

The Courier

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



"Where everybody is somebody and Jesus Christ Is Lord"

July/August, 2009

Seeking The Lost

A golfer, playing a round by himself, is about to tee off, and a greasy little salesman runs up to him, and yells, "Wait! Before you tee off, I have something really amazing to show you!"

The golfer, annoyed, says, "What is it?"

"It's a special golf ball," says the salesman. "You can never lose it!"

"Whattaya mean," scoffs the golfer, "you can never lose it? What if you hit it into the water?"

"No problem," says the salesman. "It floats, and it detects where the shore is, and spins towards it."

"Well, what if you hit it into the woods?"

"Easy," says the salesman. "It emits a beeping sound, and you can find it with your eyes closed."

"Okay," says the golfer, impressed. "But what if your round goes late and it gets dark?"

"No problem, sir, this golf ball glows in the dark! I'm telling you, you can never lose this golf ball!"

The golfer buys it at once. "Just one question," he says to the salesman. "Where did you get it?"

"I found it!"

Maybe someday someone will invent a golf ball that can never be lost, but until then we will all have to deal with losing things -- golf balls, car keys, glasses, etc. We also have to deal with a lost humanity. I find it interesting that the one term Jesus used most often to describe those who are outside of Christ is the word "lost".

In Luke 15, Jesus elaborated on this idea by telling three parables -- the parable of the lost sheep, the parable of the lost coin, and the parable of the lost (prodigal) son. The point has often been made that those three parables demonstrate three different ways of being lost -- through

unintentional wandering (the sheep), through the negligence of someone else (the coin), or through willful disobedience (the son).

However, the point of those three parables is not so much about our lostness as they are about the fact that our God is willing to search for us and bring us back into a relationship with Him. If we will truly see the world around us as "lost", it will change our perspective as well. Think about the last time you knew of a child that was missing. When a child is lost, we don't ask what race the child is. It doesn't matter -- the child is lost! We don't ask the child's economic status. It doesn't matter -- the child is lost! We don't ask what the child may or may not have done wrong. It doesn't matter -- the child is lost! All that matters is that we find that child and bring him/her home safely.

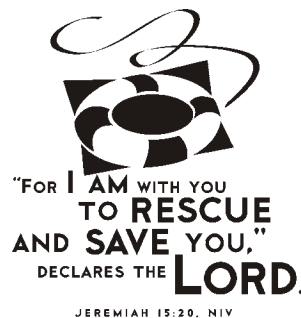
Seeing a world around us as "lost" will change the way we see them. The scribes and Pharisees looked at the tax collectors and sinners and saw terrible, ugly people. Jesus saw people who were lost. All that mattered to him was that he bring them home safely.

"For the Son of man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." (Luke 19:10)

Father, thank you for diligently searching for me and for bringing me home to you. Fill me with your love so that I may care enough to seek out those around me who are lost. In Jesus' name, amen.

Have a great day!

—Alan Smith
Faith-Site





American Baptist Women's Ministries

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

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

Bible Book For July Philippians

"May you always be joyful in your union with the Lord, I say it again, rejoice."

Philippians 4:4 (TEV)

Paul describes what it means to be in Christ. He urges the church in Philippi to have Christian unity and joy. Paul is a prisoner when he writes this letter; yet he urges his readers to rejoice.

REJOICE in the work of our Boards of National, International, and Educational Ministries. Pray for broader vision. Rejoice that the work of ABW continues to be fruitful. Pray for continued guidance.

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

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

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

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

Bible Book For August II Chronicles

"Praise the Lord, because He is good, and His love is eternal."

II Chronicles 5:13 (TEV)

This book describes the reign of King Solomon. It records the revolt of the northern tribes led by Jeroboam against Rehoboam, King Solomon's son and successor, and continues an account of the history of the Kingdom of Judah until the fall of Jerusalem in 586 B.C.

PRAY that the American Baptist Women's conference in Green Lake will bring spiritual renewal and continue to be fruitful. Pray for the people in Central America.

—Madge Walters

AB Girls - Young Women Of Hope

The AB Girls will not have regular monthly meetings until fall. There will be special events during the summer. One of the leaders will contact the girls.

—Marilyn Bowling, Nancy Whipple,
Mindy Hazelwood



We will be making our monthly trip to Matthew 25: Ministries for a wonderful day of fellowship, fun, and **WORKING FOR THE LORD** Thursday, July 23rd and also on Thursday, August 27th. We will leave the church at 8:30 a.m. returning at about 3:00 p.m. Come dressed to **WORK** - bring your own sack lunch and beverage. Remember - this is **NOT** just for the KeenAgers, there may be young people who would like to come along and see if they can keep up with the "old geezers", everyone is welcome to be a part of this ministry.

—Pastor Bill and Bert Brantingham



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The Hope of Freedom

It was a small suitcase, hardly larger than a 24-can package of cola you might buy at the grocery. The suitcase had been my father's and smelled of the cigarettes he used to smoke (Pall Mall, no filters). Inside the suitcase was the sum of all the earthly possessions that had been saved and passed on to my sister and me after his death in 1998—a set of colored pencils he had often used for his nature drawings; several proof sets of coins; a scrapbook containing some collectable stamps; a Rauner chromatic harmonica he used to play; a pocket calendar, recording his personal appointments, most of them doctor's visits; a pair of glasses; two new leather wallets; and a small box. Opening the box, I discovered several service ribbons from World War II, most significant of all, his Purple Heart.

June 6th of this year marked the 65th anniversary of the invasion of Normandy. Since my dad never spoke of his days in the service, I do not know exactly when it was that he arrived in Europe as a Sergeant in the U.S. Army. But I do know that he was wounded by shrapnel, and captured behind enemy lines. I know nothing else of dad's war-time story.

Years ago, when visiting my dad, I drove to the condo complex where he had lived at that time. I had forgotten the address of the unit, and was reduced to driving the parking lots looking for his car. When I thought I had spotted his Oldsmobile, I had second thoughts because the plate on the car had a licence bracket that announced the owner as a POW. I knew dad had been wounded, but until that day, I had never heard the story about his being a POW.

The service ribbons I found among Dad's things, however, may add some detail to those terrible days: an Airborne patch; a Good Conduct medal; an Expert Weapons medal, with three weapons bars; three European theater ribbons, accompanied by two bronze stars representing involvement in two military campaigns; a Presidential Unit Citation; his Purple Heart medal and ribbon; and his Prisoner of War medal and ribbon. Imagine not even once speaking to his children about his experiences during those dark days!

Several years ago, around Memorial Day weekend, I borrowed from Rod Anderson a ten-part HBO video series entitled, *Band of Brothers*, based on Steven Ambrose's book about the U.S. Army Airborne Unit, Easy

Company. The first Allied wave of the invasion suffered 50% casualties; the second wave, 30%. I was determined to allow the horror of those terrible days soak into my conscience appreciation for what was sacrificed for all of us who live under that banner of freedom. The series sobered me and gave me a renewed respect for all of those who have served our country, both in the past and present; and it gave me a deeper appreciation for the sacrifice my dad and his buddies made so far away from home. So many of them were just kids, barely out of high school; many lied about their age so they could do their part in a war they did not themselves start, but were determined to give their lives, if necessary, to finish.

Memorial Day 2009, of course, has passed. Annually, it is a day set aside to remember, to reflect, and to honor those who gave themselves for our country's freedom. We will once again observe that hard-won freedom about the time you read this article. How will you remember? How will you celebrate? More significantly, how will you pray for the continued blessing of Almighty God upon us as a nation?

This July 4th weekend, many spiritual leaders in our nation are calling the church to a time of spiritual renewal and consecration. This will follow the practice of the nation of Israel in the days of the Old Testament—sacred assemblies during which the people of God remind themselves who they are

(From the Pastor's Heart, cont)

and to whom they belong. Claude King, co-author with Henry Blackaby of the book, *Experiencing God*, writes that there are no fewer than twelve revival movements in the Old Testament. While each of these revivals is very different from the others, there are at least four factors preceding each revival which they all hold in common:

1. A Tragic Declension.

Every revival of the Old Testament is preceded by a period of moral and spiritual decline among the people of God. As illustrations of this problem, consider that preceding the revival of Exodus 32-33, the decline included the building of the golden calf and its worship; and that the revival under David (2Samuel 6-7), was preceded by a period of more than six decades in which the Ark of the Covenant of God was out of its rightful place in Jerusalem.

2. A Righteous Judgment From God.

Without any exception, Old Testament revivals have always been preceded by some kind of a righteous judgment from God. While some of these judgments are immediate and final, resulting in deaths among the wicked, others are gracious and remedial, resulting in broken-ness, prayer, repentance, and extraordinary seeking of God's face.

3. The Raising Up of An Immensely Burdened Leader or Leaders.

This fact can be illustrated by a simple listing of the Old Testament revivals themselves:

- The Revival under Moses—Exodus 32ff.
- The Revival under Samuel—1Samuel 7
- The Revival under David— 2Samuel 6, 7.
- The Revival under Asa—2Chron14-16.
- The Revival under Jehoshaphat—2Chronicles 17-20.
- The Revival under Jehoida—2Chron23-24.
- The Revival under Hezekiah— 2Chron29-32.
- The Revival under Josiah—2Chron34-35.
- The Revival under Zerubbabel— Ezra 1-6.
- The Revival under Ezra—Ezra 7-10.
- The Revival under Nehemiah—Nehem1-13.
- The Revival under Joel—Joel 1-2:27.

America has enjoyed the blessing of God. But it has not been without His amazing and abundant grace. Who can deny that we are far from where we once were; and miles from where we should be? At a press conference in Turkey on April 6th, President Obama casually rebuked the old adage that the United States is a Judeo-Christian nation. He

said, “One of the great strengths of the United States, is that...we have a very large Christian population, [but] we do not consider ourselves a Christian nation, or a Jewish nation, or a Muslim nation. We consider ourselves a nation of citizens who are bound by ideals and a set of values.” We truly must ask, “If not Christian values, then what values; indeed, whose values??” God help us!!

4. Some Extraordinary Action.

While this action varies from revival to revival, the most common action taken was that of a Solemn Assembly, during which the people were called back to their God in humility and confession of sin with all their hearts.

At their worship services on Sunday morning, July 5th, members of many churches across the nation will be engaged in “A Call to Fall” on their knees, in solemn confession before the Lord of the nations. It is my hope to enable us at First Baptist to renew our commitment to being a people who will continually bring the welfare of our nation before the Lord in solemn confession, asking again for God’s forgiveness and blessing. May it be so that those who have died defending our nation’s freedom and our commitment to living God, will not have offered their lives in vain.

By many of today's standards, my father, Donald Metzger, was not very old when he died—only 72 years. But he had seen a lot of life. And in that life was much personal pain, and hopefully a little joy. But Dad came to life’s end as one who offered himself to the Lord as the commander of his life. That is my hope for us all.

Pursuing the Lord, and blessing Him for our freedom,
Pastor

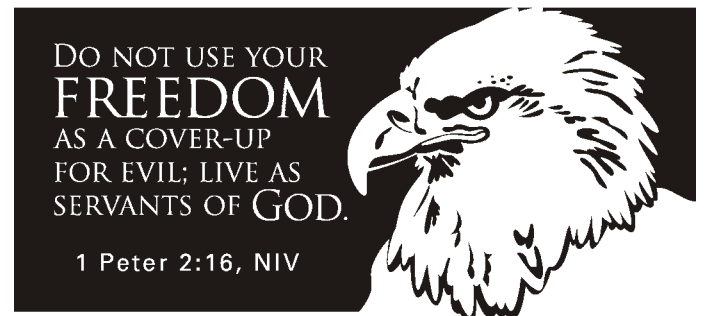


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ABC-Ohio Mission Encounters '09

In the days of "post-Green Lake International Missions Conferences," two one-day mission encounters designed to deepen your knowledge and interest in our American Baptist International Mission effort have been scheduled for this summer. The first encounter will take place in Chillicothe, on July 11 at Tabernacle Baptist Church from 9-3:30 pm. Guest missionary will be Rev. Walt White. White seeks to engage in effective and sustainable evangelism that results in transformed lives and communities. Having a background of ongoing personal involvement in Bangladesh and knowledge of the experience of others in wide-ranging areas, Walt coaches missionary teams and individuals in several countries. He teaches seminars in cross-cultural evangelism for partner churches and organizations seeking to reach believers of the major historical religions. Walt is involved in ongoing development projects and leadership development in Bangladesh. He is also a resource for American Baptist congregations, particularly those who wish to understand Islam and some of the forces shaping world events today, and who wish to develop a response shaped by the love of Christ.

The second summer Mission Encounter will take place on August 8 at the First Baptist Church in Massillon, Ohio, 9:00-3:30 pm, featuring Dr. Stan Slade, global consultant for theological education. Stan previously served as a visiting professor for leadership training ministries throughout Iberoamerica and now serves as a visiting professor and consultant globally. In this role, Stan joins American Baptist missionaries and partners around the world to strengthen their work of preparing church leaders, specifically in theological formation and reflection, both formal and informal. Stan's passion is to help others encounter the transforming message of Scripture through inductive Bible study. His gifts and expertise have been developed over many years of study and ministry. He now makes them available to national partners and missionaries who need the help to strengthen existing ministries.

These two mission encounters will also feature a number of related mission workshops that will be of interest to supporters of our American Baptist Missions effort. There is a registration fee of \$35 per person, \$60 per couple; \$10 per child to attend. Registration forms can be picked up in the church office, by visiting www.ABC-Ohio.org, or by checking in with Lisa Sprague, chair of the Board of Missions.

Budget Status Report

The Month of May, 2009

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$63,646
Offerings	<u>57,086</u>
Over (Under) Budget	(\$6,560)

Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$55,610
Offerings	<u>57,086</u>
Over (Under) Actual	\$ 1,476

The Year Through May, 2009

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$314,082
Offerings	<u>277,069</u>
Over (Under) Budget	(\$37,013)

Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$307,058
Offerings	<u>277,069</u>
Over (Under) Actual	(\$9,989)

–The Board Of Trustees



Volunteers Needed!

Various areas of the sanctuary, narthex, and choir hallway need painted. To volunteer and receive information contact Jim Baker - 868-8953 or Larry Bowling - 863-2435. The painting is to be completed the week of July 27th.

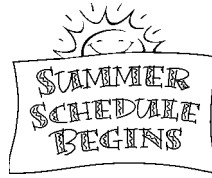
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Soft Ball Schedules (Second Half of Season)

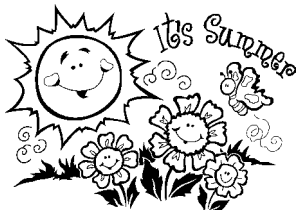
June 23	# 3 @	8:50 p.m.
June 30	# 3 @	7:40 p.m.
July 7	# 3 @	6:30 p.m.
July 14	# 3 @	8:50 p.m.
July 21	# 3 @	6:30 p.m.
July 28	# 3 @	6:30 p.m.
August 4	# 3 @	7:40 p.m.

-Jeremy Spence



Wild & Wacky Wednesdays!

We have been sooooo encouraged by the fabulous turnout on Wednesday nights! We have soooooo enjoyed the kids and working/playing with them! Thanks to the families who are bringing these precious ones to us on Wednesday nights! Thanks to **Ruthie Wallace**, who has made this program her "summer mission." Each week, the devotional will have to do with a different "room of your heart." Please join her and her helpers as they do activities which connect us to God's Word. We even have some students who are working hard to create original puppet skits each week to share with the kids. Be sure to join us each week to see what the evening will bring!



Miami Baptist Association Summer Fun Day Camp Kirkwood

Join with kids from other churches for a day of fellowship and fun together Saturday, July 18th, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Kirkwood, our American Baptist Camp & Conference Center. There will be field sports, children's games, water activities, hayrides, fishing, canoeing, opening & closing ceremonies. The cost is \$8 per person which includes a picnic lunch and snack. This is for children and youth (K - 8), parents and adult leaders. High school youth can help with games. Registration is due by July 13th. See Jan Smith for further information and to register.

-Jan Smith
Camp Co-ordinator

New Believer's Class

We will be hosting a New Believer's Class beginning the Wednesday evening after Bible school on July 29th, during Adult Prayer/Bible study time. (Location to be announced) This class is for children who have made the decision to make Jesus their Savior, and feel they are ready to grow their relationship and be baptized. This class will be open to children who made decisions during VBS, as well as those who made decisions at other times in their lives. If you would like for your child to join us, please contact Claire or Brandi.

Fourth of July Parade

As you read this month's edition of the Courier you will notice that the Fourth of July has already passed and we as a church participated in the parade this year. We want to take a minute to say a gi-normous THANK YOU to all the people who helped, whether this was prayer, organizing or anything else. We certainly could not have done this project without the support of the full church, especially considering one of us is 100% British! So thank you once again, and if you would like to help next year we already have an idea...



Totally Terrific Tuesday Summer Schedule

Activities for kids who completed kindergarten through completed 5th grade. Younger children may attend if accompanied by an adult.

July

July 4: Our church will be participating in the **4th of July Parade** in Hamilton. If your child would like to participate, please see Claire.

July 7: No TTT this week, as we will be setting up for **VBS**. Helpers are always needed! ☺

July 14: No TTT this week, as it is **VBS WEEK!** Come join us Monday through Friday, from 9 am to 12 pm.
Register at www.firstbaptisthamilton.org.

July 21: Outtie - "Bananas" - an inflatable jump and play place in Liberty Twp.; \$5.50 for 2 hours of jumping fun; will visit a local park for lunch and more playtime. Wear your TTT shirt, bring a sack lunch and sunscreen! Meet at church at 9:00 a.m. Pick up will be at 2:30 p.m. at church.

July 28: Outtie/Innie - Bowling/Field Day; Bowling at Columbia Lanes, followed by lunch and games at church park. Weather permitting, we will have water games (swimming?) and other messy activities in our park. \$2.50 for 2 games/shoe rental. Wear your TTT shirts and bring a sack lunch.

August

Aug 4: Outie—Learning Tree Farm, near Dayton; 4 hours of hands-on fun; wear your TTT shirt and bring a sack lunch; \$8 per child; meet at 8:45 am, with pick up around 3:00 pm.

Aug 11: Outie—Laser Web; wear your TTT shirt and bring a sack lunch; \$9 per child; meet at 10:15 am, with pick up at 3:00 pm.

Participating kids **MUST** have a permission slip on file for this year. One slip will cover the entire summer. Kids from the same family can be on the same form. Forms can be filled out the morning of the event. Please allow extra time to do so. Please try to RSVP before the event so we can coordinate chaperones and transportation. You can make your reservation by calling the church (868.1412), calling Brandi (738.2439) or by emailing Brandi (br9@fuse.net) Also, please try to have the exact amount for the fees. If transportation assistance is

needed, let us know. Be sure to check out the church website for any updates.

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



Carpenter's Hands Signs Of Love



Silent Dinners

The Silent Dinner for July will be held on Friday evening, July 3rd, at Kenwood Mall and the August Silent Dinner will be Friday, August 7st, at Tri-County Mall. See you there!

Interpreter Schedule For July & August

July 5	Jo Manson	Maria Miller
July 12	Jo Manson	Maria Miller
July 19	Jo Manson	Maria Miller
July 26	Jo Manson	Maria Miller
August 2	Jo Manson	Maria Miller
August 9	Jo Manson	Maria Miller
August 16	Jo Manson	Maria Miller
August 23	Jo Manson	Maria Miller
August 30	Jo Manson	Maria Miller

Happy Birthday



No July or August birthdays

—Maria Miller
Director of Deaf Ministries



Vacation Bible School 2009 “Studio Go! Game Show” July 13 - 17

At *Studio GO! Game Show* Vacation Bible School kids will participate in the excitement of a real game show, experience God’s Word in the Primetime Bible Challenge, meet real-life servants at the Service Showcase, plus explore and create through crafts, snacks, and games. They will see how God works in the lives of everyone who trusts Him. And through it all, kids will discover that with Jesus everyone wins!

At *Studio GO! Game Show* kids will...

Discover stories of Bible people who decided to team up with God and *GO!* for it!

Accept a daily challenge to *GO!* make a difference.

Meet real-life servants, participate with friends in service projects, and use their Serving Feet to *GO!* serve in the community.

Play fun-filled games, enjoy yummy snacks, and create unforgettable crafts that remind them to *GO!* lead, *GO!* risk, *GO!* tell, *GO!* obey, and *GO!* serve.

Take home the promise that God is with them wherever they *GO!*

We will all learn how to **GO LEAD** as we look at how Gideon leads the Israelites to victory. (**Judges 7:1-22**); **GO RISK** Esther risks her life for God’s people. (**Esther 4-7**); **GO TELL** Jesus lives again, and the women run to tell. (**Matthew 27:27-54; 28:1-10**); **GO OBEY** The apostles obey by taking a stand for Jesus. (**Acts 5:17-32**); **GO SERVE** Ananias serves God by helping Saul. (**Acts 9:1-19**)

As well as all the wonderful staff that we have for *GO STUDIO!* We have several “guests” that will be joining us...Come on down and meet the host of *Studio GO! Game Show*, Wade Winalot! Although he looks a little too “perfect” most days, Wade has a great knack for seeing the inner beauty in everyone. His charm, warmth, and sparkling personality are sure to challenge and inspire contestants as he helps them discover what it truly means to *GO* win with Jesus!

Don’t let his size intimidate you! Coach Armstrong has a mind of steel and a heart of gold. Yes, he knows more about muscle function, fitness regiments, and dietary fiber

than he knows about the Bible—but he’s getting in the game! Always ready to go that extra mile, Coach will win the hearts of all his teammates here at *Studio GO!*

Venturing from the library stacks for the first time in years, meet Professor Wordsmart! Her dedication to helping others is second only to her dedication to knowing absolutely EVERYTHING in the world. As she spends time with the kids at *Studio GO!* she is starting to realize that there’s more to life than poetry and prose, and she is learning to serve with her heart rather than her head.

Out of the backyard and onto the soundstage, Cooper returns to entertain and teach the littlest contestants at *Studio GO!* As Wade Winalot’s sidekick and all-around good dog, Cooper helps preschoolers understand how important it is to be a helper, no matter where they *GO!*

Studio GO! Game Show is an exciting opportunity to change hearts and impact lives while having a whole lot of fun! So get ready, get set... let’s *GO!*

VBS Kickoff

Please join us for a fun and fabulous VBS kickoff on Wednesday, July 8th, 6:30 pm at Holloway Park! You and your friends will be able to register for Bible school and pick up a FREE music CD! Plan to get wet and messy, so wear clothes that you don’t mind getting wet! If you think you might be able to join us, email Brandi at br9@fuse.net or call her at 738-2439. If you forget to let us know you are coming, that’s okay--join us anyway!

Completed 6th Grade VBS Class

We will be having a 6th grade class, with leaders to be announced. This is always a fun, exciting, and inspirational group, so please plan on joining us and bringing your friends along! It promises to be a good time. If you have any questions, check with Brandi or Claire.

VBS Closing

Please join us for our VBS closing on Friday, July 17th, at 11:30 am. The kids will be sharing things they have learned throughout the week and how they have learned to serve others, and most importantly Jesus! The program will be followed by a light lunch. We hope to see you there!

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

SUMMER WORK CAMP

17 members of our congregation will be working with World Servants and other church groups at Richwood, West Virginia. Richwood is one of the most impoverished areas in the nation. Our mission team will be working alongside local residents and mission teams from California and Virginia. Plans are to do home repair, roof homes, assist with a sports camp for children and to possibly do a women's ministry that week. This trip is intergenerational and will include participants from all age groups. The team members are: Jordan Allen, Mike & Dale Braun, Dwain Brewer, Darin Chamberlain, Allen Hampton, Mindy Hazelwood, Nella Hurst, Barb Keith, Mandy Scott, Ray Sizemore, Aleesha Spence, Laurin, Lisa, & Alexander Sprague, Mark Whipple, and Lil Wilson. They will leave First Baptist early afternoon Sunday, July 19th and return Saturday, July 25th.

We are excited about this opportunity to serve these people and to fulfill the Great Commission. Please pray for our team members and the families they will serve. Thank you!

—Laurin Sprague & Mike Braun



Sunday School Promotion Day for those completing Kindergarten through 5th grade will be August 30th during the last part of the Sunday School hour. These students should report to their new class on September 6th. Children under Kindergarten age are permitted to advance to the next age level on their birthday if the parents and teachers feel they are developmentally ready for the next class.

—Barb Arnold
Sunday School Superintendent



Looking Ahead!

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

—Jerry Hampton

“Once Upon A Mattress”

a musical

Presented by Encore Summer Youth Theatre

Parrish Auditorium
Miami University - Hamilton

Wednesday - Friday July 29, 30, 31 - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday August 1 - 2:00 matinee & 8:00 p.m.

Bob Borden - Orchestra Conductor
Tisha Patton - Keyboard & Rehearsal Pianist
Mike Wallick - Violin
Iris Patton - Chorus

Tickets - \$15, \$12 for kids & seniors over 60

To reserve tickets, check the Encore web site for information: encoreyouththeatre.net.

Make checks payable to Encore Summer Youth Theatre.



All the ladies are invited to a baby shower honoring Samantha Mosley Brown Sunday, July 26th, from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. in Room 200. Samantha is registered at Target and is having a girl.



From The Heart Of Marilyn

College Corner

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

Joey Braun - Joey graduated from Edgewood High School. The thing that he will miss most about school after graduation is his friends and school activities. He plans to attend The Ohio State University majoring in either Pharmaceutical Sciences or Pre-Optometry or possibly pursue a career as a Professional Speed Eater. His favorite Bible verse is I Corinthians 6:11: *“And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.”* Joey says, “Thanks to my parents and church family early on, I learned that Jesus loves me. Since then it’s (First Baptist) been a place of spiritual growth and learning and always an open door.”

Andy Cain - Andy graduated from Hamilton High School. The thing that he will miss most about school after graduation is the whole experience of being in high school and being with his friends all day in a comfortable environment. He plans to go to Earlham college and play football. He chose Earlham because of the prestige and it is a highly accredited college. His favorite Bible verses are Proverbs 3:5: *“Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.”* and John 15:13: *“Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.”* Attending First Baptist has helped him understand that he needs God in all that he does; that he can go to Him for everything; taught him to be accepting and to show love to all. He says, “This church means everything to me. It’s my place of worship and comfort.”

Sara Cain - Sara graduated from Hamilton High School. The thing that she will miss most about school after graduation is hanging out with her friends, her teachers, and the swimming, diving and softball teams. She plans to attend Northern Kentucky University majoring in Pediatric Oncology Nursing. She says that she likes helping kids and working with them. Her favorite Bible verse is: Philippians 2:12-18: *“Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel. As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. Because of my chains, most*

of the brothers in the Lord have been encourage to speak the word of God more courageously and fearlessly. It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. The latter do so in love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice.”. Sara says, “Jeremy’s youth group has really helped me. He always helps me to make the right decisions. First Baptist is a place where I can go and know that I am welcomed and loved.

Brian Chamberlain - Brian graduated from Fairfield High School. The thing that he will miss most about school after graduation is seeing his friends every day and school sports events. Brian plans to attend the University of Cincinnati College of DBAP getting a masters degree in architecture. His favorite Bible verse is Isaiah 40:31 *“But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles.”* Brian says, “First Baptist Church to me means family. Everyone has played a part in leading me on my Christian walk. First Baptist is the one place that I can always go to for anything. I wouldn’t be the person I am today without the positive and loving support from the church.”

Jeff Hazelwood - Jeff graduated from Edgewood High School. The thing that he will miss most about school after graduation is spending time with his friends., FFA, and attending high school sporting events. Jeff plans to attend The Ohio State University ATI Branch Campus majoring in livestock science. His favorite Bible Verse is: *“From there Elisha went up to Bethel. As he was walking along the road, some youths came out of the town and jeered at him. ‘Go on up, you baldhead!’ they said, ‘Go on up, you baldhead!’ He turned around, looked at them and called down a curse on them in the name of the Lord. Then two bears came out of the woods and mauled forty-two of the youths.”* II Kings 2:23-24. About how attending First Baptist Church has helped him in his Christian walk, Jeff says, “First Baptist has been there for me for support. I am very glad to have a good loving church family that has always been and always will be praying for me. Without First Baptist I wouldn’t be as close to Christ as I am today.

Lauren Keith - Lauren graduated from Fairfield High School. Lauren says, “I will miss going to dances at school and sporting events. I will also miss being an office aide at school There have been so many great times

in high school and I made so many great memories but what I will miss most are my friends.” She will be attending Miami University majoring in Graphic Design. Her favorite Bible verse is Matthew 7:7. *“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.”* Lauren says, “I have been going to FBC since I was in the toddler room and everyone here has become like a second family to me. They have helped me in my Christian walk from Kinderchurch to Sunday School to KingsKids and Awana all the way to CREW. FBC is a huge support system and I’m thankful for that.”

Noah Krall - Noah graduated from Talawanda High School. The thing he will miss most about school after graduation is his friends and family. Noah plans to attend Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio. He will play football and major in Business Administration. His favorite Bible verse is Psalm 23 especially: *“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for you are with me.”* Noah says, “First Baptist has been a second home to me as I have grown up. I will always remember where I came from.”

Scott McRoberts - Scott graduated from ITT December 14, 2008 with an Associate Degree in Information Technology, Software Application and Programming. He said that he will miss the friends that he made while attend college. He is attempting to find a job in his field. His favorite Bible verses are also Psalm 23. Scott says, “First Baptist has given me the knowledge to defend his faith.”

Chris and Claire Metzger - Chris and Claire will be graduating in July from Walden University with a Masters Degree in Integrating Technology into the classroom. They have appreciated this course because it has given them new methods and techniques in order to meet the academic, behavioral, and social needs of every individual student in the classroom. They say, “We are now looking forward to spending more time with Elizabeth Rose (and using the extra money to buy a van).”

Katie Scott - Katie graduated from Hamilton High School. The thing that she will miss most about school after graduation is getting to see all her friends on a daily basis. Katie will be attending Miami University, Oxford in the honors program with an undecided major. Her favorite Bible verse is 2 Corinthians 5:17: *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come.”* Katie says, “First Baptist has always been my safe-haven. It’s been the one place that I know I can always find someone willing to help and guide me. CREW has definitely helped me in my Christian walk; Jeremy has always been there to answer any questions I

may have. Without first Baptist I definitely would be in a different place right now.

Susan Thomas - Susan graduated from the University of Kentucky majoring in Integrated Strategic communications and minoring in Health Promotions. The thing that she will miss most about school after graduation is the “sporting events, friends, my sorority, and having an excuse for spending my entire income on clothes!” Currently she is job searching in the Chicago, Tampa/Orlando, and Atlanta areas, hoping to do pharmaceutical sales or something in the advertising industry. Her favorite Bible verse is Proverbs 3:5. *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.”* Susan says that an especially meaningful experience during her college years was “being on the marketing committee for UK’s Dance Blue—a 24 hour dance marathon to raise money for children with cancer. We raised nearly \$500,000. It was the most exhausting, fun, and rewarding experience of my college years!” Susan says, “First Baptist has provided me with a firm spiritual foundation as well as unconditional love and support throughout my college career. The Lord has blessed me in so many ways throughout these four years. Thank you for all of your prayers!!”

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

—Marilyn Bowling
College Coordinator

KeenAger July Trip

The KeenAger trip for the month of July is a cruise on the B & B Riverboat Wednesday, July 22nd. Plans are to leave the church by 9:15 a.m. The cost of the trip is \$30 which includes lunch and gasoline. Please sign the list on the bulletin board by July 15th. Bernie will be in connector to collect for this trip.

KeenAger August Trip

The KeenAgers will travel to Waynesville, Ohio Monday, August 17, to have lunch together at Der Dutchman. They plan to leave the church at 10:30 a.m. Please sign the list on the bulletin board by August 10th.



Honors For Graduates

We want to congratulate all the 2009 graduates for their honors, awards, and scholarships. We received these questionnaires with honors included.

Joey Braun

First Team All-FAVC Academic Team
Joe Nuxhall Scholarship
Cindy Prows Memorial Scholarship
Ohio State University Trustees Scholarship

Andy Cain

3-year Varsity Letterman - Football
Rudy Oaklets Memorial Scholarship
HHS Booster Scholarship
HHS Most Valuable Swimmer
3.0 Triathlete
Volleyball Coaches Award
Honor Roll
7 Years Perfect Attendance
Homecoming Court

Sara Cain

Rudy Oaklets Memorial Scholarship
National Technical Honor Society
Erik Scott Russel - Project Love
3.0 Triathlete
4 year Varsity - Swimming and Diving
Homecoming Court

Brian Chamberlain

State of Ohio Honors Diploma
Cincinnati Scholarship

Jeff Hazelwood

FFA DeKalb Award
Edgewood FFA Alumni Scholarship
Edgewood Lady Cougars Basketball Videographer of the year

Lauren Keith

State of Ohio Honors Diploma - 3.7 GPA
Honor Roll 2009 - 2010
Graduated Magna Cum Laude
Miami Grant Scholarship
State Board of Education Award of Merit

Noah Krall

Honorable Mention All-State in Football

Freels Memorial Scholarship
Meade Memorial Scholarship
Mount Union Presidents Scholarship

Katie Scott

9th in class - 4.86 GPA
Gold Honor Roll
Who's Who Among American High School Students
Scholar Athlete Award
Presidential Education Award
National Mathematics Award
Butler County Building & Construction Trades
Scholarship
Millicent and Donald Schirmer Memorial Scholarship
Evelyn May Davis Scholarship
Ohio Merit Scholarship

Susan Thomas

Dean's List all 4 years
Graduated Magna Cum Laude
Participant in UK's NSAC Advertising Competition
Team that placed 3rd in the district competition

"SEUSSICAL" the Musical

Presented by Fairfield Summer Community Theater

Fairfield High School Performing Arts Center

Thurs., Fri., & Sat. July 23, 24, & 25 - 7:30 p.m.
Sat. & Sun. July 25 & 26 - 2:30 p.m.

Drew Helton - Horton the Elephant

Martha Helton - Who Ensemble & Dancer

Tickets available after June 29th - Call 874 - SHOW

The musical, based on the famous Dr. Seuss books, features Horton the Elephant from the book, "Horton Hears A Who" as well as some of your favorite Dr. Seuss characters, the Cat In The Hat, Gertrude, and Mayzie.





Child Care Schedule For July

Nursery (Morning)

July 5 - Debbie Miller, Megan & Emily
July 12 - Debby Gibson & Maddie Hall
July 19 - Allison & Andrew Sommers
July 26 - Florence Jones & Helper

One & Two Year Olds

July 5 - Johnnie Wallace, Nathan & Audrey
July 12 - Mary & Stan Brown
July 19 - Jill & Dave Walker
July 26 - John & Ruthie Wallace

Kinderchurch

July 5 - Vicky Baker & Dorothy Hollowell
July 12 - Cheryl & John Motzer
July 19 - Vicky Baker & Dorothy Hollowell
July 26 -

Child Care Schedule For August

Nursery (Morning)

August 2 - Cheryl & John Motzer
August 9 - Jerri & Brad Begley
August 16 - Debby Gibson & Maddie Hall
August 23 - Claire & Chris Metzger
August 30 - Allison & Andrew Sommers

One & Two Year Olds

August 2 - Monica Rose & Hailee
August 9 - Stacy & Brian Dickman
August 16 - Jenny & Rob VanMeter
August 23 - Dana Diedrichs & Mikayla
August 30 - Nancy Follmer & Billie Gipson

Kinderchurch

August 2 - Vicky Baker & Dorothy Hollowell
August 9 - Debbie Allen & Lauren
August 16 - Vicky Baker & Dorothy Hollowell
August 23 -
August 30 - John & Ruthie Wallace

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

Ruthie Wallace - (887-8387)



Wednesday Family Dinners

July 1

Menu: Hamburgers and Hot Dogs with all the trimmings, Baked Beans, Potato Chips, Cole Slaw, Dessert
Hosts: Keystone I

July 8

Menu: Baked Chicken, Broccoli and Rice Casserole, Jello Salad, Rolls, Dessert
Hosts: FOCUS

July 15

Menu: Lasagna, Tossed Salad, Bread Sticks, Dessert
Hosts: Trustees

July 22

Menu: Baked Pork Chops, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Green Beans, Applesauce, Dessert
Hosts: Keystone II

July 29

Menu: Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Mixed Vegetables, Tossed Salad, Dessert
Hosts: Chancel Choir

Reminder: Adults should contribute \$4.00 per person for the meal; \$12.00 for a family. 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 **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.

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

July/August Greeters

Don Gingrich, Jerry Hampton, Mike Gipson,
Evelyn Maddox, Mary Petry, and Nancy Follmer



Pastor Jeremy's Think Tank

CREW Calendar

Below you will find the many activities that the CREW Youth Group will be doing over the next couple months. A calendar is also available online and right outside the CREW room downstairs. Please let me know if you are interested in any of the activities or if you have any questions. Adults: If you are interested in helping out with any of the events listed below please let me know and I will keep you in mind and get back to you. I also need some help for the 30 Hour Famine in finding people who will help us break our fast. Let me know if you can provide food or will organize the meal for us.

Be God's,
Jeremy

Tuesday Nights: Come watch the church softball team play each and every Tuesday night throughout July and August. See the schedule posted either elsewhere in the Courier or online for time and field numbers. We play out at North End (Ford Fields) Softball fields.

July 1: We will have an extended Lifeline night until 11:00 p.m. Don't miss this evening of games, some food, and a whole lot of fun. We will be playing some night games after dark so bring dark clothing to change into.

July 8: Join us down at Holloway Park for a cookout. We will play sand volleyball, cornhole, and other games down at the park while we cook over an open flame. Bring your own drink to share.

July 9-11: Spirit Song outing for those who have paid already. Thursday we will be meeting at the church at noon to leave as a group and return around 11 p.m. Friday we will meet at 10:30 in the morning and sleep at the church that evening. You can be picked up at 11 p.m. on Saturday after we return from King's Island

July 12: Don't miss this evening filled with nothing but Kickball. Bring your friends and tennis shoes as we have a Kickball Night you won't want to miss.

July 13-17: VBS here at church so please help out if you can. There will be two outings, Tuesday and Thursday, for those who help out during the week. More details on those will be given the day before.

July 15: Revolve Tour money will be due this evening. For all Ladies interested in going please put September 11-12 on your calendars and join us for Revolve in Columbus. Cost will be \$40 per person so don't miss out and bring a friend as well.

July 19: Veggie Tale Marathon in the CREW room. Join us from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. for a night of nothing but

Veggie Tales. We will watch as many of the videos as we can. Bring a snack to share. Popcorn will be provided.

July 22: Money will be due for the Red's game (read further in article for details). The CREW will also be going to Putt-Putt so bring money for that, \$10 per person. We will leave at 6:30 p.m. and return around 8:15 p.m.

July 26 & 29: There will be activities both these evenings but plans are not complete. Ryan Inloes is doing Lifeline on the 29. Stay tuned for what will take place on the 26.

August 2: Red's Faith Day outing. We will be heading to the Red's game right after church so please bring money for lunch and maybe a change of clothes. Cost is \$10 per person and the money is due by July 22. You won't want to miss this great day out at Great American Ballpark and watch the Red's play.

August 5: The CREW's wonderful Wet N Wild night is back with a 200 foot slip n slide and also many activities with water balloons. Bring clothes that can get wet and be ready to have some fun. We will finish the evening by 8:30 p.m. You will not want to miss this night. Invite some friends to enjoy the slip n slide with you.

August 7 & 8: CREW 30 Hour Famine here at church. We will start Friday evening at 5 p.m. and wrap up by breaking our fast on Saturday around 5 p.m. You won't want to miss this weekend of serving others in our community and learning how to seek God when we are hungry. Packets will be available in July to ask your family and friends to help stop hunger.

August 9: Pool Party at Samuel Wallace's house. Bring your swimsuit a snack to share and we will provide the pool and the pizza. Fun begins at 5 p.m. and ends at 8 p.m. If you need a ride or for directions please see Jeremy.

August 12: CREW Bowling Outing. Cost will be around \$5 per person and we will leave the church promptly at 6:30 p.m. We should return around 8:00 p.m. See you there.

August 16: Video Scavenger Hunt!! We will gather at 4:30 p.m. in the CREW Room for instructions on what this hunt will entail. I need parents who are willing to drive for this event and many students to come to make it fun. We will wrap up at 8 p.m. after we have watched the videos from the evening.

August 19: Extended Lifeline night including Laser Tag. \$5 per person and you won't want to miss this night of Laser Tag, Capture the Flag, and more. Fun begins at 6:30 p.m. and will wrap up at 11:00 p.m..

August 30: CREW Dodgeball Tournament from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. Form a team of 5-7 people and join us for a dodgeball tournament. Cost will be \$5 per person. You will be guaranteed at least two games. The winners will get a prize and everyone will have the chance to get some pizza. Bring your friends and let's start off the school year with a bang!

Butler County Right To Life In July 4th Parade

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

—Linda Wallace

Corrections and Additions To The Directory

We will be using this spot each month to update the directory. Please call the church office with additions or changes to your address, phone number, or e-mail address.

Benzing, Adrian
208 Sands
Monroe, Ohio 45050
Phone # 539-7836

Burton, Bill and Barbara
819 Eaton Avenue
Hamilton, Ohio 45013
Phone # 607-4405

Roberts, *Erin
4835 Hamilton-Eaton Rd
Hamilton, OH 45013
Catherine Grace
Elizabeth Michelle
Alice Danielle



Tickle Me Pink Luncheon

About 90 ladies and girls were tickled pink at the luncheon on May 16. We enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by Lisa Dulli and her crew consisting of her daughter, Lona, and Erin and Kim Gingrich. Thanks to Rod Anderson and Larry Bowling for clean up duties. We were entertained by our emcee Teri Horsley and our joke tellers Joey Sackenheim, Ashley Inloes, and Shirley Henson. Karen Buchanan was our song leader and also directed our "Walk on the Pink Carpet" where many of our younger girls dazzled us with their glitter and pink. Our speaker, Kim Werk, got into the spirit of things and came dressed as a pink flamingo. She reminded us to look for God's miracles in our daily lives. What a fun afternoon!

In His service,
Women's Ministry Committee

Second Quarter Business Meetings

The Advisory Board will meet on Sunday, July 12th, at 5:00 p.m. in preparation for the second quarter Business Meeting of the church. Items of business which require church action should be presented at this meeting. All elected officers of the church are on the Advisory Board.

The Second Quarter Business Meeting will be Wednesday, July 15th, at 6:45 p.m. Reports will be heard from Boards and Committees and other items of business will be acted upon. A very important item of business at this meeting will be the election of a Nominating committee, whose responsibility will be to seek out officers to serve beginning January 1st, 2010. We trust that you will pray about those that you plan to nominate. This is a great responsibility and in many ways determines future action and ministries of the church.

Living Proof Live SIMULCAST!

August 28 - 29, 2009

Featuring Bible teacher Beth Moore
and worship leader, Travis Cottrell



Beth Moore meets you where you live, literally. On August 28-29, Beth Moore is bringing Living Proof Live to her hometown of Green Bay, Wisconsin. Thanks to simulcast satellite technology, she'll spend that weekend here in our hometown, too. The same soul-stirring worship, the same life-changing teaching—right here, in real time. Living Proof Live is a weekend you'll never forget. And you won't even have to leave town!

First Baptist Church

will be hosting this event for the ladies of our church and our community. Tickets will be \$25 and can be purchased in the church connector beginning July 19th. Please join us and more than 70,000 other women across the country as we worship, learn and fellowship together. For more information see a member of the Women's Ministry Team.

Family Camp Labor Day Weekend September 4 - 6, 2009

Come for a weekend of family fun, worship, and teaching. Learn how to strengthen your family and build a healthy marriage. Financial and estate-planning workshops. Come for the day; come for the weekend! Our guest speakers for the weekend are Michael and Amy Smalley from the Smalley Marriage and Family Center. www.smalleymarriagecenter.com. Bring your family or bring yourself. Family fun for all ages; games, swimming, crafts, inflatables, and great teaching. We are all part of God's family!

Camp Kirkwood
5719 State Route 73 West
Wilmington, OH 45177
937-382-3535

Kirkwood Camp Schedule 2009

ABC/OHIO summer camps at Kirkwood for the remainder of the summer will be:

July 5-10 - Senior High (Gr. 9-12) Director: Jean Sharp (Judson College)	\$245.00
July 5-10 - Guitar Camp (Gr. 7-12)	\$255.00
July 19-22 -New Adventure #1 (Gr. 3-4) Director: Tim Lee	\$160.00
July 25-26 - Beginners' Camp #2 (K-2) Director: Kim Flach (Registration includes parent)	\$95.00
July 26-31 - Paintball Camp (Gr. 6-12) Director: Jay Williams	\$460.00
July 26-31 - Extreme Camp (Gr.7-12) Director: Jeremy Spence	\$390.00

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 or registration forms, contact Jan Smith, 844-2918 or see her at church.

—Jan Smith
Camp Coordinator



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>July 2009</h1>						
			1 6:00 Family Dinner 6:30 Lifeline 6:45 <i>Wild & Wacky Wednesdays</i> 6:45 Bible Study & Prayer 6:45 Carpenter's Hands	2 6:30 ONE Ministries	3	4 Independence Day!! 8:00 Men's Prayer Gathering
5 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 4:45 Women's Council 6:00 Evening Celebration 6:00 CREW Picnic	6	7 6:30 Men's Softball # 3	8 6:00 Family Dinner 6:30 Lifeline Cookout @ Holloway Park 6:45 <i>Wild & Wacky Wednesdays</i> 6:45 Bible Study & Prayer 6:45 Carpenter's Hands	9 10:30 CREW to <i>Spirit Song</i> @ Kings Island 5:30 Board of Trustees 6:30 ONE Ministries	10 9:30 MOPS Steering	11 9:00 ABC-Ohio Mission Encounter '09 @ Chillicothe 11:00 Parents Pick up CREW @ church from <i>Spirit Song</i>
12 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 4:30 Board of Missions 5:00 Advisory Board 6:00 Evening Celebration	13 9:00 VBS 11:00 WMC Book Club	14 9:00 VBS 8:50 Men's Softball # 3	15 9:00 VBS 6:00 Family Dinner 6:30 Lifeline 6:45 <i>Wild & Wacky Wednesdays</i> 6:45 2 nd Qtr. Business Mtg. 6:45 Carpenter's Hands	16 9:00 VBS 6:30 ONE Ministries	17 9:00 VBS 11:30 VBS Closing & lunch	18 9:00 Summer Fun Day @ Camp Kirkwood
19 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 12:00 Mission Group Leave for WV 4:45 Diaconate 6:00 Evening Celebration 6:00 CREW Picnic	20	21 9:00 Totally Terrific Tuesday Outtie 6:30 Men's Softball # 3	22 9:15 KeenAgers B&B Riverboat Trip 6:00 Family Dinner 6:30 Lifeline 6:45 <i>Wild & Wacky Wednesdays</i> 6:45 Bible Study & Prayer 6:45 Carpenter's Hands	23 6:30 ONE Ministries	24	25
26 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 2:00 Baby Shower for Samantha Mosley Brown 4:30 CE Board 6:00 Evening Celebration	27	28 9:00 Totally Terrific Tuesday Outtie/Innie 6:30 Men's Softball # 3	29 6:00 Family Dinner 6:30 Lifeline 6:45 <i>Wild & Wacky Wednesdays/New Believers' Class</i> 6:45 Bible Study & Prayer 6:45 Carpenter's Hands	30 8:30 Matthew 25 6:30 ONE Ministries	31	

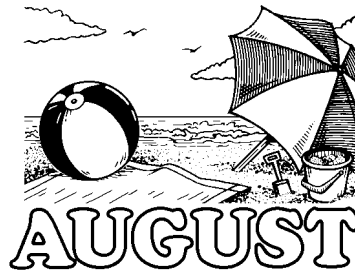


HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

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.

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<h1>August 2009</h1>						1 8:00 Men's Prayer Gathering
2 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 12:00 CREW to Cinn. Reds Faith Day 6:00 Evening Celebration	3	4 9:30 MOPS Steering 8:45 Totally Terrific Tuesday Outie 7:40 Men's Softball #3	5 6:30 Lifeline - Wet-N-Wild 6:45 <i>Wild & Wacky</i> <i>Wednesdays</i> 6:45 Bible Study & Prayer 6:45 Carpenter's Hands	6 5:30 Music & Worship Committee 6:30 ONE Ministries	7 5:00 CREW 30 Hour Famine	8 5:00 CREW 30 Hour Famine Ends
9 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 4:30 Board of Missions 5:00 CREW Swim Party @ Samuel Wallace's 6:00 Evening Celebration	10 11:00 WMC Book Club	11 10:15 Totally Terrific Tuesday Outie	12 6:30 Lifeline - Bowling 6:45 <i>Wild & Wacky</i> <i>Wednesdays</i> 6:45 Bible Study & Prayer 6:45 Carpenter's Hands	13 5:30 Board of Trustees 6:30 ONE Ministries	14	15
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30 9:15 Sunday School- Promotion Day 10:30 Worship 4:00 CREW Dodgeball 6:00 Evening Celebration	31					



HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

1 - Naomi Hoskins
Jeff L. Miller

2 - Brenda Abney

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

4 - Madalyn Buchanan
Edna Hughes
David Zeek

5 - Lauren Hampton
Edith Rish

6 - Dale Braun
Shelley Ebbing
Erla Krastins

8 - Charles Campbell
Norbert Lerch
Sue Sizemore
Doug Wallace

9 - Karen Bell
Cindy Shalloe

10 - John Motzer

11 - Janet Baker
Jessica Day
Judy Wallace

12 - Tim Schwartz

13 - Andrew Garver

14 - Jeff Hollowell
Jared Messer

15 - Diane Wallick

17 - Barbara Begley

18 - Bill Burton

19 - Dale Kimble

20 - Kristen Bowling
Steve Martin
Jeff Schwab

21 - Josh Day
Herb Murrell

23 - Emily Cain
Conner Gleason

24 - Don Lewis
Shirley Wade
Susan Wells
June Winkler

26 - Ruby Gessendorf

27 - Matt Acus
Elise Martin

28 - Linda Wallace

29 - Josh Irwin
Olivia Hoskins
Alexandria Patrick

30 - Johanna Hines
Atha Wallin

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

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.

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Personal Notes

From Molly Gambrell and Mandy Gambrell

Thank you to those of you who prayed for our grandmother, Millie Hangbers, prior to her death May 31st. She was a strong and caring woman who shined for Jesus and helped lead many to Him—including both of us. Also thank you to Pastor Metzger for an inspiring and powerful message at Grandma's funeral. Thank you also to the many who attended and those who conducted our family luncheon. We are so blessed to call you our church family.

From Steve Gingrich

Just a note to say "Thank you" for all your prayers and concern for me and my family during the surgery I had undergone last week. It means so much to receive the cards and phone calls that have lifted my spirits. Words cannot express the my true heart felt thankfulness for everyone taking time from their busy schedule to let me know that they are praying and thinking about me during this time. To have a church family that cares so much is uplifting to your spirits and just to know that the "Prayer Warriors" are interceding on your behalf. Words cannot explain the feeling. I am doing very well on the path to recovery. I have a vertical three inch incision on the back of my neck that now matches the horizontal incision on the front of my neck. I have noticed an improvement from the surgery already. The numbness and tingling has subsided quite a bit and the severe headaches are virtually gone. The complete healing process will take months, but for now all is well. I should be good as new by the time hunting season rolls around and able to climb around in trees once again and drag huge North American whitetails around by their antlers, free from pain. Yours in Christ

From Jack Maddox

I want to thank my church family for all the prayers, cards, visits, and phone calls. We are blessed with a very loving and caring church family. Prayer works!

From Oakley Wardlow

I would like to thank Pastor Dennis, Pastor Bill and all of my Church Family for the prayers and visits after my surgery last month. Special thanks to all from the prayer meeting members who said prayers during my recuperation and signed the beautiful cards. I feel very blessed to have the First Baptist Church congregation as my family. Love in Jesus Name, Oakley.

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