

# The Courier

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



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

*October, 2008*

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## Ten Commandments Of Human Relations

The fundamental issue in human ethical behavior is summarized by Jesus in what we have come to call "The Golden Rule." Jesus put it this way:

So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets (Matthew 7:12 TNIV).

It asks us to test our treatment of others by putting ourselves in their place. Treat others the way you would want them to treat you in the same or similar circumstance.

Somebody took that principle and translated it into Ten Commandments of Human Relations. You may have seen this anonymous piece, for it circulates in a variety of settings.

1. Speak to people. There is nothing as nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
2. Smile at people. It takes 72 muscles to frown, only 14 to smile.
3. Call people by name. It is music to anyone's ears to hear the sound of his or her name.
4. Be friendly and helpful.
5. Be cordial. Speak and act as if everything you do is genuinely a pleasure. If it isn't, learn to make it so.
6. Be genuinely interested in people. You can like almost anyone, if you try.
7. Be generous with praise, cautious with criticism.
8. Be considerate of the feelings of others. There are usually three sides to a controversy -- yours, the other fellow's, and the correct one.
9. Be alert to serve. What counts most in life is what you do for others.
10. Live with a good sense of humor, a generous dose of patience, and a dash of humility appropriate to being human.

skills, but people skills. That is, research has shown that the majority of people who fail in their vocation do so because they cannot get along with people.

You might think through the meaning of these ten common-sense ideas for your own workplace and personal activity. But what about the larger setting for your daily life? These principles work everywhere you go, for they are about showing respect to the people you meet in all those places.

Made in God's image, all of us have something to be valued, affirmed, and acknowledged by others. But let it begin with us to acknowledge it in them. As the cycle of giving and receiving enlarges, the human community comes alive.

—Rubel Shelly  
*HeartLight*

## Where's The Power?

On the day IKE slammed the Tri-State  
Our comfy lives were rocked.  
Thrust in a world of darkness,  
We were in a state of shock.

No more microwaves or ovens,  
No computers, no TV,  
No more telephone service,  
No more lights, and no AC.

No hot coffee in the morning;  
Local restaurants closed down tight.  
Did we stop to lift up thanks  
For our protection through the night?

Pleading in our helplessness,  
"Lord, what will we do?"  
We thought our power came from Duke.  
We now know, it comes from YOU. \*

\* *"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified . . . for the Lord your God goes with you. He will never leave you nor forsake you."* Duet. 31:6

\* *"And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness."* 11 Cor. 12: 9

—By Florence Jones

The great challenge in human experience is not work



## American Baptist Women's Ministries



It's that time of year again! Last year, ABW along with members of the congregation, worked together to fill 100+ shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Operation

Christmas Child, a unique project of Christian relief and evangelism organization, Samaritan's Purse, delivers gifts to hurting children while also telling them about God's greatest gift—His Son, Jesus Christ.

We are asking you, every member of the congregation, to join with us again to make this exciting project a success again this year. With your help we can bring joy and hope to millions of children again this Christmas.

Nancy Whipple (863-2309) is the contact person. Please bring in your filled box by Wednesday, November 12th. Here is a list of suggested gifts you can use in your box.

**Toys:** small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, plastic kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky, etc.

**School Supplies:** pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, coloring books, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, etc.

**Hygiene Items:** toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, comb, washcloth, etc.

**Other:** hard candy, lollipops, mints, gum, sunglasses, flashlights (with extra batteries), ball caps, socks, T-shirts, toy jewelry, hair-clips, watches, small picture books, etc.

### **Do NOT include the following:**

**Used Items**

**War-related Items**

**Chocolate or Perishable Food Items**

**Liquids**

**Medicines:** vitamins, cough drops, ointment, etc.

**Breakable Items:** mirrors, china dolls, snowglobes, etc.

Brochures are available for anyone who would like to fill a shoebox to contribute to this project. Any one needing a shoebox, please see Nancy Whipple or Ellie in the church office.

### Missionaries for the Month of **October**:

Thailand

Jeff & Annie Dieselberg

Karen Smith

## Bible Book of the Month ..... I Corinthians

*“So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.”*

I Corinthians 13:13 (RSV)

Paul went to Corinth about 20 years after Jesus was crucified. He worked and preached there, and many in the city became disciples of the Lord. Corinth was known as a wicked city. People who wanted to be Christians found it hard to live as they ought. Paul assured them that the Gospel they believed was *“the power of God and the wisdom of God.”* (I Corinthians 1:24)

**PRAY** for American Baptist churches in their individual ministries.

—Madge Walters

## AB Young Women of Hope

The AB Girls met after church September 21st, had some lunch together, and then went to Paint N Play. The six of us made some awesomely, beautiful pottery pieces and had a great time visiting together. Our next meeting will be at church after the morning service on October 19th.

—Marilyn Bowling, Mindy Hazelwood,  
& 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, October 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. Everyone is welcome to be a part of this ministry.



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## *The Greatest Commandment*

When the words were first given at Mt. Sinai, during the days of the desert wanderings, it must have been an awesome moment for the people of God. They had become a new nation, under the sovereign plan of the almighty God of the universe. But things did not go as they had at first hoped. They had become a “stiff-necked” people, and their constant disobedience in the desert earned God’s patient judgment upon them—days of wandering; months of circling the desert wastelands; years of looking over their shoulder to the past days of captivity, where even slavery appeared to be better than what they were experiencing.

Forty years after the early days of the exodus had become only a practiced memory, and an entire adult generation had perished in the wilderness, once more the nation of Israel was summoned to the tent of Moses. They gathered in Moab, on the eastern side of the Jordan River, not far from the place where the Jordan flows into the Dead Sea. This time, the Hebrew people stood ready to pass into the Land of Promise. In his last act of leadership over that hopeful nation, Moses reiterated God’s covenant promises given to them in the desert, and challenged them to remember their responsibilities as God’s covenant people. That long discourse, however it was fully communicated to the people, has taken the form of the book of Deuteronomy. The essence of Moses’ challenge is found in the fourth verse of the sixth chapter:

“Sh’ma Yisra’el ADONAI Eloheynu, ADONAI echad.”  
“Hear, O Isra’el, the LORD our God, the LORD is one.”

This brief sentence sums up the teaching of the first two commandments of the Law given by God in the wilderness journeys. It is the nearest Judaism gets to a credal statement. It is called in the Hebrew, the Sh’ma. All of Jewish tradition agrees on this one matter—that the Sh’ma occupies the supreme place in Jewish thought, tradition, and theology. They are not words for the printed page only—words only to be accepted and believed. These are words that are to be spoken aloud so that others may hear; shared as a testimony of a commitment to the eternal One; recited as a remembrance of the greatness of God; and proclaimed joyously by one who has submitted him/herself to the wonder of the God of the universe.

The instruction of Moses to the Hebrew people in Deuteronomy continues (6:5-10, 12):

*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on*

*your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates....When the Lord your God brings you into the land he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to give you--a land with large, flourishing cities you did not build, be careful that you do not forget the Lord, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.*

In her book, *The Greatest Commandment*, Irene Lipson, a Messianic Jew, makes this comment:

*There is an important lesson in the Sh’ma for all of us. Faith begins with belief that there is a God—but this alone is not enough. It is necessary to be in relationship with that God. He wishes to be “our” God—“my” God. **More than that—what He has done for us calls for a response of love.** Love without action is empty. Real love leads to action, to a life lived in obedience to His will, as revealed in the Scriptures—His Word...(p xxiii).*

This past August, Ruth and I observed our 40th wedding anniversary. We had always wanted to do something special for this occasion, and since Ruth had never been to Israel, we decided that such a trip would be perfect. By the time you read this article, Rod and Lois Anderson and Ruth and I will be in the midst of a two week study tour of Israel and Jordan. This tour is sponsored by "That the World May Know Ministries." This is the same organization that has brought us the Ray Vander Laan Focus on the Family video series of Israel that we have used on several occasions in our Bible study sessions. As I write this article, our departure date is just days away.

The trip was described to us as "not your typical high-heeled bus trip." We are excited about hiking the places where the ancient people of God set up their tents in the Promised Land; about learning the context for the teaching of the prophets; about reciting the Psalms of David on the journey to the Temple; about understanding more fully the parables and miracles of Jesus Himself. Our goal is to listen; to learn; to study; to pray; to love God with all our hearts; to experience the wonder of proclaiming with our own lips, in the land that has been so special to the heart of God, "*Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, is one God.*"

I hope you will take some time to pray for us while we are gone (Sept21-Oct6). The world is a dangerous place—especially for Americans. Fortunately, we are traveling with a group of Dutch Reformed believers from Australia. Perhaps that will take off some of the heat for the few Americans in the group. In addition, we encourage you to pray for us to be able to keep up with the demanding physical requirements of the adventure.

After our "*Echoes from Israel*" report, scheduled for Sunday evening, October 12, we promise not to bore you too often with the slides of our journey. But there may be occasions when what we have learned will assist us in making our faith journeys more real and relevant.

Loving God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and inviting you to join us, Pastor

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**ABC/Ohio Annual Gathering**  
**Keynote Speaker, Rev. Dr. Jeffrey A. Johnson**  
**October 16-18 in Columbus**

The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey A. Johnson serves as the National Director of Evangelism and National Coordinator for NET: National Evangelism Team of the American Baptist Churches USA under the auspices of the Board of National Ministries.

As the denominational Specialist in Evangelism, he collaborates with American Baptist national and regional staff committed to the denominational *NEW LIFE* 2010

goal to make 1,000,010 new disciples for Christ by the year 2010. Part of his responsibility is to assist our 35 different regions and 3 geographic areas in developing specific strategic evangelism plans and programs. In order to accomplish such, he travels extensively to speak, teach, equip, consult, and interact on local, associational, regional, and national levels. His emphasis on personal evangelism is both relational and natural, rooted in the Word of God. He seeks to raise the awareness of the frontline nature of evangelism as it occurs in and through the local church, believing as does our denomination that each of our local congregations are individually the fundamental units of ministry.

Dr. Johnson has eighteen years of pastoral experience in three congregations in West Virginia and Pennsylvania. From January 1, 1999 to February 1, 2001, he served as the senior minister of the multi-staffed Mount Vernon Baptist church of Hurricane, WV (WVBC) that grew under his leadership to become the 6th largest and one of the best mission giving church in WV and across the country. He resumed this position January 1, 2006 concurrent with and in conjunction to his present denominational responsibilities.

In addition to eighteen years of pastoral experience, Johnson has an extensive background in evangelism, church growth, and new church planting. He received his call to ministry at a very early age. He made his faith commitment to Christ in his teens. He began preaching when he was fourteen and has done evangelistic preaching in numerous denominations and conducted workshops, camps, and retreats for children, youth, young, and senior adults for 27 years. Currently, Johnson is staffing the National Evangelism Team he personally trained, comprised of nearly 100 ABC evangelism teachers; regional staff, pastors, and key lay leaders deployed across the country to provide consults, coaches, and training in Church Vitality and as well as *Got Style?*, our own national personality based initiative of evangelism that Jeff developed. He is presently finishing up a book on the subject to be published through our own Judson Press in 2009.

Educationally, Johnson holds a Ph.D. in Theology from Tyndale Seminary, an M.A. in Ministry from Carolina University, and a B.A. in Philosophy from California State University.

He and his wife, Karen, a licensed nursing home administrator and now stay at home mom, their twelve-year old sixth grade daughter, Jonae, and six-year old son kindergartner, Judson Adoniram, make their home in the Scott Depot area of WV just west of the state capitol of Charleston. His passion for history is lived out in his interest for old cars, old coins, and just plain old things.

Jeff has traveled well over 350,000 miles, been in every single one of our 35 ABC regions, including ABC-Ohio, as well as to the geographic areas of Alaska, Oklahoma, and *New Life* Florida, and made meaningful contact with 25% of nearly 5700 local congregations.

As a missiologist and urban ministry practitioner, Minatrea previously served in Executive Staff positions with Baptist General Convention of Texas and Dallas Baptist Association. Prior to serving in those ministries, he was senior pastor of churches in Texas. Minatrea earned a Doctor of Ministry in Missions Administration from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary.

**ABC/Ohio Annual Gathering Missionary Guest  
Chuck and Ruth Fox, American Baptist Missionary  
Serving in Thailand**

Chuck and Ruth Fox work with the approximately 75,000 Akha hilltribe people living in northern Thailand. The foxes' ministry focuses on evangelism, pastoral care, leadership development, and women's ministries.

Chuck teaches Akha pastors at the Akha Churches of Thailand (ACT) training center. He also visits and works with them in their villages and places of ministry, gaining insight into their culture and how it influences their work. He works with villagers in areas of drug rehabilitation, development projects, and healthcare to improve their quality of life.

Ruth ministers to Akha women through the ACT women's ministries and leadership training events. She also assists with Akha Craft, a handicraft project designed to bring income into Akha tribal villages, and teaches young tribal women at risk at the New Life Center in Chiang Rai, Thailand.

Language used in ministry: Thai and Akha

To register for the 2008 Annual Meeting of the ABC/Ohio, please check in with the church office for registration materials, or visit the ABC/Ohio website, <http://www.abc-ohio.org>.

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**KeenAger October Meeting**

The KeenAgers are going to Boggstown, IN, Monday, October 13th. We will leave the church at 9:00 a.m.

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

**Budget Status Report**

**The Month of August, 2008**

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$69,577
Offerings	<u>53,372</u>
Over (Under) Budget	(\$16,205)

Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$65,795
Offerings	<u>53,372</u>
Over (Under) Actual	(\$12,423)

**The Year Through August, 2008**

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$492,676
Offerings	<u>419,399</u>
Over (Under) Budget	(\$73,277)

Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$480,437
Offerings	<u>419,399</u>
Over (Under) Actual	(\$61,038)

–The Board Of Trustees

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**Respect Life Sunday**

**Annual Life Chain**

**October 7th  
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

Respect Life Sunday is October 5th and the Annual Life Chain, silently praying for an end to abortion and a call to forgiveness will take place on High Street from the bridge eastward from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Families, individuals, or church groups are invited to stand along both sides of High Street in a prayerful way with a sign facing the street that may say "Adoption Not Abortion" or "Jesus Forgives", etc. Signs will be available from Linda Davis who will be in front of Elder Beerman on High Street at 1:50 p.m.

–Linda Davis

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**Fall Back Fellowship**

The FOCUS Class will again sponsor the Fall Back Fellowship Sunday, November 2nd, from 8:45-9:15 a.m. They will service a light breakfast of muffins, donuts, specialty breads, juice, milk, and coffee. All senior high through adults are invited. Children are welcome when accompanied with an adult.

–Carol Howard  
FOCUS Class



## THE GAZEBO

We have watched with interest the construction of the gazebo which is located close to the children's playground and is visible as you drive up the hillside to church. The gazebo was built in memory of Eileen Campbell from contributions many of you made to the Memorial Fund in her name, and by her loving husband, Gene.

The dictionary defines a gazebo as "a structure commanding an extensive view...a summerhouse. (Origin uncertain; now associated with 'gaze')". Certainly the gazebo is located in the correct position where one can sit and gaze on our city and its beautiful skyline. You are invited to use it, to meditate there and to pray for our town. Also from the gazebo you can view our campus and enjoy being a part of God's great outdoors. Pray for our church, remembering that we are made up of needy people. Reflect, too, upon the ones who have gone before us, those who have made our lives richer for knowing them. Eileen was one of those people.

Eileen loved the Lord and His great creation; her life reflected His grace and mercy. Even in her final days, when her body was torn apart with Parkinson's and scoliosis, she praised the Lord. She often expressed herself in verse. This is one of her last poems.

### GOD'S GRACE

Dear God,

I'm tired and weak, my strength is gone,  
The days are drab, the nights are long.  
I find it hard to walk and stand,  
Please, Father, hold me in your hand.

Sometimes it's lonely through the day,  
My children both have moved away.  
A telephone is hard and cold.  
It's not warm flesh that I can hold.

And my beloved cannot do  
The things he always used to do...  
No sports, no fishing in the lake,  
No journeys like we used to take.  
No solo songs he used to sing  
In praise and honor to his King.

I need your strength, my joy is gone  
My heart no longer sings a song.  
Increase my faith and help me stand  
With you my Father, hand in hand.

I know that you will always be  
Beside me though I cannot see  
The path that you would have me tread,  
"Just trust in Me" you've often said.

Your grace has covered all my sin.  
I know you'll bring me back again  
And cause my doubts and fears to cease  
And fill my heart with joy and peace.  
Your grace will always be the same.  
O gracious Father, PRAISE YOUR NAME!

In memory of Eileen Campbell  
Born 11-22-31  
Met the Master face to face on 11-30-07

*"You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace;  
the mountains and hills will burst into song before you,  
and all the trees of the field will clap their hands."*  
Isaiah 55:12

Gene and his children Sharon and Andy, and Eileen's sisters wish to thank all who contributed to the Memorial Fund. We are grateful for the cooperation of our trustees in helping to select the site for the gazebo and for all the preparations necessary for its completion. This involved moving the dumpster over by the garage, building the path, and other grounds work. To Rod Anderson, Tom Advance, Larry Bowling, Dwain Brewer, Nick Emenaker, Bill Imhoff, Doug Wallace and his son, Alex, we express our appreciation. Thanks go to Jim Light from Buckeye Barns, Rt.4, Fairfield, where the gazebo was purchased and to Tom Truxall, Buckeye Barns, Canton, Ohio who drove to Hamilton several times to construct the gazebo. Both gentlemen were gracious to work with and generous with time and resources, allowing winter prices for spring work and discounts on accessories where possible. To God be the glory!



## Pastor Appreciation Month

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. It is a special time that congregations set aside each year to honor their pastors and pastoral families for the hard work, sacrificial dedication and multiple blessings provided by these special people. It is also important to remember that appreciation, affirmation and prayer support of our spiritual leaders is appropriate throughout the entire year.

The nature of the service provided by pastors and their families is unique. God has entrusted to them one of the most precious of assignments—the spiritual well-being of His flock.

Pastors and their families live under incredible pressures. Their lives are played out in a fishbowl, with the entire congregation and community watching their every move. They are expected to have ideal families, to be perfect people, to always be available, to never be down and to have all the answers we need to keep our own lives stable and moving forward. Those are unrealistic expectations to place on anyone, yet most of us are disappointed when a pastor becomes overwhelmed, seems depressed, lets us down or completely burns out.

That's why God has instructed us to recognize His servants. *"The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching"* (1 Timothy 5:17).

The good news is that we can make a difference! Clergy Appreciation Month is one way we can counter the negative erosion in the lives of our spiritual leaders with the positive affirmation they need.

Pray for, thank, and honor your pastors! Send notes of love and appreciation to your pastors. **Let them know that you love them and appreciate their efforts to make Jesus known to everyone.**

*"And now, friends, we ask you to honor those leaders who work so hard for you . . . Overwhelm them with appreciation and love!"*

I Thessalonians 5:12-13a, *The Message*

## A Notice from the Prayer Committee

The Committee on Prayer (Strategy #7) met recently to work on a couple projects. One is a Personal Prayer Journal which can be used as a tool in our daily devotions. The Journal is set up on a day-to-day basis, with a 31 day month, although no month is printed. The object is to coordinate the Journal with the present month and day. (On a 30 day month, pray for Day 31.) On a specific day there is listed a ministry, church personnel, organization, activity, etc. that involves our church people. Also mentioned are government officials (not by name) so we can be obedient to the Scriptures and pray for those in authority over us. We sincerely hope we have not overlooked anyone. The Journal also has a Bible verse for the day. This will remind us of the importance of upholding our people, families and community in prayer. There will be room on each day to write in your own requests and praises to the Lord.

The national elections are fast approaching and we feel the call to prayer. Many people are convinced this presidential election is one of the most important since the founding of our nation. Our second project was to prepare a list of prayer requests regarding the election. These requests are non-partisan, but specific enough that we hope to see heaven moved by our desire to have someone in office that will honor the King. That list of prayer requests has been distributed to the congregation, but are also printed below.

We are also working with several families willing to open their homes for prayer. The "old fashioned" cottage prayer meetings where families, friends and neighbors meet to pray can still be effective. Dates and places will be announced soon. If you are interested in opening your home for prayer, please see one of the committee members.

It is our goal as a committee to urge our congregation to pray regularly for our national elections. It is the personal responsibility of each of us to examine our own heart before God according to the guidelines of II Chronicles 7:14, to humble ourselves, to pray and seek, to turn from wicked ways. If we are faithful in obeying these instructions, God has said he will forgive our sin and heal our land. May it be so.

The Prayer Committee  
Ruth Metzger & Carol Howard, Co-chairs;  
Walter and Mary Petry;  
Thelma Stanger



## Awana Updates

AWANA is up and running! We are excited to have nearly 60 kids joining us this year, with more to come, we're sure, in the future! Thanks to all who volunteer and bring the children to us each week!

### Awana October Calendar

1st	Regular Club night	Canned Food Drive
8th	Mini Store night	til Thanksgiving
15th	Missions Night	
22nd	Regular Club night	
29th	Fall Festival	

### Canned Food Drive

AWANA is hosting a church-wide, non-perishable food drive for the months of October and November. We are hoping to collect enough food to make a line all the way around the hallway downstairs! Who knows-we might even collect enough to make a line all the way around on both sides of the hallway! Keep your eyes open for sales on items which would be great for the food pantry! We hope you will join us for our Fall Mission Project! Be sure to check on us downstairs to see how we are progressing!

### Fall Festival

AWANA will be having a fun, fall festival night on Wednesday, October 29th, following handbook time. From approximately 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm, everyone is welcome to participate in crafts, games, and "chair treating" (instead of going door-to-door, costumed kids will be traveling chair-to-chair in the gym). Be sure to invite friends and neighbors to this time of fellowship and fun! Church-appropriate costumes are welcome!

**HOW YOU CAN HELP:** There are many ways you can participate and help with this event.

- 1) volunteer to manage a game
- 2) volunteer to manage a craft station
- 3) supply candy/treats/novelty items to hand out at a treat chair
- 4) donate items for the "Cake Walk" game (if students "land" on a cake picture, they get to pick an item from the "store" of snacks)

(examples: fruit snacks, baked goods, Little Debbie snacks, snack crackers, pretzels, etc.) The items can remain in their original packaging. If you bake something to donate, place on a disposable, wrapped plate.

- 5) be a "floater"-walk around and check on things and interact with the kids.

Please let Brandi or Sandra Imhoff know if you have any questions. There will be an area designated for donations in the connector. Thanks for your support!!!

### Operation Christmas Child

It's going to be Christmas before we know it! AWANA will be participating in Operation Christmas Child, so begin collecting shoeboxes now! If you have some at home that you no longer need, please send them in so they can be used by the kids. You can drop them off by the Children's Directors' office, located downstairs by the CREW room. Stay tuned for a list of recommended items to put in the shoeboxes to give to a child in a foreign country.

-Brandi Emenaker, Claire Metzger,  
& Sandra Imhoff  
Awana Leaders

### 1st Annual Benefit Auction Camp Kirkwood November 8th Noon - 7:00 p.m.

Save this date and join us as we look to the future of Camp Kirkwood. All are invited!

Live Action & Open House  
For a list of items visit us on the web at [www.campkirkwood.net](http://www.campkirkwood.net)

If you have items to donate, please contact Tim Swicewood  
(937) 382-3535  
(614) 778-1047



## From The Heart Of Marilyn

### College Corner



**Important!!** We need **all** college students addresses as soon as possible. If you have not turned yours in, please call Marilyn Bowling 863-2435 or the church office 868-1412.

–Marilyn Bowling  
College Coordinator



### Carpenter's Hands Signs Of Love



#### Silent Dinners

The **Silent Dinner** for **October** will be held on Friday evening, October 3rd, at Northgate Mall. See you there!

### Interpreter Schedule For October

<b>October 5</b>	Jo Manson	Maria Miller
<b>October 12</b>	Jo Manson	Maria Miller
<b>October 19</b>	Jo Manson	Maria Miller
<b>October 26</b>	Jo Manson	Maria Miller

### Happy Birthday



**October 3** Lisa Miles  
**October 4** Maria Miller  
**October 27** John Brown

–Maria Miller  
Director of Deaf Ministries

Our “adventure” in MOPS started a week later due to the massive power outage the entire city faced. We are extremely grateful for all of the Moppet workers who took time out of their schedules to come in and care for our children thus allowing us to still have our kick off meeting. Even though we were a week later than normal our attendance was fairly good. We had 19 moms in total with 2 moms whom were brand new to our group. Many of our "regular" attendees were absent so we are anticipating larger numbers at our October meeting.

Our September meeting was laid back as we allowed the moms to complete necessary paper work and find out just what MOPS is all about. We did enjoy a time of prayer and also found out some interesting facts about some of our moms. Did you know that Misty Sapp rode a roller coaster while she was pregnant? And that Barbie Begley has been to Fantasy farm? Did you also know that Kristen Bowling has been to Disney World over ten times! These are just a few of the fun amusement park facts we found out about each other in a get acquainted game.

Be sure to invite a friend to next months meeting! Our theme for the month is *The Merry Go Round*. We will have a representative from NAMI to speak to us about depression. We are fortunate enough to not have a waiting list at this time to join our group so please be sure to share this ministry with someone you know. It is our prayer that each mother that attends our meeting hears His voice and is able to grow as a mother, as a friend and in a relationship with Him. Please join our ministry by continuing to lift us up in prayer as we see new moms each month.

You are also invited to attend our playgroup, which will meet the second Monday of each month at 9:30 in the gym beginning in October.

Be sure to check out all the activities we have in store for the year! We have a calendar available if you are interested in attending any of our events. Please see Sandra Imhoff or myself to obtain one.

Enjoying the adventure with Him-  
Elise Martin, Coordinator

## An Opportunity To Partner In Prayer From Adam Metzger

Dear Members and Friends of First Baptist,

For years, First Baptist has prided itself as a people of prayer. What a great characteristic to be proud of! You don't just state it, you really are. In 1999, as I left for Indiana Wesleyan University, I received many encouraging notes from members of First Baptist, stating they were praying for me. Kathy Reynolds, in particular, sent me a special note stating that in her daily time with God, she always lifted me up to God. I was so convinced that her prayers had such a powerful impact on me that one day, during a particular bad day, I almost called Kathy asking why she had forgotten to pray that day! I once confessed to a small group I was a part of that I could literally "feel" the prayers of God's people on my behalf.

As I read the scriptures, I am reminded of the impact that prayer had over situations and people's lives. Scan the scriptures and here's what you'll find--many of the great movements of God were started when people decided to pray:

Acts 1, just after Jesus had ascended into Heaven, many of his disciples gathered in an upstairs room for the purpose of prayer. A few days later, the Holy Spirit came, empowering the disciples for incredible, unbelievable ministry.

Acts 12, Peter is thrown into prison so the church began "earnestly praying to God for him." Moments later, an angel of the Lord appeared and the chains fell off Peter's wrists.

Acts 16, Paul and Silas sat in prison, hurt and bleeding after a severe beating, yet they began praying and singing to God. Moments later, "the foundations of the prison were shaken, all the prison doors flew open and chains came loose."

Pretty incredible, huh?

I'm convinced the prevailing and explosive nature of the church in the early 1st century was a result of devoted followers of Jesus praying fervently for God's spirit to move!

I'm writing this letter because I covet your prayers for myself, the leaders of KingsWay Community Church and the church itself. In faith and obedience, we have

recently sold our building in order to reposition ourselves for more significant ministry. We realize that without believers standing along side of us praying and asking for God to move, we are missing the most crucial catalyst for success in making disciples.

Will you kneel and pray with us as we venture into a crucial transition stage, planning and preparing and praying about becoming the church God intended for us to be? Would you join our prayer network, consisting of hundreds or even thousands of individuals, who are committed to pray for a biblically grounded, effective, prevailing KingsWay Community Church.

Joining and participating in The KingsWay Prayer eNetwork is pretty easy.

- 1) Send us a note at [prayer@kingswaybaptist.org](mailto:prayer@kingswaybaptist.org), or go to our website [www.kingswaybaptist.org](http://www.kingswaybaptist.org) and click on the "Prayer eNetwork" to sign up. We need no more information than your email address.
- 2) Receive an email periodically from myself or the KingsWay Prayer eNetwork leader communicating specific areas for prayer (The email will also include answers to prayer!).
- 3) Pray

As you consider entering into this prayer eNetwork, hear the words that Charles Spurgeon stated over a century ago: "*Prayer is the slender nerve that moves the hand of God.*" Or consider this axiom: work like it depends on you and pray like it depends on God. We are certainly doing both! Will you pray with us?

Thanks for partnering with KingsWay as we pray for significant Kingdom impact, leading people into becoming fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

Adam Metzger, Pastor





### 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 17 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. Tablescape: 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 hope you have seen the tablescape that is on display in the lobby near the library. This is only a sample of the creative things that you could come up with. Stop at the table in the connector to sign up to provide a tablescape and/or to make your dinner reservations for this fantastic November 17th event.

*"You'll eat your fill of good food. You'll be full of praises to your God."*

Joel 2:26 (The Message)

## Upcoming Women's Ministry Events

**October 4** - ABW Fall Rally in Middletown

**October 13** - Christian Authors Book Club led by Nancy Follmer and Judy Farris

**October 24-25** - Extraordinary Women's Conference in Grove City (**canceled - Sold Out!**)

**October 31** - Serve City - sign up at the table in the connector October 5 - 12 to help provide dinner for this homeless shelter

**November 17** - Guinea Pig Dinner - Notice the change in date! Make your reservations starting October 19.

-Women's Ministry Council,  
Dale Braun, Lois Anderson, Elise Martin,  
Johnny Wallace, Nancy Whipple, Teri Horsley

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## 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.

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## 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 Boyer. Oxford Presbyterian Church, 101 N. Main Street in Oxford. Information: 523-6969 or jackdaugherty@hotmail.com



# Pastor Jeremy's Think Tank

*I've Been Thinking...*

This past couple weeks I have been doing a whole lot of thinking, I know a scary thought and some of you may have noticed a burnt smell coming from my head. Don't worry I am okay and no long term side effects should come into play. I have been thinking about two books which have tremendously challenged me and I want to share with you some of those thoughts. The two books are: *Unchristian* by David Kinnaman and Gabe Lyons, and *Jesus Wants To Save Christians Too* by Rob Bell.

These two books challenged me in the way Christians are perceived in the world by those things we do and do not do. Research is now showing that most of the people who do not attend church think that our Christian faith, the one you and I profess, no longer looks like what Jesus would want it to. Read the last sentence again and let it sink in. Amazing, huh? Does the sentence make you want to explore the issue more? Does it make you cringe? Angry? Discouraged? Heart broken?

The questions I have pondered is really changing how I am trying to live out my faith and I want to share them with you now. Remember I am just letting you into my thought process and by no means have I come to an answer on any of the following. I am not criticizing myself, other Christians, or our church, instead I am prayerfully seeking God's answers and willing to do what He wants next.

If the CREW Student Ministry here at FBC, or if FBC were to all the sudden close it's doors, would anyone in the community notice? Are the things I proclaim to be "Christlike" really Christlike? Am I helping people see the Christ of the Bible or another image and story of Him that makes them want to run the other way? Do I care about people because God created them or is everyone another person who "just needs Jesus"? Do I love my neighbors? Do I show my neighbors I love them? Is the CREW more about people who already know Jesus or those who don't? Should the CREW be about those who already know Jesus or those who have yet to come to know Him? Does following Jesus really cost me anything? What do I, Jeremy, need to change to be more loving to all people? Do I embody both grace and truth or just one or the other?

I wish I could tell you some of my answers but honestly I am not sure any come truly to mind. I just pray God will be gentle and gracious with me, yet firm and bold at the same time. Paul encourages us in his second letter to the Corinthians that we are Christ's letter and our lives show others who Christ is. I hope

and pray my life, your life, our church, would be a letter in which people are drawn to Christ and not pushed away. I am praying that my life looks so much like Christ's that people are actually confused. I am hoping, praying and trying to live my life in a way that my Christian faith isn't unchristian in how it is shown. For this reason I will ponder even more as I strive to be like Christ and hope you will too.

Pondering alongside you,  
Jeremy

## Upcoming Events:

**Wednesday Nights at 6:30pm:** During Lifeline each week we will be going through the Outflow study. You won't want to miss this opportunity to learn about becoming a fountain that others find fascinating.

**Sunday Nights at 6:00pm:** Small Groups will be taking place throughout our building. John and Ruthie Wallace will be leading our 11th and 12th grade group in the Library studying the book *Crazy Love*. Mike and Dale Braun will be leading the 9th and 10th grade group in rooms 113-114. You are participating in a **surprise** study. Trust me you won't want to miss this small group time. Jeremy Spence and Linda Davis will be leading the 7th and 8th grade group in room 117 with discussions always centering around the Bible and our lives. See anyone of these small group leaders for more information or questions.

**October 15th 6:30pm:** There is a TFC (Time For Change) Rally for the whole city at Hamilton High School. We will be heading to this rally and you won't want to miss it. We will leave the church at 6:30pm with things starting at the high school at 7pm. The rally will be over at 8:30pm so either be picked up there or at church at 9:00pm.

**October 25th:** The CREW will be having their annual Barn Party out at the Braun's house. The fun will begin around 7pm and go until 9:30pm. Please wear your barn attire, two canned foods for soup, and your square dancing shoes. More details may be to come but plan now to join.

**October 22nd:** Reservations and a \$20 deposit will be needed for the Miami Association Fall Retreats, both Junior High and Senior High. The total cost of the retreats is \$50 per person and includes a t-shirt this year.

**October 31-November 2:** Junior High Miami Association Fall Retreat out at Kirkwood. We will leave the church at 5:30pm and please eat before you come. We will return Sunday before morning service lets out. You will receive a permission slip and list of things to bring when you pay your deposit on October 22nd.



## Child Care Schedule

### Nursery (Morning)

October 5 - Andrew & Allison Sommers  
October 12 - Debby Gibson & Madelyn Hall  
October 19 - Nancy Follmer  
October 26 - Judy, Amy, & Anna Wallace

### One & Two Year Olds

October 5 - Lisa & Alexander Sprague  
October 12 - Stan & Mary Brown  
October 19 - Rick Baker  
October 26 - Aleesha Spence

### Kinderchurch

October 5 - Brandi Emenaker & Teen Helper  
October 12 - Brandi Emenaker & Teen Helper  
October 19 - Brandi Emenaker & Teen Helper  
October 26 - Brandi Emenaker & Teen Helper



## 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

### October 1

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

### October 8

Menu: Chicken Pot Pie, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Dessert  
Hosts: Chancel Choir

### October 15

Menu: Pork Chops, Scalloped Potatoes, Honey Glazed Carrots, Applesauce, Rolls, Dessert  
Hosts: Deacons

### October 22

Menu: Spaghetti Casserole, Tossed Salad, Bread Sticks, Dessert  
Hosts: Deaconesses

### October 29

Menu: Beef Stew, Apple Salad, Corn Bread with Butter, Dessert  
Hosts: TNT (Seekers)

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.

## October Greeters

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



Sunday

Monday

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Wednesday

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Saturday

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# October



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

1 - Ellie Dinger  
Michael Gipson  
Sandy Keller  
Kelly Mozingo  
Tom Thomas

2 - Eva Miller  
Tisha Patton

3 - Steve Gingrich  
Lisa Miles  
Caleb Russo

4 - Maddie Buchanan  
Jane Day  
Maria Miller  
Kathy Reynolds

5 - Steven Click  
LaVerne Gerth  
Toni Schwab  
Katie Roberts

6 - Alma Holmes

7 - Steve Lewis  
Connie Smith

8- Thomas Ellison  
Doug Moorehead  
Pat Nesbitt  
Jim Patton

9 - John Hampton  
Walter Hillman  
Julie Hines  
Dolly Houser  
Callie Hyde

10- Thelma Ditmyer  
Kalyne Schuermann

11- Jeremy Sapp  
Bobby Stanger  
Alyssa Witmer

12- Brandon Allen  
Cheryl Motzer

13- Barb Burton  
Dorothy VanNatta

14- Tom Farris

16- Alexis Ankrum  
Cooper Chaney  
Sara Wilson  
Rose Young

17- Rachael Davis  
Hannah Imhoff  
Jean Janutolo  
Anne Owen  
Madge Walters

20- Brenda Gabbard  
Brad Hefner  
Lori Huff  
Abby Metzler  
JoAnn Russo  
Trisha Zeek

21 - Susi House

22- Aria Joy Metzger

23- Joe Arnold  
Sydney Wilson

24- Teri Collier

25- Richard Apgar, Jr.  
Mary Petry  
Libby Roberts

26- Pat Miller  
Paul VonStein

27- Sandy Schrader

28- Marilyn Bowling

29- Josh Baker  
Linda Gibbs  
Fred Lakes  
Josie Metzger  
Shauna Teeters

30- Kerry Collier

31- Ruth Beerman  
Mark Farmer  
Bridget Sapp  
Thomas Scott  
Mindy Finnerty

**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.

### Omissions from September Birthdays

18 - Herb Cox  
Jack Young

I apologize for the omissions.

-Ellie

## Personal Notes



### From Bob & Betty Eicher

We want to thank everyone for making our 65th anniversary so special. Thank you for all cards, calls, and comments, and for the pictures from the newspaper that were sent to us. It was so nice having our family together for the first time in ages. Once again the people of First Baptist are very special to us.

### From Glendene Hall

I want to thank all the church folks that prayed, sent cards, and called after I had my carotid artery surgery. It is as Jewell said, "I didn't get around to sending a card, but I prayed." What more could a person want?

### From Evon Laubenstein

My heart overflows with thanksgiving for the love and concern that have surrounded us in Paul's difficult journey with Alzheimers. To Pastors Den and Bill and the whole church family, thank you for your cards, food, hugs, and the constant prayer support. The meal prepared for family and friends after the funeral was greatly appreciated. "God is my rock in whom I take refuge." May God continue to bless the ministry here at First Baptist.

### From Evelyn Mesler

My nephew, Doug Beldon, has asked me to convey his appreciation for your prayers and the signed card. (That card makes a powerful statement!) Doug has not had any sign of a seizure since the brain surgery and recovering nicely. Thank you, Lord, for answering our prayers. Thanks to all!!

### From Merle Wilson

I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, and calls when my brother, Dale King, passed away suddenly. A special thanks to Pastors Metzger and Brantingham for the visits. They were greatly appreciated.

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## Thank You! Thank You!

Thank you so much to those who answered my pitiful plea for help with childcare. I am so thankful that the church has recognized this need and many members signed up to help in this very important ministry! This burden has been lifted, and I am so thankful for your willingness to help! We are now pretty much covered through December, and we will be putting out the signup list for January through June. Please stop by the table in the connector often to see if there is a need in a certain department. Check the Courier and the weekly bulletins to see the childcare schedule. If by chance you will not be able to serve on your scheduled day, try to arrange a trade. If you are not able to do so, you can call Brandi or Claire, and we will try to get it covered for you.

Brandi 738.2439 Claire 642.0434

## Kids' Church

Kids' Church is the program for children in grades 1 through 6. It is held during the pastor's sermon on Sunday mornings in room 200. We have been blessed with a great number of kids each week, numbering between 25-30 kids! Wow! With this great attendance, there has become a need for some additional supervision during Kids' Church time. If you would like to help, please let Sandra Imhoff or Karen Buchanan know. There is no preparation or teaching involved, just helping to "corral" the kids during their activities. Please look for a signup sheet in the connector.

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