

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, 2010

Drawing Closer To God

It's been five months since I've posted on this blog, due to an unexpected season of illness. Never in my life have I faced one health problem after another, but now that I'm better, I'm starting to realize that God has blessed me with many learned lessons through my trials.

The first lesson learned is that praying the prayer of "wanting to draw closer to God and to know more of the sufferings that Christ endured" will inevitably bring hardship into your life. While I'm sure like me, many have wished that drawing closer to "The Almighty" could be done on a beach in Hawaii, the reality is that if we let Him, God will use our trials to strengthen our faith, our minds and strangely, even our bodies.

1 Peter 4:12-13 (NKJ) says: "Beloved do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you, but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed you may also be glad with exceeding joy."

Ultimately, the only way to truly learn more about Christ's suffering is to partake in it in some small way. Never would I be arrogant enough to think that my trials have even come close to those that Jesus endured, but for four months my body has been wracked with every illness imaginable and on a human scale it has been life altering for me. When I think of how I've complained, and cried in my personal misery it fills me with wonder that Jesus went to the cross with His head held high. To experience suffering of any kind is so difficult, but to experience it knowing that Christ went through so much more on our behalf, does offer encouragement and ultimately the joy that Peter was talking about.

I've also learned that trials of any kind will only go away when God is ready for them to go away. I do not ascribe to the theory that if, as a Christian you are poor, or sick or somehow in need, that you are in that place simply because your faith is weak. Obviously prayer and faith are the mechanisms that God has given us to cry out to Him, and to help us cling to His hope, but like any father, there are

times that God will say no, or not yet to the prayers that we send.

In 2 Corinthians 12:7-9 Paul said "And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."

Paul's thorn was not removed but his ministry and love for God grew, and the Lord was glorified. While I'm not suggesting that this will be my fate, if I can use one ounce of my testimony to bring glory to our Father, then I praise Him for my trials.

The third lesson learned is one of hope and encouragement, and I cling to the promise that all times of trouble will come to an end.

In Ecclesiastes 3:1 Solomon reminds us that "To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven...." I take great comfort in knowing that at some point this season of my life will end, as will the hard seasons others find themselves in. Whenever God decides that time will be, I hope others who have suffered, will join me in standing firm on God's principles. My prayer is that all will recognize that God has been with us all along, and that after our trials have ended, we will go forward stronger, and more prepared to fight the battles He has chosen for us to fight.

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–Teri Horsley



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 Song of Solomon

"I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine; he pastures his flock among the lilies."
Song of Solomon 6:3 (RSV)

There are many different differences of opinion and a variety of interpretations of the Song of Solomon. The theme of the book is love: pure sensuous, youthful, passionate love. For some it is an illustration of the love of God for His people Israel. Some believe it is an idyll of courtship and betrothal between two devoted lovers. Some see Solomon as a lover and a type of Christ. Personal love to Christ is the greatest need of the church today.

PRAY for campus ministries in colleges and universities around the country where American Baptists are touching the lives of students.

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 Exodus

"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage."
Exodus 20:2 (RSV)

This book continues the story of the chosen people. The theme of Exodus, which means departure, is the deliverance of Israel from the oppression of Egypt and their separation to God.

God frees Israel from slavery and provides Moses as the Leader to direct them toward the Promised Land. God wants them to worship as a free people.

Exodus tells how the people kept the Passover on their night in Egypt; and how, when they camped at Mount Sinai, Moses gave them the Ten Commandments from God. It also describes the building and furnishing of a place of worship for Israel.

PRAY

For the staff of American Baptist Churches in the USA at Valley Forge, that they may be given spiritual wisdom to carry out their responsibilities.

—Madge Walters



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 22nd and also on Thursday, August 26th. 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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“Of Independence and Necessity”

Caesar Rodney. Hardly a household name. In fact, very few would circle the right answer in a multiple-choice test describing who he was and what he had done. But the role he played in the early days of our nation was absolutely essential. Our second President, John Adams, described Rodney as “...*the oddest looking man in the world; he is tall, thin and slender as a reed, pale; his face is not bigger than a large apple, yet there is sense and fire, spirit, wit, and humor in this countenance.*” Rodney took his place in the formative days of our early history, at a very crucial time.

On June 30, 1776, a motion for Independence had been put forward in the Second Continental Congress that the colonies in America should be free and independent states. A committee had been formed weeks earlier to draft a document to express this sentiment. The crafting of this document had begun with a committee consisting of Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Roger Sherman, and Robert Livingston. But the actual writing of those words would not be a group effort. Two of the committee were logical choices—John Adams, from the small community of Braintree, near Boston, a New Englander; and Thomas Jefferson, from Virginia. Adams deferred to Jefferson, and the task was laid at his pen. After some “painful revision” of the draft with the assistance and encouragement of Adams and Franklin, the task was completed. Debate was to have begun on July 1, 1776.

In his book, *John Adams*, historian David McCullough observed that presumably, on that July 1st morning, everything that could be said on the question of independence had been already been exhausted in Congress, and the question could have been decided with little more conversation. But John Dickinson, from Pennsylvania, had resolved to make one last appeal to the delegates. His position had been that the colonies were premature in their desire for independence; that something still could and should be worked out with England. John Adams responded to Dickinson’s hesitation, making the case for independence.

Debate and conversation lasted for over nine hours. When the verbal dust settled, a preliminary vote was taken. Four colonies unexpectedly held back a positive vote:

- Pennsylvania stood with John Dickinson, and voted no.
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- South Carolina voted no.
- The New York delegates abstained, saying they favored the motion, but lacked specific instructions.
- Delaware, with two delegates present, was divided. Delaware delegate Thomas McKean was in favor of independence, while George Read voted against. Rodney, also a delegate from Delaware, was absent during this vote.

While there was technically enough support to carry the motion, the Continental Congress did not want to go forward and declare independence without unanimous affirmation from all the states.

Rodney had been away from Congress in Philadelphia because his role as a Brigadier General in the Delaware militia forced him back to Delaware to squelch a Loyalist riot. After repeated attempts, McKean finally got word to Rodney that his vote for independence was desperately needed in Congress. All night, as the first of July, 1776, turned into the second, Rodney rode through a thunderstorm.

In her children’s book, *Once Upon a Time in Delaware*, Katherine Pyle pens this account of this critical moment Caesar Rodney played in our nation’s history:

“Philadelphia was eighty miles away, and the vote was to be taken the next morning. On went Rodney on his fresh horse. Daylight was gone. The moon sailed slowly up the sky, and the trees were clumps of blackness on either hand as he rode. At Chester, he again changed horses, but he did not stop for either rest or food. Soon, he was riding on again. It was in the morning of July fourth, that the rider, exhausted and white with dust, drew rein before the State House door in

(From the Pastor's Heart, cont)

Philadelphia. McKean was there watching for him. "Am I in time?" called Rodney as he swung himself from his horse. "In time, but no more," answered McKean. Side by side he and Rodney entered Independence Hall. There sat the delegates in a semi-circle. Rodney and McKean took their places. The Declaration of Independence lay on the table before them. It was being voted on. One after the other the colonies were called on, and one after another they gave their votes for it. The delegate from Delaware were called on. Mr. McKean rose and voted for it. Mr. Read was, as usual, against it. Then Caesar Rodney rose in his place. His face looked white and worn under its dust, but he spoke in a clear, firm voice. "I vote for Independence."

Rodney's vote moved Delaware to the side for independence, two affirmations to one negative. Of that moment: David McCullough, writes:

"Even more significant were two empty chairs from the Pennsylvania delegation. Refusing to vote for independence, but knowing the importance for Congress to speak as one, Dickinson and Morris voluntarily absented themselves from the deliberations, thus swinging the Pennsylvania vote to 3-2 in favor of independence...New York continued to abstain; but South Carolina joined the majority to make the decision unanimous in the sense that no colony opposed. And so, it was done; the break was made, in words at least. Twelve colonies had spoken as one, and with one abstaining, the result was the same. And so the day was won."

Declaring independence was one thing; winning it would be a whole different matter. There was much to be done in the months and years ahead, including waging a war that very few wanted. But to the task the members of Congress pledged their fortunes and their very lives.

As in any great undertaking, there were many key players in the drive for America's independence. But each one was critical, often at a precise moment. Once can think of similar examples in the Biblical history of our faith journeys. Mordecai said it best to his cousin, Esther, "Who knows but you have come to royal position for such a time as this?" (Esther 3:14).

In your daily walk of independence, you must be willing to ask yourself, "What has God called me to

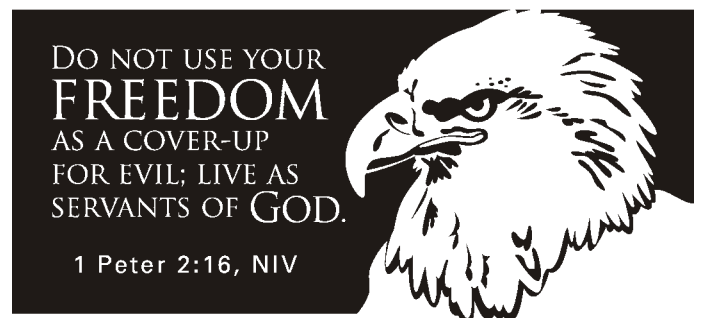
do?" It may be a significant thing, or something common, routine, and ordinary. But understand that it is God who calls you to faithfulness; to attempt the challenging; to endure the routine; to cause you to stretch yourself; to dream dreams; to venture forth to accomplish what is right, what is good, what is required. It really comes down to an issue of character.

We do not have to study the daily newspapers, or spend much time with national news broadcasts to realize that in many areas we are operating in crisis mode—from the ecological disaster in the Gulf to our national economic recovery efforts, to our governmental leadership that seems to be obsessed with entitlements and health care that will cause us to bankrupt our children and grandchildren's future. There is little disagreement among many of God's people who simply wonder if our nation will ever recover from the abandonment of our Godly principles and heritage.

God has called His people to make a difference. It is time for us to fall on our knees in humility and intercession for our nation. (2Chron7:13-14). This quest for independence as a nation began well; but it seems that all could be lost sooner that we ever would have imagined. Our wounds run deep; and we cannot heal ourselves.

It is time for us to examine ourselves, asking what we see there. We must give attention to key spiritual concepts that will make an impact in our nation—intercession, repentance, righteousness, holiness, purity of heart. We must listen to the quiet voice of the Spirit, and like our founding fathers, attempt the hard thing; the inconvenient; the impossible. Who knows but that we too have been called for "such a time as this."

Thinking of independence, and doing what is necessary,
Pastor



Pro Lifers Needed In July 4th Parade For Butler County Right To Life

On July 4th the Annual Bells of Independence Day Parade will take place in Hamilton. Right To Life will be in tier three of the parade starting at the Butler County Fairgrounds at 2:00 p.m. The theme is *Adoption Not Abortion* which is truly the loving option! 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. A ride during the parade and the return will be provided if needed! 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.

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Budget Status Report

The Month of May, 2010

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$54,774
Offerings	<u>58,271</u>
Over (Under) Budget	\$3,497

Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$54,969
Offerings	<u>58,271</u>
Over (Under) Actual	\$ 3,302

The Year Through May, 2010

Projected (Budgeted) Spending	\$307,621
Offerings	<u>277,237</u>
Over (Under) Budget	(\$30,384)

Actual (Budgeted) Spending	\$312,871
Offerings	<u>277,237</u>
Over (Under) Actual	(\$35,634)

-The Board Of Trustees

KeenAger July Trip

The KeenAger trip for the month of July is Touring Louisville Slugger in Louisville, KY Monday, July 19th. Plans are to leave the church by **7:15 a.m.** (This is a change from the original schedule.) The tour begins at 10:30 a.m. The cost of the trip is \$9 plus lunch and gasoline. Please sign the list on the bulletin board by July 12th. There is a limit of 15. Bernie will be in connector to collect for this trip.

KeenAger August Trip

The KeenAgers will travel to Covington, KY Monday, August 16, to tour the Covington Basilica at 10:15 a.m.. They plan to leave the church at 9:00 a.m. The cost is \$3 plus lunch \$15.00 Please sign the list on the bulletin board by August 9th. There is a limit of 30.

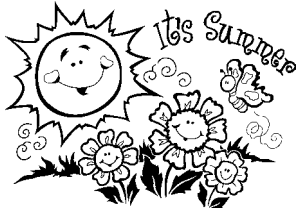
-Bernie & Martha Griesinger



Soft Ball Schedules (Second Half of Season)

June 22	# 1 @	8:30 p.m.
June 29	# 3 @	7:30 p.m.
July 6	# 2 @	8:30 p.m.
July 13	# 3 @	7:30 p.m.
July 20	# 4 @	7:30 p.m.
July 27	# 5 @	6:30 p.m.
August 3	# 2 @	8:30 p.m.

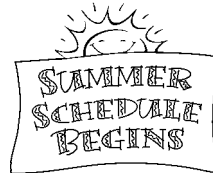
-Jeremy Spence



Miami Baptist Association Summer Fun Day Camp Kirkwood

Join with kids from other churches for a day of fellowship and fun together Saturday, July 17th, 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



Wild & Wacky Wednesdays!

During the summer on Wednesday nights, we will be studying "13 Very Cool Stories that Jesus told-and Why He told them!". Each week, we will have crafts, snacks, and lots of fun! And of course, we always have time for the playground! There will also be a "Wet n Wild" night on August 4th. We will break out the swimming pool, have water games and our water slide.

August 11th is a very special Wednesday night for the girls! We will be having a "Princess Party". This is to celebrate the end of Ruthie Wallace's Bible study, "The Princess Diaries" with the older girls and bring all the girls ages K-5th together for a special event by the Veggie Tales people that's called "Sweet Pea Beauty". Look for details that will be posted around church during July and look in the mail for your very own special invitation! Bring a friend and maybe even your mom, aunt, grandma, or special lady with you. We haven't forgotten the guys! We will have a special night for you with games, etc.

New Believer's Class

We will be holding a New Believer's Class beginning sometime after VBS for the kids who have made decisions during VBS, church camp, or any other time. If you are interested or have a child that you would like to join us, please contact Cheryl or Claire..



Fourth of July Parade

When you read this month's courier, the 4th of July parade will be ready to happen or just past. We are going to say a big THANK YOU to anyone who helped with the float, walked the parade route giving out flyers for VBS, prayed, helped organize, or anything else. It is a big project and we are proud to represent our church in the parade in front of all Hamilton. This year's theme for the parade is "Proud to be an American". We will honor that theme for the parade committee and also advertise our VBS theme. Please come out and show your support! We love to wave and say hi to all of you along the route.

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 or Cheryl.

July 6: Innie. VBS Work Day. Bring a sack lunch. Help decorate for VBS from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

July 13: No TTT this week, as it is VBS WEEK! Come join us Monday - Friday, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.. 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 a.m. Pickup at church at 2:30 p.m.

August

Aug 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. 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. YOU MUST HAVE SOCKS!!!

Aug 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. 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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 emailing Claire at chrisandclairemetzger@yahoo.com or Cheryl at

cmotzer@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. :) ☺

-In His Work,
Claire Metzger & Cheryl Motzer
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 2nd, at Kenwood Mall and the August Silent Dinner will be Friday, August 6th, at Tri-County Mall. See you there!

Happy Birthday



No July or August birthdays

-Maria Miller
Director of Deaf Ministries

Sunday School Coffee Cart

If you haven't stopped by the Family Center on Sunday mornings for a cup of coffee, tea, or pastry, you are missing a great time of fellowship and of course, coffee!! There is also juice for the kids. This is sponsored by the Sunday School classes and has been a great success so far. On a rotation schedule, a class will take a turn and get the coffee up and going for the 8:45-9:15 time. Volunteers are always welcomed! See Sandy Morris for the scheduling. See you soon!

-John Motzer
Sunday School Superintendent



Vacation Bible School 2010 "Hero Headquarters!" July 12 - 16

Do you have a hero? Someone that you look up to for support or love? We will find out that there were people in the Bible that did tremendous things for God that we never knew their name! You can make a big difference in the lives of your family or friends, maybe someone that you don't even know that won't know your name either.

At Hero Headquarters, kids will.... Experience Bible stories in a variety of ways and explore how to be heroes for God. Have yummy snacks, create awesome crafts, and sing energetic songs!

Heroes do the UNEXPECTED! A servant girl speaks up, and God's power heals Naaman. 2 Kings 5:1-14
Heroes take ACTION! Shepherds see baby Jesus and tell everyone about the Saviour. Luke 2:1-20
Heroes step out on FAITH! An army officer goes to Jesus and Jesus heals his servant. Matthew 8:5-10,13
Heroes SAVE the day! A boy shares his food, and Jesus feeds more than 5,000 people!
Heroes stand for TRUTH! A young man shows courage and Paul lives to serve Jesus. Acts 23:12-24

Our Hero Headquarters is home to 3 very special heroes.

- **Maintenance Mac**

Armed only with his trusty tool belt and his exceptional ability to improvise, Mac keeps things running at Hero Headquarters. He's the go-to guy when you need something done right and done fast-and all the heroes know it. Mac's the only one in town who can save the day using only a stick of gum, a set of dentures, and a pack of ramen noodles! But he's more than just a man with a mega-mind. Mac's gracious attitude and desire to help others make him a true hero in every sense of the word . . . whether he knows it or not.

- **Water Woman**

As you might guess, Water Woman makes a splash wherever she goes! But when it comes to being a superhero, she's a bit drippy. Water Woman's heart is definitely in the right place, but she needs a boost in confidence. She is so afraid to make a mistake that she tends to be over-cautious and miss opportunities to help people because she hesitates. During her time at Hero Headquarters, Water Woman is learning to trust in God's power and to have the guts to just dive in!

- **Pizza Man**

Holy Pepperoni, why is this guy always in such a hurry? Because everything has to be done in 30 minutes or less! Pizza Man is constantly rushing in and out trying to get dozens of things done at once. He's so busy juggling details that he often overlooks people and situations that are right in front of him. As he spends time at Hero Headquarters, Pizza Man is starting to see that he can be a hero right where he is. He just needs to slow down and take the time to pay attention to God's call.

There will be a completed 6th grade class again this year. We love one last opportunity to have you join us for this VBS. Next year, we will love having you help out! Dale Braun and crew will be the energetic and awesome teacher for your group. You won't want to miss out on that!!!

VBS closing program is on Friday, July 16th, at 11:30 a.m. The kids will be sharing things they have learned throughout the week and how they have learned to be a hero to others, and most importantly to Jesus! The program will be followed by a light lunch and delivered by none other than one of our heroes for the week-Pizza Man. Yes, I said PIZZA!!!!

We hope to see you there.

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

VBS Kickoff

Please join us for a fun and fabulous HERO kickoff on Wednesday, July 7th, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at Holloway Park! You and your friends will be able to register for Bible school and pick up a FREE CD of the great VBS music! We might just get a little wet, so wear clothes that you don't mind getting messy! If you think about it, email Claire or Cheryl and let us know that you are coming so we can plan for some awesome snacks!



First Baptist will be sending a team of eleven people to Cap Haitien this summer. We 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. We 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. The team members are: Mike, Dale, Josh, and Joe Braun, Heather and Todd Keith, Mara Krall, Judy Malen, Dennis Metzger, Laurin Sprague, Cathi Thomas, John Wallace, Mark Whipple, and Lillie Wilson. Thank you.

–Laurin Sprague & Mike Braun



Sunday School Promotion Day for those completing Kindergarten through 5th grade will be August 29th during the last part of the Sunday School hour. These students should report to their new class on September 5th. 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.

–John Motzer
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

“Back To The ‘80’s”

a retrospective of the songs, dances,
and good times of the ‘80’s

Presented by Encore Summer Youth Theatre

Parrish Auditorium
Miami University - Hamilton

Thursday - Saturday July 29 & 30 - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday July 31 - 2:00 matinee & 8:00 p.m.

Iris Patton - Ensemble

Sam Horton - Ensemble

Bob Borden - Orchestra Conductor

Tickets - \$15, \$12 for kids & seniors over 65

To reserve tickets, call 513-675-KIDS

“Children Of Eden”

a musical

Freely based on the story of Genesis, “Children Of Eden” is a frank, heartfelt, and often humorous examination of the age-old conflict between parents and children.

Thursday - Saturday, July 22 - 24 - 7:30 p.m.

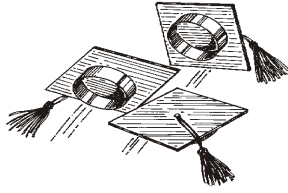
Sunday, July 25 - 2:30 p.m.

Presented by Fairfield Summer Community Theatre
Fairfield High School Performing Arts Center

Drew Helton - Adam and Noah

Martha Helton - Storyteller

Tickets on sale June 28 - Adults \$15,
Students & Seniors \$12,
Children age 12 & under \$8



Congratulations To Our Graduates!

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

Oliver Davis - Oliver graduated from Ross High School. The thing that he will miss most about school after graduation is calculus and all his friends. He plans to attend Miami University Oxford majoring in general Engineering for now, but will hopefully, find a specific type of engineering that interests him. His favorite Bible verse is Proverbs 3:5-6: *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge him and he will direct your paths straight.”* Oliver says, “My church family has been there and supported me all my life. I see the power of God’s love through them. First Baptist Church means so much to me. I’ve grown up there with the same friends and people for the past 18 years. I love going to youth group and learning not only from Jeremy but also my Christian peers.”

Katie Ford - Katie graduated from Hamilton High School. The thing that she will miss most about school after graduation is the same familiar faces and friends everyday. She plans to go to Miami University majoring in Early Childhood Education. She says that she has always loved kids and helping in the Children’s ministries has really solidified this passion. Her favorite Bible verse is Luke 18:16-17: *“But Jesus called the children to him and said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.’”* Katie says, “FBC has been a great help in my Christian walk. Everyone has been so encouraging and supportive. If I was ever feeling down and out, FBC and the people here were so encouraging to me and my faith. FBC means family.”

Maddy Hall - Maddy graduated from Hamilton High School. The thing that she will miss most about school after graduation is seeing her friends every day and just the comfort of high school. She says that she will also miss the teachers who inspired her. She plans to attend University of Cincinnati majoring in Secondary Education–Integrated Social Studies. Her favorite Bible

verse is: I Kings 18:37-39: *“Answer me, O Lord, answer me, so these people will know that you, O Lord, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again.” Then the fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones, and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench. When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, ‘The Lord—he is God! The Lord—he is God!’* Maddie says, “First Baptist has helped in my Christian walk because I always knew I had a Christian family with the same beliefs as me. It’s comforting to know I always have fellow Christians to turn to. I also know I always have people praying for me which means so much. First Baptist means a lot to me because coming here has helped me establish myself as a Christian and understand that God is with me and there for me wherever I go. I also am grateful for Jeremy and Marilyn because they have helped me through many obstacles, and I know I can take my Christianity with me to college and through life.

Heather Keith - Lauren graduated from Fairfield High School. Heather says, “I’ll miss my friends and my favorite teachers that I had gotten close with. I’ll mainly miss my show choir family. I’ll miss performing and traveling and competing.” She will be attending Miami University majoring in Early Childhood Education. Her favorite Bible verses are Philippians 4:13: *“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”* Romans 8:37-39: *“But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, not things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* Romans 12:2: *“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”* Heather says, “Attending First Baptist, I’ve been able to grow tremendously in my faith. This church has always been a second home, and the people have always been like a second family. I’ve always been able to lean on my church family no matter what the circumstance. But most importantly, this church has allowed me to enjoy my passion for singing for the Lord throughout my entire life. First Baptist has helped me not only grow spiritually, but has also helped me to become the person I am today.”

Megan Miller - Megan graduated from Lakota West High School. The thing she will miss most about school after graduation is her friends and teachers and all the clubs and activities she was involved in. Megan plans to attend Miami University Oxford double majoring in Zoology/Pre-Medicine and Spanish. She would like to become a pediatrician and if possible, serve in foreign countries like Spain or Mexico. Her favorite Bible verse

is Matthew 28: 19-20: *“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”* Megan says, “FBC has helped me in my Christian walk in many ways. Cherubs, Kings Kids, and AWANA have all helped me to learn scripture through songs and memorization. Participating in CREW activities has always been a great time where I can have fun and learn about Christ at the same time. I always feel surrounded by people who love and pray for me every time I step into FBC. AB girls has been an outstanding and rewarding experience. I am honored to have served many and to have been lead by some of the finest women of this church. Our pastors here at FBC have recognized me and provided continual guidance. In the most respectful way I can truly say all 3 are true friends to me with no age barriers present. The only conflict I have is keeping up with Pastor Bill's quick wit! Here is an example: I told him he better watch it because someday I am going to be his doctor. His response, "If that's the case I better hurry up and die!" Ha!

Ryan Schwab - Ryan graduated from Talawanda High School. The thing she will miss most about school after graduation is hanging out with friends that are going to a different college and FFA where I learned leadership and hard working skills. He will be attending Miami University, majoring in Business. His favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:13: *“ I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”* Ryan says, “Attending First Baptist Church has helped me to make right choices and tell others about being a Christian.”

Lauren Schwartz - Lauren graduated from Cincinnati Christian Schools. The thing she will miss most about school after graduation is seeing her friends and teachers (my second family) everyday and our once a week chapel. She plans to attend Miami University Hamilton majoring in Clinical Lab Technology. Her favorite Bible verse is Romans 15: 13: *“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”* Lauren says, “First Baptist has helped me grow closer to God. The people here have taught me by example what it looks like to have a personal relationship with Christ.”

Amy Wallace - Amy graduated from Fairfield High School. The thing that she will miss most about school after graduation is her friends, some teachers, and swimming. Amy will be attending Miami University, Hamilton majoring in speech pathology. Her favorite Bible verses are Philippians 3:10: *“I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death.”*

and Galatians 2:20: *“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”* Amy says, “First Baptist means a second family and lifelong friends. People who watch over us and help us learn and understand God's word.

Debbie Allen - Debbie graduated from Miami University with an Associate of Arts in Education. Her favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:13: *“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”* Debbie says, “Having full assurance that I was doing the will of God! Persevering through the many trials of school, family, and work was the most meaningful experiences to me.”

Mark Braun - Mark graduated from The University of Toledo with a degree in Recreation and Leisure Studies. He says, “I think the thing I will miss the most about college is just the feeling of walking around campus on a fall afternoon enjoying the weather and the academia atmosphere. Not to mention getting rowdy in the Glass Bowl...and beating Michigan!” His post-graduation plans are to hopefully find a job in Toledo, OH and continue to lead Young Life for another year or two...or until God takes me somewhere else. His favorite Bible verse is John 15:16: *“For you did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit-fruit that will last.”* Mark says, “I just think that this verse has summed up my college life because God chose me for a particular reason and brought me to Toledo even though I, or my parents, had no idea what attracted me to that city other than God and because of that introduced me to Young Life which has grown my faith so much. I think more than anything in my life, leading Young Life has had a huge impact on me. It matures you and tests your faith in so many different ways. It forces you to rely on God because you are going places no one else wants to go and hanging out with kids nobody else wants to hang out with. But the most amazing thing is when a kid understands what Jesus did for them and how much God loves them and because of that wants their friends to experience the freedom in Christ so they pursue their friends loving them just as God loves us. They are missionaries in their school and they are actively living how Christ calls us to live by loving one another. First Baptist Church will always be very special to me. I found Jesus there, I grew up there, and I think I'm related to half the members. But seriously, FBC gave me a great foundation for my faith and everyone provides such a great example of how to follow the Lord. I love when I can come back home and go to church on Sunday mornings and I just want to say thank you to everyone for all the prayers of support and words of encouragement that I have received. They are very much appreciated.”

Rachael Davis - Rachael graduated from Miami University with a degree in accounting. She is pursuing job opportunities. She is interested in going into ministry where she can use her business background. Her favorite Bible verse is James 1:2-3: "*Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.*" A meaningful experience in college was being involved in Campus Crusade and Kappa Phi, a Christian girls sorority. Rachael says, "First Baptist has literally been my home as I have grown up. Through every step of my walk with God I have had people lovingly guide and encourage me."

Martha Helton - Martha graduated Magna Cum Laude from Miami University with a B.A. degree in English Literature. Martha says, "I love to read. Even though reading and analyzing 28 books in one semester (which I had to do this last semester) is even a little too much reading for me. I will miss having the time to read." She will be doing post-graduate work to complete an associate degree in Paralegal Studies. Then possibly continuing her education by going to law school or getting her master's in a related field. She will be substitute teaching in the fall while continuing her post-graduate studies. Her favorite Bible verse is Joshua 1:9: "*Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thou God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.*" (Mom would e-mail me this my 1st year when I was at Eastern Michigan, but I've learned it is true even when I am commuting and close to home.) Martha says, "I think my most meaningful experience (at college) was growing closer to some of my friends I had in high school. We learned to treasure each other when we were able to be together. Even though we might be at different colleges, were experiencing similar challenges and we became much closer." She also says, "The members of First Baptist were always praying for me. This meant a great deal to me. I always knew someone was supporting me in prayer."

Mara Krall - Mara graduated Magna Cum Laude from Miami University with a B.S. in Education (Early Childhood Education). The thing she will miss about school after graduation is being able to see her friends so easily, the girls from her Bible study and her Bible study leader, the first grade students that she student taught, and being able to walk around Miami's campus during the fall. About her plans after graduation, Mara says about her plans after graduation, "I am praying about it and seeking the Lord's direction. My ideas are to attend Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tennessee for my Master's in Counseling while working part time in education or to attend U.C. for my Master's in Counseling

while pursuing a teaching position in the area." Her favorite Bible verse is Zephaniah 3:17: "*The Lord your God is with you. He is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing.*" Mara says that especially meaningful experiences during her college years are:

- Having the opportunity to live with Rachael (Davis) my freshman year.
- Developing such close friendships with girls in my education cohort.
- Going to California for a Summer Project with Campus Crusade for Christ last summer.
- Student Teaching in the first grade at Ridgeway Elementary School this past spring.

She says, "First Baptist gave me a strong spiritual foundation and a heart to learn more about the Lord as I entered college. While going through the ups and downs of my college years, I realized how blessed I was to have such a strong family of believers at First Baptist Church who were continually loving me, praying for me, and supporting me. I have so many sweet memories of going on mission trips, attending Beth Moore simulcasts, going to Bible study and youth group at First Baptist. First Baptist will always be my home, no matter where the Lord takes me."

Toni Schwab - Toni graduated from Miami University with a B.S. degree in Education. Toni's favorite Bible verses are the "Everyone Should Work" theme from 2 Thessalonians 3:6-12. An especially meaningful experience during college for Toni was discovering that Whatever It Takes, Trust Who You Are (got her through a lot of stressful times). She says, "The good folks of First Baptist truly care and have shown their support by understanding how hard it was for me to see this through to completion. Special thanks to Evon, Glenn, Carl, Jeanette, Jene', Stan and Mary!" Toni also says, "I want to take this opportunity to thank my FIERCEST advocates, strongest supporters, and best friends - Jeff, Lauren, and Ryan. And, in the words of Spiderman... Action is its Own Reward."

Important!! We need all college students addresses as soon as possible. Please call Judy Wallace 942-1644 or the church office 868-1412.

-Judy Wallace
College/Career Coordinator

Honors For Graduates

We want to congratulate all the 2010 graduates for their honors, awards, and scholarships. We received these questionnaires with honors included.

Mark Braun

Young Life Leader
Dean's List - University of Toledo

Oliver Davis

Honor Graduate
Scholarships recipient

Rachael Davis

Bible Study Leader - Miami University

Katie Ford

Gold Honor Roll
Honor Society
National Technical Honor Society
Community Service Award
Butler County Retired Teachers' Scholarship
Jessie & Bessie Richter Memorial Scholarship
Marge Stewart Memorial Scholarship

Maddy Hall

University of Cincinnati 2 Teacher Academy
Scholarships

Martha Helton

Dean's List all 4 years- Eastern Michigan University &
Miami University
Graduated Magna Cum Laude - Miami University
Phi Beta Kappa Academic Honor Society - Miami
University

Heather Keith

State Of Ohio Honors Diploma
Stephanie & Tom Bobinger Memorial Scholarship
Miami University Resident Scholarship
Miami University Teach Grant
Southmont Solo Competition First Runner-up
Tennessee Show Choir Nationals Women's Division-
Best Female Soloist
National School Choral Award

Mara Krall

Dean's List
President's List
Educational Psychology Departmental Award
Graduated Magna Cum Laude - Miami University

Megan Miller

National Honor Society
National Hispanic Honor Society
Cincinnatus Scholarship
Marching Band Leadership Team
First Chair Clarinet
Award of Academic Merit
Award of High Honors
Award of President's Education of Outstanding
Academic Excellence

Ryan Schwab

Varsity Track Team member
Jr. Fair Board, 4-H
Honor Roll Senior Year
State of Ohio Swine Production Placement-First
Place
Talawanda-Butler Tech FFA Chapter Scholarship
Talawanda Parent Initiative Team for Community
Service Work
OSU 4-H Program Butler County Extension
Star Chapter Farmer Award - Outstanding Senior
Talawanda FFA

Toni Schwab

Graduated Cum Laude - Miami University

Lauren Schwartz

Distinguished Christian High School Student Award

Amy Wallace

4 Years Varsity Swimming
2 years Perfect Attendance
Merit Award
GMC All-Academic Award





Child Care Schedule For July



Wednesday Family Dinners

Nursery (Morning)

July 4 - Charlotte Day
July 11 - Kerri Miller & Teen Helper
July 18 - Aleesha Spence & Teen Helper
July 25 - Allison & Andrew Sommers

One & Two Year Olds

July 4 - Ruthie & John Wallace
July 11 -
July 18 - Jerri & Brad Begley
July 25 - Sandra Imhoff & Lauren

Kinderchurch

July 4 - Vicky Baker & Dorothy Hollowell
July 11 - Barb & Brian Begley
July 18 - Vicky Baker & Dorothy Hollowell
July 25 - Brandi Emenaker, Lauryn & Taylor

Child Care Schedule For August

Nursery (Morning)

August 1 - Kerri Miller & Teen Helper
August 8 -
August 15 -
August 22 -
August 29 - Judy Wallace, Amy & Anna

One & Two Year Olds

August 1 -
August 8 - Ruthie & John Wallace
August 15 -
August 22 - Allison & Andrew Sommers
August 29 -

Kinderchurch

August 1 - Vicky Baker & Dorothy Hollowell
August 8 -
August 15 - Vicky Baker & Dorothy Hollowell
August 22 - Barb & Brian Begley
August 29 -

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

Andrea Mardis - (520-5457)

July 7

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

July 14

Menu: Lasagna, Tossed Salad, Bread Sticks, Dessert
Hosts: Chancel Choir

July 21

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

July 28

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

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

Summer Dress

This is the same article I write each year at this time but the topic is one that we all need to be reminded about: summer dress. As the weather gets warmer our clothes tend to shrink, either diapering or getting way too tight. In the CREW we strive to represent Christ in all we do including the way we dress. I hope that you will take some time to remember that we need to be respectful to others in the way we dress. As always, I have extra shirts, not nearly as fashionable as you would like, for anyone to wear if dress becomes an issue for you.

For the Ladies: Please remember that we ask you to cover your bodies up and wear shorts that are reasonable length. We know it may be difficult to find some of these in our culture but the way you dress says a lot about what you value. Also, please make sure to have a shirt or tankini with you when we go swimming and have water events. One last area that you need to be concerned with is how tight your clothing fits you. I know this is the fashion but please don't wear items which are overly tight. If so, just know that I will have an extra shirt for you to wear over.

For the Guys: Remember that we do not need to see every single muscle you have in your body. This means please don't wear tight shirts that show off the great body that God has given you and you have worked for. Remember to keep your pants/shorts up at your waistline, if this is a problem I can provide a belt from many different types of materials to assist you. No speedos or tight swim trunks when we are participating in water activities.

The goal in the way we dress is to make sure that as Christians we are helping our brothers and sisters think pure thoughts (Philippians 4) and not thinking about each other's bodies. If you have specific questions please don't hesitate to ask me as I will give you a straightforward explanation. Thanks for helping us have a great time in the CREW this summer.

Gearing up for the Hot and Humid Weather,
Jeremy

Upcoming Events:

Summer Camp: If you have not registered for summer camp and would like to go to Camp Kirkwood please see Jan Smith. You can find a brochure just outside the CREW Room on the bulletin board as well.

Sunday Nights: On Sunday nights the CREW will be doing a number of different activities ranging from miniature golf, bowling, swim parties, and cookouts. Unfortunately the schedule has yet to be solidified so you will need to listen each week to find out what the upcoming Sunday will entail. If you have a suggestion, or you would

like to open up your pool to the CREW, please let me know.

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.

July 4: Make sure to watch the parade and see the FBC float as it goes by. If you are interested in helping out with the parade: passing out flyers, riding the float, etc.; please see Cheryl Motzer. There will NOT be any evening activities.

July 12-16: Vacation Bible School every morning from 9:00am until 12:00pm. See Cheryl Motzer or Claire Metzger if you would like to help and have not signed up already. Don't miss your chance to be a hero this summer.

July 12 & 14: CREW Thank You outing for those CREW members who are helping out with VBS. One day will be a swim party and the other either bowling or miniature golf. No cost but please plan now to join.

July 14: CREW Flub's Outing and then back to church for a Skit Guy's Video. This will be during our Lifeline meeting.

July 19, 7:00pm: IWT information and fundraiser at Hamilton Christian Center. Read last month's article for more information concerning Impact World Tour (IWT) or see Jeremy. Please also see Jeremy to let him know you are interested in attending this great evening.

July 21: Extended Lifeline night until 11:00 p.m. We will be attending the Red's game at Great American Ballpark. The CREW will leave the church promptly at 6:00pm and please eat dinner before you come or bring money to purchase food at the game. Cost will be \$15 per person and the money is due July 11.

July 28: 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.

August 11: CREW extended Lifeline night at the church starting at 6:00pm. Pizza and drinks will be provided but you need to bring the friends and snacks. We will wrap up our evening of games, devotion, and fun at 11:00pm. Please bring clothes for night games and appropriate shoes (probably not flip flops).

August 18: Ice Cream Sunday Contest during Lifeline in the lower parking lot. Join us to see who can eat the most ice cream in a race to the finish. Other games will include some food items as we celebrate all things food.

August 22: CREW Video Scavenger Hunt starting at 4:00pm and wrapping up around 8:00pm. Food will be provided but I need drivers and people to show up. You won't want to miss this CREW tradition.

August 25: Wet N Wild Night the Sequel. Join us for an end of the year 200 Foot extravaganza. Bring clothes that can get wet and possibly dirty, and don't forget the towel.



King's Kids

It's going to be 90 degrees for the next several days, but I'm already looking forward and preparing for the King's Kids Christmas musical titled *"The Best Christmas Present Ever!"*

We'll be giving a birthday party for Jesus complete with a very special cake and invitations. The problem is that a certain news anchorman can't understand why we are having a birthday party for a 2000 year old man and gives us some bad publicity. We'll be singing that really neat song by Carol Cymbala, *"Happy Birthday, Jesus"* that is at the top of my list of favorite songs. And there is a very tender section where you as King's Kids will be asking the audience to make a very important choice. I can hardly wait to get started! See you at VBS this summer and then in September for our kickoff. Be watching the Courier and the bulletins for the date and time.

—Ruth Metzger
Director of King's Kids



Congratulations to **Lauren Emenaker** for being awarded the national Junior Honor Society Citizenship Award. Lauryn was the only student selected by the 5th grade staff for this award. Lauryn also earned straight A's for the entire school year. Well done!!

Congratulations to **Taylor Emenaker** for earning a gold medal for earning over 50 Accelerated Reader points. Taylor also earned a music award for "Best Singer." She credits King's Kids for her success! Great job!



Kirkwood Camp Schedule 2010

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

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





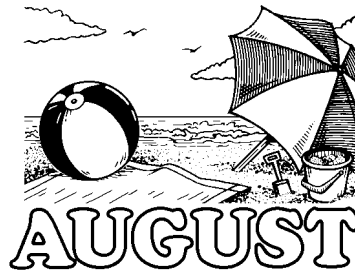
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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

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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>July 2010</h1>						
				1 5:30 Music & Wroship 6:30 ONE Ministries	2	3 8:00 Men's Prayer Gathering
4 Independence Day!! 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 2:00 4 th of July Parade	5	6 10:00 Totally Terrific Tuesday "Innie" VBS Workday 8:30 Men's Softball # 2	7 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	8 6:30 ONE Ministries	9	10
11 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 4:30 Board of Missions 6:00 Evening Celebration	12 9:00 VBS 11:00 WMC Book Club	13 9:00 VBS 7:30 Men's Softball # 3	14 9:00 VBS 6:00 Family Dinner 6:30 Lifeline 6:45 VBS Kick-Off 6:45 Bible Study & Prayer 6:45 Carpenter's Hands	15 9:00 VBS 6:30 ONE Ministries	16 9:00 VBS 11:30 VBS Closing & lunch	17 9:00 Summer Fun Day @ Camp Kirkwood
18 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 4:30 Diaconate 5:00 Advisory Board 6:00 Evening Celebration	19 7:15 KeenAgers leave for Louisville Slugger Tour	20 10:00 Totally Terrific Tuesday "Innie" 7:30 Men's Softball # 4	21 6:00 Family Dinner 6:30 Extended Lifeline- Red's Game 6:45 <i>Wild & Wacky</i> <i>Wednesdays</i> 6:45 2 nd Qtr. Business Mtg 6:45 Carpenter's Hands	22 8:30 Matthew 25 6:30 ONE Ministries	23	24
25 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 4:30 C.E. Board 6:00 Evening Celebration	26	27 9:30 Totally Terrific Tuesday "Outtie" 6:30 Men's Softball # 5	28 6:00 Family Dinner 6:30 Lifeline Cookout @ Holloway Park 6:45 <i>Wild & Wacky</i> <i>Wednesdays</i> 6:45 Bible Study & Prayer 6:45 Carpenter's Hands	29 6:30 ONE Ministries	30	31

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

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| 1 - Naomi Hoskins
Jeff L. Miller | 13 - Andrew Garver | 28 - Linda Wallace |
| 2 - Brenda Abney | 14 - Jeff Hollowell
Jared Messer | 29 - Josh Irwin
Olivia Hoskins
Alexandria Patrick |
| 3 - Lauren Imhoff
Todd Keith
Janet Lewis
Jerry Wallace | 15 - Diane Wallick | 30 - Johanna Hines
Atha Wallin |
| 4 - Madalyn Buchanan
Edna Hughes
David Zeek | 17 - Barbara Begley | 31 - Ed Allen
Samantha Blackwell
Malvrie Landis
Jack Maddox
Carl Schwab |
| 5 - Lauren Hampton
Edith Rish | 18 - Bill Burton | |
| 6 - Dale Braun
Shelley Ebbing
Erla Krastins | 19 - Dale Kimble | |
| 8 - Charles Campbell
Norbert Lerch
Doug Wallace | 20 - Kristen Bowling
Steve Martin
Jeff Schwab | |
| 9 - Karen Bell
Cindy Shalloe | 21 - Josh Day
Herb Murrell
Anna Proffitt | |
| 10 - John Motzer | 23 - Emily Cain
Conner Gleason | |
| 11 - Janet Baker
Jessica Day
Judy Wallace | 24 - Don Lewis
Shirley Wade
Susan Wells
June Winkler | |
| 12 - Tim Schwartz | 25 - Bill Roberts | |
| | 26 - Ruby Gessendorf | |
| | 27 - Matt Acus
Elise Martin | |

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 Dick & Peggy Avey

We wanted to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, food and good thoughts that have been sent our way. The visits from Pastor and Bill and the sermons from Sunday that are mailed to us have kept us in touch with our church family. As we continue to work through this, we are so grateful for your prayers and support.

From Betty Eicher

I would like to thank everyone who prayed for my sister, Lynn, while she was in the hospital with pneumonia. With her passing, I would also like to thank everyone for their calls, cards, and prayers, those who made the long trip to the funeral home, and Pastor Bill who paid a visit which comforted me. She was my only sister, no brothers, and I really didn't expect her to go first because she was five years younger. She's buried at Arlington Cemetery right beside my mom and dad so I'm happy about that. Thanks again to my wonderful church family.

From Pat Gingrich

Thanks to everyone for all your prayers and those who continue to pray for me, for all the cards and phone calls that I have received regarding my ongoing health issues. We are so blessed to be a part of the First Baptist Church family.



Second Quarter Business Meetings

The Advisory Board will meet on Sunday, July 18th, 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 21st, 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, 2011. 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.

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