetizer, main dish, side dish, or dessert. But it must be a new recipe for you-something you have never cooked before. Participants will vote on their favorites in each category and prizes will be awarded.
2. Tablescapes: We want you to join with a few friends, several friends or perhaps the members of one of our church ministry groups (Sunday School class, Circle, small group, etc.). You decide whom you would like to work with and together create a tablescape and table setting. We will have 4 categories of tablescapes: a seasonal theme, a Biblical or spiritual theme, a something elegant theme and a just for fun theme (this could be just about anything that could be considered fun-use your imagination). The tablescapes will be judged by an impartial panel and prizes will be awarded.

We are telling you about this way before hand because we want to get your creative juices flowing and have you begin making plans. As the date grows nearer we will have sign-ups and will provide you with much more detailed information and answer any questions you have.

"You'll eat your fill of good food. You'll be full of praises to your God."
Joel 2:26 (The Message)

Back To School Carnival

By the time you are able to sit down with your coffee, or tea, and read The Courier, we will have already participated in the Back to School Carnival in Ross. During VBS we collected so many donations for needy children that we were able to fill more than the forty backpacks that we had promised. In addition to the backpacks the offerings that were given, over \$1200, has allowed us to make additional backpacks for New Life Mission and even support a few Upward Football scholarships!

The Back to School Carnival is always crammed with families that need support for their children to go back prepared for a new school year . With balloon animals, face painting, hotdogs, popcorn, haircuts and many conversations this event is such a blessing for those in need. So thank you for those that participated by going to the carnival, packing the backpacks, gathering donations and money and praying.

Totally Terrific Tuesdays

Our Tuesdays has been a Tremendous Total success! (How many T's can you spoT!). We were blessed wiTh many dedicaTed Teens who were willing To geT messy, climbed on, and enjoy our children's company. In addiTion To our Terrific Teens, we also were gifTed wiTh superb adulTs, some of whom were noT even relaTed To any of The children!!! We had many differenT children aTTend our ToTally Terrific Tuesdays To some of our more popular desTinaTions, Bananas and Miami RecreaTion CenTer, and had over 50 children!

This year we were able To Travel Through HamilTon and pick children up for These breaThTaking Tuesdays. Again we have been so blessed wiTh help, supporT, and prayers. I cannoT recall anyone being injured, aside from bumps and bruises from roller skaTing, but we wonT go inTo deTails abouT The grownups falling over!

Wonderful Wacky Wednesdays

During our Wednesday night sessions we ran our New Believer's Class alongside our normal Wednesday night program. Again we varied in numbers, reaching seventeen one week. Our New Believers class was attended by some of our new families, and we hope to be able to introduce them to you when we have a baptism date confirmed. They were all eager to learn more about Jesus and were very keen to pray and to ask many complicated questions.

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



**New Chancel Choir Season
To Begin September 3rd
Think About Sharing
Your Musical Gift!**

It is hard to believe that summer has flown by so fast and fall will soon be upon us. With the coming of fall also comes the beginning of a new Chancel Choir season at First Baptist Church. All persons who may be interested in joining the choir are asked to attend our first rehearsal, September 3rd, at 8:00 p.m., after the Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting.

To kick-off the new choir season we will have a luncheon for all choir members and their families after the September 7th morning worship service. Lisa Dulli has agreed to prepare some of her wonderful cuisine for all of us, so please plan on staying for lunch after our first performance. This is not a pot-luck, so no need to prepare a dish or worry about what to bring. Please let me know by our first rehearsal (September 3rd) how many family members will be attending the luncheon with you. Lisa and the music staff will take care of all preparations. Just stay after the worship service and enjoy some time of fellowship with your choir brothers and sisters. Again, I want to encourage all persons interested in singing to come share your musical gifts with the church and in the process have some fun and fellowship! Child care will be provided for those choir members who have young families that may need supervision during our choir rehearsals. We would love for more husband and wife combinations to be in the choir loft this year. I hope to see some new faces in the choir loft on September 5th.

In Our Savior's Love,
Mike Wallick
Chancel Choir Director



**Youth of Praise Choir
Begins September 14th**

Any interested 7th through 12th grader is invited to join the Youth of Praise Choir. We will meet in the choir room from 5:15 p.m. to 5:50 p.m. on Sundays beginning Sunday, September 14th. If you have any questions please see or call Laurin Sprague, 896-7911.

**Cherub Choir
September
Evening Schedule
6:00 p.m.**

September 7 - Canceled
September 14 - Cherub Singing & Fellowship Time
September 21 - Cherub Singing & Fellowship Time
September 28 - Cherub Singing & Fellowship Time



**King's Kids Kick-off
For Their Christmas Musical
Sunday, September 7
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.**

We'd like to welcome all new kindergarten graduates plus any child in grades 1-6 who would like to join us as we start rehearsals for *Christmas in Reverse*.

In reversing the story, we will understand how man's sin created a need for the Savior, the long wait for Jesus' birth, God's choice of Mary to be Jesus' mother, and the choice of announcing Jesus' birth to "stinky, smelly" shepherds."

We'll be waiting for you in the Family Center!

-Ruth Metzger, Debbie Allen, Lauren Schwartz



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, 2008.

Kindergarten

Genie Sexton

Senior High

Walter Hillman

FOCUS

Don Gingrich

Carpenter's Hands

Robert Williams

Keystone

Ron Gerth

Bettie Carmack

Kathy Chambers

Betty Eicher

Bob Eicher

Isabell Johnson

Mary Petry

Office

Linda Gibbs



Sunday School Promotion Day for those completing Kindergarten through 5th grade will be August 31st during the last part of the Sunday School hour. These students should report to their new class on September 7th. 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.

—Barb Arnold
Sunday School Superintendent



Butler County Fair Queen!

Congratulations to Lauren Schwab who was crowned the Butler County Fair Queen in July, published in the Journal News. Lauren is the daughter of Jeff and Toni Schwab and the granddaughter of Betty Schwab.

—Editor's note: Please report items of interest, honors, roles in plays, etc. to the office so they can be noted in the Courier. Thanks!

Corrections and Additions To The Directory

Please call the church office with additions or changes to your address, phone number, or e-mail address so that everyone can update their directory.

Atkinson, Michael & Sharon (French)

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Dudley, 2LT Philip G.

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Williams, Robert & Sandra

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1st Annual Kirkwood Ministries Benefit Auction & Celebration! September 20th

Join us and have some fun at Kirkwood Camp and Conference Center on Saturday, September 20, 2008.

We will be hosting a Live Auction to benefit Kirkwood Camp and Conference Center. Everyone is invited...

- * Live Auction & Raffle
- * Musical Entertainment
- * Food and Beverages available for purchase

For more information, call (937) 382-3535 or visit www.campkirkwood.net.

Newsletter DEADLINE

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.



As we think about the end of summer, we are preparing for Awana this year. We hope to continue with this wonderful and successful program. We have planned out our year's events and club nights and would encourage you to take some time each Wednesday to lift up this program in prayer. Our kickoff will already have happened, August 27th, but we will probably still be excited enough to talk about it - water events are always fun, even if they are not up to Olympic standards!

Here are our dates and club nights planned for September and October:

Awana September Calendar

- 3rd - First Official Club Night
- 10th - Regular Club Night
- 17th - Awana Colors Night - wear red, blue, green & yellow
- 24th - Student Handbook Time/Recreation Time/Staff Meeting

Awana October Calendar

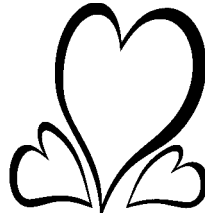
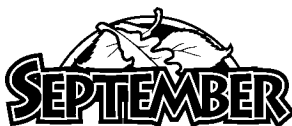
- 1st - First Night of Club
- 8th - Mini Store Night
- 15th - Missions Night
- 22nd - First Night of Club
- 29th - Fall Festival

**Canned Food Drive
'Til Thanksgiving**

Again we ask you to pray for God's guidance for us and for yourself, as we are still in need of key people to share their talents and gifts in Awana this year. Our largest area of concern is finding a Sparks Director, with God's blessing by the time we are published we hope to already have a willing volunteer who feels led to work in this area.

We are still hoping to run a bus service to pick up our families for Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings, please see us if you are interested.

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



**From The Heart Of
Marilyn**

College Corner

E-Mail From God

I'll Get Your Back

"The remnant of Israel . . . will eat and lie down and no one will make them afraid."

-Zephaniah 3:13

Dear Child of Mine,

In Heaven, nobody's afraid. No one will shoot at you there, because your body will be spiritual, not physical. No one will put you down, because in Heaven, we don't do that. No one will harm you in any way.

On earth, you sometimes need to be on your guard. There are some people you can't trust. But in Heaven, you could take a nap right out in the middle of the street, and no one would even bother you. The reason is, I control what goes on in Heaven, and I keep evil out.

I want to do the same thing here on earth. I want to protect you and guard you. Let Me take the controls of your life now. Trust Me to keep you safe.

Your Bodyguard,
God

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

Free Marimba Concert

In Oxford, the Midday Music in Oxford series has scheduled the first concert of its 20th season for Wednesday, October 1st, at 12 p.m. Conducted by Dr. William Albin, the performance will be by the Miami Marimba Ensemble, and featuring the prize-winning marimbist Peter Boyle. Oxford Presbyterian Church, 101 N. Main Street in Oxford. Information: 523-6969 or jackdaugherty@hotmail.com



Child Care Schedule

Nursery (Morning)

September 7 -
September 14 - Debby Gibson
September 21 - Rob & Jenny VanMeter
September 28 -

One & Two Year Olds

September 7 -
September 14 -
September 21 -
September 28 - Marilyn Bowling

Kinderchurch

September 7 -
September 14 -
September 21 - Claire Metzger & Teen Helper
September 30 - Steve & Elise Martin



Attention All Morning Worship Child Care Workers

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

Brandi Emenaker - (738-2439)

Claire Metzger - (642-0434)

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



Wednesday Family Dinners

September 3

Menu: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Dessert

Hosts: TNT (Seekers)

September 10

Menu: Baked Chicken Breast, Macaroni and Cheese, Peas and Carrots, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Dessert

Hosts: FOCUS

September 17

Menu: Lasagna, Tossed Salad, Bread Sticks, Dessert

Hosts: Trustees

September 24

Menu: Ham, Au Gratin Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Applesauce, Rolls, Dessert

Hosts: Keystone I

Reminder: Adults should contribute \$4.00 per person for the meal; \$12.00 for **immediate family living in the same household**. The cost for children under 12 years old who eat at the "Hot Dog" table is \$1.25. If they chose to eat from the main table, the cost is \$2.00. Be sure to make your reservation on the Friendship Folder each Sunday.

September Greeters

Don Gingrich, Evelyn Maddox, Nancy Follmer, Mary Petry, Jerry Hampton





It's that time of year again! If you're family is like mine right now we are busy as ever! Almost all fall sports have begun, along with back to school shopping, school open houses and awaiting the arrival of the first day of school. In addition to this "normal" routine that is going on there is also 13 moms that have meet over five times during the summer to pray, plan and proceed the way in which would be pleasing to God for the upcoming MOPS year. I would have to say this is the most organized we have ever been and it feels good! I know that God is going to reward us with a great harvest this fall! I am so excited about the upcoming year and what all He has in store for so many moms that will come through our doors. I would like to ask the body of First Baptist Church to pray for all of us involved in this outreach ministry - those of us involved in steering, our mentors, the moppet workers and the moms and children we haven't even met yet. If you have thought about helping with MOPS this how you can be a part of this ministry. MOPS International exists to meet the needs of every mom whom all share a similar desire to be the very best moms they can be! MOPS realize that the years from infancy through kindergarten are foundational in a mother-child relationship and are filled with unique needs. MOPS exist to encourage, equip and develop every mother of preschoolers to realize her potential as a woman, mother and leader in the name of Jesus Christ. FBC MOPS sees approximately 38 mothers every month. There are over eight churches represented in our MOPS group. Thirty to forty children enjoy the twenty five + ladies (and gents) from FBC that volunteer their time monthly to nurture, teach and care for them as their mothers enjoy some "mommy time". MOPS International chooses a yearly theme, which we adapt, our monthly meetings too. This year the theme is "**Adventures in Mothering.**"

Every meeting this year is based on an amusement park icon. We will kick off the new year on Tuesday, September 16th at 9:45, with registration beginning at 9:20. September's meeting theme will be *Season Pass Processing* as we begin the year getting aquatinted.

If you know someone who has a child between the ages of birth and completed kindergarten (ages 5 or 6) please tell them about MOPS. They can be a neighbor, friend or a mom you have met at the grocery store. All moms' are accepted! It is our goal that

every mom not only finds a friendly face at our meetings but ultimately a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Enjoying the adventure with Him-
Elise Martin, Coordinator

Carpenter's Hands Signs Of Love



Silent Dinners

The **Silent Dinner** for **September** will be held on Friday evening, September 5th, at Eastgate Mall. See you there!

Interpreter Schedule For September

September 3	Jo Manson	Maria Miller
September 10	Jo Manson	Maria Miller
September 17	Jo Manson	Maria Miller
September 24	Jo Manson	Maria Miller

—Maria Miller
Director of Deaf Ministries



Nominating Committee Elected

The following were elected to serve on the Nominating Committee at the second quarter business meeting on Wednesday, July 16th. The responsibility of the Nominating Committee will be to search out men and women of the Lord's choosing to serve Him and the church, beginning in 2009.

- Jerry Wallace representing the Deacon Board
- Nancy Follmer representing the Deaconess Board
- Lil Wilson representing the Missions Board
- Rod Anderson representing the Trustees Board
- Marilyn Bowling. . . representing the Christian Ed Board
- J.K. Wallace Member-at-Large
- Bill Roberts Member-at-Large

Those filling offices for the coming years will help determine the direction of the ministry of First Baptist Church. The responsibility that this committee undertakes is an awesome one and your prayers are coveted as they begin this important task.

Pastor Jeremy's Think Tank



Are you between the ages 18-29? Do you want to get together with others in this age group to grow closer to the Lord, grow closer together, and know that you are loved? Do you want to have a support system that will be there for you when life starts to get interesting and hard? If you said "yes" to these questions I would encourage you to think about coming to the O.N.E. Bible Study group that meets on Thursday nights at 7 p.m. We are a group that realizes we "Only Need Eternity" and want to help bring others to the throne of the ONE that is above all. Our time together is spent in one of the homes/apartments of those who come and we just catch up with each other concerning life, have a time of studying God's Word together, apply God's Word to our lives, and pray for each other.

At other times we will be getting together to do other activities that will help our group reach out to others and the community. If you want to get a feel for our group, I would encourage you to visit www.firstbaptisthamilton.org and look in the "18-20 Somethings" discussion board. There you will find many thoughts, some small group handouts, and the great fun that you can have with us in the O.N.E. ministry for 18-20 Somethings. If you have any questions or to find out where we are meeting this week, please call Jeremy Spence at 868-1412 or email him at jeremy.spence@firstbaptisthamilton.org. Hope to see you at our next O.N.E. Small Group meeting this Thursday at 7pm.

—Jeremy Spence

AWANA Needs your help!! Any teens that would be willing to listen to verses from 6:30pm until the start of Lifeline around 6:45pm are encouraged to see Brandi or Claire to get more information and to let them know you are interested. You would need to be consistent each week to hear verses and also know you may miss the first part of CREW.

Upcoming Events:

3rd at 6:30pm- Normal Lifeline begins for the fall. Come and experience with us as we tackle issues of the heart, thoughts from the Bible, and many more exciting things. If you have any ideas of things you would like to discuss during Lifeline please see Jeremy.

6th: We will be going to paintballing from 11am until 4pm at Cabin Creek Paintball on Eaton Road. The cost will be \$20 per person and include paint for most of the day. If you need a ride to Cabin Creek please let Jeremy know and you will be leaving the church at 10:30am to meet the rest of the group at 11am at Cabin Creek. Anyone is allowed to go and bring friends.

12th-13th: Revolve Tour for CREW ladies. You will be leaving for the Revolve Tour in Columbus on Friday evening around 4:00pm and returning around 7:00pm Saturday evening. Dinner will be provided. If you have yet to pay the rest of your money please give that to Angie Inloes as soon as possible. If you have any questions also see Angie.

14th: CREW Small Groups will be starting back up this evening at 6:00pm. Get ready to kick off another great year of small groups. There will be three different groups based on grade again this year. Be thinking about what you may like to discuss in a small group format and bring them on September 14th in the evening.

24th: See You At the Pole at your local school. As of right now there is not a rally being held before the actual See You At The Pole event but know it starts approximately 30 minutes before the bell rings. Hope you will plan now to attend and pray for your school.

Hey all! Here are some concerts at the Underground you may want to attend. If enough people go we can maybe go as a group and get a little cheaper price.

9/5 Sanctus Real Fall Tour—Tenth Avenue North, Vota & speaker Sammy Adebisi

9/19 Third Coast University Tour—The Afters, Matt Maher & Matthew Paul Turner

9/25 Fireflight—The "UNBREAKABLE" TOUR with Nevertheless & Me In Motion

10/31 Superchick & Stellar Kart

11/8 Building 429—With Addison Road & After Edmund

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>September 2008</h1>						
	1 Labor Day! Church Offices Closed	2 9:30 MOPS Steering Committee	3 5:00 ABW 6:00 Family Dinner 6:30 Awana-1st Club Night 6:30 Lifeline 6:45 Bible Study & Prayer 6:45 Carpenter's Hands 8:00 Chancel Choir	4 5:30 Music & Worship Committee	5 Carpenter's Hands Silent Dinner @ Eastgate Mall	6 8:00 Men's Prayer Gathering 11:30 CREW to Paintball
7 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 5:30 KingsKids Kick-Off 6:00 Evening Celebration	8	9 10:00 Holloway Circle 7:00 Abell Circle 7:00 Smith Circle	10 6:00 Nominating Com. 6:00 Family Dinner 6:30 Awana 6:30 Lifeline 6:45 Bible Study & Prayer 6:45 Carpenter's Hands 8:00 Chancel Choir	11 9:30 Ladies Bible Study 5:30 Board of Trustees	12 4:00 CREW Ladies leave church for Revolve Tour in Columbus	13 7:00 CREW Ladies return to church from Revolve Tour
14 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 4:30 Mission Board 6:00 Cherub Choir 6:00 Evening Celebration 6:30 CREW Sm. Groups	15	16 9:20 MOPS	17 6:00 Nominating Com. 6:00 Family Dinner 6:30 Awana-Colors Night 6:30 Lifeline 6:45 Bible Study & Prayer 6:45 Carpenter's Hands 8:00 Chancel Choir	18 9:30 Ladies Bible Study	19	20 Kirkwood Auction & Celebration
21 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 12:00 AB Girls 4:30 Diaconate 6:00 Cherub Choir 6:00 Evening Celebration 6:30 CREW Sm. Groups	22	23	24 6:00 Nominating Com. 6:00 Family Dinner 6:30 Awana Hanbook/ Recreation/Staff Mtg. 6:30 Lifeline 6:45 Bible Study & Prayer 6:45 Carpenter's Hands 8:00 Chancel Choir	25 8:30 Matthew 25 9:30 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 Ladies Bible Study	26	27
28 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 4:30 CE Board 5:15 Youth Choir 6:00 KingsKids 6:00 Cherub Choir 6:00 Evening Celebration 6:30 CREW Sm. Groups	29	30				



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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|---|---|---|
| 1 - Linda Dunaway | 14 - Jim Bell
Teene Campbell
Erin Roberts
Iris Patton
Bonnie Hanna | 24 - Bob Eicher
Lee Roco Jenkins
Siera Jordon
Lillian Ruth Wallace |
| 2 - Jenny VanMeter | | |
| 3 - Claire Metzger
Ben Morris
Cleta Paragin
Mike Wallick | 15 - Linda Cain
Walter Petry | 25 - Colleen Hefner
Guy Hefner
Donald Hines
Sandra Imhoff
Bill Merz |
| 4 - Grady Rector | 16 - Martha Helton
Barb Keith | |
| 5 - Richard Law | | 26 - Nancy Follmer
Mandy Gambrell
Molly Gambrell |
| 6 - Michael Krall
Myron Mesler | 17 - Brent Bowling
Earl Cotton
Carlie Lin Day
Ines Frost
Kevin Geiss | 27 - Dana Diedrichs
Andrew Geyer
Jené Krall
Evelyn Mesler |
| 7 - Kaitlyn Begley
Deron Bowling
Bud Conrad
Sandra McCartney | 18 - Herb Cox | |
| 8 - Makayla Witmer
Dave Hurst | 20 - Ashley Adams
Karen Buchanan
Carm Glover | 29 - Blake Hendrickson
Carolyn McAllister
Megan Miller |
| 9 - Carla Metzler
Lisa Sprague | 21 - Bob Braun
Hunter Michael Day
Lisa Hampton | 30 - Angie Inloes |
| 10 - Carolyn Gabbard
Mikayla Laney | 22 - Barbara Lakes
Jan Smith
Al Schumm | <p>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.</p> |
| 11 - Jim Krall
Merle Wilson | | |
| 12 - Evelyn Allen
Emily Metzger
Samuel Wallace | 23 - Rex Collier
Phyllis Cotton
Conner Gleason
Judy Swicegood
Cyndi Young | |
| 13 - Brian Chamberlain | | |

Personal Notes



From Marilyn Bowling

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bill and Sandra Imhoff for the planting and care of the flowers on the grounds of church. Each flower bed looks awesome. It is a big job to water and weed and if you see them, please express your appreciation for such a lovely variety of color as you drive up the hill of First Baptist.

From Steve Geibel

I want to thank Loretta and Jerry for your kind gestures during Vera's illness and passing. Your floral arrangement was beautiful but the card and prayers from your church touched me more than I can describe. Thank you for your great thoughtfulness and love.

From Pat Gingrich

What a wonderful, kind and caring church family. Thank you so much for all the cards and prayers. God bless you all for your concern and a special thanks to Pastor Bill for his visits.

From Merle Grubbs

I would like to thank everyone for the cards and prayers following my recent knee surgery. A special thanks to Pastor Den and Bill for their visits to the hospital. May God bless each of you and thanks again.

From Naomi Hoskins

I want to express my thanks to the church family for their prayers during my hip surgery and rehab which went well due to those prayers. I also want to thank

Pastor Metzger and Pastor Bill for their visits. Thanks also for the many cards I received.

From Ralph Jones

I would like to thank the many people for their cards, phone calls, and especially prayers during my recent surgery. I also am grateful to Pastor Bill for his visit to the hospital and to my home. It is comforting to have the support of my church family.

From Glenn Madden & Family

We want to thank our church family for your prayers, cards, and support during the passing of Luella Madden. The food that was provided to us the day of the funeral was very much appreciated. We want to thank Pastor Den and Pastor Bill for being there with us. That meant so much to us. We are very thankful for our church family.

From Irene Schilling

I would like to thank everyone for their visits, cards, calls, and prayers. It is wonderful to have a church family like all of you. Love to all.

From Hazel Scruggs

I want to thank all that are a part of the taping of the Sunday morning services that are sent to elderly and shut-ins who cannot attend. I always thought it was a good service, but now that I am on the receiving end I realize what a great service it is indeed. My very first tape I received they had set up the stage to start Bible School on Monday which gave me a smile remembering the times I helped with Bible school, especially the year of the dinosaurs. Thanks again Bill for asking if I would like to receive the tapes and to Bob Arnold who brought the VCR, set it up for me, and even wrote out simple directions because my eye sight isn't what it used to be and also my memory.

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