

The Courier

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



"Where everybody is somebody and Jesus Christ Is Lord"

April, 2009

Jesus

From the womb to the tomb,
The one perfect life.
Jesus entered our world
With all of its strife.

In wisdom and stature
He grew to become man.
He healed and forgave
According to Plan.

And then as a way
For mankind to be free,
He laid down His life
For you and for me.

We can't comprehend . . .
We can never repay,
But we must nor forget
As we live, day to day

That because of His sacrifice,
Because of His love,
We one day may live
In His home up above . . .

The place that H's gone
Ahead to prepare.
If we give Him our hearts,
We can live with Him there.

—Florence Jones

Jesus Died For Mary, Too

Mark Lowry, a Christian comedian observed that Mary's silence at the cross always amazed him. If were being crucified in the middle of town, his mother would have "pitched a fit", but Mary never said a word. Lowry wondered if maybe what made the difference for her was remembering back to the first Christmas, touching his little hands and feet and counting his fingers and toes.

On a serious note, Lowry says, "I wonder if she realized then that those were the same fingers that had scooped out the oceans and formed the seas. Mary probably counted those little toes—I wonder if she realized that those were the same feet that had walked on streets of gold and had been worshiped by angels. Those little lips were the same lips that had spoken the world into existence. When Mary kissed her little baby, she wasn't just kissing another baby—she was kissing the face of God. Thirty-three years later she's standing on a hillside watching blood pour from his veins, from the side of her own son . . .and she didn't open her mouth. What a great testimony to the fact that He wasn't just a great prophet, He wasn't just a great preacher, he wasn't just a great teacher, He was the virgin-born Son of God. He was our Savior. And . . . He didn't just die for us, He died for His own mother. The baby boy she had delivered on that first Christmas was now on a cross delivering her.

—Selected



Don't Miss These Important Events!

April 5th - Palm Sunday Morning -
Chancel Choir and Orchestra Cantata
Amazing Grace—My Chains Are Gone

Palm Sunday Evening - *Sing Hosanna!* -6:00

April 12th - Resurrection Sunday Morning Worship
Service - No Evening Service



American Baptist Women's Ministries

–Marilyn Bowling, Nancy Whipple,
Mindy Hazelwood

Spring Trip To Oneida, KY

Ken Hendricks and Jerry Hampton will be making the spring pilgrimage to Oneida Baptist Institute on Monday, May 4th. The campus has approximately 450 teens grades 6 through 12 and are in need of all help possible. Please bring any good used clothing, coats, shoes, toys, etc. that you would like to donate to the building and place them in the coat room after April 19th. Please put the items in plastic trash bags and mark them for Oneida. (Please, because of storage problems - NO donations after Sunday, May 3rd.) **Anyone** is welcome to ride along with them on May 14th.

Upcoming Activities for ABW

April is Love Gift month.

–Nancy Whipple

April Missionaries of the Month:

Mexico

Timothy & Patricia Long

Nicaragua

Kristina Gutierrez

Bible Book of the Month Micah

“He has showed you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”

Micah 6:8 (RSV)

Micah was a prophet of the common people and of country life. The times in which he lived were difficult with much oppression in both the kingdoms of Judah and Israel. Micah denounced the social evils of his day. He saw the unfair treatment of the poor by the rich. No class was free from corrupting influences. Micah knew this would lead to national downfall.

PRAY for our American Baptist ministry among Native Americans in Montana, Oklahoma, and Arizona where our work is centered. May their human rights be made secure through legislation and validated by the acceptance of the people of God.

–Madge Walters

Young Women of Hope

Two very special people joined the AB Girls for lunch. Thelma Ditmyer and Bert Brantingham were guests at the meeting on Sunday, March 22nd. These two ladies have shown such an interest in our girls and have been wonderful Christian examples in their own lives. After a delicious meal, we assembled a baby layette and then sorted Sunday School materials for the pre-k and kindergarten class. Our devotion was centered on decision making. There will be no meeting in April, so the next meeting will be on May 17th after the morning worship service. We will each bring 2 dish towels to donate to the church kitchen.

The next scheduled Work Day at Matthew 25 will be Thursday, April 23rd. As usual, we would like to have a good working group to go. We will leave the



church at the usual time, 8:30 a.m. Bring your sack lunch and beverage and be prepared for a good day of work and fellowship. Your reward for this ministry will be recorded in heaven. Thank you.

–Pastor Bill and Bert Brantingham

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Why the Resurrection Matters

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you" (Matthew 28:1-7).

It's a familiar text. This, or one of the other Gospel accounts, is read every year about this time. The saints gather in worship in the days before Good Friday to remember our Lord's crucifixion. Somewhere in that time-mix, the choir has presented its Easter cantata. And finally, on the Sunday after the crucifixion, believers all over the world meet together to celebrate the miracle of resurrection. This event is the anchor point for the faith that we all profess. Some might argue that the Christmas event is central point of our faith—after all, had Jesus not been born, all the rest is a moot point. Of course, that's true. But one only has to scan the broad strokes of the history of the church to observe that the birth of Christ was not widely celebrated by the church until the fourth century. But the amazing resurrection of the Lord was recognized as a crucial event within days of the crucifixion and resurrection itself.

The historical record of the resurrection is available to anyone who wants to take the time to investigate it. The Biblical record itself has much to say. The Apostle Paul wrote:

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born (1Cor15:3-8).

to the Father. One had only to ask any of these witness to discern the fact of the matter. In his various works, among them, *Evidence That Demands a Verdict*, Josh McDowell writes about the historicity of the resurrection. He comments:

Professor Thomas Arnold, for 14 years a headmaster of Rugby, author of the famous, History of Rome, and appointed to the chair of modern history at Oxford, was well acquainted with the value of evidence in determining historical facts. This great scholar said: "I have been used for many years to study the histories of other times, and to examine and weigh the evidence of those who have written about them, and I know of no one fact in the history of mankind which is proved by better and fuller evidence of every sort, to the understanding of a fair inquirer, than the great sign which God hath given us that Christ died and rose again from the dead." Brooke Foss Westcott, an English scholar, said: "raking all the evidence together, it is not too much to say that there is no historic incident better or more variously supported than the resurrection of Christ. Nothing but the antecedent assumption that it must be false could have suggested the idea of deficiency in the proof of it." (Internet article, Evidence for the Resurrection, Josh McDowell).

The fact of the resurrection is beyond doubt. But what does the resurrection mean? Why does it matter? Is there any relevance for believers twenty centuries past the event itself?

What Paul was saying was that Christ had been seen by hundreds of people before He returned

Consider these great truths from God's Word:

1. The resurrection of Jesus means that death won't have the last word.

Those who have placed their trust and confidence in Him will have life that far exceeds the brief few years we experience in this lifetime. Life with Christ is an eternal adventure, that begins the moment we invite Him into our lives. We know this is true because Jesus Himself conquered death, and He promised that He would take us to be with Him for all eternity (John 14:2-3).

2. The resurrected body of Jesus tells us something about what we will be like in eternity.

The Apostle John wrote in his first letter...

Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is (1John 3:2).

3. The resurrection lets us know that evil will not win in the end.

One day, in a time known only by the Father, this world will discover what God had in mind all along. All things will fully come under the authority of Christ Himself. Recording Jesus' revelation of the end of days, the Apostle John wrote:

After this I heard what sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven shouting: "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, for true and just are his judgments..."

I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: king of kings and lord of lords (Rev19:1-2, 11-16).

4. By the resurrection, the life and teaching of Jesus was declared to be absolutely true.

Therefore, all that Jesus said and did can be trusted. We can believe everything He ever taught us. What

that means for us is that

- **Our past can be forgiven:** "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16).
- **Our present can be managed:** "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).
- **Our future can be secure:** "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am" (John14:3).

As we enter into these days of April, may it be so that each of us finds hope and wonder in the miracle of our Lord's resurrection.

From my heart to yours, Pastor

Budget Status Report

The Month of February, 2009

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$58,005
Offerings	<u>65,029</u>
Over (Under) Budget	\$7,024

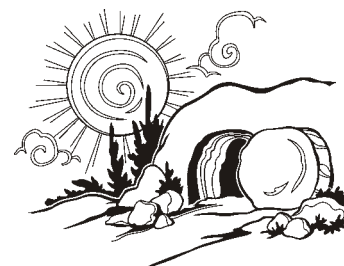
Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$58,371
Offerings	<u>65,029</u>
Over (Under) Actual	\$ 6,658

The Year Through February, 2009

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$126,512
Offerings	<u>108,745</u>
Over (Under) Budget	(\$17,767)

Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$130,630
Offerings	<u>108,745</u>
Over (Under) Actual	(\$21,885)

–The Board Of Trustees



First Quarter Business Meetings

The Advisory Board will meet on Sunday, April 19th, at 5:30 p.m. All elected officers of the church are members of the Advisory board and are urged to be in attendance at this meeting. In addition to items of business on which recommendations will be made to the church, reports will be heard from the boards and staff.

The First Quarter Business Meeting will be Wednesday, April 22nd at 6:45 p.m. Reports will be heard from the boards and staff.

Sing Hosanna!

On Sunday evening, April 5th, at 6:00 p.m., we will be presenting an evening of inspiring music of the season. Join us as the musicians, soloists and various vocal groups of our church sing songs of the cross and resurrection.

—Rich Hazelwood

“Something’s Afoot”

...a musical spoof that takes a satirical jab at the Agatha Christie “who dun it?” murder mysteries.

Presented by Greater Hamilton Civic Theater
Parrish Auditorium
Miami University Hamilton

Thursday, Friday, & Saturday - April 30, May 1, &
2 - 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 24 - 2:00 p.m.

Keyboard: **Bob Borden**

Tickets: call 737-PLAY

Adults - \$15, Sr. Citizens/Students - \$14



Chancel Choir And Orchestra Easter Cantata Presentation Palm Sunday, April 5th 10:30 a.m.

Amazing Grace

My Chains Are Gone

(An Easter Celebration of worship and communion
for Congregation and Choir)

Created by
Dennis & Nan Allen

Orchestrated by
Dave Williamson

Freedom—true freedom—is found only in Jesus Christ. Whatever bondage has held you captive, whatever chains have kept liberty at bay, there’s good news for all of us. Freedom has a name—Jesus. And He’s broken our strongholds through His amazing grace.

Amazing Grace—My Chains Are Gone makes a bold statement and offers an undeniable witness to liberating, lasting, life-changing freedom:

Our faith’s most cherished hymn and its modern day adaptation,

Some of today’s best loved worship songs, presented for choir and congregation,

The “testimonies” of John Newton and Dietrich Bonhoeffer, reminding us of the power of freedom in Christ,

A communion service allowing believers to reaffirm and celebrate Christ’s victory over sin.

It’s been true throughout history, and it’s still true today; freedom has a name—Jesus. And He’s made freedom a reality for all of us . . . through His amazing grace.

—Mike Wallack
Chancel Choir and Orchestra Director



Thank You From Angie Inloes

Upward Prayer Team,

Good news! Our prayers have been answered. As most of you know, last night was our Upward Award Ceremony. The “Magician with a Mission” was a huge hit for the kids and parents as well. However, more importantly was the message that was delivered by the magician & at the close of the evening by Tony Blanchard. Tony gave the invitational prayer & asked for everyone in the room to listen & respond to the Holy Spirit. I was amazed with a turnout of 5-600 individuals how quiet the gym became. As Tony gave the invitation you could hear a few soft mumbblings of voices. Sitting right next to me in a clear voice was a little 7 year old, quietly asking Jesus into her heart.

None of this would have been possible without the prayers and support from each & every one of you. As you’ll see below, we also had 2 players’ moms mark on their response cards, “I asked Jesus into my heart tonight.” If these were the only 3 commitments we receive, everything is well worth the effort. That’s 3 more souls for Jesus! However, I have to mention. The little 7 year old girl didn’t turn in a card last night. So, it just goes to show, we’ll never know in this lifetime just how many hearts we touched. Our rewards will be in heaven when we stand before our maker & have a little child or a parent say to us, “Thank you! Your service & commitment to Jesus is the reason I’m here!”

Forever grateful,
Angie

“Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.”

Ephesians 3:20

Summer Mission Trip

If you are interested in a fun and exciting way to serve the Lord and others, please consider participating in a Summer Mission Trip. Laurin Sprague and Mike Braun are currently making plans for this summer's trip for First Baptist. If you are interested please contact either one of them. Laurin (896-8911), Mike (726-4000)

Awana April Calendar

- 1 Easter Theme Night
- 8 Regular Club Night
- 15 No Club because of Spring Break
- 22 Handbook Time/Recreation/**Staff Meeting**
- 29 Regular Club Night

Awana Grand Prix Winners

We had such an amazing turn out with the AWANA Grand Prix on Wednesday, March 12th, that we wanted to say again thank you to all of you for your prayers, cookies, and support to make this work. Below are a list of awards and winners:

Winners For Best Design

- 1st Place: Mason Sackenheim
- 2nd Place: Cory Gabbard
- 3rd Place: Anna Wallace

Winners For Individuality Of Design

- Logan Bollen - Most like a “quadbike” car.
- Jordan Bruce - Most “Expensive” car.
- Lauren Emenaker - Most “Shrek” like car.
- Corey Gabbard - “Flamest” car.
- Noah Hampton - “Smartest” car.
- Alex Hendrickson - “Stripest” car.
- Blake Hendrickson - “All American” car.
- Lauren Imhoff - Most “Wave like” car.
- Mitchell Inloes - Most “Buzzest” car.
- Heidi Martin - Most like a “Monkey” car.
- Joey Sachkeheim - Most “Colorful” car.
- Kaleb Sachkeheim - Most “Smelliest” (foot like) car.
- Mason Sachkeheim - Most “Fish like” car.
- Taylor Schuermann - Most like a “Bullet” car.
- Alexander Sprague - Most like a “doorstop” car.
- Anna Wallace - “Pinkiest” car.
- Lexie West - Most “Patriotic” car.
- Austin Younce - Most like “Midnight” car.

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

Summer Softball

Softball begins the week of April 13th! If you would like to play on the men's team (games on Tuesday nights), please see Jeremy Spence in the connector to sign up by Sunday, April 12. All games are played at North End (Ford's Field).

–Rob VanMeter
Director of Sports and Recreation

Daniel French in Concert Sunday, May 3rd 6:00 PM

Daniel French, who performs under the name of Daniel Ryan, stems from the rolling hills of Butler County, Ohio. Daniel grew up on the outskirts of a factory town that produces a sense of blue-collar pride where individual hardships texture the lives of folks stuck in the middle-class. While Daniel stems from such a place, he carries his bag of crosses with guitar in hand to places where the road is unknown and seemingly never-ending. Destinations unknown and clouds of dust blurring the vision, Daniel sees color in these black and white scenes.

With a voice as pure on vinyl as it would be in person, Daniel French takes the stage with only his guitar and his thoughts. Regardless of venue, Daniel's stories unfold through his 2008 debut "Maybe Next Time." Drawing inspiration from his early musical interests and life in the Midwest, Daniel waxes poetics overtop the dreary life of a young American trying to make sense of life's senselessness. He never pretends to have figured out the meaning behind mishaps and heartaches; "Maybe Next Time" represents what it's like to not really know who one is, or where one is. Daniel stands in line with many renowned predecessors without tritely mimicking them. The deep roots of Appalachia shine through his refinements of folk, country and gospel music. Daniel picks up where folks like Bob Dylan, Hank Williams and John Denver left off: story-telling that spawns from his personal experiences and resonates with each listener.

"Maybe Next Time" hit stores this autumn. With as much maturity in his lyrics as there is in his voice, one can only surmise that as Daniel travels the plains of America with a heavy heart and broken watch, listeners will soon find comfort for times when one must recall that the dead trees of winter blossom again come spring.

Daniel, the son of Sharon French and Dale French, and the grandson of Bud and Margie Braun, grew up in our church and is actively involved in music throughout the region. Let's show some great support for Daniel by coming out and enjoying an evening of gospel music!

Spiritual Growth Campaign: 40 Days of Love

Based on "*The Relationship Principles of Jesus*"
by Tom Hollady
Video Study series by Rick Warren on
1 Corinthians 13
April 26-May 31

The Relationship Principles of Jesus

"Nothing matters more than relationships—and no one understands them better than Jesus." That is the premise of a new resource provided by Saddleback Ministries. During the weeks after Easter, we will be engaged in a study of what Jesus had to say about relationships. We remember what Jesus said when He was asked about the most important commandments. His response resonated with the hearts of the Jewish people. Read the text once again: (Mark 12:28-31)

One of the teachers of the law came...and asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" "The most important one is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these"

As part of a **40-Day Spiritual Growth Campaign** from Purpose Driven Ministries, our worship services in April-May will explore some of the Relationship Principles of Jesus, and connect that teaching with a six week evening video series from Rick Warren based on 1 Corinthians 13, *The Love Chapter*. Resources will be provided for each evening video session. A 40-day devotional book by Tom Holladay, *The Relationship Principles of Jesus*, will also be available for purchase for \$12 (\$15 from Amazon or bookstores).



Matthew 25: Humanitarian Hall of Fame Award Presentation

Approximately 15 years ago, Dr. Wendell Mettey, the Founder and President of Matthew 25:Ministries, was a guest speaker at the Diaconate Board's Christmas Party. At that time, he told of his vision for the great Mission Outreach Program which he called "Matthew 25:Ministries". This program receives donated material from individuals, churches, businesses, etc., and processes that which is received, to go to any place in the world that it is needed. There are shipments which continually go to 3rd world countries, to the "poorest of the poor". When there is a tragic event which strikes anywhere in the world earthquakes, tornadoes, hurricanes, etc., aid is **IMMEDIATELY** on its way from Matthew 25.

Dr. Mettey's burden for this program is based on that passage of Scripture. Consider some of the phrases found in Matthew 25, "I was hungry and you gave me something to eat." "I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink." "I needed clothes, and you clothed me."

A few who heard that challenge were moved to go and "check it out". From then until now, over 40 individuals from First Baptist Church have participated in this ministry. Every month, a bus-load heads down that way for a day of serving the Lord in fulfilling His challenge in Matthew 25. Most are Senior Adults, but there have been many younger people who have joined the KeenAgers during the summer months. When the Hamilton Church Bus arrives in the parking lot at Matthew 25:Ministries, those who are employed there **know** they are in for a hard day's work!

Recently, Kim Schuermann brought a poster that her 11-year old son, Taylor, had created as a school project. Rather than tell you what he said about his interest in Matthew 25:Ministries, I will attach the letter he wrote and included with the poster. Take the time to review that poster on the bulletin board across from the Pastor's office. It is nothing less than **superb!** Taylor, and his 8-year old sister, Kalyne, are the two youngest volunteers who have gone from First Baptist Church to serve.

On the day we served in February, Dr. Mettey gathered us together, and announced that our team would be recipients of their Annual Humanitarian Hall of Fame Award, to be presented at a Recognition

Dinner at the Bell Event Center in downtown Cincinnati, on April 23, 2009. From an article of their literature: "Matthew 25: Ministries Humanitarian Hall of Fame is a place where the extraordinary contributions made by ordinary people, businesses & organizations toward helping the poor is recognized & acknowledged." The article continues: "Candidates for the Humanitarian Hall of Fame are nominated because of their performance in several critical areas:

- By going beyond the call of duty to dedicate themselves to helping the poor around the world;
- By encouraging those around them to join them in their efforts for the benefit of the poor;
- By approaching the challenge of helping others with fresh eyes and creative ideas.

Because of the nominees actions, thousands of people around the world lead better, safer, healthier, more productive lives each year."

Of the 40+ volunteers from First Baptist, at least 4 have heard the words of the King in verse 34:

"Come, you who are blessed by my Father; TAKE YOUR INHERITANCE, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world." Since we began serving in this unique ministry, He has taken these four to live with Him for eternity. They are: Bob Groeting, Frances Harris, Paul Laubenstein, and Irene Moran.

Twenty current volunteers will be honored at the Awards Banquet on April 23rd. They are:

Bill & Bert Brantingham	Evon Laubenstein
Paul & Marjorie Braun	Eris Cappelli
Dennis & Ruth Metzger	Diana Bueker
Barry & Vema Pickett	Walter & Mary Petry
Harold & Lindel Sapp	Betty Carmack
Kenneth & Barb Hendricks	J. K. & Mary Walker

Take a few minutes to read Matthew 25:31-46 & you will see why we LOVE THIS MINISTRY!

—Pastor Bill Brantingham



School Service Project Matthew 25:Ministries by Taylor Schuermann

I chose to do my service project at Matthew 25 Ministries because my family and my church support this local mission. My family donates clothing, toys, empty prescription bottles, first aid supplies, diapers, canned goods, school supplies, & money. Because they do, I knew a lot about Matthew 25 before going to their warehouse to volunteer. I knew that Matthew 25 takes supplies all over the world, including the U.S., to people and communities that need help. Matthew 25 is a Christian non-profit organization helping people by recycling things that others no longer need or use.

On December 29, 2008, my mom, my sister Kalynne, and I went to the Matthew 25 warehouse ready to do anything they needed help with. We watched a video that told about the man who started Matthew 25, Dr. Wendell Mettey, & why he chose to do it. The video also showed volunteers from my church, First Baptist Church Hamilton, at work in the warehouse. It showed pictures of some of the families who were helped.

Once we signed in, we were asked to pop the lids off pill bottles, and sort them for recycling. These will be refilled for medicines to be given to people in poor communities. Matthew 25 has received so many bottles, they can't use them all right now, so they recycle the plastics instead, earning money for new supplies, making sure the bottles don't end up in Rumpke! Even my great-grandma in KY saves bottles for Matthew 25. We volunteered for 4 1/2 hours & removed 5,000 bottle caps, sorting them as well.

I really liked going to the warehouse & working that day. It made me feel good inside, knowing that I was helping someone else. I was happy my mom & my sister went with me. We have decided to try to volunteer this summer whenever our church goes. I learned that we are very lucky to have everything we need. But sometimes we have too much, and we get wasteful. I now know that I can make a difference in this world by donating things I don't use anymore, and also giving of my time to serve.

Matthew 25 believes that every person is important, and by giving people the things they need, we can make their lives better. Matthew 25 is willing to give food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, clothing to those who need clothes, and provide first-aid to those in need. They do these things every day, in big ways and small ways.

This project made me feel more willing to help people in need, and it reminded me how lucky I am.

(Written by Taylor Schuermann, age 11. His sister, Kalynne, is age 8.)



Kirkwood Camp Schedule 2009

ABC/OHIO summer camps at Kirkwood will be:

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| June 14-19 - Junior Missions Camp (Gr. 4-6) | \$245.00 |
| Director: Ken Atchison | |
| June 19-20 - Beginners' Camp #1 (K-2) | \$95.00 |
| Director: Kim Flach (Registration includes parent) | |
| June 28-July 3 - Junior High (Gr. 7-9) | \$245.00 |
| Director: Linda Miller | |
| July 5-10 - Senior High (Gr. 9-12) | \$245.00 |
| Director: Jean Sharp (Judson College) | |
| July 5-10 - Guitar Camp (Gr. 7-12) | \$255.00 |
| Director: Ben Kelly | |
| July 19-22 -New Adventure #1 (Gr. 3-4) | \$160.00 |
| Director: Tim Lee | |
| July 24-25 - Beginners' Camp #2 (K-2) | \$95.00 |
| Director: Kim Flach (Registration includes parent) | |
| July 26-31 - Paintball Camp (Gr. 6-124) | \$460.00 |
| Director: Jay Williams | |
| July 26-31 - Extreme Camp (Gr.7-12) | \$390.00 |
| Director: Jeremy Spence | |

The Board of Christian Education decided that the church would pay 1/2 of the fee of **those who attend First Baptist regularly** to attend ABC camps.

For additional information re: early registration discounts or registration forms, contact Jan Smith, 844-2918 or see her at church.

—Jan Smith
Camp Coordinator





**From The Heart Of
Marilyn**

College Corner

E-Mail From God

Let It Go

“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”
–Matthew 5:44

Dear Child,

When you cut yourself or get a bruise, your body eventually heals. Your body doesn't say, "I hate you, sticker bush! You injured me, and I'll never forgive you. I'll carry this cut around with me forever to remind me of how evil you are!" Your body knows that type of unforgiving behavior just hurts itself. Staying cut is not going to affect the sticker bush one way or another.

Likewise, if someone cuts you down with mean words, don't carry those words around. You're only hurting yourself. One of the best ways to heal from an emotional wound is to pray a blessing on the person who hurt you. I know it sounds crazy, but praying for your enemies keeps their mean words from controlling you. I want you to love everybody. I'll help you do it.

Your Healer,
God

–Serving in His name,
Marilyn Bowling
College Coordinator

**Miami University
Men's Glee Club
In Concert**

The Miami University Men's Glee Club will perform in concert Friday, April 17th and Saturday, April 18th at Miami University Oxford's Hall Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. **Dennis Dudley** is a member of this group.

Studio Go!

VBS 2009 is based on a game show that shares real teamwork, real service and real FUN! With games, challenges and music our children will be introduced to Bible stories that encourage them to GO LEAD, GO RISK, GO TELL, GO OBEY, and GO SERVE! This year's theme is something that every child, no matter how old, can relate to - especially when you consider all of the game shows and reality quizzes that promote winning and competition. STUDIO GO is relevant and will allow us to reach out and teach children that everyone is a winner when they accept Jesus and that God does not require anyone of us to have special abilities, rather that we just trust in Him.

So clear you calendars for July 13th - 20th, and find a shiny tie - we thought that all staff members could wear a "game host" style tie to show who they are - we need you to come on down and help us open the STUDIO GO box this summer. We plan to have a decorating day sometime in May to get things rolling before summer hits us.

4th July 2009

Thinking towards the summer, we can almost smell the BBQ's and the suntan lotion. A lot of hard work went into our 4th July Parade participation last year and we would like to be involved again this year. Walking through the crowded streets with the church group, hearing our kids sing about Jesus' love was such a special time. We were able to pass out several flyers advertising VBS and other programs and heard through some families that they came to VBS as a result. If you feel that this is something you can do, whether it is prayer, making flyers, decorating, or walking amongst the crowd then let us know - we have a job just for you!

–In His Work,
Brandi Emenaker & Claire Metzger
Co-Directors of Children's Ministries





Carpenter's Hands Signs Of Love



The next **Silent Dinner** will be held on Friday evening, April 3rd, at Tri County Mall. See you there!

Interpreter Schedule for April

April 5	Maria Miller	Jo Manson
April 12	Maria Miller	Jo Manson
April 19	Maria Miller	Jo Manson
April 26	Maria Miller	Jo Manson

Happy Birthday



April 7 Nicole Taylor Monhollen

—Maria Miller
Director of Deaf Ministries

Corrections and Additions To The Directory

Please call the church office with additions or changes to your address, phone number, or e-mail address.

Bowling, Brent & Kristen
304 Sherman Avenue
Hamilton, OH 45013
Conner
Riley
Phone # 503-2948

Manson, Joetta (Jo)
227 Harter Avenue
Springdale, OH 45246
Phone # 709-6921

UPCOMING WOMEN EVENTS

Opportunities for Fellowship, Encouragement,
Spiritual Growth and Service

April 13: Book Club - Jerry Jenkin's "Riven"

April 25: "Tickle Me Pink Tea" - See article below.

May 11: Book Club - Joel Rosenberg's "Epicenter"



Big and little ladies-tickle the date May 16 (changed due to building use conflict) on your calendars!

GET YOUR PINK OUTFITS (OR JUST A PINK ACCESSORY) READY AND YOUR FUNNY BONES TUNED UP!

Dress in something pink and join us for a girly ticklish time at the

Tickle Me Pink Tea

on Saturday, May 16th

WE WILL BE ENTERTAINED WITH HOLY HUMOR AND BY THE COSTUME LADY, KIM WERK.

FOR OUR ADDED PLEASURE OUR YOUNGEST LADIES WILL BE WALKING THE PINK CARPET IN THEIR PINK FINERY.

*Tickets will be sold soon
in the connector.
Sponsored by the
Women's Ministry Council.*

Congratulations To Some Of Our Youth!



Edgewood Dinner Theater

“**Disney Spectacular**” will be the theme for Edgewood High School's annual dinner theater on **Friday, May 1, and Saturday, May 2**, at Edgewood High School, featuring the Edgewood High School Choraliers with many of your favorite Disney songs and characters and their award-winning “**Circles**” competition show. Dinner will be served each evening at 6:00 p.m., followed by the show at 7:30 p.m.

This year the Choraliers placed in the evening Over-All Finals at four of their competitions as well as earning numerous trophies in their class. Their trophies from the finals included **Third-Runner-Up** at **St. Clairsville**, **Second-Runner-Up** at **Grove City**, and **Fourth-Runner-Up** at **Cuyahoga Falls** and **Second-runner-Up** at **Lebanon, Ohio**.

Tickets for dinner theater may be reserved by contacting Mike & Dale Braun @ 726-4000, Bruce & Marsha Helton @ 988-6814, or Linda Gibbs @ 894-2476. Show only tickets will also be available at the door. Ticket prices are:

- \$17 - Adult Dinner & Show
- \$12 - Sr. Citizens over 60/Students K-12 Dinner & Show
- \$10 - Adult Show Only
- \$ 5 - Sr. Citizens over 60/Students K-12 Show Only
- \$ 2 - Printed Program

The dinner entree is a choice of roast beef or turkey. All dinners include mashed potatoes, dressing, green beans, garden salad, rolls, coffee or soft drinks, and two dessert choices.

First Baptist Choralier, **Joey Braun**, is a **Senior** in the group this year. **Sue Combs** is the director, with choreography assistance from **Drew Helton**, **Ben Schneider** and **Martha Helton**.

–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!

Congratulations to **Taylor Schuermann**, a fifth grade student at John Paul II Catholic School, for receiving the second quarter Christian Award. The Christian Award is given to one student in each home room who exemplifies the teachings of Christ. Taylor serves as an usher and greeter here on Sunday mornings. He is the son of Kim and Andy Schuermann.

Congratulations to **Heidi Martin** who received the following awards for the second quarter at Fillmore Elementary:

- Perfect Attendance
- Honor Roll
- B.U.G Award - Bringing up a grade without dropping a grade

Congratulations to **Blake Martin** who received the following award for the second quarter at Fillmore Elementary:

- Character Award - For demonstrating personal responsibility, compassion, acceptance, honesty and being respectful.

Fred Schilling received the Butler County Veteran of the Year Award. Fred served 3 years as a Marine and 4 more in the Air Force. Fred belongs to the local chapter of the Disabled American Veterans. They visit veterans in the hospital, help them get their benefits, properly dispose of flags and raise money through bingo and other events. Fred also lays them to rest as a member of the DAV Color Guard.

Janet Baker was one of the six Vision Award winners during the Red Carpet Luncheon of the Greater Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, the Hamilton Rotary Club and the Lindenwald Kiwanis Club. Janet won the Character Education Initiative of the Hamilton City School District Award.

Ed Emrick was one of the winners of the Miami University Event Staff Awards. Ed won the Attendance Award. He was honored because he did extremely well this year, showed proud enthusiasm for the job and Miami athletics, and went the proverbial “extra mile.”

Congratulation to each one of you!!

Wright State University Musical
presented by the Musical Theater Department

“TITANIC”

Festival Playhouse, Creative Arts Center
Wright State University Campus
Dayton, Ohio

Drew Helton in the role of **Isador Straus**,
the owner of Macy’s

May 14, 15, 16 - 8:00 p.m.
May 17 - 3:00 p.m.
May 20 - 7:00 p.m.
May 21, 22 - 8:00 p.m.
May 23 - 3:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.
May 24 - 3:00 p.m.
May 28, 29 - 8:00 p.m.
May 30 - 3:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.
May 31 - 3:00 p.m.

Group rates: 10 or more Adults - \$17

Seniors over 60/Students through college - \$15

Non-group rates: \$2 more for each category

No group rates for afternoon matinees. This is the Premier performance of this musical in the Dayton area.

Other Wright State students in the cast from Butler County are: **Zach Cossman, Lindsay Flick, and Alex Horton** from Fairfield HS, and **Zach Brown** from Edgewood HS.

For further information, contact the Heltons @ 988-6814.

**KeenAger
May Outing**

The KeenAgers will be going to Dayton to see *Titanic*, Thursday, May 21st. Please watch the weekly bulletin for further details.

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

Were You Born Before 1955?

There is a Fellowship at First Baptist Church, affectionately known as “The KeenAgers”. There is only ONE requirement; you must be at least 55 years of age, or will be before the end of 2009! (We **do not** check ID's, so if you are a bit younger than 55, we won't complain!)

This group enjoys making trips around the tri-state area, at least 10 months out of the year, and we always have a wonderful time. For the past several years, three of our ladies - Bertha Campbell, Betty Powell, and Lil Senior - have arranged for these trips; and we once again say “**Thank You**” to all three for their dedicated service to our Fellowship. They have asked to be able to retire from this responsibility, and we reluctantly have accepted their resignation.

Several years before they began to carry on this work, **Bernie Griesinger** was our coordinator, and those who were participants at that time will recall the great excursions he arranged. He has been asked if he would resume this service once again - and he has consented!

We met with Bernie, and he suggested that we plan a "brainstorming" session, at which time we will get suggestions from any and all, as to places you would like to visit through the remainder of this year. This meeting will take place on **Monday, April 20th**, at 10:00 a.m. We want **every person in this age range** to meet with us in Room 200. There are dozens of people who are in the 55+ age category who have **never** participated with us. **We want you all to join in and share your suggestions.** Come and see what our fellowship is all about. Not everyone is interested in going to every event we take in. That's OK - but plan to go to the ones you think you would enjoy.

Following our conversation, we are going to assemble in the gymnasium, where Lisa Dulli will be serving a delicious luncheon. The cost for the meal is only \$6, which I am certain you can afford!

When we came to Hamilton in 1993, one of my responsibilities was to be the Minister to Seniors at First Baptist. At that time, **I was the youngest one in the fellowship!** Somehow, that hasn't continued to be the case! But I have discovered this - **continual active involvement motivates you to keep on keeping on** - no matter what age you are. Please be there to share your thoughts, and plan to be a part of “The KeenAgers” for the next 25 years or so!

–Pastor Bill
Minister to the Senior Adults



Child Care Schedule

Nursery (Morning)

April 5 - Juli & Katie Ford
April 12 - John & Ruthie Wallace
April 19 - Linda & Larry Wallace & Oliver
April 26 - Dwain & Sharon Brewer

One & Two Year Olds

April 5 - Cheryl & John Motzer
April 12 - Cheryl & John Motzer
April 19 - Rick Baker & Dave Hollowell
April 26 - Monica Rose & Hailee

Kinderchurch

April 5 - Vicky Baker & Dorothy Hollowell
April 12 - Brandi Emenaker & Teen Helper
April 19 - Vicky Baker & Dorothy Hollowell
April 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, 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

April 1

Menu: Barbecued Chicken, Macaroni Salad, California Blend Vegetables, Rolls, Dessert
Hosts: Keystone I

April 8

Menu: Beef and Noodles, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Carrot Cake
Hosts: FOCUS

April 15

Menu: Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Tossed Salad, Bread Sticks, Dessert
Hosts: Keystone II

April 22

Menu: Chicken Fingers with Honey/Honey Mustard, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Rolls, Dessert
Hosts: Chancel Choir

April 29

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

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

Reminder: Anyone desiring to borrow items, such as, chairs, tables, coffee pots, etc. are now required to fill out a sheet in the office with name, date, item, and number borrowed and then the date, item, and number returned. Please see Ellie.

April Greeters

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



Pastor Jeremy's Think Tank

Great Stories

What is one of your favorite stories of all times? Is it a fairy tale? Action? Movie? Romance? The list of different type of stories could fill the remainder of this page but it is a question that we may need to ask ourselves. For me a good story pulls me into the book itself and the characters themselves. A good book will leave you not wanting to stop reading and compels you to continue until it is finished.

Another aspect, at least in my opinion, of a great story is one where I see myself as part of it. Not always literally but whether it be through the plot or a character I can see myself within the pages of a book. Some of my favorite stories are ones where I literally say, "That's me!" or "I did the same thing." I am sure you may be able to relate. One of the things I love about stories is I get to use my imagination and dream of how characters, places, and the scenery of the book actually looks. It allows me to enter into another world and for a little bit live in another reality.

In our culture stories are being told all around us and sometimes there are great ones. Think of the latest movies or TV shows, those are all stories in picture form. Have you ever noticed that some of the best movies first started as a story. I don't believe it is by accident this happens instead a movie typically needs to follow a good book.

Lately I have been exploring the use of stories in teaching others about God. This isn't a new idea and to some extent we do it all the time when we teach David and Goliath, Daniel and the Lion's Den, Jesus' Birth, Paul in Athens, and so on. The difference is that I am looking at all the books of the Bible as chapters connected by a larger story. I am looking at the story of the Bible being connected and seeing where in the story I "see" myself. This has been a great journey and one I will continue to explore. After all, the Bible is the greatest "Story" ever told, one that includes you and me.

Reading the greatest Story by the greatest Author ever,
Jeremy

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Compassion Child: Just a reminder that we need to be doing a little better job at supporting David our Compassion child. Please put your money in the bucket down in the CREW room each week so that we can take care of him and his family. If you have any questions please see Jeremy. Also don't forget to read the letters he has sent us over the past couple years, his

drawings keep getting better.

Lifeline in April: Each Wednesday night I hope to get things started around 6:45 so that we have enough time to do all the things planned. The first couple weeks will be more game nights because of people on spring break. We will be looking at some different television shows, movies, and music starting at the end of the month and into May. If you have any songs or suggestions on shows please let Jeremy know soon.

Sunday Nights at 5:15pm: Youth Choir will be meeting for anyone interested in helping serve the church in this ministry. The youth choir helps to lead us in worship on a couple Sunday mornings throughout the year. See Laurin Sprague for more information and to sign up.

Small Groups starts at 6 p.m every week There will be a 7th-8th grade group which discusses life and then applies the Bible to our current situations, 9th-10th grade small group will be using different movie clips to apply the Bible directly to our everyday life and 11th and 12th grade small group is finishing up the book *Crazy Love* by Francis Chan. These are amazing times to see just how practical God's word is for our life and be encouraged by those who are in similar situations as you.

Spirit Song Tickets: Once again we will be heading out to King's Island for Spirit Song this July 10th through 12th. The cost for the three days is going to be \$50 per person, regardless if you have a pass or not. All \$50 will be due on April 29th so we can get better seats than last year. Money will not be refunded unless we can find someone to go for you or in extreme cases. Please be thinking about whether you can attend and start saving. If any adults want to go as leaders please see me. We will be camping out on Friday night but you will go home Thursday evening. See Jeremy Spence for more information.

Summer Camp: I strongly encourage everyone to attend a summer camp this summer. It is a great experience to get away and just focus on your relationship with God and others for a week. Please check out the schedule for Kirkwood but also know there are other camps around that you may want to take part. Young life goes to camp each summer and may be an option for you. If you have any questions please see me.

Email List: Attention all parents, prayer partners, teens, and adults who would like to know what the CREW is up to!! Each week I try to send out an email with announcements for the week so that we all can be informed and know what is going on. If you are not on the list, meaning you are not getting an email from me in the past couple weeks, and would like to be on the list please let me know.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>April 2009</h1>						
			1 5:00 ABW Meeting 6:00 Family Dinner 6:30 Awana Easter Theme 6:30 Lifeline 6:45 Bible Study & Prayer 6:45 Carpenter's Hands 7:00 Orchestra 8:00 Chancel Choir	2 9:30 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 ONE	3	4 8:00 Men's Prayer Gathering 10:00 Chancel Choir & Orchestra
5 Palm Sunday 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Chancel Choir & Orchestra Cantata <i>The Passion Of His Love</i> 6:00 Sing Hosanna!	6	7 9:30 MOPS Steering	8 6:00 Family Dinner 6:30 Awana 6:30 Lifeline 6:45 Bible Study & Prayer 6:45 Carpenter's Hands 8:00 Chancel Choir	9 5:30 Board of Trustees 6:30 ONE	10	11
12 Resurrection Sunday! 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Chancel Choir & Orchestra Cantata <i>Amazing Grace-My Chains Are Gone</i>	13 11:00 Women's Book Club at Fairfield Lane Library	14 10:00 Holloway Circle 7:00 Abell Circle 7:00 Smith Circle	15 6:30 Awana (canceled) 6:30 Lifeline (canceled) 6:45 Bible Study & Prayer 6:45 Carpenter's Hands 8:00 Chancel Choir	16 6:30 ONE	17	18
19 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 4:30 Diaconate 5:15 Youth of Praise 5:30 KingsKids 6:00 Cherub Choir 6:00 Evening Celebration	20 10:00 KeenAger Meeting & Dinner	21 9:30 MOPS	22 6:00 Family Dinner 6:30 Awana - Handbook Time/Recreation/Staff Mtg. 6:30 Lifeline 6:45 Bible Study & Prayer 6:45 Carpenter's Hands 8:00 Chancel Choir	23 6:00 Matthew 25 Hall of Fame Awards Dinner 6:30 ONE	24	25
26 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 4:30 C.E. Board 5:15 Youth of Praise 5:30 KingsKids 6:00 Cherub Choir 6:00 Evening	27	28	29 6:00 Family Dinner 6:30 Awana 6:30 Lifeline 6:45 Bible Study & Prayer 6:45 Carpenter's Hands 8:00 Chancel Choir	30 8:30 Matthew 25		



April

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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|-----|---|------|---|------|---|
| 1 - | Monica Bowling
Nancy Brown
Dorothy Glynn
Rosemary Thompson | 10 - | Irene Schilling | 25 - | Gerry Davis
Allen Hampton
Kathy Inloes
Jon Whipple |
| 2 - | Eris Cappelli
Carolyn Dudley
Katie Scott
Ruth Turner
Jake Yates | 11 - | Mark Braun
Drew Schramm | 26 - | Becky Blanchard
Josh Farmer
Brittany Rogers
Alyson Rothenbusch |
| 3 - | Bo Stanger | 14 - | Diana Bueker
Katie Rankey
Krys Schramm | 27 - | Conner Bowling
Carol Rose |
| 4 - | Joey Fryer
Karen King
Savannah Yates | 15 - | Ashley Inloes
Marcella Walter | 28 - | Chris Campbell
Dale Thomas Dawson
Brad Gerth
Don Kellum |
| 5 - | Marian Allen
Marie Sparks | 16 - | David Gabbard | 29 - | Linda Arnold |
| 6 - | Valerie Ashcraft
Don Grimes | 18 - | Michelle Owen
Libby Thomas | 30 - | Nick Emenaker
Margie Mayes
Anna Wallace |
| 7 - | Beth Hanna | 19 - | Maxine Hornung | | |
| 8 - | Elizabeth Joy Wallace | 20 - | Dean Minnich
Jean Riczko | | |
| 9 - | Kim Gingrich
David Hollowell
Merle Kimble
Jim Powell
Jane Thiel | 21 - | Virginia Grollmus | | |
| | | 22 - | Stan Brown | | |
| | | 23 - | Linda Hoover
Wayne Simpson | | |
| | | 24 - | Sharon Click
Ruth Metzger
Michael Titus | | |
- Note:** Please call the church office if you notice that one of your family members has been inadvertently overlooked on the birthday calendar. We do not intend to overlook anyone but do not realize it unless you inform us.



Personal Notes

From Bill Brantingham

I would like to thank all those who showered me with birthday greetings in March; and a special thanks to the anonymous person who signed his card "Your Younger Friend" and enclosed the bob Evans Gift Card! I'll enjoy using that! I am willing to confess that I have now reached middle age! Thanks to all.

From Pat Gingrich

I would like to thank you for your prayers, cards, and phone calls. We have a very special church who is caring and loving. I would ask you to keep praying for me as this old body is not doing well. Still quite a bit of pain. Thanks again.

From Mal Landis

Thanks to everyone for the prayers, cards, and calls while my son, Steve, had lung surgery.

From Janet Lewis

I'm so glad I'm a part of the Family of God here at First Baptist. During Steve's illness and passing you were very supportive. He knew you were praying for him during his hospital time. I especially want to thank Pastors Metzger and Brantingham for their visits to University Hospital. The two of them gave a very personal funeral service for which the family was grateful. I also want to thank the Funeral Committee for the lovely luncheon they prepared for about 60 family members and close friends. Then there were so many cards, calls, flowers, and visitors to the funeral home. If you made it to the cemetery you witnessed

full military honors, so impressive. Now I covet your prayers as my life goes into a reconstruction period. I'll be at church often to meet with the family and praise the Lord.

From Irene & Fred Schilling

We want to thank everyone for their prayers and cards during my sister, Pauline Diesbach's, long illness. We really appreciate Pastor Den and Pastor Bill's visits and officiating at the funeral. We also want to thank you for the wonderful food. It is wonderful to have such a supporting church family and we really appreciate you.

From Margie Von Stein

Thank you for the prayers, cards, and visits from Pastors Dennis and Bill while Paul was in the hospital with low blood sugar. He has it under control now, and we appreciate your thoughtfulness.



Provided by IRS approved tax preparers under the supervision of AARP Tax Aide. Bring last years Income Tax returns to First United Methodist Church on Ludlow Street between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays. Our own **Naomi Hoskins** has served as a counselor in the program for many years, and is a local coordinator. For further information see Naomi Hoskins (863-1873).

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