

The Courier

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First Baptist Church
in Hamilton, Ohio



"Where everybody is somebody and Jesus Christ Is Lord"

June, 2010

Graduation Day!

By Teresa Kindred (*Heartlight*)

Odds are you know someone who is about to graduate. For me, it's my nephew, Thomas. It seems like just yesterday he was following me around saying, "Aunt Teresa, I'll see you this rock for ten dodders."

For all the graduates out there, I'd like to share one of my favorite poems by Rudyard Kipling with you and to wish you "Good luck." And to Thomas I would like to say, "You are so very loved. Go forth and do good!"

IF

If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,
Or, being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or being hated don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise;

If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;
If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim,
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build'em up with worn-out tools;

If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings,
And never breathe a word about your loss;
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: "Hold on!"

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common touch,
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,
If all men count with you, but none too much:
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son!

The Influence Of Fathers

Through the years, we have different ideas of what our father means to us. Some has composed the following list, showing the way that our view of father changes through the years:

- 4 years: My daddy can do anything
- 7 years: My dad know a lot, a whole lot.
- 8 years: My father doesn't quite know everything.
- 12 years: Oh well, naturally father doesn't know everything.
- 14 years: Father? Hopelessly old-fashioned.
- 21 years: Oh, that man is out-of-date. What did you expect?
- 25 years: He knows a little bit about it, but not much.
- 30 years: Must find out what dad thinks about it.
- 35 years: A little patience; let's get dad's meaning first.
- 40 years: what would dad had thought about it?
- 50 years: My dad knew literally everything.
- 60 years: I wish I could talk it over with dad once more.

Fathers, what an awesome responsibility has been given to us. And even during those years when our children think we are "hopelessly old-fashioned", they are listening to us and learning from us. Much of what our children learn is caught rather than taught. They learn from what they observe. That means we can't afford to cheat on our taxes, lie to our boss, or be rude to a salesperson. Our lifestyle is the greatest lesson we teach.

You are a role model for your children and, like it or not, they will, to one degree or another, model their lives after you. You have inherited some of your father's characteristics and your children are inheriting some of yours.

So whether you know it or not (and whether you mean it or not), you are influencing the lives of your children, and you children's children. As I said earlier, what an awesome responsibility has been given to us. And thank God for the godly fathers who influenced us!

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all you strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them upon your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."
(Deuteronomy 6:5-7)

—Alan Smith



Joint Meeting For ABW Circles

We are looking forward to our joint ABW Circles' Dinner on Tuesday, June 8th. We will start with dinner in the Family Center at 6:00 followed by our program in Room 200. It is a carry-in dinner, so bring a delicious dish for all to enjoy. You may also bring a donation item for Camp Kirkwood. They are in need of gallon zip-lock baggies, laundry detergent, and chewable children's aspirins. Our speaker will be Mr. Larry Gaines from New Life Baptist Mission. This is a local organization that our church often supports with various projects. We will also have our dedication of officers. We are still in need of a secretary for our ABW Board. Please contact Nancy Whipple, 863-2309, if you would be willing to serve in this position.

Nancy Whipple, ABW president

June Missionaries of the Month:

India

David & Elizabeth Perkins

Betsy and David serve at Kodikanal International School (KIS). Students at KIS come from many different backgrounds. At KIS, they receive an excellent education, experience living together in community, hear/experience the Christian witness and participate in social service projects. David serves on the KIS administration team and as the elementary school coordinator. Betsy is the elementary school nurse and teaches health classes.

Nepal

Charles & Carole Sydnor

Bucky (Charles) connects Human Development and Community Service (HDCS), a non-governmental Christian organization based in Kathmandu, with its international partners and supporters. HDCS is committed to holistic mission in Nepal, and focuses on the great need for social ministries such as health, education, job training, and community development. Carole enables foreigners that come to work in HDCS-related hospitals to serve effectively, assisting them with orientation to language and culture. Both Carole and Bucky also assist NBCC with leadership development.

Bible Book For June Genesis

Genesis describes and records the creation story. It further relates the origins, early days, years, and millennia of human kind and other life forms or creatures. Abraham is one of the central figures. He is remembered for his faithfulness and obedience to God. The story continues with Jacob who is renamed Israel and with the sage of Joseph and his brothers. Joseph survives in Egypt and his achievements represent God's providential care for Israel and all the families of the earth. We may draw from these stories that given people as they are (vulnerable beings) and given the world as it is (a corruptible power) neither people nor the world can survive unless God intervenes in some drastic way to save them.

PRAY for the "one-fifth of the nation" and those in the rest of the world who live in poverty that we will work for their betterment. Pray for a new sense of global community.

—Madge Walters

Matthew Ministries

The next scheduled Work Day at Matthew 25 will be Thursday, June 24th. 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.

—Pastor Bill and Bert Brantingham



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Remembering Dad

Gnadenhutton! Not a word on the tip of anyone's tongue. It's a small community in Ohio about fifty miles south of Canton, just off of I-77. Actually, I have never been there, and have heard the town spoken of only by my dad and one couple— Carl and Jeanette Schwab. They showed me a booklet some time ago entitled, "*Masacre at Gnadenhutton.*" Gnadenhutton (German for "tents of grace") is Ohio's oldest existing settlement. It was founded in 1772 as a community of German Americans and Lenape (Delaware) Native Americans affiliated with the Moravian Church. The community attempted to remain neutral during the American Revolutionary War, but ninety-six of them were massacred in 1782 by American revolutionaries from the Pennsylvania militia in retaliation for raids carried out by other Native American groups. The population in the 2000 census was 1,280. But I digress...

Dad was born in that little town in 1926—the second of two sons; the brother of two sisters. My grandparents moved the family to the Barberton (Ohio) area not long after Dad was born. My grandmother found work to supplement the family income at the Ohio Match Factory. Early in his career, my grandfather worked a small farm and operated a gas station. But politics seemed to suit him better. He found himself working for Summit County (Ohio) as the Road Commissioner, and built houses in his spare time.

Our family had very little contact with my grandparents over the years. There was some, of course. My grandmother always called me Dennis. So proper for a little boy; but somehow, so fitting for the occasional and formal relationship we had. (My sister and I had to be quiet and sit on the couch when we visited. Not much fun, as I remember it.)

I remember a little yellow house that "Grandpa George" had built. Even as a young child, I admired the smooth yellow tones of the oak trim, stained and finished to a satin sheen. I also remembered a shiny Studebaker that he had once owned. Somehow, he had attached a small electric motor to the bullet nose of the grill. With a pull of the switch on the dashboard, the bullet would spin in the center of the grill. I thought that was the greatest thing I had ever seen.

It seems that my dad grew up in what we might now describe as a "dysfunctional home." The older son was favored and was lavished with the newest and best. Dad, several years his brother's junior, got the hand-me-downs, usually worn out by then. The hope of the family rested on the older son and the younger

daughter, while the middle siblings seem to be left to fend for themselves. It did not seem to affect their smiles in a photo I had once seen—the kids gathered around a cart waiting for a ride pulled by a pet goat.

As World War II loomed in the distance, Dad enlisted in the army; his brother in the navy. Dad served in Normandy during World War II, was wounded in the legs and hip by shrapnel, and taken prisoner by the Germans. As children, my sister and I would put our tiny fingers on the places where the wounds had been. Years later, he limped some because of the injury, and his legs ached. I thought it interesting that the experience he seldom spoke about for most of his adult years, became a proud badge of honor on his personalized Ohio license plates— World War II POW!

When Dad returned from the war, he studied at night school to become a draftsman. In 1948, jobs were scarce, but with an application which my mother wrote and he penned by hand, he was hired by the East Ohio (natural) Gas Company, for which he worked as an engineer until he retired. His mother-in-law said Dad was the only person she had ever heard of who found work by answering an ad in the newspaper.

My sister, Cathie, and I shared life with my mom and dad until late elementary school, when a divorce in our home sent our family in several different directions. During my high school days, Dad would often attend our church softball games, and sometimes offered his hand as assistant coach.

Having left Akron right out of high school, never really to return, I seldom saw Dad except

(From the Pastor's Heart, continued)

occasionally during the Christmas holidays, and even then as a result of my initiative (more accurately, my wife's prodding!). Nevertheless, they were pleasant times, even in their infrequency.

Dad was a perfectionist in many ways. I think Cathie and I inherited that trait from him. He was meticulous at his profession and in his personal habits. But he was generally gracious to those who were not quite as particular as he was. People seemed to like Dad. In his quiet way, he enjoyed helping others. He was kind, and always concerned about their welfare. His skill with the paint brush found him as a volunteer in the homes of many friends.

Dad was blessed with some artistic ability—something I wish he had been able to pass on to me. In earlier days, he created some remarkable pencil drawings—two I remember especially: a yellow Irish setter, and another print of ducks flying over a pond. And how many others are there who could turn an address on a greeting card into a penmanship work of art? Dad always seemed to do it.

Landscaping was an interest that found deep satisfaction in Dad's life. The maple trees he nurtured from seedlings in the late 50's now stretch tall into the sky at our old homestead in Akron on Robindale Avenue. The tiny oak that he planted, now lifts its mighty arms to the Lord in praise and splendor. I remember his work in our yard with fondness, and can still hear the quiet running of the water late in the evening as he cared for the shrubbery, trees, and flowers at our home. His former home in Cuyahoga Falls was a showcase of neatness and order.

Dad died on November 10, 1998. I know he had a faith in the Lord—long-ago professed; practiced more consistently in his later life as a faithful member of the Lutheran church. There is much comfort in that. I have a few memories of my dad—not many, I must confess. I mentioned several years ago that my sister and I were given a small suitcase which retained the heavy aroma of his Sir Walter Raleigh pipe tobacco, and Pall Mall cigarettes. The case contained a few of his worldly possessions—a Hugo Rauner chromatic harmonica; some colored pencils; a few calligraphy pens; several stamp collections; a Twenty-Five Year Club Silver Dollar Medallion from the East Ohio Gas Company; several appointment books; a collection of World War II decorations, including the valued Purple Heart; and a watch which I now wear. Not much to leave behind!

June 20th is Father's day. Dads and grandfathers, how do you want to be remembered? It is important for us to reflect on just what it is we are passing on to our children and grandchildren. Life passes quickly. Our children are with us for so very little time. They

deserve to know that we love them. That aside from loving the Lord and their mother, we love them more than life itself. Why not express that love today? Reaffirm the value you place on their lives, and the joy that they bring to your heart. Affirm the potential they have before the Lord. Remind them that God has a plan for their lives—plans to prosper them, and not to harm them; plans to give them a hope and a future (Jeremiah 29:11).

Perhaps it is just my age. But occasionally, while engaged in some "perfectionist pursuit," I hear my dad's voice whisper to my heart—"That's the way I would have done it." I know, Dad! I learned it from you.

Wishing our Heavenly Father's abundant blessing to each of you in this season of honoring our earthly fathers...Pastor



First Baptist will be sending a team of fourteen people to Cap Haitien this summer. They will be flying to Fort Lauderdale on Friday, July 30th and staying there overnight in order to catch a 6:00 AM flight directly to Cap Haitien. They will be returning home on Saturday, August 7th. Cap Haitien is a city of almost 200,00 on the north shore of Haiti. It has a rich history as a sea port.

At this time we understand that the team will be helping to rebuild the roofs of some of the dormitories at one of the universities in Cap Haitien that were damaged during the earthquake. The team will be working in conjunction with American Baptist International Ministries and with Nzunga Mabudiga, who spoke at our church this spring. As with all mission trips the team will be faithful in serving these people in any way that we can. Please pray for us as we prepare for this trip, during our travel and while we are in Haiti. Thank you.

—Laurin Sprague & Mike Braun



On Sunday, June 13th, during the morning worship service, it will be our joy to honor those in the church family who are graduating this spring or have recently graduated. A special recognition has been planned with Jeremy Spence speaking. We trust that you will be present to encourage these who have completed an important part of their lives. A luncheon to honor our graduates will be held immediately following the morning worship for the graduates and their families in the Family Center. Please join us as we encourage and challenge our grads. The following is a list of all those who are graduating from high school, college, or graduate school from our church family. If your name is not on this list, please contact the church office so we know and may recognize you at our Baccalaureate Sunday Service.

Eastern Kentucky University
Benji Stanger

University of Evansville
Jennifer McKee

Miami University
Debbie Allen
Rachael Davis
Martha Helton
Mara Krall
Toni Schwab
Nick Wilson

University of Toledo
Mark Braun

Galen School of Nursing
Brandi Kingery

Hamilton High School Lakota West High School
Katie Ford Megan Miller

Brittany Hall
Maddie Hall Fairfield High School
Heather Keith
Amy Wallace

Talawanda
Ryan Schwab

Ross High School
Oliver Davis
Andrew Geyer

Cincinnati Christian
Lauren Schwartz

Budget Status Report

The Month of April, 2010

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$61,968
Offerings	<u>45,303</u>
Over (Under) Budget	(\$16,665)

Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$53,125
Offerings	<u>45,303</u>
Over (Under) Actual	(\$17,822)

The Year Through April, 2009

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$252,846
Offerings	<u>218,966</u>
Over (Under) Budget	(\$33,880)

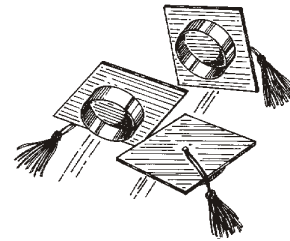
Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$257,902
Offerings	<u>218,966</u>
Over (Under) Actual	(\$38,936)

–The Board Of Trustees

KeenAger Monthly Trip

The KeenAgers are going to Boggstown, IN, Monday, June 14th. The cost is \$35.00 which includes lunch and the show and needs to be collected by Sunday, June 6th. They will be leaving the church at 9:00 a.m. There is a limit of 25 so please sign the list on the bulletin board soon.

–Bernie & Martha Griesinger



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Derek Hines who graduated on May 1st from Concordia University, Portland, OR Campus with a BA in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting. Derek graduated magna cum laude. The Hines family were members of First Baptist Church but now live in Chandler, Arizona.



By the time you read this Awana will have finished for the summer. We have had such an awesome year! We had many great evenings; the most memorable being when some of the children made commitments to Jesus and have made confessions of faith. Awana has so many different facets; one of the most important is all those dedicated workers that give their time, energy and passion to serving Jesus on Wednesday evenings.

THANK YOU!

We look forward to working with you again next year. Please enjoy your well-earned summer.

New Believers' Class

We were excited to work with several girls in learning more about being a Christian. We will be offering another New Believers' class after VBS. We will announce dates later.

Wonderful and Wacky Wednesdays

We will be having three different classes during the summer months for different age groups on Wednesday evenings. We will be working with children from three years old to completed 5th. Ruthie Wallace will be leading a special class for girls from completed 4th and 5th grade. As usual childcare will still be offered through Wednesday evenings. Snacks will be provided with fantastic faith filled lessons and wonderfully wacky games. Please remember that there will be no dinners during the month of August.

-Claire Metzger & Cheryl Motzer
Co-Directors of Children's Ministries



On Tuesday, May 18th we held our final meeting for the 2009-10 MOPS year, and what a meeting it was!!! With our February meeting being canceled we moved those events to our May meeting and called it the Spring Fling! A total of 29 moms joined us for a morning of fellowship, crafts and relaxation! Massage chairs, paraffin dips, chocolate fondue, games and a coffee bar were some of the special things we offered at May's meeting. We also said goodbye to Sandra Imhoff who "graduates" this stage of motherhood and begins the next. Sandra has been involved with MOPS for many years and even though her schedule didn't always allow her to attend it was great having her be a part of steering the last two years.

This was also my last meeting as coordinator for our MOPS group. I have been actively a part of steering for the past seven years and have served in the coordinator position the last five. I have been on a tremendous journey with God because of this role and have emerged a better mother, friend, and leader because of Him. This group means more to me than my words can ever express and I thank each of you who have helped contribute in some way to making it what it is today. This group changes lives and renews and even begins relationships with Christ. That is what MOPS is all about. So if you have watched children while we have met, brought snacks, organized schedules, provided the facility, sponsored us monetarily and prayed for us, you have changed women's lives! I thank you for that - for believing in our group and supporting us 100%. Kerri Miller will serve as coordinator for the 2010-11 year. Please continue to pray for the MOPS organization, the leadership, and all the mom's involved.

All of our summer activities have been announced and are available on the bulletin board located outside the nursery. Be sure to grab a copy and come check us out!

We will conclude our fourth Bible study on Wednesday, June 2nd and will pick back up in the fall. This has been a true blessing to many, with an average attendance of 16. Please continue to pray for the Bible study group as well, new moms have joined each session.

Blessings-
Elise

Totally Terrific Tuesdays

Our schedule is set out below there have been a few adjustments with time as we are incorporating a brief story time before each activity. These events are wonderful opportunities to spend time with our larger Christian family having fellowship and fun. We will be taking children who have completed Kindergarten through fifth grade; parents are welcome to join us for fun. Please remember to be prompt at dropping off and picking up children, as we do have to be at certain events by a specific time. We will be decorating our own brilliant shirts also.

TTT shirts mentioned below are the Totally Terrific Tuesdays Tie-Dyed shirts, which identify members of our group. Every year our shirts are a different color. Cost will be \$3 each.

June 15: Innie: Making Shirts/Scavenger Hunt - Bring a sack lunch 10:00am - 2:00 pm.

June 22: Bowling/Games - Bowling at Columbia Lanes, followed by lunch and games at a park. \$2.00 for a game/shoe rental. Wear your TTT shirts and bring a sack lunch. 10:00am - 2:00pm

June 29: Innie--Pottery/"Make It and Take It" Day at church; make lots of fun things to take home, as well as a pottery piece to take home later; wear old clothes as we will be getting messy! \$10 covers pottery, lunch/dessert, and crafts. Creativity begins at 10:00 am and ends at 2:00 pm.

4th July Parade: We will be participating in the parade this year. Please see Claire or Cheryl for more information.

July 6: Innie: VBS Working Day - Bbring a sack lunch. Help decorate for VBS from 10:00am - 2:00pm.

July 13: 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 20: Innie - First Baptist FIELD/GAME Day - bring a sack lunch, from 10:00am - 2:00pm. Bring modest swim suit. Traditional field day games.

July 27: Outie--Miami University Recreation Center in Oxford for swimming and play time; \$5/person for over 4 hours of fun! Wear your TTT shirt, bring a sack lunch, modest swim suit, gym shoes for the soccer/basketball/volleyball courts, shower necessities (if you want to take one), plastic bag to put wet suits in; lockers are there for storage. Meet at church at 9:30 am. Pickup at church at 2:30 pm.

August 3: Outie- Run, Jump and Play \$8.00 for inflatables and miniature glow in the dark golf. Wear your TTT shirts and bring a sack lunch. 10:00am - 3:00pm. YOU MUST HAVE SOCKS!!!

August 10: Outie: White Water Park - Bring a sack lunch. \$2.00 for access to the water park (wear suitable bathing suit and bring a towel plus a change of clothes!!!) and bike trail. A trailer will be available for transporting bikes. Safety equipment must be used and brought at parents' discretion. 10:00am - 2:00 pm.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Participating kids MUST have an individual permission slip on file for this year. One slip will cover the entire summer. Kids from the same family cannot 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. Due to new laws if you child requires a booster seat you will need to provide one.

You can make reservations by calling the church (868.1412) or emailing Claire at chrisandclairemetzger@yahoo.com or Cheryl at cmetzer@zoomtown.com Also, please try to have the exact amount for fees. If transportation assistance is needed, let us know. Be sure to check out the church website for any updates. :) ☺

Vacation Bible School 2010
Hero Headquarters
July 12 - 16

Get those capes out, start working on your muscles, practice those superhero catch phrases: "It's praying time!", "Go, go Bible power!", "Jesus rules!" We are so excited about hosting a Hero Headquarters at First Baptist. We have all our fantastic teachers prepared, the material bought and many, many decorating ideas. We will all be discovering how anyone, what ever their ages, can be used by God if they are willing. No matter what you look like, your size or even how smart you feel, God can use you to make a big difference. You can be a HERO with God's power working in you! VBS 2010 runs from July 12th - 16th. Hope to see you flying there!



4th July Parade 2010!

Calling all patriotic friends...we will be holding a meeting soon to discuss and plan for this fantastic event. See John Motzer for more details. We are so privileged to be able to take part in this annual event. We know of several families that have joined our church family as a result of our advertising during the parade. So dig out your walking boots and join us in spreading the Good News!

—Claire Metzger & Cheryl Motzer
Co-Directors of Vacation Bible School

Preregistration For VBS

Sign up at the "Hero Headquarters!" registration table in the connector beginning Sunday, June 27th. Registrations will also be taken on Wednesday evenings, June 30th and July 7th. Don't forget to take home registration forms for your friends also. Transportation will be arranged if needed. Contact Marsha Helton or Linda Gibbs for further information or questions.

Donations For VBS
Teachers' Snack Room

Please mark you calendars now for VBS: July 12-16. We will once again be having a teacher's snack room for our hard working teachers! Please bring snacks - baked things, fruit, cheese, anything - to the kitchen on Sunday or anytime that week marked "Teachers Snack Room." Thanks!!

—VBS Snack Room Coordinator



Soft Ball Schedules
(Second Half of Season)

The second half of the softball schedules were not available at the printing of this issue of The Courier. Please watch the calendar portion of the weekly bulletin for the weekly softball schedules. We do, however, have a change and an addition to the first half schedule.

June 1	Diamond # 2	8:30 p.m.
June 8	Diamond # 5	7:30 p.m.

—Jeremy Spence



Carpenter's Hands
Signs Of Love



Silent Dinner

The **Silent Dinner** for **June** will be Friday, June 4th, at Northgate Mall. See you there!

—Maria Miller
Director of Deaf Ministries



Child Care Schedule

Nursery (Morning)

June 6 - Judy, Amy, & Anna Wallace
June 13 - Jerri & Brad Begley
June 20 - Claire & Chris Metzger
June 27 - Claire & Chris Metzger

One & Two Year Olds

June 6 - Cheryl & John Motzer
June 13 - Ruthie & John Wallace
June 20 - Heather & Simon Nguyen
June 27 - Trina Sanchez & Andrea Mardis

Kinderchurch

June 6 - Kerri Miller & Teen Helper
June 13 - Vicky Baker & Dorothy Hollowell
June 20 - Cheryl & John Motzer
June 27 - Vicky Baker & Dorothy Hollowell



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:

Andrea Mardis - (520-5457)

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

Thanks Dad!



Wednesday Family Dinners

June 2

Menu: Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Gravy, French Toast, Hash Brown Casserole, Cinnamon Apples, Biscuits
Hosts: Deaconesses

June 9

Menu: Spaghetti Casserole, Tossed Salad, Bread Sticks, Dessert
Hosts: Yada Sisterhood

June 16

Menu: Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, California Blend Vegetables, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Dessert
Hosts: Keystone I

June 23

Menu: Pulled Pork Barbecue Sandwiches, Macaroni and Cheese, Baked Beans, Potato Chips, Cole Slaw, Dessert
Hosts: FOCUS

June 30

Menu: Baked Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Dessert
Hosts: Trustees

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.

June Greeters

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



Pastor Jeremy's Think Tank

Impact World Tour Coming Soon

What would it look like to see thousands of people come to know Christ in a matter of days? Would you want to be a part of this movement? Do you believe our county needs more of Jesus? Have you been praying for a revival to hit our region for years and think God has given up on answer your prayer?

If you have said, "Yes!" to any of the above questions than you will want to keep reading this article. If you haven't even thought about the possibility of that many people coming to know Jesus in our area, please keep reading. If neither of these examples are yours, well keep reading as I think you will be excited about what God is getting ready to do in our area, and you will want to be a part of it.

Coming this fall there is a "crusade", for lack of a better word, going to be launched in the Butler County area. Youth Pastors, churches, Senior Pastors, business leaders, and other key people have been planning and praying for a while that God would reap the harvest for Himself in this area. With that in mind, Impact World Tour will be coming this fall to Hamilton and the other areas of Butler County for the sole purpose of proclaiming the Word of God and seeing people come to know Him. I am excited to be a part of the group helping to set the details for our area and am confident you will want to be a part of this great movement of God in our county.

The dates are not totally set in stone but we are looking at having the tour come in September or October with each of the schools getting an afternoon assembly. Then two nights during one of those weeks there will be an event at the high school where children, teens, families, and the whole community can come together and hear about what Christ has done for them and the salvation he has to offer.

Here is where you come in. We will be needing people to pray for the events, help provide meals, be an usher for the events, and those who will be an altar working at the events in Butler County. You will be trained on how to do each of the tasks and don't need to be experienced. It is important that we have plenty of altar workers because when someone comes forward to accept Jesus and does not have a church home then that person will be paired up with whatever church the altar worker is from. This is so the impact is not just getting people to know Jesus but to disciple them and help them grow beyond a one time action. I am excited about the possibilities of seeing thousands, yes I said thousands, of teens and adults in our city, county, and beyond come to know Jesus because of the Impact World Tour.

I hope you will go online to the tour's website, www.impactworldtour.com, to get a preview of some of the teams that will be coming to our area. I also hope to

have someone come to speak at least to the CREW this summer so they can be prepared for what will be taking place at their school this fall.

"When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'" These are the words of Jesus in Matthew chapter 9 and hopefully the reflection of your heart today.

Praying for workers for the upcoming harvest,
Jeremy

Upcoming Events:

Compassion Child: Just a reminder that we need to be to bring in money to support 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.

June 4th and 5th: Join us for a night out eating, games at the church and possible sleep over. The guys will be more able to camp out at in Holloway Park and the ladies will probably end up at a CREW member's house for the evening. This is the first event new CREW members can attend and the fun begins at 5:30 with dinner. You can pick up your CREW member either at 9:00pm Friday night or Saturday morning by 9:00am. Cost is \$10 per person.

Baccalaureate Service June 13th: This Sunday during our morning worship we will be honoring our graduates and helping them to know how much we appreciate and love them. Please see the list in the Courier and make sure your name is there. If you have not received a letter and an information sheet, please contact me know.

Lifeline: June 2nd: Come here the last season finale of GodStories Season 1. You won't want to miss this episode as we find out how things will end and where the next season may take us.

June 9th: Information Night for CREW members and their parents so we can go over the summer schedule and play some games together. This is the first night for the new CREW members

June 16th: Wet N Wild Night Part 1. Don't miss this evening of water balloons, games, and of course the infamous CREW slip n slide. Please wear appropriate clothing and bring a friend.

June 24th: TBD

Summer Dress: Parents and CREW members please remember that even though it is hot outside to dress respectful and decent for all youth outings, this includes the guys. Also remember for CREW outings that involve swimming that a one piece, tankini, or a 2 piece with a dark shirt is desired. If you need a t-shirt I will always have some to spare. Please remember we do this so we are respectful to each other and those that will see us.



Kirkwood Camp Schedule 2010

ABC/OHIO summer camps at Kirkwood will be:

June 13-18 - Junior Missions Camp (Gr. 4-6)	\$250.00
Director: Denise Franke	
June 18-19 - Beginners' Camp #1 (K-2)	\$95.00
Director: Kim Flach (Registration includes parent)	
June 27-July 2 - Junior High (Gr. 7-9)	\$250.00
Director: Linda Miller	
July 4-9 - Senior High (Gr. 9-12)	\$250.00
Director: Judson College (Beth Atchison & Nathan Cooper)	
July 4-9 - Guitar Camp (Gr. 7-12)	\$260.00
Director: Ben Kelly	
July 18-21 -New Adventure #1 (Gr. 3-4)	\$165.00
Director: Tim Lee	
July 23-24 - Beginners' Camp #2 (K-2)	\$95.00
Director: Kim Flach (Registration includes parent)	
July 25-30 - Extreme Camp (Gr.7-12)	\$390.00
Director: Steve Rhodes	

First Time Camper Discount \$10

Bring-a-Friend Discount \$10

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



Nice Work You Volunteers!

The trustees want to acknowledge everyone who helped recently to clean up the grounds of the church. The support was tremendous. The John Wallace family, Doug Wallace family, Walter & Mary Petry, JK Walker, John Riczko, Bill & Barbara Burton, John Diedrichs, Mike Gipson, Ruth Metzger, Carl Schwab, Bill Imhoff, Zeke Bowling and Al Schumm all pitched in, one way or another, by clearing brush, moving mulch, weeding, digging, watering, or etc. Special appreciation is extended to Ruthie Wallace and her mother, Becky Scripture. Besides providing and delivering flowers and trees, they designed and directed the placement of the plants on the hillside, in the beds and on the cement pedestals. They weren't shy about getting their hands dirty either. Thanks again to everyone who participated in this annual effort. None of the landscaping could have been done as quickly or as well without you all. Reward awaits you because God promises in Hebrews 6:10 that "he will not forget your work."

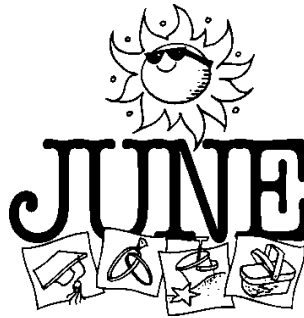
Women's Ministry Council Christian Authors Book Club

The Christian Authors Book Club meets at the Fairfield Lane Library on the second Monday of each month at 11:00 a.m. The selections for June - October are:

June 14 - *The Orphan Train* by Al & Joanna Lacey
 July 12 - *When Crickets Cry* by Charles Martin
 August 9 - *The Last Sin Eater* by Francine Rivers
 September 13 - *Hidden Places* by Lynn Austin
 October 11 - *Last Jihad* by Joel Rosenberg

If you have any questions or would like more information, please see Nancy Follmer (863-3816) or Judy Farris (777-0139).

0Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>June 2010</h1>						
		1 9:30 MOPS Steering 8:30 Men's Softball #2	2 5:00 ABW Meeting 6:00 Family Dinner 6:30 Lifeline 6:45 <i>Wild & Wacky</i> <i>Wednesdays</i> 6:45 Bible Study & Prayer 6:45 Carpenter's Hands	3 9:30 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 ONE Ministries	4 5:30 CREW Night Out	5 8:00 Men's Prayer Gathering
6 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 6:00 Evening Celebration 6:00 CREW SmallGroups	7	8 6:00 Joint Circles Covered Dish Meeting 7:30 Men's Softball #5	9 6:00 Family Dinner 6:30 Lifeline Information Nt 6:45 <i>Wild & Wacky</i> <i>Wednesdays</i> 6:45 Bible Study & Prayer 6:45 Carpenter's Hands 8:00 Chancel Choir	10 5:30 Board of Trustees 6:30 ONE Ministries	11	12
13 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Baccalaureate 12:00 Graduates' Luncheon 4:30 Board of Missions 4:30 Diaconate	14 9:00 KeenAgers to Boggstown, In 11:00 WMC Book Club	15 10:00 Totally Terrific Tuesday "Innie"	16 6:00 Family Dinner 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 8:00 Chancel Choir	17 6:30 ONE Ministries	18	19
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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| 1 - Ken Dulli
Evon Laubenstein | 15 - Lona McClain
Marilyn McAllister
Alex Thiel
Mandy Chaney | 26 - Katie Riczko |
| 2 - Tonya Bishop | 16 - Sue Gambrell Peace | 27 - Mary Law
Fred Schilling |
| 3 - John Rish
Karen Schumm | 17 - Dale McAllister | 28 - Harold Lainhart
Lauren Schwartz |
| 4 - Trevor Allen
Robin Chamberlain | 18 - Tom Avance
Mary Walker | 29 - Maxine Hillman
Sam Murrell |
| 6 - Lois Ross
Betty Schwab
Dorothy Withrow | 19 - Branan Becknell
Philip Dudley
Mark Whipple | 30 - Blair Hampton
Carson Martin |
| 7 - Andy Braun
Matthew Riczko
Rob VanMeter | 20 - Joe Ford
Nathan Sommers
Johnnie Wallace | Note: Please call the church office if you notice that one of your family members has been inadvertently overlooked on the birthday calendar. We do not intend to overlook anyone but do not realize it unless you inform us. |
| 8 - Sallie Minnich | 21 - Dick Inloes
Rachel Keller
Lillie Senior
Madeline Wallick | |
| 9 - Katie Simpson | 22 - Oliver Davis
Guy Gessendorf
Jenna Huff | |
| 12 - Amber Allen
Jean Bradbury
Marlene Collins
Jim Davis | 24 - Michelle Hampton
Josh Young | |
| 13 - Duke Baker
Dan Brandenburg
Audrey Wallace
Alexandra West | 25 - Molly Day
Dale Young | |
| 14 - Alice Danielle Roberts | | |

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Personal Notes

From Lois Anderson

I am extremely grateful for the prayers, the many cards, the meals, the visits and all the encouragement I received before and after my recent surgery. I feel very blessed to be part of the First Baptist family and thank all of you who showed your love and concern. May God bless you all abundantly!

From Jerry Hampton

I would like to thank everyone of our church family and friends for all the prayers and cards. You can feel the prayers and the power of the Holy Spirit, the love of the Great Physician, as pains are eased and peace sets upon you. Thanks to Pastor Den for the visits and the prayers from a great friend and prayer partner. God bless America!

From Ron Lakes

I would like to thank everyone for their cards and kind words in the passing of my sister, Lillian Johnson.

From Betty McIntyre

Dear Pastor Metzger,

I read in the April Courier that you had your 20th anniversary at First Baptist. Congratulations! The years do go by fast don't they? As my parents passed away just a few years before you came, I did not get back to Hamilton as often as when they were living so did not have the opportunity to sit under your preaching and teaching as often as I would have liked. Your messages were always a blessing and am glad I got somewhat acquainted with you. It is a joy to read the Courier each month and see how the Lord is blessing the many activities and outreach of the

church. I don't know if or when I may get back to Hamilton and First Baptist. I do keep in touch with some who grew up in the church with me. I pray God's continued blessing on you, your wife and family and the ministry of FBC. It is hard to believe I've been retired from Moody (Bible Institute) for almost 17 years.

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